

HALLOW-COMING 2016



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A clown stands in front of Stilllife downtown. Law enforcement from across North Carolina came out last night for Greenville's Halloween.

City works to keep Halloween safe

Staff Report

With Halloween standing as one of Greenville's biggest concerns, the Greenville Police Department, Greenville Fire-Rescue and East Carolina University worked together last night to ensure city-wide safety for students and locals alike.

The major concern for police and paramedics last night and throughout the weekend was excessive alcohol use, especially among college students.

"Saturday night and Friday night were pretty bad nights," said Aaron Drake, a paramedic with Fire-Rescue who worked downtown yesterday evening. "We run on average, on a normal day, 80 to 90 calls. It ran 176 Saturday night. I think 55 of those [calls] were after midnight."

Drake said excessive drinking is "one of the biggest problems" the department sees on a weekend basis but especially on Halloween.

"We understand they're going to drink, there's no way around it," Drake said. "They're college students, they're

going to drink but drink in moderation. Too much, too fast will get you in trouble."

The GPD prepared for the evening by blocking off multiple streets downtown and setting up barricades near ECU's main campus to block vehicle traffic from passing through.

Police set up checkpoints throughout the downtown area to screen people as they entered into the event area. Additionally, according to Drake, there were about 20-30 paramedics along with physicians from emergency department patrolling the downtown area. He said close to 60 paramedics were out in and around the city.

"I feel safe completely because they're checking everybody," said senior health service management major Kayla Houston.

Both Greenville Police and GFR along with the East Carolina University Police Department were busy Saturday night. Beginning early Saturday, there was an active Greenville Police presence downtown. As the night progressed into the early hours of Sunday, GFR

responded to several medical calls on ECU's main campus.

For students wishing to stay within the confines of campus, ECU's Student Activities Board also wrapped up Halloween with its annual Halloween Havoc celebration.

While Halloween Havoc usually takes place at Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium, this year SAB decided to shake things up by bringing the event back to the Student Recreation Center on main campus, where hundreds came out to celebrate the annual event.

The festivities began around 10 p.m. where students came out to take part in night's free activities which ranged from a haunted house, to laser tag and an escape room.

"It feels nice to have a safe place to celebrate Halloween," said Kaitlyn Stokes, a freshman nursing major. "Personally, I'm not a fan of all the clowns going around so it feels comforting to be on campus."

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Minges turns up for annual concert, NPHC step show

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A twist was added to the mix this year, as Homecoming and Halloween fell on the same weekend. In preparation for the holiday, students utilized Homecoming as a pre-Halloween celebration with the concert, after parties and the NPHC Step Show.

"It really made for a great weekend," said freshman business major Logan Smith. "Having homecoming and ECU's famous Halloween going on at the same time...unforgettable."

Kicking off with the homecoming concert, East Carolina University took a different route this year introducing rap duo Rae Sremmurd and R&B singer Jacquees as its headlining acts, as opposed to last year's country-heavy lineup.

The floor of Minges Coliseum was flooded with fans from Greenville and beyond in anticipation of the concert, which also featured ECU's student DJ, DJ BornFinesser as the disc jockey throughout the show.

The DJ, also known as Garret Freeman Jr., warmed up the crowd with his own unique mix by playing songs from modern hip-hop hits like "Broccoli" by D.R.A.M to throwback R&B slow jams like "Pony" by Ginuwine.

After Freeman's opening, audience members were welcomed by Jacquees' song "Good Feeling." Jacquees went on to impress audience members with his dance moves and chill performance.

"DJ BornFinesser and Jacquees were funkalicious," said freshman David Ungerer. "And Rae Sremmurd was even better live."

When the rap duo hit the stage, the crowd put its hands up in the air and jumped as Rae Sremmurd performed its first song of the night, "Start a Party." The upbeat tempo stayed throughout the show until the very last word in Sremmurd's song "Black Beatles."

During Sremmurd's performance it kept the crowd engaged by throwing water into the crowd, breaking open

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Football blows out UConn on Homecoming

Tori Poole
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After a long string of disappointing losses, the Pirates showed they had corrected their errors as they went five-for-five in the redzone and didn't turn the ball over in a 41-3 blowout victory against Connecticut.

It was clear the team on the field Saturday highly resembled the East Carolina football team from the beginning of the season, before the losing streak began.

The Pirates were focused and determined with a bowl game appearance, winning season and a homecoming win streak on the line. Not to mention, Saturday was ECU's first home football game in nearly a month.

"It was one of those situations where effort met our execution today," said ECU head coach Scottie Montgomery after the win. "Special teams, plus defense, plus offense."

For the first time this season, ECU did not give up a single turnover, but managed to snag two interceptions and a special teams fumble.

The ECU defense began the game with a lot of momentum as it forced three straight three and outs and continued to bring pressure throughout the game to register four sacks.

Going into the game, the Pirates had only registered one sack in seven games, but ECU put that storyline to rest Saturday, as it was con-

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Philip Nelson

sistently bringing pressure, frustrating UConn quarterback Bryant Shirreffs. In addition to the sacks and forced turnovers, ECU held the Huskies to under 300 total yards on offense.

While the defense managed to shut down the UConn offense by only allowing three points, which was the lowest total since 2008 for the Pirates, the ECU offense stepped up as well.

Quarterback Philip Nelson completed 33-of-47 passes with two touchdown passes, as well as a tricky touchdown reception.

"You almost get emotional thinking about how good it feels to win, and how much work it really does take to win," Nelson said. "Once we kind of made it about having fun is when the ball started bouncing our way and we had no doubt. We just wanted to execute on every play, so that was kind of our big thing this week."

As he has been all season long, wide receiver Zay Jones continued to be Nelson's go-to guy on



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Offensive lineman Brandon Smith (62) celebrates a touchdown by lifting James Summers (11).

the field. Jones had 185 yards and a touchdown, including 19 receptions, which is the most ever allowed by UConn in program history.

The 19 catches moved Jones into second on the Football Bowl Subdivision's all-time receptions list, only trailing former teammate and Atlanta Falcons' receiver Justin Hardy.

Jones also partook in the trickery in the second quarter, as he threw the touchdown pass

to Nelson after being pitched the ball on an end around from running back James Summers.

"That was something that coach [Tony] Petersen and coach [Phil] McGeoghan built this week, and we practiced it all week and it worked out perfectly," Jones said. "Each time we did it at practice, it worked on our defense."

