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The East Carolina University football team trots into Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium to face Brigham Young University on homecoming.

ECU gains Mo-mentum

Pirates defeat the Cougars for homecoming

Tyler Gavin
TEC STAFF

Homecoming weekend at East Carolina University ended on a high-note with the Pirates' football team claiming its second victory of the season, and its first inside Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium, with a dominating 33-17 win over Brigham Young University Saturday night.

Before the game started, another plane was spotted circling Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium, but instead of the infamous 'Fire Compher! Go Pirates!' slogan, this banner read 'We Believe, Go Pirates, Argh.' The belief was well earned when game time rolled around and the Pirates (2-6; 1-3 AAC) controlled the game from start to finish, trailing just one time, 7-0, thanks to a Quay Johnson fumble on the second play of the game that set the Cougars up at the doorstep.

While the offense failed to score touchdowns in opportunistic times, the



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East Carolina quarterback Thomas Sirk celebrates after rushing for a touchdown.

defense helped make sure Jake Verity's four field goals held up. Verity also received American Athletic Conference Player-of-the-Week honors as well as one of three Lou Groza Stars-of-the-Week honors. The Lou Groza honors the top college football placekickers in the nation.

"I was upset once we had two

or three field goals because I really thought we played pretty good between the 30s," ECU head coach Scottie Montgomery said. "We didn't get it done (in the red zone) so it was hard but the coach in me, not the player,

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Mic Night 'open' to ECU students

Austin Kinlaw
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Starting promptly at 7:07 p.m. tonight, students will take the stage in Mendenhall Student Center room 244 to sing, dance or maybe perform stand up comedy.

East Carolina University's Student Activities Board hosts Open Mic Night once every semester to give students a platform to express themselves.

The last mic night hosted its largest crowd of more than 100 people. With a variety of different acts, no one feels left out at this



Latwan Marsh

event, according to SAB event chair Latwan Marsh.

"We do this event consistently

and often times it's the friends of the performers who tell them they should perform," Marsh said. "They sign up and get a chance to perform for a smaller crowd, which benefits the acts that don't have a lot of experience. This event is an open platform for students to express themselves."

Gathering anywhere from seven to 10 acts, each of them has a five minute time limit. However, there have been some exceptions to that rule.

"If an act is really into their performance and we can tell the crowd is into it, then we'll allow them a few extra minutes," Marsh said.

Later in the year, performers in Open Mic Night will have a chance to participate in similar event. In addition to Open Mic Night, SAB also hosts Pirates Got Talent with some of the acts

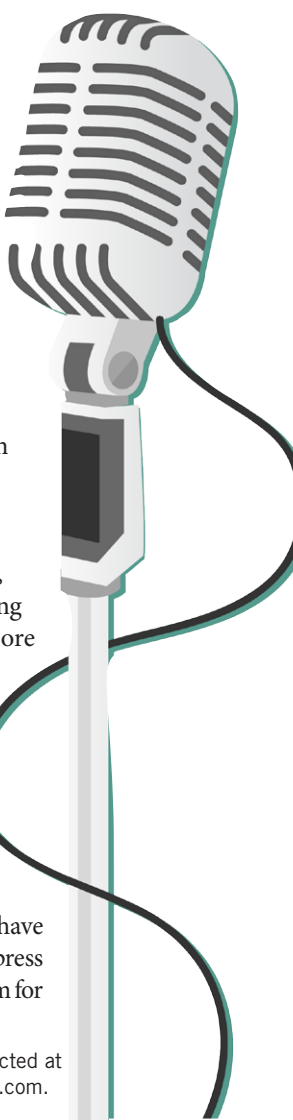
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coming from Open Mic Night.

"We invite the best acts to come audition for Pirates Got Talent, and usually after doing open mic, they're more into it and end up auditioning and eventually performing again," Marsh said.

SAB's Open Mic Night is an open stage for students to have the opportunity to express themselves and perform for their peers.

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>> WHERE THERE'S SMOKE THERE'S FIRE

ECU Official: School relied on GFR's proposal for Tower 1

Matthew Pensky
TEC STAFF

As one East Carolina University vice chancellor put it, the university relied heavily upon the recommendations of Greenville Fire/Rescue in 2011 when the institution decided to contribute \$234,071.25 to the purchase of a new ladder truck.

"We don't have a fire department. We don't have people around here who work in fire protection and for ECU," said



Rick Niswander

Rick Niswander, vice chancellor of Administration and Finance at ECU. "Just the notion of why we should have a say in the specifications of the fire truck when we don't have any staff that has any knowledge other than what you could pull from the web on what those specifications should be. That just doesn't make any sense."

According to the 2011 agreement reached by GFR, ECU and then Pitt County Memorial Hospital (PCMH), the fire department was responsible for identifying the fire truck that would replace Ladder 1, which was reaching the end of its use.

While GFR was responsible for finding the replacement vehicle, the university and hospital would help fund its purchase, according to the 2011 agreement.

"(GFR) are the experts on the subject and their judgment determined what's purchased and how it's used," Niswander said.

However, according to Niswander, during the negotiations to purchase Tower 1, which would serve as the replacement to Ladder 1, the university did very little research before agreeing to contribute \$234,071.25.

"I know that in 2011 the notion of relying on their (GFR) expertise made sense and it stated the same thing in the 1996

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NC OEMS closes inquiry amid concerns

Matthew Pensky
TEC STAFF

In a newly released letter, the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (NCDHHS) Office of Emergency Medical Services detailed the findings of its complaint investigation of Greenville Fire/Rescue which concluded Oct. 12.

According to the letter sent Oct. 17, OEMS confirmed its investigation was in relation to the allegations of two fire department employees who allegedly purchased and consumed alcohol while returning from a training session outside Greenville.



Eric Griffin

"Additionally, the complainant alleges that the employees consumed the beverages while riding in a Pitt Community College (PCC) vehicle and subsequently returned to class," the letter said. "After a review of records and information received, it was determined that the accused GFR employees were not in violation of any rule in the above referenced Administrative Code."

The East Carolinian attempted to get a comment from GFR in response to the OEMS letter, but received no comment from the fire department before the time of production.

The two-paragraph formal letter addressed to GFR Battalion Chief Shannon Sparrow was in relation to allegations brought forth by former GFR Lt. Scott Salter and Academy 10 participant Joseph Graff.

