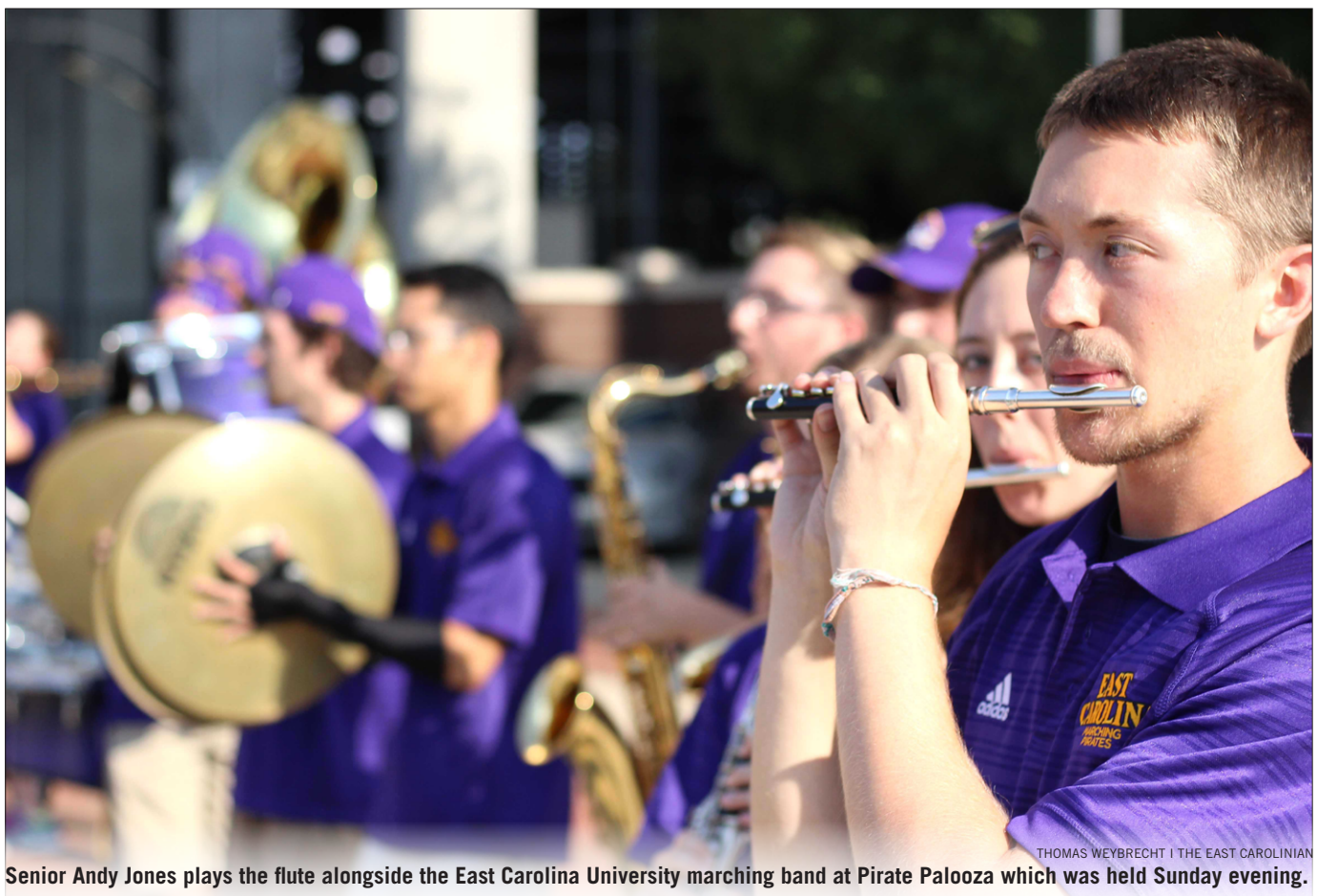


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Senior Andy Jones plays the flute alongside the East Carolina University marching band at Pirate Palooza which was held Sunday evening.

WELCOME BACK

Pirate Palooza kicks off school year

Amanda Shea
TEC STAFF

There's very few times during the year where students can storm the field of Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium. However, crowds of students gathered last night for games, music, free food and giveaways at East Carolina University's Pirate Palooza to kick off the new school year.