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» ECU hosts annual Alumni Dinner during Homecoming weekend

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BRIEFS

Brody Medicine Ranks High Again

For six years running, East Carolina University's Brody School of Medicine was ranked during National Family Health Month among the nation's top five medical schools producing family physicians.

ECU is one of the only medical schools in North Carolina and the southeast to be ranked. The list was published in the October issues of Family Medicine, where Brody ranked fourth on this year's list.

CORRECTIONS & CLARIFICATIONS

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Resolution stands for student rights

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East Carolina University's English Department unanimously passed a resolution at its faculty meeting on Oct. 24 in support of free speech on campus, following the recent protests by members of the Marching Pirates.

Marianne Montgomery, the chair of the department, said she is proud the department took a stance on the issue.

"I very much support Chancellor Staton's call for civil discourse on campus, and I see the band protest as an example of civil discourse," said Montgomery. "So, I am pleased that the English Department passed a resolution supporting free speech and civil discourse as part of the mission of the university."

After being passed by the English Department, the resolution is now set to be reviewed by the Faculty Senate at its meeting today under the current agenda. There should be a decision made by the end of the meeting.

The resolution was drafted by Nicole Sidhu, an associate professor in the English Department. Sidhu said after hearing about the protest at the football game she was initially satisfied with the chancellor's letter in response. However, after a number of other administration



Nicole Sidhu

and staff members came out with conflicting views to that of Staton, she felt like the faculty needed to stand up for what the 19 students did.

"I think that the students displayed their views in a way that was non-violent, that was peaceful and that was perfectly acceptable," said Sidhu. "The response is not to shut down the discussion and tell people they can't express themselves. That's not the solution, that's not the American way."

Sidhu added, "This [university] is where we debate the ideas that define us as a society; it's not a place where you shut down debate, because certain people feel uncomfortable with other people's viewpoints."

Sidhu brought the first draft of the resolution up to the Faculty Senate, the governing body which represents the faculty as a collective group, at its meeting on Oct. 4. The resolution was referred and asked to be revised before being reviewed at a later date.

Sidhu worked with other faculty members from the English Department and changed some of the language of the resolution. Sidhu said she hopes the resolution will show the

faculty supports civil discourse.

"If we are going to move forward as a society, we need to talk to each other, and we need to listen to each other," said Sidhu. "The university needs to promote conversations in every way it possibly can, because if there is one thing this society needs its more open, honest, respectful discussion about important issues."

Donna Kain, Faculty Senate secretary and associate professor in the English Department, helped revise the resolution and said she has a personal opinion the band's protest since her husband is a Vietnam veteran. Kain said she was proud of the students who took a knee and her husband shared her sentiment.

"I think when you look at what the English Department did pass, we want to support students who want to express their concerns," said Kain. "We are all about expression in this department, writing, literacy and putting thoughts out there, taking a stand on issues."

Donna Kain

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Student health provides tips as flu season nears

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TEC STAFF

East Carolina University Student Health is encouraging students to keep a closer eye on their health as late-semester stress and harsher weather closes in.

Associate Director for Clinical Operations at ECU Student Health Ellen Goldberg said cold and flu season are beginning, though no flu cases have been seen as of Oct. 21, and the best thing students can do to stay healthy has two parts.

"Strengthening your immune system so that you're less apt to be sick is one and then certainly doing things to protect against illness once it's around is the second thing," Goldberg said.

Taking care of yourself by making sure you're sleeping and

eating are important components of strengthening your immune system, according to Goldberg.

"I know sometimes college students don't have the best sleeping and eating habits, but certainly we know that affects your immune system, so trying to get sleep, trying to eat things that are good for your body, certainly goes a long way to helping you stay well," Goldberg said.

There are studies that show small amounts of exercise can help to boost the immune system, according to Goldberg.

"So getting out and just taking a quick walk, even if it's a study break, getting up and taking a 10 minute walk around or walking your dog in the neighborhood or finding some way to get some sort of physical activity into your day certainly helps

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Ellen Goldberg

as well," Goldberg said.

Though decreasing stress can be hard for students, Goldberg has some advice to help.

"I don't know many students that think that's a really easy thing to do, but even the simple things," Goldberg said. "Taking a few minutes to do something for yourself, getting away from class work for a few minutes, read a book that's just for you or hang out with a friend. I know a lot

of studies show that laughter helps with your immune system, so little things like that."

When protecting against illness, Goldberg said a flu shot is always a good idea, among other hygienic practices.

"Kind of basic things, but washing your hands," Goldberg said. "We touch a lot of things that other people touch so that's a lot of the way that viruses and infections get spread."

Staying away from individuals that are sick is another way to avoid illness. Goldberg said during this time of year, especially in the classroom setting, "a lot of things get spread."

"You know the common cold and flu and other types of upper respiratory infections are really common this time of year," Goldberg said.

Though Goldberg said sickness is inevitable for many during this time, the stronger your immune system, the better off you will be.

"You'll probably be a little less sick and maybe fight it off a little faster than you would if you're not taking good care of yourself," Goldberg said.