On April 5, GFR's Academy 10 was at Nash Community College to complete fire training, according to Graff and Salter. Once the training was complete, the academy drove back to Greenville, however before leaving, the fire cadets stopped at a gas station near the community college.

Salter said in the Aug. 31 edition of The East Carolinian, the cadets parked at a Sheetz gas station down the road from the community college where two cadets crossed the roadway to another store.

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BRIEFS

ECU dining halls to raise awareness about local farming

East Carolina University's Dining Services will host a themed menu today at the West End Dining Hall to raise awareness about food being produced at local farms.

Students can take part in "Eat Local Farm to Table" from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Students will have the chance to meet a local farmer and sign a pledge to eat more local food at the event.

The event will also provide students with information on the benefits of eating locally produced food. "Eat Local Farm and Table" also serves as a passport event for students.

Student to pitch research projects at competition

Undergraduate students at East Carolina University will have the opportunity today to pitch their research or creative projects to an audience in the "Capture 180 Research Challenge" competition.

Students will share their research project ideas to an audience in a three minute pitch. At the end, the audience will select the "People's Choice" winner.

"Capture 180 Research Challenge" competition will take place in the Mendenhall Student Center, room 244, from 10 to 11:30 a.m.

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Former NFL player shares life story

Darby Hubbell

FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

The first openly gay NFL player, Michael Sam, visited East Carolina University last night and spoke on how growing up in a small Texas town influenced his family, sexuality and spirituality.

Sam spoke to students and staff in Hendrix Theatre last night at 7 p.m. for a passport event sponsored by both the ECU LGBT Resource Office and the Ledonia Wright Cultural Center to celebrate ECU's Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender (LGBT) History Month.

"I believe I have a purpose...I'm on a journey of self discovery, of trying to do better, not only for myself but for others," Sam said.

Sam said he is touring universities all across the country, speaking up against bullying and sharing more about his life and short-lived football career after becoming the first NFL player to come out as gay.

Wanda Tyler, director of intercultural affairs at ECU, said it is important for students to hear Sam's story because the university should strive to reflect the "diversity within diversity."

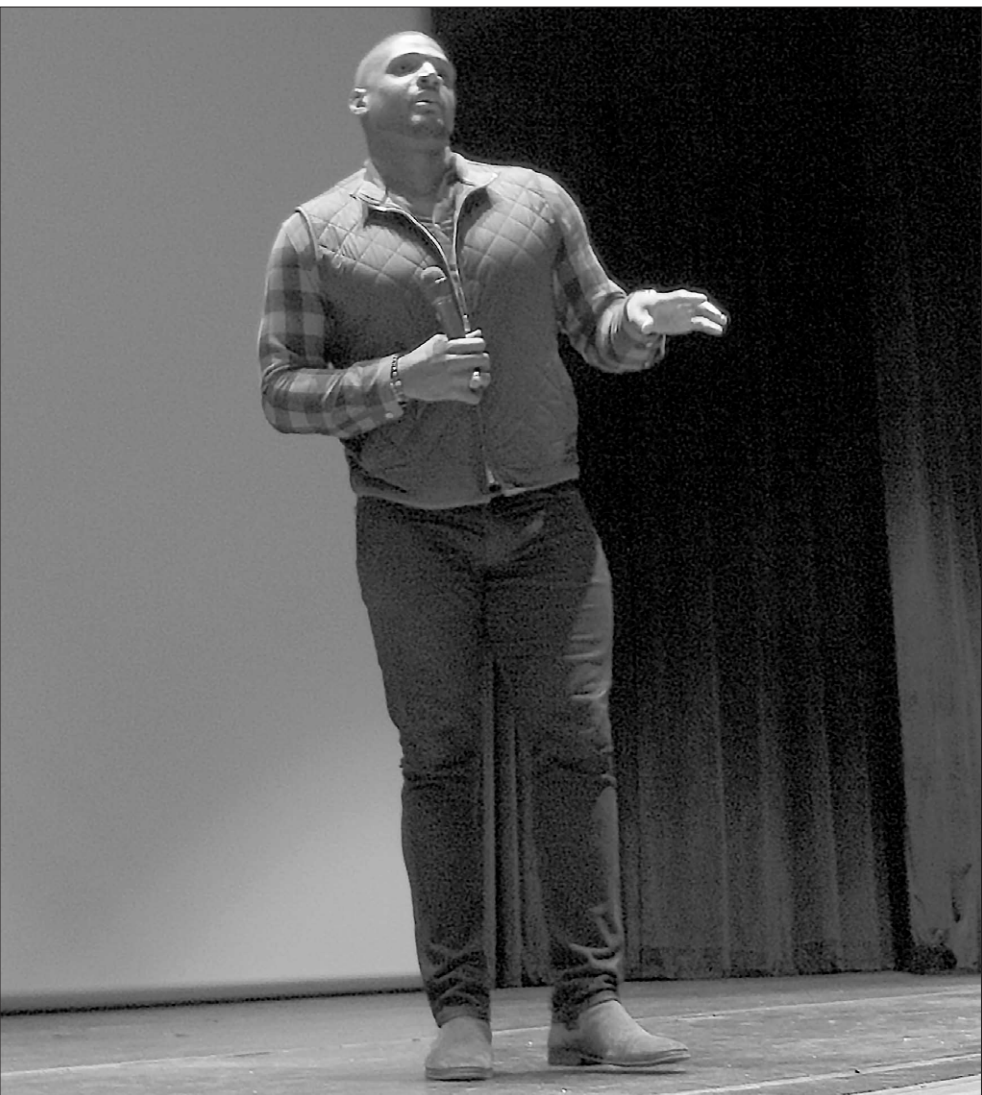
"We wanted to be able to bring a big name to come to campus and represent the intersection of those identities," Tyler said.

After Sam's speech was finished, he opened up the floor for students to ask him questions on any subject matter of his life, whether that was his favorite color, favorite Disney movie or how much he could bench press.

One female student, who is an active member in the Ballroom Dance Club at ECU, mentioned that Sam was on Dancing with the Stars and asked what advice he could give to a leader of any sports team or club who want to become more inclusive.