Dennis McCunney, director of the Center for Leadership and Civic Engagement at ECU, said he tries to volunteer for Pirate Palooza every year.

"I think it's a great way to begin to get connected with all the resources that ECU has to offer, to begin to make some friends and to start off the semester in a fun, energetic way," McCunney said.

One student returning to campus is Brooke Palmer, a sophomore professional acting and theatre for youth double major.

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THOMAS WEYBRECHT I THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Attendees gather on the field at Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium. Pirate Palooza is an annual event hosted by ECU at the beginning of each school year.

Community petitions for statue removal

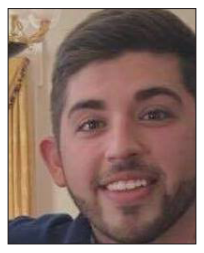
Jessica Merklein
TEC STAFF

An East Carolina University student has called for the removal of a Confederate statue that stands outside Pitt County Courthouse in downtown Greenville following the events in Charlottesville, Virginia on Aug. 12.

Supporters for the removal of the Confederate statue outside the Pitt County Courthouse will hold a gathering today, according to the event's information. The group will meet outside the Pitt County government headquarters, 1717 5th St., at 6 p.m. The meeting is meant to show support for the movement and gather solidarity.

Two weeks ago, white nationalists gathered together to march in Charlottesville to oppose the removal of a statue of Confederate General Robert E. Lee. The march turned violent after a car drove through a dense crowd of counter protesters, resulting in the death of Heather Hayer.

On Aug. 12, ECU senior psychology major Kristoffer Rixon started a petition on Change.org, which said, "It is time to take immediate action to remove this monument to slavery, sedition and racial oppression."



Kristoffer Rixon

"That's just an injustice sitting at the doors of a place where you go to seek justice," Rixon said.

A request such as this would have to be approved by the North Carolina General Assembly. However, the legislature would have to abide by General Assembly Session Law 2015-170, which was signed by Gov. Pat McCrory in July 2015.

"Objects of remembrance located on public property may not be permanently removed," according to the 2015 Senate Bill 22 or the Historic Artifact Management and Patriotism Act.

However, the law does allow statues to be removed if they are being relocated to a "site of similar prominence, honor, visibility, availability, and access that are within the boundaries of the jurisdiction from which it was relocated."

"I would like to see the statue moved to maybe a graveyard that has mostly confederate soldiers buried there," Rixon said. "But ultimately I think that the law has to change."

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University launches new logo

Mary Katherine Karcher
TEC STAFF

As students and faculty settle into their academic routines at East Carolina University, the administration has shaken up the university's image by introducing a new logo to represent the university.

The new logo features a simple outline of the Cupola on main campus. Along with the new logo, ECU has changed its branding statement from "Tomorrow Starts Here" to "Capture Your Horizon".



Cecil Stanton

ECU Chancellor Cecil Staton said the new logo is symbolic of the university's growth as an important and relevant university.

The logo will debut on ECU's website on Sept. 10.

"We thought it was unique, and traditional," Staton said. "We felt it was a strong and professional image, a symbol of our university that can carry us forward as we go through this rebranding effort that we are going to be involved in all year long."

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Move-in 2017 brings in fresh faces

Andy Li
TEC STAFF

Overstuffed vans, rolling carts and parents struggling to hold back tears as they climb stairs in the heat are a common sight this time of year, thanks to the move-in of the freshman class of 2021 at East Carolina University.

Move-in began Wednesday and continued into the weekend, according to Director of Undergraduate Admissions Dave Meredith. He said ECU can expect an incoming freshman class of around 4,400 and just under 2,000 transfer students.

"Last year, we enrolled around 4,330 freshmen," Meredith said. "And we enrolled a transfer class of 1,860, so we're up."

Despite the increase in size, Meredith said the new class reflects the present demographics at ECU.

"It mirrors previous classes," Meredith said. "About the same number of in-state students, out-of-state students. Male-female ratio should be about the same." ECU is made up of about 58 percent female students and 42 percent male, according to collegeportraits.com.