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Abortion: Should abortion be highly restricted?	Yes	No
Campaign Finance: Support DISCLOSE Act, requiring key funders of political ads to put their names on those ads?	No	Yes
Campaign Finance: Support Supreme Court <i>Citizens United</i> decision, allowing unlimited independent political expenditures by corporations and unions?	Yes	No
Climate Change: Believe that human activity is the major factor driving climate change?	No	Yes
Climate Change: Should government limit the levels of greenhouse gasses in the atmosphere?	No	Yes
Contraception: Can employers withhold contraceptive coverage from employees if disagree with it morally?	Yes	No
Economy: Support federal spending as a means of promoting economic growth?	No	Yes
Financial Regulation: Support the Dodd-Frank Act, establishing the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau and increasing Wall Street regulation?	No	Almost certainly a yes, based on other stands, but no direct statements found
Gay Marriage: Support gay marriage?	No	Yes
Gay Rights: Should transgender individuals have the right to use public bathrooms of their choice?	No	Yes
Gun Control: Support enacting more restrictive gun control legislation?	No	Yes
Healthcare: Support repealing the Affordable Care Act, also known as Obamacare?	Yes	No
Healthcare: Should Planned Parenthood be eligible to receive public funds for non-abortion health services?	No	Yes
Immigration: Support the DREAM Act, which would allow children brought into the country illegally to achieve legal status if meet certain conditions?	No. Considers Obama's Executive Order to be overreach.	Yes
Immigration: Earned path to citizenship for America's 11 million undocumented residents?	No	Yes
Iran: Support the US-Iran treaty that limits Iran's nuclear capability in return for lifting economic sanctions?	No	Yes
Iraq: How should the US combat ISIS?	Eliminate Isis rather than contain it, specific plans unclear.	"Take them out, cut off supplies, work with allies."
Marijuana: Support efforts to decriminalize and/or legalize marijuana?	No. Opposes medical and recreational.	Supports medical marijuana
Minimum Wage: Raise federal minimum wage?	No	Yes
Prisons: Should money be switched from prisons to preventive measures like education and social services?	Unknown. Did vote for easing mandatory minimum sentencing.	Increase community policing & no incarceration for nonviolent misdemeanors.
Renewable Energy: Support government mandates and/or subsidies for renewable energy?	No	Yes
Social Security: Support full or partial Social Security privatization?	Yes	No
Student Debt: Support refinancing of student loans at lower rates, paid for by increasing taxes on high earners?	No. Supported bills to simplify repayment, but opposed expanding subsidies to support refinancing.	Yes. Supports refinancing student loan debt, reining in private for-profit colleges, & making first two years of community college free.
Student Financial Aid: Should federal student financial aid, like Pell Grants, be increased?	No	Yes
Supreme Court: Support Senate hearings to consider Obama Supreme Court nominee Merrick Garland?	No	Yes
Taxes: Increase taxes on corporations and/or high-income individuals to pay for public services?	No. Signed Americans for Tax Reform Pledge to oppose any tax increases to raise revenue.	Yes. Wants "corporations and the wealthiest Americans to pay their fair share."
Voting Rights: Support stricter voting rules such as voter ID requirements or reduced registration times, even if they prevent some people from voting?	Yes. Supported NC's more restrictive state voting laws and voter ID amendment.	No

PIRATE RANTS

The East Carolinian does not endorse statements made in Pirate Rants.

Please remember to go vote Pirates! The Willis Building is right off First Street and it takes only minutes to vote!

TEC should really avoid posting spoilers in the pirate rants after last week's TWD spoiler. They wouldn't want to publish any more spoilers, like how Snape kills Dumbledore.

Drew 'no walking' on bike path, didn't work. Bought a bell, people ignore it. Bought an air horn. People finally move. Still rude, though.

Bacon is the only candidate for me. MAKE BREAKFAST TASTY AGAIN

I will protest the unethical election of our Student body President. It was rigged.

Ladies, if you don't want to sit on the seat to pee, please lift the seat up to pee, so I don't have to sit in your pee!

Where's my sudoku? With the rants so lame now there's no reason to pick up a paper.

the gold flailing man who fell out of the uber and couldn't get up was the best part of homecoming weekend

the wacky waving inflatable couple managing to dance together is the ultimate relationship goal

has anyone else noticed the alumni party harder than our current students

Questions regarding Pirate Rants can be directed to Seth Gullledge at opinion@theeastcarolinian.com.

ANSWER

Are you going to the Rae Sremmurd concert tonight?

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QUESTION

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Our view

ECU, GPD handle packed weekend


With all the concern surrounding Homecoming and Halloween festivities happening on the same weekend, Greenville officials were able to maintain all crowds and crime to a minimum with strict security around the city and preparation.

With anticipated numbers to be similar to parents weekend, we, as the editorial staff, believe ECU had a practice run for Halloween and Homecoming with preparing staff and officials with the amount of the necessities needed.

With a Pirate football win, all the ECU Alumni events happening over the weekend and Halloween festivities, many expected there to be chaos due to the large crowds and celebrations. With early road closings and a downtown lockdown for Halloween, police kept crime to a minimum in the city.

We believe the City of Greenville and East Carolina University were well prepared for the weekend festivities which resulted in a safe celebration. We are proud of the Pirate community for coming together to enjoy a weekend full of celebrations.

Look both ways before crossing



Matthew Prensky
TEC STAFF

How often in the news are there stories of pedestrians being unharmed after they cross the street in front of passing cars?

The answer should be almost never. In a world where cars move faster and are heavier than humans, the chance of people remaining uninjured after stepping out in front of a car are slim-to-none. Yet, in the span of five or 10 minutes a driver moving through downtown will have to stomp on the brakes to avoid a careless pedestrian at least once.

Earlier this year, I interviewed Chief of Police for the Greenville Police Department, Mark Holtzman. He told me in the first six months of his tenure he was shocked by the number of pedestrian fatalities. He and Greenville Police have made it a priority to reduce the number of pedestrian fatalities. But, the problem does not involve the police or even drivers. The problem is the pedestrians.

Police officers can stop every pedestrian who crosses outside of a crosswalk and issue

them a ticket. Police can patrol every block. But at the end of the day they do not have enough resources to stop every pedestrian from crossing dangerously. Police may be able to stop 99 people from crossing dangerously, but that one person they could not get to may have a deadly outcome. That sad ending should not happen. One death is one too many.

Throughout last weekend I was driving around Greenville as a part of my job. I spent a lot of time driving through the neighborhoods north of the main campus of East Carolina University. Many students call this area “the grid.” The amount of times I had to stop on a dime was so high I eventually stopped counting. Whether the pedestrians accidentally tripped into the roadway because they could not walk or they ignored the fact that I was coming, the outcome was the same; I step on the brakes and they walk away unaware of the danger they put themselves in.

Halloween is an especially dangerous time for pedestrians. Mixing dark costumes with the potential of impaired pedestrians and add in the cover of night, the job of drivers to avoid killing someone feels like they are operating a rocket to space. Such a high potential for such a terrible

end result.

Everyone crosses the street sometime in their daily life. People need to cross the street, but they must do it safely. As children we are taught to look both ways before crossing the road. What happened to that cautionary phrase?

What changed is pedestrians began to trust vehicles too much to stop. Trusting vehicles to stop for pedestrians crossing outside the crosswalk is like playing Russian Roulette. The bullet is somewhere in that gun, but you do not know when it will fire. Nine out of 10 times, a pedestrian may cross the street unharmed, but that 10th time could be deadly.

Pedestrians need to learn to respect vehicles. By simply waiting for a car to pass, a pedestrian can cross safely and live to fight another day. It may take a few more seconds or it may make the difference between being on time or late, but consider the alternative. Being late is temporary and painless. Being hit by a car can be permanent and deadly.