"It's not hard, we are not different from you, gay people are not different from straight people. How would you want to be treated, the same way right?" Sam said. "There's nothing special like, we are not aliens, we are human beings just like you. So you don't have to do anything special, treat everyone the same way you would want to be treated."

Sam's speech covered multiple topics such as his family history and what it was like to leave behind the Jehovah Witness community, which he said doesn't allow members to play organized sports. As he became more comfortable with his identity and sexuality in college,



Michael Sam, who was the first openly gay NFL player, speaks to students in Hendrix Theatre.

Sam felt the courage to come out as gay to his University of Missouri football teammates his senior year of college. He said he was determined to stand up against bullies.

"I will be the sword, I will be the shield," Sam said in his speech referring to his ability to pose as anything for people who feel they are alone in the world because "together, we can make a difference."

Sam said he was taken by surprise when he was selected in the seventh round of the 2014 NFL draft by the St. Louis Rams.

"The number one thing I learned about the draft is everyone lies to you," Sam said. "Six teams were suppose to draft me, not one of those six teams were the Rams."

Though playing for the Rams and being

the only openly gay player of the NFL didn't necessarily work out in favor of Sam's football career, he said with confidence that football changed his life.

Sam said he has decided to move on into the next phase of his life without football. As of last summer, the 27-year-old decided to return back to his alma mater to pursue his masters in sports psychology to "keep his mind sharp."

"I am completely done (as a free agent with the NFL), I'm moving on, and I am trying to make better use of my time," Sam said. "You have to love your job...right now, my job is going around the nation doing my public speaking and I enjoy it"

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The two cadets then entered a convenience store and purchased two beverages, according to the convenience store security footage, which was given to The East Carolinian.

Graff, who filed the complaint, said OEMS was the wrong state entity to investigate the allegations.

"Neither one of these students were doing anything to warrant OEMS even being involved in this," Graff said. "This is something more for OSFM to get a hold of and really this is something the college (PCC) needed to be involved in. Not really anybody, but the college because there are two students who are in a college course, that's who really needed to deal with these students."

OEMS is responsible for regulating EMS services across the state while OSFM is in charge of fire protection.

Like OEMS, GFR investigated the claims immediately following the alleged incident, but Chief Eric Griffin said the department couldn't come to any conclusion based on the available evidence.

"We knew about that, it was reported to us about three days after," Griffin said. "We got statements and we looked into it and none of

it was substantiated."

In a Sept. 20 interview with The East Carolinian, Griffin said after a video was produced, the department reviewed the footage and was still unable to reach any conclusion because the beverages couldn't be confidently identified.

"The refrigerated section to me had all types of stuff in it so it could have been soda, energy drinks, it could have been anything," Griffin said. "Yeah, they went to the refrigerated section, opened the door and got something out, but when we looked at the video, we didn't see clear evidence. To make employment decisions you have to have clear evidence."

Graff said if OEMS or GFR had gone to the store and walked to the refrigerated case like the two GFR employees are seen doing in the security footage, they would have found alcohol.

"I call up to the gas station and speak to a manager who has been there for the last three years and who specifically said those cases have not been changed in the last three years," Graff said. "I asked specifically, 'What was in those cases as of April, May and June of 2017?' and she said, 'Alcohol'."

Carmen Parham, store manager of the EP Mart in Rocky Mount, North Carolina said in the five years she has worked at the store, the alcohol case of the refrigerated section has

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- Joseph Graff

never been moved.

In an emailed statement to The East Carolinian, OEMS didn't say whether investigators viewed the security footage or went to the store itself.

"As discussed on the phone, the public records contain all the information we can share on the investigation," according to the emailed statement from Kelly Haight, press assistant in the Office of Communications at NCDHHS.

Rob Goldberg, PCC Media Relations director, said in an emailed statement to The East Carolinian the college was informed of the alleged incident within 24 hours, but took no additional measures in the case because the allegations were unsubstantiated.

"Yes. A Fire Academy coordinator employed by the college spoke with students who participated in the trip you (The East

Carolinian) mentioned in your e-mail," Goldberg said in an Oct. 4 emailed statment. "When questioned by the coordinator about the allegations, none of the students reported seeing or smelling alcohol during the trip."

The OEMS letter signed by Regional Manager Allen Johnson said the investigation has since been closed. However, Greenville City Manager Ann Wall is currently investigating the allegations of GFR. Wall has not released any timeline, but Rick Smiley, district 4 representative and Calvin Mercer, at-large representative of the Greenville City Council said results should be expected sometime in November.

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agreement," Niswander said, referring to ECU's agreement with GFR to contribute \$124,730 to the purchase of Ladder 1 in 1996.

In a Sept. 20 interview with The East Carolinian, GFR Chief Eric Griffin said there are certain parts of ECU's main campus where Tower 1 can't access. Because of changes ECU has made to the physical layout to the main campus, Griffin said it cut off certain areas to Tower 1.

"Since it's a larger truck, it's heavier," Griffin said in the Sept. 20 interview. "Being over 70,000 pounds, that truck will be unsuitable and can not be placed in those locations. There are many locations, especially when we look at the ECU campus, when you talk about it being a walkable campus, that Tower 1 cannot get close to the buildings."

Pedestrian enhancement projects are a constant, Niswander said, but added he didn't know that Tower 1 couldn't reach certain parts of ECU's campus.

"I have no idea," Niswander said when asked if ECU was aware Tower 1 couldn't reach certain parts of campus in 2011 before it agreed to partially fund the ladder truck. "You're starting to ask questions that are beyond my expertise or anybody else's expertise around here for that matter."

However, Gary Phipps, a former staff support captain at GFR said ECU was aware that by closing roads to enhance pedestrian safety, it would affect how GFR responded to incidents on the main campus.

Phipps, who retired in 2013 with 32 years of service to GFR, was responsible for the selection of Tower 1. He said, "ECU went into this knowing that there would still be access, but it would be a little harder to get to. They

did part of this themselves."

Phipps said since ECU is a state entity, GFR wouldn't be responsible to perform a plan review of the university's construction projects. Since GFR wasn't part of the planning review, the department couldn't check to make sure if its vehicles could still use certain roadways after the pedestrian enhancements were performed.