Freshman Dana Shefet said her move-in experience was stress free.

"Move-in was easy," Shefet said. "I couldn't ask for an easier or smoother move-in."



ANDREW CARROLL I THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Incoming students and parents at East Carolina University move into dormitories last week.

The 2017 move-in was slightly hampered by some inclement weather and construction, but Aaron Lucier, director of housing operations for campus living at ECU, said the dorms are ready for students.

"We would have liked to have had a little more time with Clement Hall," Lucier said. "The weather- for the groundwork on the outside hasn't been great the last few weeks. There is a little landscaping left to do that we would have loved to have done before residents returned, but the building itself is ready for residences and

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BRIEFS

ECU political science professor awarded with distinguished honor

A professor with East Carolina University's Department of Political Science was named the Thomas Harriot College of Arts and Sciences Distinguished Professor.

The honor was given to Jody Baumgartner on Friday. He is the 19th member of the faculty to be given this award.

"This is an unexpected honor, and it is always nice to receive one," Baumgartner said.

The Thomas Harriot College of Arts and Science award is the highest honor within the college. It is given to a professor the college believes has exemplified a commitment and love for knowledge and academic life.

"Baumgartner is an exceptional scholar and well-deserving of the college's highest honor of Distinguished Professor," said Alethia Cook, chair of the ECU Political Science Department.

School of Art and Design to host first art exhibit

The East Carolina University School of Art and Design is set to host its first art exhibit of the 2017 academic year today.

The exhibit is located in the Wellington B. Gray Gallery in the Jenkins Fine Arts Center on ECU's main campus. Guests can view the art Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. During the weekend, the gallery's viewing hours are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturdays.

Some of the artwork will include ceramics, graphic design, illustrations, drawings, metal designs, paintings among other disciplines.

The exhibit will be on display until September 23. The School of Art and Design will host a reception to honor the artists on Sept. 1 in the Wellington B. Gray Gallery, from 5-8 p.m.

ECU to honor students at W. Keats Sparrow Writing Award Ceremony

East Carolina University will host the W. Keats Sparrow Writing Award Ceremony this Wednesday to honor different pieces of writing by students.

It will be held in Joyner Library at the Faulkner Gallery from 5-6 p.m.

The award is sponsored by the Friends of Joyner Library. It is named in honor of W. Keats Sparrow, who was professor emeritus of English and former dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at ECU.

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Community members hold hands during a prayer circle outside the Pitt County Courthouse in support of the victims of Charlottesville, Virginia Friday.

Greenville holds Charlottesville vigil

Alanna Joyner
TEC STAFF

Following the white supremacists rally in Charlottesville, Virginia, a crowd gathered for the Pitt County prayer vigil Friday evening, held by the Pitt County NAACP chapter.

The vigil was in response to the deadly violence that broke out during the Charlottesville white supremacist rally that led to the death of three people. Two Virginia State Police troopers were killed in a helicopter crash after the protests. Heather Heyer, a 32-year-old counter protester, was struck and killed when a car plowed into a crowd.

The two state troopers and Heyer were among the individuals who were remembered during the vigil.

Caleb Burroughs, a political science major at East Carolina University, counter protested and was attacked during the Charlottesville rally. He was in attendance of the vigil in memory of Heyer.

"There's a lot of emotions right now and this is a good outlet," Burroughs said. "A lot of anger is out there but the prayer vigil helps. Charlottesville brought a lot of communities together and opened a lot of people's eyes to the statutes that are out here".

Several members of Greenville City Council were in attendance, including this fall's mayoral candidates P.J. Connelly and Calvin Mercer, along with current Interim Mayor Kandie Smith.

"To have to hear about those tragic events that happened in Charlottesville is disheartening," Smith said. "We don't want that here in Greenville, so as a community we need to make sure that we're all standing together. Faith leaders, community groups and individuals."

After acknowledging the other members of the city council present at the vigil, Smith continued and told the crowd that racism shouldn't be part of the nation's future.

"The violence that hit in Charlottesville, it hit with the searing pain like salt rubbed into a wound," Smith said. "It was a stark reminder that there's still much work to be done on the long and difficult road of racial healing. While racism is undeniably part of America's past, it has no place in our country's future, no place in our city's future and no place in our state's future."