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World Series breeds optimism



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I'm a loser. I admit it.

Okay, I'm not actually a loser but as a Pittsburgh native and lifelong Pirates fan, I know what it's like to watch my favorite baseball team falter season after season. This is hardly a hyperbole, too.

In my lifetime, that's 22 years, folks, the Pittsburgh Pirates have had three winning seasons and never once came close to any sort of semblance of a World Series berth.

But 2016 has given me hope that my baseball torture is just a temporary pain that will one day be followed by a chance at a championship. The Cleveland Indians and Chicago Cubs, two teams whose fan bases are no strangers to losing, are facing off in one of the most interesting and storyline-filled World Series in recent memory. Soon, perhaps tonight, one of those teams will

exorcise its demon and deliver a championship to its fanbase and city.

For the Cubs, it's been 108 painful years since their last World Series. It was 1908 and there was a man named Mordecai Brown who was the star pitcher of the team. Will there ever be a more 1908 baseball name that Mordecai Brown? Seriously, that tells you everything you need to know about how long it's been for Cubbies fans.

But don't let 108 years of letdowns overshadow what the fine folks of Cleveland have had to endure with their beloved Indians. The last time the World Series trophy was paraded around Cleveland was 1948. That's a long time ago.

When the Pirates made the playoffs for the first time in my life in 2013, I bought tickets to two NLDS games and drove up to Pittsburgh, classes be damned. Sure, my grades took a bit of hit and I missed a major test, but I found myself in the middle of a surreal moment that, as a sports fan, has stuck with me.

That's what sports can do for its fans.

After the World Series, one of the fanbases will forget their problems for a minute, an hour, a day, a week, a year, a life time. In that moment, a moment of deliverance, nothing else will theoretically matter.

It's such a cliché to say that sports are transcending. But there is a bit of rare truth to it. This World Series, regardless of the outcome, has revived two different fan bases. It happens so rarely but in this instance there is a real storybook ending waiting to happen.

Maybe it'll be the Pirates one day. Then I can shed my loser tag and experience the feeling. Maybe.

But for now, I'll be watching with hopeful eyes as sports does as only it can do.

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Color My College 5K
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Following Hurricane Matthew, Color My College 5K announced it would be postponing the annual event on East Carolina University's campus until Saturday, April 8 of 2017. Those previously registered for the Color My College 5K, postponed from Sept. 15, are automatically registered for this spring's 5K as well as an additional Color My College paint party. Registration for this spring's color run will reopen soon on Color My College's website, www.5k.colormycollege.com/races/east-carolina-university.

TODAY

Love, Theft and Other Entanglements film viewing
Sci-Tech C209
6-8 p.m.

Tapped Featured Artist Night
Tapped
7:30 p.m.

Dracula
Rocky Mount's Imperial Centre
7:30 p.m.

Team Trivia
Carolina Ale House
8 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Fresh Check Day
Campus Recreation and Wellness
4 p.m.

Fall Fest 2016
Alpha Omicron Pi
5 p.m.

Yappy Hour
Winslow's
4-9 p.m.

Rye Whiskey Tasting
Dickinson Avenue Public House
5:30-10 p.m.

Yuppy Puppy grooming salon opens in Greenville

Amanda Shea
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

An upscale, affordable pet salon is now just a short drive away for Greenville residents. The Yuppy Puppy Salon, which originated in Wilson, North Carolina, will host its grand opening at its new 650 E. Firetower Rd. location today. Carrie Mendonca, Yuppy Puppy's founder, said she has been in the pet grooming business for 15 years, but has only been working independently for about eight years. "I started on accident," Mendonca said. "I just happened to be walking into Lowe's and PetSmart was opening and they asked if we wanted to put in an application. We did and they sent us to grooming school and since then it's been what I've been doing." Mendonca is originally from California but moved to Wilson with her family two and a half years ago. "We had a dog, we couldn't find anywhere to take him in Wilson, we couldn't leave him in the hotel. I called every grooming salon in Wilson. PetSmart told me they were three weeks out to give a dachshund a bath," Mendonca said. "I found a building, opened a salon to seven dogs the first day and by Christmas, the Saturday before, we had 77." Since it's opening, Yuppy Puppy's Wilson branch has grown exponentially and now sees about 300 dogs a week.

In addition to Greenville and Wilson, Mendonca has plans to open four more stores by October 2018 in Garner, Wilmington, Asheville and Charlotte. Mendonca said she prides her company on what they do differently than other grooming salons. There is a different person at each station that works with your dog which is the most beneficial to keep both the animal and the groomer from getting stressed. "We don't have an abuse rate, we don't have an injury rate," Mendonca said. "On our Facebook page, we have 154 five-star reviews...it's not because my groomers haven't earned them." On top of having well trained groomers, Mendonca said she tries to keep it as affordable as possible for people in the area.



A poodle shows off its new cut and highlights by Mendonca. Mendonca has been grooming pets for 15 years.

"I don't believe in add-ons, so your price is your price. That's one of our biggest things," Mendonca said. "When you call for a base price, you're not going to get told your dog is \$38 and then when you leave your dog is \$64 because we did everything else...and we're not going to upsell you." While Yuppy Puppy offers low prices, Mendonca said she also offers multiple discounts, such as 10 percent off for service dogs. "We do all the K-9 and police dogs in the county for free," she said. "We do senior and military discounts, we offer combination packages. We keep it affordable." In comparison to the opening of the Wilson branch, Mendonca said they have about 150 appointments already set for this week and that prices can be found online at yuppypuppysalon.net.

"We want our customers to know that it is one on one," Mendonca said. "I mean, I pretty much know all my customers by name. They're welcome to stay. We don't ask customers to leave, they are welcome to stay the whole time their [pets] are being groomed." Yuppy Puppy is open Monday through Saturday from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. "We have an open door policy. We do walk-ins, they don't need to have an appointment," Mendonca said. "If they think they need to be at the tub, at our table, in the back the whole time, they're welcome to it. We're not going to tell you that you can't come behind our gate."

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An accent wall inside Greenville's Yuppy Puppy grooming salon. The new Greenville location will host its grand opening today between 7:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.

World's Coolest Comics opens downtown shop



Comic enthusiasts look over World's Coolest Comic's selection. The shop opened its new downtown location over the weekend.