"I don't recall if there were any conversations on (Tower 1's specifications)," Niswander said. "Again, even if they sat across the table from me and said we want to do x, y and z, I'm not someone who has any knowledge of fire-fighting equipment and fire-fighting practices and there isn't anybody else here that does. We are relying on and as it states in the contract clearly, we are relying on (GFR) judgment to make those calls."

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OUR VIEW

ECU community should support small-name sports

Before every school year, students at East Carolina University receive countless emails from the Student Pirate Club offering information about purchasing season tickets for the Pirates’ home football games.

The Student Pirate Club allows students to pay a sum of \$60 per year in order to receive a ticket to every football game inside Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium, but also for all home men’s and women’s basketball games. Although the ECU ticket office for baseball puts a cap on the amount of student tickets given out for home games, they also fall into this category.

However, teams such as volleyball and soccer do not make the cut, as students have to pay at the door prior to home games. In recent years, the football and basketball teams have all been below .500, and the volleyball and soccer teams have had more success.

We, the editorial staff of The East Carolinian, believe it is time for sports other than football, who have been successful, to be recognized and paid attention to by the university and fans of Pirate Nation.

Last season, the volleyball team started off 10-0 and finished with a .500 record on the season. This season, the Pirates currently hold a 15-7 record and are 7-3 in the conference. Soccer also posted the best program-start in school history at 4-0-1, with three of those five matches coming at home. The vollyball team is also competing for an American Athletic Conference tournament berth. ECU’s cross country and swim and dive teams’ records have also been impressive this season.

Instead of watching football lose almost every game by nearly 30 points, ECU students should have options to attend games of the teams that are doing significantly better.

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Rape culture must cease
Society needs to stop normalizing harassment, assault



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As women, we have become desensitized to catcalls and sexual harassment by coining it as simply a normal part of our day. As a society, we have excused this behavior again and again, fueling a fire that’s gotten out of hand.

Headlines are splashed across every media outlet talking about another case of sexual assault, but we’ve gotten so used to hearing about them, that brushing it from our minds has become unnervingly easy. Cases such as Brock Turner’s and Brandon Banks’ seem to be just another day in America, but shouldn’t as easily be forgotten.

According to the Rape, Abuse and Incest National Network, one out of every six women have been, or will be, the victim of rape. This statistic is engrained in the head of every young woman going off to college, along with other advice such as “don’t accept any open beverages,” “don’t walk anywhere alone” and “always carry mace.” More often than not, we’ve taught young girls that they need to not draw attention to themselves, instead of teaching young men to respect them.

Normalizing these kinds of things just paves the way for women to believe their bodies are not completely their own, and it paves the way for men to get away with it without consequences. Even on the barest sense, men feel entitled to our bodies—they feel like it’s okay to catcall, to grab at our bodies without permission, or to force us into things we don’t want to do.

Take Ian Somerhalder, for instance. While him throwing out his wife’s birth control without her knowing—and then



Turner leaves the Santa Clara County Main Jail after serving three months of his six-month sentence.

filming her hyperventilating because of it—isn’t considered sexist on the surface level, it goes far deeper than that. He and Nikki Reed have been married since 2015, but marriage does not mean he is entitled to her body in any way shape or form. Society has taught him that he is. He said they had talked about having a baby together, but he took her right to choose away when he threw her birth control out.

Rape culture has seeped into every part of our society, making women fear for their lives anytime they’re alone. Whether we are afraid of the men catcalling us in broad daylight, or of the man crossing paths with us at night, women have been conditioned to believe it’s normal.

As a society, we need to hold men accountable. We need to show that there are actual consequences to their actions, instead of teaching them that they can get away with it. Right now, when I say

“the fight for equality,” people might automatically assume I’m talking about the wage gap, but it’s more than just that. The fight for equality is the fight for women to be seen as people, to be respected as such, and be granted the right to say “no.”

Stop teaching your daughters that when a boy is mean to her, he likes her. Stop teaching your sons that they can take whatever they want. Stop teaching your daughters how not to get raped and start teaching your sons not to.

If we really we want the women of our world to be safe, we first need to admit that rape culture goes far beyond sexual assault. Only when we can admit our society’s flaws can we begin to change for the better.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Students should vote for Uriah Ward

Hello,

My fellow Pirates should join me in voting for Uriah Ward for Greenville City Council District 3. Most of us don’t pay attention to local elections, but as students, we have the right to vote in Greenville. And this year, we have the chance to make a positive difference in our community.

Uriah is a recent ECU Graduate, a former College Democrats President, a Greenville native and a Middle School Social Studies Teacher. He’s the only candidate in the race with the experience needed to do the job, and he’s the only one giving students real reasons to vote for him.

If you believe in LGBT rights, vote for Uriah. He led the local efforts against HB2 and he’s the only candidate in any Greenville race to be endorsed by Equality NC. He wants Greenville to be the most LGBT-friendly city in the state.

If you believe that Black Lives Matter, vote for Uriah. He’s the only candidate

in this race who was willing to speak out against racist monuments. He said, “It’s a reality of my life that my children will not look like me. I’m going to do whatever I can to make this world better for them.” His opponent defended the monuments, saying, “black people fought for the Confederacy too.”

If you believe in standing against Islamophobia, vote for Uriah. He was the leading advocate for a resolution that would have declared Greenville a welcoming city for refugees.

If you care about the environment, vote for Uriah. He’s the only candidate in this race to have been endorsed by the Sierra Club and he’s been a consistent advocate for parks, green space and permeable concrete.

If you’re a renter, vote for Uriah. He’s a renter too and he wants Greenville to do a better job at protecting us from abusive landlords. We have rights and he’ll stand up for them.

If you want to improve traffic, vote

for Uriah. His campaign has focused on building roads, sidewalks, bike paths, greenways, and crosswalks and he’s got seven years of experience working on this issue.

If you believe that we need progressive leadership, vote for Uriah. He has been endorsed by Our Revolution, Run for Something, LaunchProgress, College Democrats, Democratic Women and the Progressive Democrats.

If we come together in this election, we’ll have the chance to make Greenville a strong, progressive community that stands up for justice and welcomes everyone. Uriah is with us on the issues and has the background and experience needed to achieve our shared goals. Let’s leave a mark on our city.

Early Vote for Uriah Ward at the Willis Building Oct. 31–Nov. 4. You can register and vote at the same time.