Mercer, who is also a religious studies professor at ECU, spoke of the violence in Charlottesville and the need for solidarity.

"We don't stand for that," Mercer said. "There's another attitude, approach to being a community in this country. There's a lot of good, hard working people that want a safe neighborhood where we live together in community and the kind of deviousness. That is what we are seeing in different sectors, voices in our nation and we simply don't want that kind of community in Greenville."

State Senator of North Carolina's fifth district Don Davis was also in attendance, alongside NAACP members and religious leaders in speaking on the issues.

"It is important to understand that we can't become immune to situations that happen like in Charlottesville," Davis said. "In the end, we should grow as a community and to be able to do so, we must share the world - it will challenge us all to think about our own moral conscious in striving to be better people".

Many city officials, faith leaders and vigil attendees also spoke on the statue at the Pitt County Courthouse that was dedicated in 1914 in remembrance of fallen Confederate soldiers.

ECU NAACP president Adedayo Adeniyi spoke on the effects of the statue being placed right outside of the courthouse.

"The statue needs to be in a museum instead of outside a courthouse - there's irony in that," he said. "The courthouse is supposed to represent justice while the statue just outside of it, represents hate, bigotry and prejudice".

For a message to ECU, in light of the recent events, Adeniyi said, "we cannot keep saying we are all Pirates and excluding other Pirates. We must show we are together - together we can go far as a team."

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Convocation welcomes freshman class

Mary Katherine Karcher
TEC STAFF

The start of the academic year at East Carolina University has brought an era of new beginnings, especially for incoming first year students who will join the ECU community for the first time.

Yesterday's New Student Convocation took place was an important moment for these new students, ECU Chancellor Cecil Staton said.

"The convocation itself is about a launching point for the new year and it's the one time when all freshman are together under the same roof," Staton said. "So we want to create a bond between our new students and their new home."

Inspiration comes in many forms at the event. It featured several speakers who were lined up at the podium to make fresh marks in the new students' minds, including the chancellor, La'Quon Rogers, ECU's student body president and keynote speaker, ECU alum Lex Gillette.

"I think what we like to do, bringing back an alum, someone who has gone out into the world and really used that ECU experience as a catalyst for having an impact in their area of the world, whatever it may be," Staton said.

Gillette used his unique story to inspire students. He is a world record holder, Paralympic Medalist and World Champion in track and field.

"Sight allows you to see what is," Gillette said during his speech. "Vision allows you to see what can be."

Staton's own speech focused on the pride and excitement students should feel as they become part of the ECU community.

"I certainly am going to remind our freshman that this is a university they can be proud of," Staton said. "If North Carolina did not have ECU, it would have to go out and build it. We are uniquely North Carolina's university, and we prepare students to go out and make a difference in their communities and in their world."



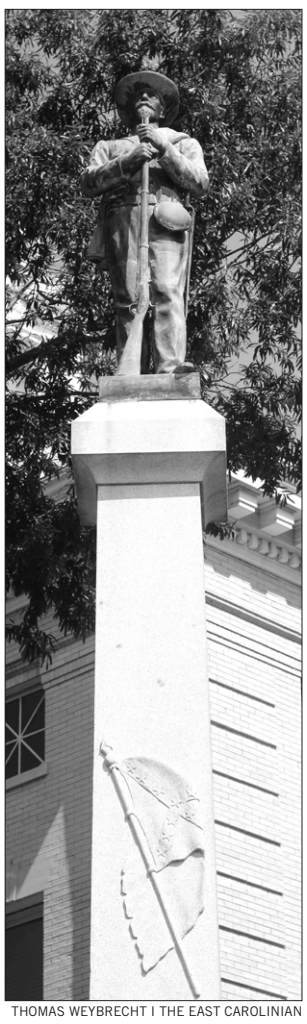
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Chancellor Cecil Staton delivers speech during yesterday's convocation.

New Student Convocation takes place every fall at ECU, and each year the administration seeks to integrate the new students into the Pirate community.