Andy Li
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

On the corner of Reade and East 5th Street, up a flight of stairs painted neon green and cobalt blue with the smell of paint still in the air, there sits a place where heroic acts and schemes to destroy the world meet and offer themselves up to anyone willing to read. World's Coolest Comics opened its new location in downtown Greenville Saturday, and despite the opening coinciding with Homecoming, a football game and Halloween related events, Juan Lopez, co-owner of World's Coolest Comics, said the events helped add to the steady flow of customers all day. "The homecoming parade was the same time as our grand opening, but people from the homecoming parade came here," Lopez

said. "Halloween weekend also, everyone loves costumes, everybody loves coming out and being superheroes. Adults and kids. It was a pretty cool thing cause we didn't know what to expect." Though it's still in the process of putting together the store's final touches, World's Coolest already has its walls lined with collectables and comics, with huge boxes of back issues piled up in the center. For all of the comic laymen out there, back issues are comics that come before the series most recent publication. Alongside its grand opening, World's Coolest also hosted its own Halloween Comicfest, which featured free comics and a huge bag sale. The comics available ranged

HALLOW-COMING 2016



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In an interesting mix of events, this weekend offered students and returning alumni a chance to experience Homecoming and Halloween all on the same weekend. Highlights of the weekend included the annual homecoming concert, NPHC's step show, downtown festivities and Halloween Havoc. TOP: Swae Lee of Rae Sremmurd performs in Minges Coliseum as confetti rains over him.

RIGHT: Jacques leans toward audience members after his performance. BOTTOM RIGHT: Students line up outside of the Student Recreation Center for Halloween Havoc. BELOW: Mark Matulewicz and Rebecca Poole are crowned homecoming king and queen at Saturday's football game. BOTTOM: Members of the Divine 9 perform their routine during the annual NPHC step show.



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A local peruses through boxes of comics at World's Coolest Comics' 220 E. 5th Street location.

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from newer, lesser known stories like “The Wicked and the Divine” to “The Walking Dead” as well as classic Marvel and DC comics.

The original store is located beside the Regal Grande movie theatre, but Lopez feels its new location and prices will attract ECU students to the comic book community.

“I know the student budget, I was a student at ECU,” Lopez said. “You have meals you have a lot of expenses, comic books are just an additional distraction. We’re offering a cheaper alternative for them to come here and get some-

This store has more stuff for the college student budget.

Juan Lopez

thing to entertain them, you know, for a couple of hours.”

World’s Coolest’s new store heavily features trade paperbacks, which are collections of several comics to capture a single story arc.

“This store has more stuff for the college student budget,” Lopez said. “We are an alternative for those kids who want to read comics, get into them, and have something that they can afford.”

World’s Coolest plans to host several other

events in the upcoming months. To celebrate Local Comic Shop Day on Nov. 19, it will be hosting another big sale, offering exclusive collectables and variant comics.

The shop is located at 220 E. 5th Street, with its hours range from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 12 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Sundays.

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pineapples on stage and even using a confetti gun to shoot confetti out into the audience as well.

“The concert was amazing. Out of 10, it was a 15,” said freshman marketing major Kim Lofton. “I will go to another Rae Sremmurd concert before I die.”

To continue the tempo the concert brought to ECU, NPHC held a successful step show in Minges Coliseum Friday night.

The show consisted of the Divine 9 competing against one another to create a storyline incorporating steps and gestures from each organization.

“It was a pretty dope experience,” said Brittany Bryant, member of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority Incorporated. “I know my

line, we crossed last fall, so we are new to everything. It was an amazing experience for me because we had the older members of Eta Mu come back and watch to support us.”

The competition was separated into a men’s section, women’s section and overall winner.

The members of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Incorporated took home the prize for the women’s section as well as overall winner, while the members of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Incorporated won for the men’s section.

“We felt good winning. We worked hard, had late practices and we had a good show. All we had to do was execute it,” said Trey Nickens, member of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Incorporated. “When we found out we won it was surreal.”

Along with the competition, the step show

had celebrity comedian Lil Duval to host the show.

“I think he was a good,” Nickens said. “If we had a smaller venue he would have been able to interact more but overall it was a good show.”

Along with the homecoming concert, the NPHC Step Show draws out large crowds every year and aims to bring students together for one common purpose.

“I think the whole entire show was enjoyable. It’s one thing to have a script but another to act it out and showing people the storyline without telling them what it fully is,” Bryant said. “Everyone worked really hard that participated. It’s really cool for all of the Divine 9 to get together and do something like [the step show].”

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Thursday's Puzzle Solved 11/1/16

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

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PUZZLES

- ACROSS
- 1 Working stiff

5 Brief timetable

9 Racing venue near Windsor Castle

14 "Beetle Bailey" dog

15 Greet from a distance

16 Waste not

17 Inch or foot

18 Actor Bana of "Closed Circuit"

19 Singer Haggard

20 *Shake off one's daydreams

23 Towel holder

24 Strokes on greens

25 Rap fan

27 Little child, in Cannes

30 Decanter relatives

33 Richly adorn

34 "Born Free" lioness

37 Came ___: Mexican dish

38 Old AT&T rival

39 *Cause of chubby cheeks, perhaps

41 Perp's prey, in copspeak

42 French floor

44 Like the lama, but not the llama, in a Nash poem

45 Foot warmer

46 Switches for mood lighting

48 Boardroom illustrations

50 Farmland measure

51 Tawdry

53 Trojan ___

55 Leave hurriedly ... and, literally, what the first words of the answers to starred clues can do

60 Joint commonly sprained

62 ___ facto

63 "___ a heart!"