Zack Martinez
Uriah Ward’s Campaign Manager

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(March 21-April 19) -- Today is a 7 -- Let yourself get inspired. Talk about dreams and desires. Others encourage you. Career possibilities arise over the next two days. Advance to the next level.

Leo
(July 23-Aug. 22) -- Today is an 8 -- Nurture your health and fitness today and tomorrow. Maximize energy to benefit your work through exercise, good food and rest. Expand your capacities with practice.

Sagittarius
(Nov. 22-Dec. 21) -- Today is a 9 -- Your touch is golden over the next few days. Talk about what could be possible. Make agreements, deals and bargains. Sign on the dotted line.

Taurus
(April 20-May 20) -- Today is a 7 -- Explore a fascinating subject over the next few days. Intellect and intuition are in sync. Research and finish your homework before going out to play.

Virgo
(Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Today is a 7 -- Romance sparks without warning. Don't worry about taking action yet; fantasize and imagine. Invent wild possibilities. Talk about dreams with someone dreamy.

Capricorn
(Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Today is a 9 -- Leadership comes naturally today and tomorrow. Listen to your team. Talk about what's needed for your goal and delegate. Keep track. Luck follows commitment.

Gemini
(May 21-June 20) -- Today is an 8 -- Share your dreams with your partner. Discuss financial priorities and passions. Write down what you invent. You can get farther than ever before.

Libra
(Sept. 23-Oct. 22) -- Today is an 8 -- You're especially persuasive, and that comes in handy. The next two days are good for making changes at home. Offer something delicious to worker bees.

Aquarius
(Jan. 20-Feb. 18) -- Today is a 5 -- A wealth of options and possibilities deserve time and consideration over the next few days. Find a private spot to think and make plans.

Cancer
(June 21-July 22) -- Today is a 7 -- Recount your blessings. A partnership flowers over the next few days. Your creative collaboration produces great results. Have faith, and support each other.

Scorpio
(Oct. 23-Nov. 21) -- Today is a 9 -- Create a work of art. You're inspired, all warmed up and ready to go. Learn, play and express passionately today and tomorrow. Discover unexpected rewards.

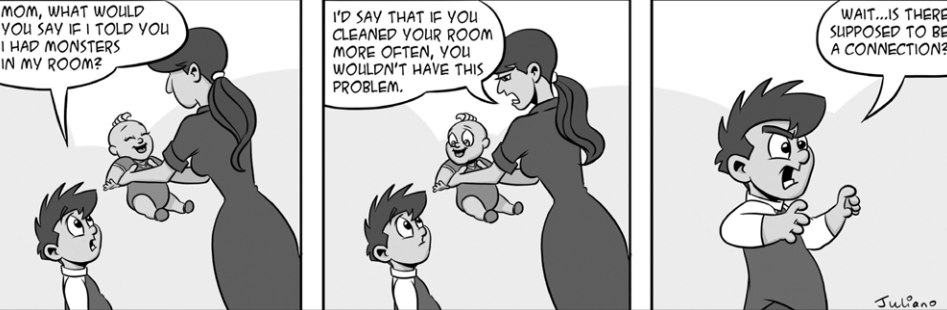
Pisces
(Feb. 19-March 20) -- Today is an 8 -- Find innovative ways to improve team communication through tomorrow. Hold meetings and establish channels and responsibilities. Ask for what you want.

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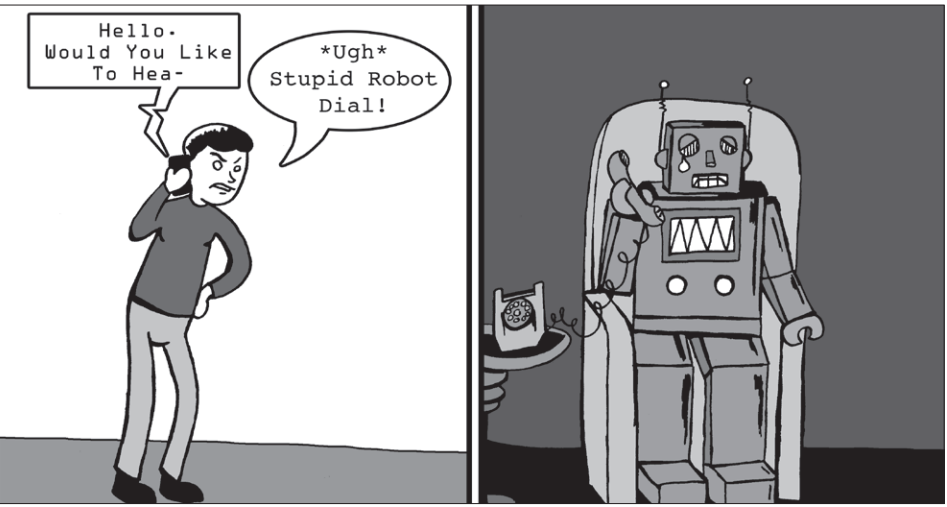
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18 Susan Lucci's soap character
20 David of "Empty Nest"
22 Broadcast
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25 Golonka and Dahl
29 Gilbert and Teasdale
33 "Solid Gold" host Rick
34 Take a chair
36 "Finding _"
37 Sam or J.C. of golf
39 1970 John Wayne movie
41 Seoul's country: abbr.
43 Grandpa of "The Simpsons"
44 Lou Grant's portrayer
48 Meg and Irene
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2 Headliner
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4 87th Precinct novelist
5 Timetable abbr.
6 "The _ McCoys"
7 Siskel and Hackman
8 Murphy and Albert
9 "Star Trek" crew member
10 Dr. Frankenstein's assistant
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19 Sid and others
21 "Singin' in the Rain" co-director Donen
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26 " _ & Stimpy"
27 Bruce of "The Green Hornet"
28 '50s British import, " _ Lancelot"
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42 Reeves of "The Matrix"
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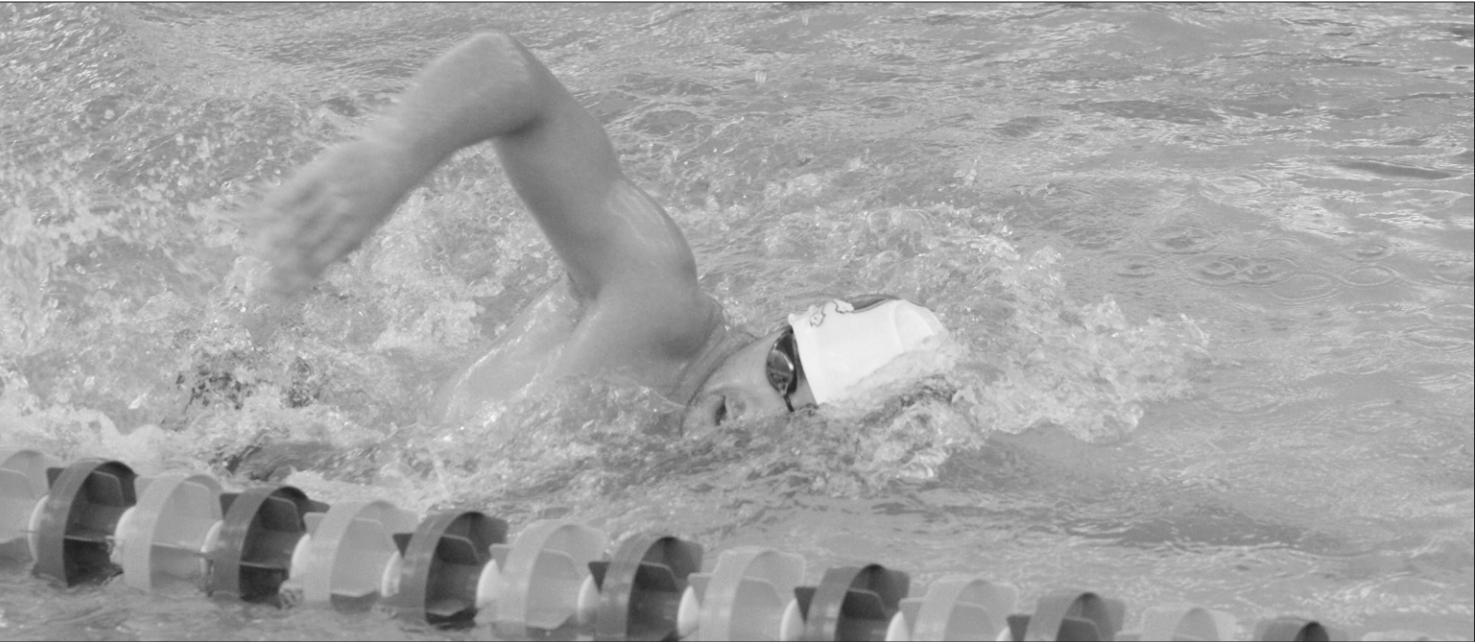
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A member of the East Carolina University swim and dive team practices his freestyle event between the lane lines at Minges Natatorium yesterday.