"What I like to do during this occasion is remind freshman of what a wonderful opportunity they have ahead of them, I don't want them to take it for granted, I don't want them to waste a day," Staton said. "To be here and to have this opportunity is a very special thing, pour yourself into it, find your passion and go out and do it with all the strength a muster you can."

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Confederate statue stands outside Pitt County Courthouse.

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On Saturday, a twitter account with the handle de-j@truthstated, whose name The East Carolinian is withholding for safety concerns, tweeted, "on behalf of the black residents who make up 34 percent of Pitt County, I request that this statute be dismantled."

The initiative gained support on social media quickly. The conversation grew to the point where Pitt County officials responded to de-j@truthstated and others supporting the removal of the Confederate statue.

After receiving multiple tweets of similar requests and content, the Pitt County twitter account, @PittCountyNC, replied, saying they would pass the request to the board of commissioners.

The petition has seen almost 1,400 supporters by 1 p.m. on Sunday. With the goal set at 1,500 signatures, Rixon is hopeful they will reach this before attending the Board of Commissioners meeting today at 6 p.m. on 1717 W 5th St. Rixon and @truthstated will be in attendance to make their formal request in person.

A Facebook page titled "Pitt County Board of Commissioners: Remove Confederate Monument" has been created to help spread word to the public about the exact time and place to arrive for the meeting.

"It is important that we have as many supporters show up and say no to the confederate statue at Pitt County

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Staton said while the new logo has already been implemented in small batches, the plan is to use the logo in various ways including marketing and signage.

He added the administration considered changing the logo to go along with the changes they have felt ECU is currently undergoing.

"We are involved in the very early stages of lifting the brand of this university," Staton said. "People view us, in some respects, as that little university from 30 or 40 years ago and instead we have become a vital national university."

Students who have seen the rebranding responded with mixed emotions. Some embraced the new look while others were disappointed in the change.

Makenzie Dixon, an ECU student majoring in junior and middle grades education, thought the new logo set a good tone for the university.

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East Carolina University's new logo is set to debut on Sept. 10 online.

"I think the rebranding is a step in the right direction," Dixon said. "We've had the same branding for a long time and it's a welcome change that will hopefully get ECU more nationwide recognition due to how professional it looks."

Other students feel the new logo lacks luster, such as John Medina, a senior economics major at ECU.

"I think it needs more pizaaz," Medina said. "I'm not a fan of how plain it is now."

Staton said the project was an internal project which created benefits such as reduced costs as well as local ingenuity.

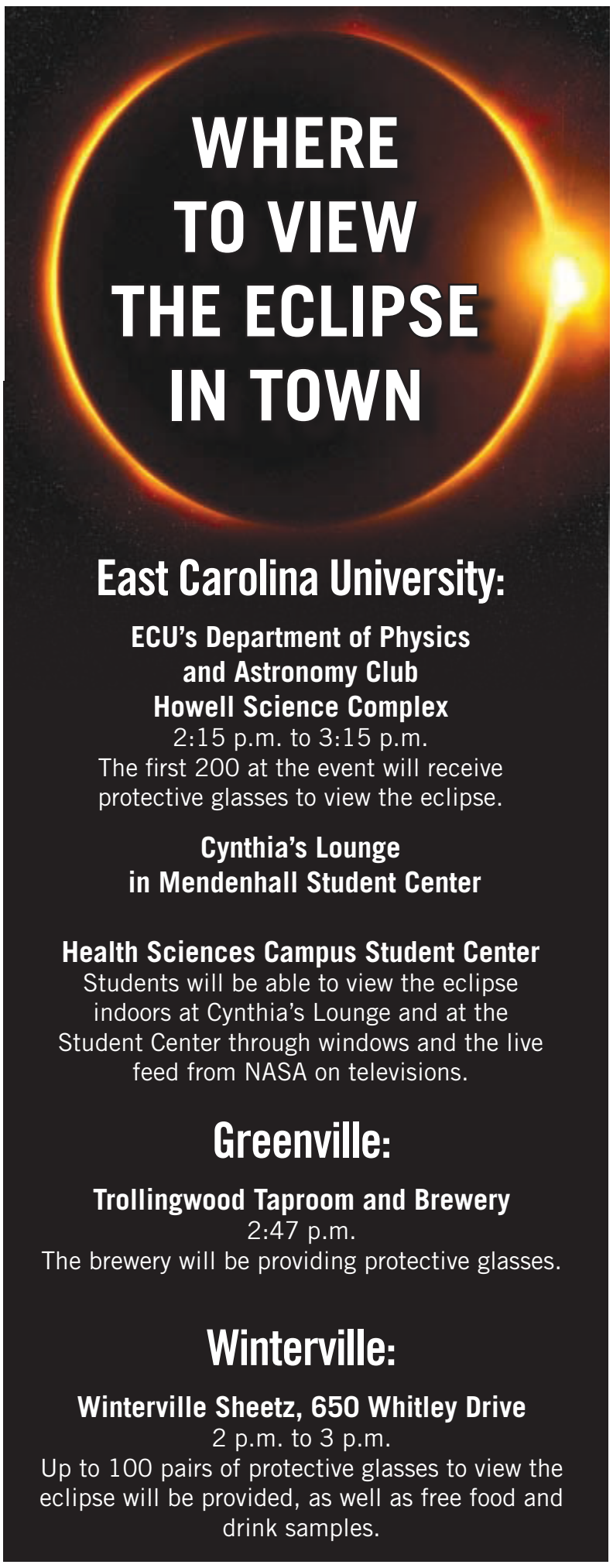
"We used our own people, we let our people come in and they brought a lot of different things to the table and we thought this was the best of what we had seen and we were drawn to it," Staton said.