64 Stout mug

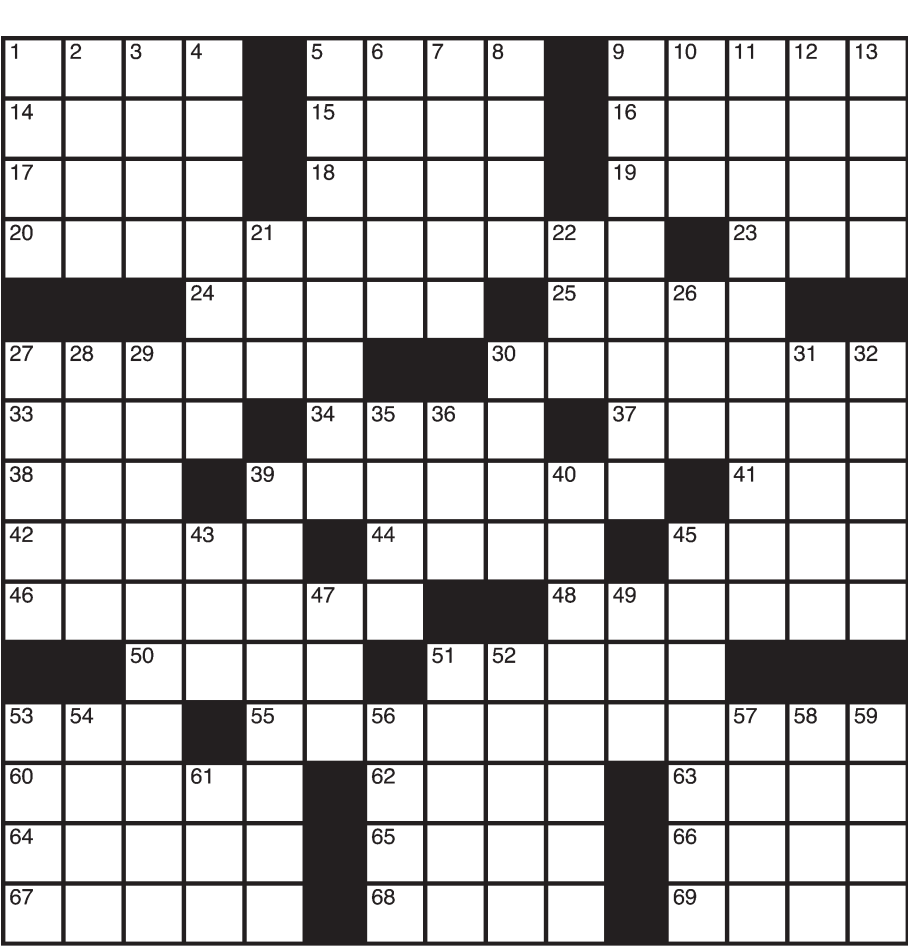
65 Property claim

66 Biblical garden

67 ___ four: small cake

68 "A ___ of Two Cities"

69 Bird's home



- DOWN
- 1 High hair style

2 Active European volcano

3 Of the ears

4 Tablet

5 Sugary brewed drink

6 K, to a jeweler

7 Lesser of two ___

8 Metric prefix

9 Kid in a military family

10 Observe

11 *Ingratiate oneself (with)

12 Norwegian capital

13 Ready to be kicked off

21 Gallop

22 Ltrs. in an unfilled TV time slot

26 Western treaty org.

27 Urged (on)

28 Gangster Frank in "Road to Perdition"

29 *Bargain hunter's venue

30 Street eatery

31 Order from on high

32 Pink-slips

35 Debt-heavy corp. deals

Thursday's Puzzle Solved

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36 Word in a thesaurus: Abbr.

39 Temporary Oktoberfest structure

40 "The Untouchables" gangster

43 Yukon automaker

45 Drink pourer's words

47 Actor Stephen

49 Wellness gp.

51 Vintage photo hue

52 Painter's stand

53 Hornet, e.g.

54 Poker bet that's not optional

56 Highland garb

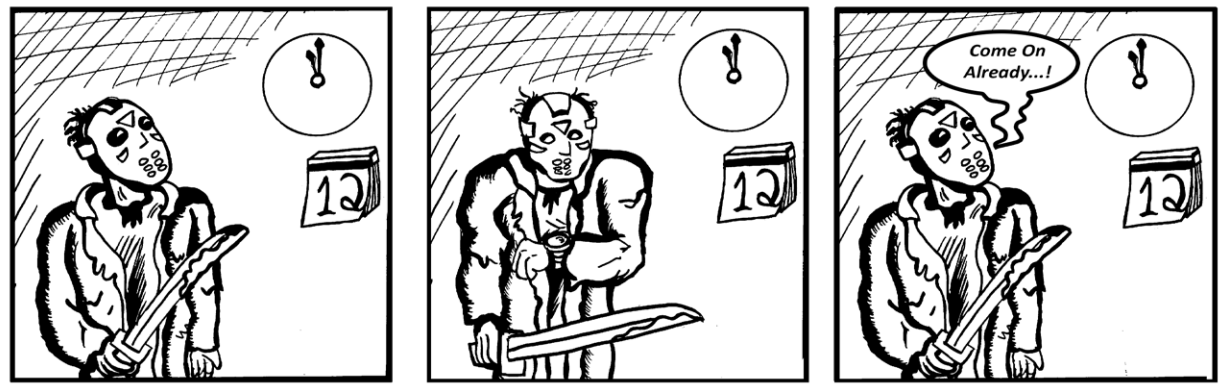
57 Florida's Miami-___ County

58 Times to call, in ads

59 Apartment payment

61 52, in old Rome

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HOROSCOPES

Aries

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Watch for travel opportunities today and tomorrow. Share ideas. You've got the energy, and the tide is in your favor. Education turns fantasy into reality.

Gemini

★★★★★

Work things out with a partner over the next two days. Reaffirm the objective. Brainstorm and organize what gets created. Make decisions and determinations together.

Leo

★★★★★★

Take more time for playfulness and plan some fun for today and tomorrow. Enjoy family and friends. Flirt with someone attractive.

Libra

★★★★★★

Research, writing and communications projects go well over the next few days. You're especially clever, witty and charming. You can learn what you need.

Sagittarius

★★★★★★

You're especially strong and creative for the next few days. Take action to forward a personal project. Upgrade your image with a new style.

Aquarius

★★★★★★

Work things out with a partner over the next two days. Reaffirm the objective. Brainstorm and organize what gets created. Make decisions and determinations together.

Taurus

★★★★★★

- Store provisions for the future. Review family resources over the next few days. Keep accounts current. Handle paperwork and pay bills. Achieve dreams through steady efforts.

Cancer

★★★★★

Pay attention to your health and well-being today and tomorrow. Exercise, sleep and eat well. Reduce stress and practice compassion to self and others.

Virgo

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Home improvement projects call to you over the next two days. Embrace creative inspiration, and add color. Prioritize expenses, and repurpose existing resources. Beautify your space.

Scorpio

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Get into a potentially profitable two-day phase. Learn from the competition. Have faith in your own imagination. Keep completing projects. A job well done satisfies.

Capricorn

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Rest and recuperate today and tomorrow. Listen to intuition about an upcoming decision, and consider options. List pros and cons. Look to what worked before.