Swim and dive handles ODU

Daniel Roberts
TEC STAFF

East Carolina University's swim and dive proved to rival Old Dominion University it still has the upper hand with another big splash on Saturday in Norfolk, Virginia.

The Pirates won 22 out of 32 total events on the day as the women's team crushed the Monarchs 179-116 taking home 14 of the 16 events, while the men's team won in closer fashion 163.5-136.5.

The men came out victorious in 175-113 fashion while the women followed with a 171-117 suit the last time they swam against ODU, which was last season.

"We have always had a good relationship with ODU's coaching staff and athletes," head coach Matthew Jabs said. "Back when we swam in the Colonial Athletic

Association, we did not only swim against them in the regular season, but in the championships as well,"

The Pirates had several multi-event winners who secured the victory on Saturday against the Monarchs, two of those performances coming from swimmers who qualified for the NCAA Championship this season so far.

Senior diver Alicia Roueche posted an NCAA Zone qualifying score of 348.70 on the 3-meter springboard, setting a pool record, while capturing first-place on the 1-meter springboard as well. The NCAA Zone is the championship meet for diving.

Senior Vendela Norrman set the pool record in the 200-yard breaststroke with an NCAA B qualifying time of 2:15.85.

"We all had high energy and cheered each other on," Norrman said. "We all came

together and swam our best under the circumstances of being on the road and taking on a rival."

Pirates' sophomore Magnus Andersen recorded three first-place finishes for the men, winning the 200-yard freestyle, the 200-yard backstroke race with a time and the 200-yard Individual Medley (IM).

"We came into the meet like we were going to get as many victories as possible and win," Andersen said. "I was like, I have to beat the guy next to me and then I hit the water and saw that I was number one in the end."

The Pirates also captured



Magnus Andersen

first-place in all four relay events to add to their victories.

Other winners included sophomore Kaitlyn Hauser, senior Julie Lajoie and senior Tori Angermeier for the women. Hauser placed first in the 500 and 1,000-yard freestyle races, Lajoie in the 100 and 200-yard butterfly and Angermeier in the 100-yard freestyle and 200-yard IM.

"Racing against ODU is always a good meet, and we enjoy having them on our schedule," Jabs said. "We had a handful of multi-event winners and two NCAA qualifying performances, so overall it was a very good day."

Both teams will be at home this weekend as they take on the University of North Carolina at Wilmington's Seahawks on Oct. 28 inside Minges Natatorium.

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Pirate men's tennis dominates at UNCG

Madelyn Craig
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

East Carolina University's men's tennis team had a remarkable outing this past weekend in the Spartan Fall Invitational at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro tournament winning 22 of the 26 total singles and doubles matches.

"We played pretty well in both singles and doubles all weekend, which you can see paid off in the number of matches we won. I thought our guys did a very good job winning some close matches in singles, which can really help boost their confidence going forward," head coach Shawn Heinchon said.

In doubles, two pairs went



Shawn Heinchon

undefeated as Ronny Georgi and Vlad Anghel beat Elon, UNCG and University of North Carolina at Ashboro 8-4, 8-4 and 8-1 respectively. This is a similar site for Georgi, as he won in doubles last year against UNCG with partner, now-junior, Kasey Countee. They were the only doubles pairing to pull out a victory last year against UNCG.

Will Bissett and Javier Renones swept the court as well, beating Elon, Furman University and UNCA with scores of 8-7(5), 8-1 and 8-6 to account for the other doubles victory. Countee and Freddie McGeehan suffered a loss to Elon, but bounced back to defeat UNCG and UNCA with scores of 8-6 and 8-1 to go 2-1 on the day.