Pisces

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Prepare for a professional test or challenge today and tomorrow. A rise in status is possible. Someone important is paying attention. Work late, if necessary.



Senior Caleb White takes the ball toward the lane during a game last season. In the 2015-16 season, he eclipsed 1,000 career points and he will look to lead ECU basketball in his final season.

ECU set for 2016-17 campaign

Dylan Johnson
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

East Carolina men's basketball head coach Jeff Lebo is optimistic about the upcoming basketball season, as familiar scoring threats alongside an increase in size could bring more wins.

The Pirates' frontcourt will include three returners and two newcomers. Seniors Clarence Williams and Michel Nzege and redshirt freshman Deng Riak, who missed all of last season, all return. The new additions include junior Jabari Craig, who transferred from Pearl River Community College and Wake Forest graduate transfer Andre Washington.

"We got a lot of new faces," ECU seventh-year head coach Jeff Lebo said. "We're bigger at every position and have some experienced guys coming back, we have a lot of optimism."

Lebo is excited about the impact the frontcourt can have, hoping the Pirates can further establish a strong presence down low. Being bigger at the forward and center positions will allow ECU to be bigger at the guard spots as well, with players no longer having to play small and out of position.

"We've had an issue being outrebounded because we've had to play small," Lebo said. "We have been outrebounded on most nights, so I think we will be much better there because

we're not only bigger inside, we are bigger on the wings too."

The addition of Craig and Washington will help minimize the blow of losing centers Michael Zangari and Kanu Aja and forward Grant Bryant.

"I think we're much bigger and much stronger," Lebo said. "We've had a lot of times in these last couple years, because of injuries, that we haven't been able to challenge anything in the paint and nothing around the rim. I think we will be able to do that this year."

With the increase in size possibly contributing to the improvement of the defense, the Pirates will look to their veteran backcourt for the offense.

The backcourt will return last season's leading scorer in junior B.J. Tyson, senior Caleb White, who was second, and sophomore Kentrell Barkley, who was fourth last season. In addition, the backcourt gains notable freshmen Jeremy Sheppard and Elijah Hughes.

There are plenty of options to choose from, but the Pirates are still figuring out their identity offensively in the first weeks of practice leading up to the start of the season.

Lebo is looking forward to offense from Tyson and White, as well as the outside shooting from Sheppard and Hughes, but thinks unexpected inside scoring is needed to get over the top.

"Offensively we're trying to figure it out right now. We've got a proven outside shooter in Caleb White, and B.J. is certainly a guy capable of putting big numbers on the board on a given night," Lebo said. "Inside we have to get collectively, eight to 10 points a night from our five spot and eight to 10 points a night from our four spot consistently. Then we know we can compete."

The Pirates are working to improve on last season's 12-20 overall record and 4-14 finish in American Athletic Conference play.

Lebo calls the non-stop work ethic "the grind." It is during this time he says his players learn of the small details, which are the true difference between winning 13 or 14 games and winning 18 or 19 games, he said.

All that time and effort spent in the offseason will be put to the test this season with a tough upcoming conference schedule.

"We will be challenged and that's exciting for our kids, because we have to elevate our program," said Lebo. "We get to play against these national programs, and that is exciting for us."

ECU opens the season up at home in Minges Coliseum against Grambling State Nov. 11.

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TAKEAWAYS

FOOTBALL

East Carolina (3-5, 1-3 AAC) ended its five-game losing streak Saturday, defeating Connecticut, 41-3 inside Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium.

SOCCER

The Pirates (5-12-1, 1-7-1 AAC) defeated Temple 2-1 Thursday and lost to No. 19 UConn Sunday, 2-1 to conclude their season.

CROSS COUNTRY

Senior Jorge Montes earned his third consecutive All-American Athletic Conference accolade at the AAC league championships last weekend.

VOLLEYBALL

ECU (14-8, 4-8 AAC) was defeated Thursday, 3-1, at South Florida and swept Central Florida, 3-0, Saturday afternoon.

CAROLINA PANTHERS

The Panthers (2-5) ended their four-game losing streak Sunday, defeating the Arizona Cardinals 30-20.

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Hoops hopes to fill point guard void

Carson Cherry
TEC STAFF

The point guard position in basketball has often been compared to the quarterback position in football. Truthfully, it's not a far off comparison.

Consider that both positions run their teams and manage the game, and for the East Carolina basketball team this year, there is no definitive point guard to take over the reigns of the offense.

Last season the ECU point guard position was manned by senior Prince Williams. With Williams graduated, head coach Jeff Lebo and the Pirates will need a new captain of their offense to step up.

Williams led the team in assists and nearly had a 2-to-1 assist-turnover ratio while being the third leading scorer and second in steals.

Couple Williams' graduation with the transfers of backup point guards Lance Tejada and Charles Foster, and the answer at point

guard for this season is undefined.

The best option may be starting two-guard B.J. Tyson. Tyson was third in assists, but inefficient as he barely had a 1-1 assist-turnover ratio. Tyson led the team in scoring, and at his 6-foot-3 size, playing at the point guard position may be an asset for his scoring abilities. Tyson was no stranger to bringing the ball up the court last season, though.

"I'm prepared to play point guard if I have to," said Tyson. "I'm used to being at the two and coming off screens to get open. At the point I have to facilitate and know where everyone is on the court. It's not as difficult as people think it is, it's just you have more pressure on you to know where everyone is."

Lebo has more choices, however none are as proven as Tyson.

One player in particular, freshman Shawn Williams, could be an exciting prospect to take the helm of point-guard. Unfortunately for Lebo, he must complete one year of academic

residency at ECU before he steps on the court for the Pirates, further pointing to Tyson to take over the reigns. In high school, Williams averaged 23 points, 3.3 rebounds and 3.6 assists per game.

Another option from the new players is freshman guard Jeremy Sheppard. Sheppard was named the 3A Player-of-the-Year in Virginia after leading his team to a state championship his sophomore year. In his senior year in high school he averaged 17.3 points per game and made 61 3-pointers, showing he gives the Pirates another shooting option beyond the arch.

"Jeremey Shepard is a point guard that is skilled," said Lebo. "He's played on winning teams and is going to get better. He can shoot, pass and think the game."

Lebo wouldn't give too much information away about who would be where, but did infer

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Pirates look to reload this year

Tyler Gavin
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Head coach Heather Macy may be facing her toughest challenge since accepting the job at East Carolina University. After coming off just her second losing season in seven years, and losing all-time Pirate great Jada Payne and three other starters, Macy will look to lead her team through a rebound season.

It will be the leadership of redshirt senior Khadidja Toure the Pirates will fall back on. The Pirates will also return sophomore Alex Frazier, who led all freshman in the American Athletic Conference in assists-per-game last season, with 2.7. Frazier did not finish the season due to season-ending surgery, but will be healthy for the start of this season.

Toure is one of two returning players who played in all 32 games for the Pirates last season. She also returns as the team's leading scorer, after averaging 7.2 points per game. Toure's play improved after Frazier replaced her in the starting lineup, allowing Toure to focus on scoring while playing the shooting guard position.

"I like the fact that we have people who can shoot the ball," said Macy on media day. "We've got leadership at the point guard position, we have slashers that can get to the rim, and I think we're going to have a really disciplined group that's able to take great pride in wearing the East Carolina jersey."

The other player to play in every game was redshirt junior Gabrielle Holston. Holston is known for her hustle plays on defense and rebounding last season. She averaged 2.5 rebounds a game in 15.8 minutes a game. Macy is looking for the Georgia Tech transfer to play a much bigger role this year.

"You're going to get to see some of the kids behind the scenes previously, who were really pushing those other ones in practice, and I'm looking forward to seeing how they respond," Macy said.

It won't just be the players from last year that the Pirates rely on, as they recruited the No. 49 overall class in the nation this year.

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Fanni Csutoras takes a layup during 2015-16.

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that playing time is still up for grabs.

“The first few games will be big to see who will be playing,” said Lebo. “Watching them play will see who will be where for the rest of the season.”

While nothing is set in stone, it would be hard to imagine a lineup with more firepower than Tyson, second

leading scorer Caleb White, and third returning leading scorer Kentrell Barkley starting at the point and wings.

Whoever the point guard is needs to be focused on getting the bigs involved. Lebo said he is looking for his two big man spots to score double digits every game. And while the point guard is feeding the bigs, they will also need to make sure Tyson and White are still getting their chances for ECU to be a better team.

“Offensively we’re trying to figure it out right now,” Lebo said. “We’ve got a proven outside shooter in Caleb White, and B.J. is certainly a guy capable of putting big numbers on the board on a given night. Inside we have to get collectively, eight to 10 points a night from our five spot and eight to 10 points a night from our four spot consistently. Then we know we can compete.”

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This is the first time ECU put together a top-50 recruiting class in program history.

The quartet of Dominique Claytor, Alexis Cortez, Justice Gee and Raven Johnson could help the Pirates turn around the 13-19 record they posted last year.

Gee is the most noticeable. She made a lot of noise in her high school days, as she made the varsity team as a seventh grader. During her high school career, she put up a record of 138-19, averaged nearly a triple-double with three steals a game, and won 2016 Class A Girls Player-of-the-Year by South Carolina Basketball.

“The freshmen look good, I think they’re maturing to what college basketball is like,” Macy said. “It’s been really good progress and our returners have shown them nice leadership skills.”

In the three seasons that separated ECU’s two losing seasons, Macy’s teams won 22 games each year and made three consecutive Women’s National Invitation Tournaments (WNIT).

“I’ve been doing this for 12 years, right, and it’s like I’ve done this before. But this has a whole different feel to it,” Macy said during media day.

The Pirates were picked to finish sixth out of eleven teams in the conference this season, in the preseason poll released

by the American Conference, as voted on by the coaches.


Connecticut, the four time defending national champion, was the unanimous selection to win the conference championship, as it received all 100 possible votes.

Temple, South Florida, Tulane and Southern Methodist round out the rest of the top five, while ECU sits one place behind. UConn junior guard Kia Nurse was also selected as the AAC Preseason Player of the Year.

ECU opens the season at home on Nov. 11 against UNC-Greensboro.

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Defensive lineman Demetri McGill celebrates during the homecoming 41-3 victory over Connecticut on Saturday. McGill and his defense look to continue the success this Saturday against Tulsa.

ECU ready to turn corner after blowout

Gerin Honeycutt
TEC STAFF

On the brink of its season getting completely out of hand, East Carolina turned in what head coach Scottie Montgomery called its most complete 60-minute performance of the season Saturday — something the Pirates needed to end their five-game losing streak.

After a strong showing against Connecticut, ECU will head into practice for its ninth week preparing for its away game at Tulsa with a different vibe than in the past weeks, as Saturday helped to boost the team's morale.

"[Sunday] was the best defensive practice I've seen, maybe since we've been here or any place I've been the day after a game," said Montgomery. "It was as clean and energetic with guys talking and holding guys accountable. It made me feel good because I know what went on Saturday night, but Sunday, we were ready to go. We knew the defensive energy was coming from something. It was connected to the win."

Being careful not to have too much of a hangover from their third and perhaps biggest win of the season, the Pirates

will go into Saturday's contest banking on the many positives they saw on film against UConn.

Nothing was different from what Montgomery had alluded to all season, except the difference in the outcome — a win. Montgomery has preached all season that winning cures all and that's just what the Pirates did Saturday.

"The time we had off in the open date was very beneficial to our team," Montgomery said. "It was the first week where we saw energy and enthusiasm throughout the game from so many different sources. We thought our guys came into the game with great spirits and were ready to go all week."

Saturday's victory answered a lot of questions for the Pirates, as some personnel changes changed their luck. Perhaps the biggest of them all was the addition of inside linebacker Jordan Williams playing alongside starter Cam White, instead of the two splitting time.

"So now, we gave a guy like Jordan [Williams], who has played really well at times, a chance to communicate and can take communication and give it to someone else," Montgomery said. "We're kind of relying on Cam [White] for more of our calls on the inside. It really put together a good combi-

nation. I thought they tackled well together."

Another change ECU made was moving safety Bobby Fulp, a longer player, into the cornerback position. With top corner Corey Seargent sidelined, Fulp showed his ability to stick with bigger receivers and will be expected to do so moving forward. Fulp played cornerback before and could be another spark the defensive unit needed after finding its pass rush.

Though the Pirates have stayed true to the same game plan throughout the season, what has proven successful for them is their ability to switch personnel and find player's true positional fits.

"Usually people talk about when one phase doesn't play well; the other phase needs to play well," Montgomery said. "The truth is, when one phase plays well, if everyone else can take it up a notch, you have a chance to change games and that's what really happened in the third quarter. That was a connection of some good football played and it changed the whole outcome of the football game."

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