"We prepared really well in practice the whole week before," Georgi said. "We also had great energy during the weekend and supported each other really well. It also helped that we kind of

knew our opponents from last season, so everybody had a clear game plan coming into his single and double match."

In singles, Georgi, McGeehan, Renones, Bissett and Countee all went undefeated. Anghel made a big contribution with his wins against UNCG and UNCA and suffered his only loss against Elon to end his perfect ride during the tournament. Austin Allen also suffered a loss to Elon, but conquered UNCG and UNCA in two sets.

Elon's Kyle Frankel earned a 6-1, 7-6 victory over UNCA, a 6-4, 6-4 win over UNCG and a 3-6, 6-4, 1-0 win over ECU's Vlad Anghel to claim the Singles Flight title. Elon's Felipe Osses-Konig and



Ronny Georgi

Neal Port also earned a title in the Doubles Flight of the Spartan Fall Invitational. This tournament was the end of Elon's fall schedule, so the Pirates will not face them again until the spring.

"The event was great. The tournament was very well run and our guys got a lot of matches in which is always our number one goal when playing in our fall events," Heinchon said.

The Pirates will return to the court on Nov. 3 in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, for the Wake Forest Invitational which will conclude their fall schedule.

"We have a couple more weeks of official fall practice for our guys to continue to work hard and improve," Heinchon said. "Having the Wake event really helps give us something to look forward to and it's a great way to end our fall season."

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Soccer eliminated from AAC tourney

Robert Romero
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East Carolina University's soccer team was officially eliminated from American Athletic Conference tournament contention after a devastating Texas road trip which resulted in a 4-1 blowout loss to the University of Houston Sunday afternoon and a 1-0 loss to Southern Methodist University Thursday night.

ECU started the game strong as forward Cashlin Copley scored the first goal of the game in the 19th minute, giving the Pirates a 1-0 lead. It wasn't too long before Houston tied things up when midfielder Mia Brascia

scored off a rebound from forward Jazmin Grant's initial shot attempt in the 33rd minute to knot the game at 1-1.

At the start of the second half Grant scored the go-ahead goal off an assist from forward Selena Peters in the 55th minute, then scored again just 27 seconds later to make it 3-1.

Houston's Hannah Douzat put on the finishing touches as she put the Cougars up 4-1.

"The first half goal was a bit of a defensive error. We went to leave a player to guard a more dangerous player, but then (Brascia) scored," head coach Rob Donnenwirth said.

However, ECU played a much more competitive



Marianna Shurina fights off a Houston defender in a 4-1 loss.

game against SMU three days prior. However, SMU was awarded a free kick in the 63rd minute resulting in Mustangs' freshman midfielder Isabelle Nashimi

scoring the eventual game winning goal.

Donnenwirth knew how deadly SMU is on set pieces and this was exactly the kind of goal that ECU

did not want to allow.

"Defensively, we knew they would be dangerous on set pieces and we gave away too many fouls in our end," Donnenwirth said.

SMU (8-6-3 3-4-1 AAC) currently holds the final spot with 10 points, followed by Houston (7-8-1 3-5 AAC) with nine.

"I wouldn't say any team in our conference is a bad team," Donnenwirth said. "Both SMU and Houston got key players back from injury. It's a matter of who takes advantage of their chances."

The Pirates will close out the regular season on the road against the Cincinnati University on Friday at 7 p.m.

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the coach in me would continue taking those three points because of how our defense was playing."

Although ECU's defense ranks last (129 out of 129) in the Football Bowl Subdivision in total defense, it stood strong against BYU (1-7). Inside linebacker Aaron Ramseur led all players with 12 tackles, but it was ECU defensive backs Bobby Fulp and Colby Gore who recorded the two Pirate sacks and brought constant pressure to the Cougars' backfield.

Thomas Sirk got the offense on the board with a one-yard quarterback keeper and after the teams swapped field goals, they entered halftime tied, 10-10, where Montgomery had a message.

"I challenged the guys at halftime," Montgomery said. "I said, if we go out and score, stop and score, we would dominate the third and fourth quarter. That's exactly what our guys did."

It didn't take much scoring for the Pirates to pull away in the second half as their defense carried a shutout late into the fourth quarter. With the offense still struggling to convert long drives into touchdowns, Verity capitalized, making three consecutive field goals to expand the Pirates' lead to 19-10.

Halfway through the third quarter, Sirk came off the field holding his throwing shoulder and missed the rest of the game with a right-shoulder injury. While this could have derailed the offense with the game still close, Gardner Minshew stepped in off the bench and blew the game open.

Minshew proved why he earned being named team captain at the beginning of the season. Coming in cold, Minshew completed six of his nine passes for 121 yards and two touchdowns. On his first play, the backup quarterback connected with Trevon Brown for a 36-yard play, setting up the last of Verity's field goals and extending the lead to 22-10.

"I saw that (Sirk) got a stinger on that last drive. He was all-in out there and battling through it. It just got to a point where he couldn't," Minshew said. "I hate to see that, that's my brother out there. But when I had my opportunity, I have to help my team win any way I can."

ECU was playing without two key receivers, Jimmy Williams and Deondre Farrier, which made Brown's and Johnson's touchdown catches even more meaningful, arguably making up for lost fumbles earlier in the night. With less than four minutes left, Tanner Mangum, BYU's quarterback, connected with Matt Bushman for a 12-yard touchdown to break up the ECU second half shutout and bring the scoring to an end.



Davon Grayson

Although the defense as a whole, and players like Minshew and Brown played well on offense, Davon Grayson stole the show again for ECU, catching 10 passes for 164 yards.

During the last few weeks, Grayson has emerged as ECU's most dynamic receiver and is becoming a favorite target for whichever quarterback is in.

"I did what I told the guys I would do. I stepped out there and didn't play outside of who I am," Grayson said. "I just stepped out there and did what coach asked and what the guys expected me to do. It just feels good to go out and get the win."

With leaders starting to emerge and put up the production expected of them, there's no lack of confidence on the team, despite the record. All the energy this week was focused on defending Bagwell Field for the first time and extending the homecoming winning streak to 12 games.

"The whole vibe this week was positive," Ramseur said. "We're still serious but it was more excitement to get us going in practice. I feel like that was a big part because it transferred from the practice field to the game field and I could feel the energy."

The Pirates will have a week off to enjoy their victory and try and get back some key players from injury. ECU still has a chance to work its way into bowl eligibility if it can win the rest of the games on the schedule. Up next, a trip to Houston to take on the Cougars (4-2; 2-2 AAC) on Nov. 4 and kickoff time has yet to be determined.

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Homecoming 2017



Defensive back Austin Teague carries the flag into Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium on Saturday's game against Brigham Young University.



Nneka Walson performs during the NPHC's step show.

Homecoming 2017 celebrates ECU spirit

East Carolina University shone with Pirate pride last week during homecoming as the football team won against Brigham Young University, rapper 21 Savage performed in Wright Auditorium and students participated in a variety of activities.

Homecoming week events began Oct. 16 with a “Pirates Around the World in 7 Days” banner competition. The top three banners this year were made by Alpha Omicron Pi and Delta Chi, Chi Omega and Pi Kappa Alpha, and ECU Ambassadors and Sigma Nu, according to ECU Homecoming’s Twitter. The annual Cannon Ball Dance was also held the same day, where students enjoyed food, music and free T-shirts.

The homecoming canned food drive took place last Wednesday, where participating organizations dropped off donations at the Food Bank of Central and Eastern North

Carolina in Greenville. The winner with the most donations was ECU Ambassadors and 22,312 pounds of food were collected.

The same day, Rapper 21 Savage performed a sold-out concert hosted by the Student Activities Board. On Thursday, ECU Club Dance won the skit competition held in Minges Coliseum, and on Friday a pep rally took place downtown. Later that evening the National Pan-Hellenic Council hosted its annual step show in Wright Auditorium.

Student organizations participated in the homecoming parade Saturday morning, with Chi Omega and Pi Kappa Alpha winning the float competition.

To top off homecoming week, Israel Mendez and Megan Sands were crowned king and queen during half-time at the ECU vs. BYU game, where ECU won 33-17.

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Members of the Alpha Phi sorority participate in Saturday morning's homecoming parade down 5th Street.



From left: Homecoming king Israel Mendez and queen candidate Summer Reynolds ride in a car during the parade.



Greenville's Village Point Market aims to promote healthy cuisine

Madison Lawson
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Editor’s Note: This is part eight in a 10-part series which aims to highlight ‘mom and pop shops’ and meal options under \$10.

Village Point Market, Greenville’s fresh-food source since 2005, continues to live up to customers’ healthy and hearty expectations. With all food made from scratch, containing low carbs, limited salt and fat and no added preservatives, the local business shows the community that it’s possible to have a good quality meal at an even better price.

“As a student, it’s definitely difficult to eat healthy when living on a college campus,” sophomore special education major Courtney Hubler said. “When they do serve healthy food, it just isn’t good and the vegetables are few and far in between.”

Starting all food preparation bright and early at 6:30 a.m., the employees at VPM have a case of fresh chicken salad, couscous, pesto peas and more, taunting the hungry customers upon arrival. Located in a row of businesses at 620 Red Banks Road, the market is open Monday through Friday 10 a.m to 7 p.m, Saturday 11 a.m to 4 p.m and closed on Sundays. Every Wednesday morning from 7:30 to 10:30 a.m, VPM hosts a British breakfast where it invites all local brits and non brits, for an authentic U.K. meal.

“My husband Tony is from England, so we started this to honor him and the other local brits in the area,” owner and chef Ginger Timms said. “We have eggs on fried toast with beans, a rasher of bacon and grilled tomatoes. Tony and I make a great team and



Ginger Timms



Fritatas, quinoa, meatballs and more displayed for purchase in Village Point Market's cold case.

I couldn’t do it without him.”

On the everyday lunch and dinner menu, guests can find an assortment of delectable sandwich combinations for under \$10. Popular sandwiches include the market chicken salad on toasted wheatberry bread for \$7.95, turkey and brie on a chilled wheat wrap for \$7.75 or the black forest ham served hot off the panini press for \$8.95. The market even has two soups of the day, such as chicken noodle and vegetable lentil that change often for \$3.95, and monthly specials including shrimp and grits.

“In January, we plan on adding gumbo to the menu,” Timms said. “Many customers love our turkey meatloaf with frittata and I’m always selective about what we serve. If I wouldn’t eat

it myself, I wouldn’t give it to my customers.”

As a personal fan of the turkey meatloaf, VPM employee Brady Stancill said the message and motto of the market is what attracts him most. As one of the cooks who prepares the food, Stancill said it’s 100 percent handmade everyday.

“I worked here and then left and now I’m back,” Stancill said. “I came back because I love what we do here and there is no one else in town like us. I’m also a vegetarian and there are many options here for me to eat.”

The market has also catered a variety of events in town such as the Physicians East 10th Anniversary, Greenville Museum of Art and the Pitt-Greenville airport at the launch of its new renovations.

Not always eating the greatest foods, Timms said it was a life-changing event that ultimately led her to take a closer look at her diet and what added preservatives and chemicals are doing to her well-being.

“You should treat your body well no matter what age you’re at,” Timms said. “If I’ve learned anything, it’s that you can’t beat the clock when it comes to your body. Kids are challenged with eating healthy, eating regularly and eating on a budget these days and it’s very hard to accomplish all three of those things.”

Hubler, constantly faced with the desire to eat healthy but challenged by the inconvenience and prices, said she experiences the daily challenges Timms describes.

“I usually have to travel off campus for healthier options and when I do I have to pay a lot to eat it. I have this campus meal plan I need to use and now I have to pay out of pocket,” Hubler said. “The convenience of greasy food tempts me but healthy food always makes me feel better internally.”

Knowing students and working adults are limited in their time and budget for a quality meal, the market has created Village Fresh: an easy on-the-go meal plan that allows customers to store soups, salads and more in their fridge, reheat items in the microwave and satisfy their stomachs in under 600 calories.

In addition to her life experiences, Timms and her husband Tony retired from the corporate world in the special events business and said they love what they do now and wouldn’t have their restaurant any other way.

“I know every restaurant will tell you that they care about their customers, because in this business you should,” Timms said. “But when you start caring about what goes into their mouth...then you go to a different level.”

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