Staton said the decision to use the cupola came naturally.

"The cupola is a very favored and hallowed symbol of this campus and so our designers decided to use that," Staton said. As ECU continues to move in the direction of becoming America's next national university, Staton said this is the perfect time to disprove those who say ECU isn't relevant.

"Some of that is our own fault, we've got to toot our own horn so to speak," Staton said. "We've got to tell our story better, so as we prepared to tell our story better it was a natural time to think about how to we brand this university?"

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ECU, Greenville prep for rare solar eclipse view

Matthew Prensky
TEC STAFF

As East Carolina University begins its first day of the fall semester, students will be able to see a stunning view this afternoon when a solar eclipse passes over the United States for the first time in two decades.

A solar eclipse happens approximately every one to two years somewhere on the planet, said Regina DeWitt, associate professor in the Department of Physics at ECU. In most of those cases, the eclipse happens over an ocean or a highly unpopulated area.

"To have an eclipse in an area you can actually see it and observe it, that happens maybe every 10 years," DeWitt said. "To have an eclipse in the United States, that happens every 20 years."

A major component of a solar eclipse is how to view the spectacle safely. DeWitt said Greenville will only have a partial eclipse, with the moon covering approximately 90 percent of the sun.

"Looking directly into sun, even if it's partially covered is very dangerous for your eyes," DeWitt said. "Sunglasses don't help. It might look a little darker, but you'll do severe damage to your eyes."

In order to view the eclipse safely, DeWitt said people should get solar eclipses glasses. They block enough of the light to keep people's eyes safe, but still let the individual observe the eclipse.

ECU's Physics Department and Astronomy club will host an event this afternoon in celebration of the solar eclipse from 2:15 p.m. to 3:15 p.m. at the Howell Science Complex, and the first 200 people at the event will get a pair of solar eclipse glasses.

There will also be places set up at Cynthia's Lounge in Mendenhall Student Center and at the Health Sciences Student Center near Starbucks, where students will be able to watch the eclipse from the window.

DeWitt said individuals who don't get a pair of solar eclipse glasses should use a piece of cardboard. By cutting a hole, approximately a quarter to half an inch big, she said individuals can watch as the moon passes by the sun, blocking its light through the whole as it casts a shadow onto the ground.

> **"Sunglasses don't help. It might look a little darker, but you'll do severe damage to your eyes"**
> ***-Regina DeWitt***

Since the solar eclipse will happen during the first day of the semester at ECU, many students may be interested in the event, at the cost of going to class.

Lynn Roeder, associate vice chancellor, said the University Excused Absence Policy doesn't cover events such as a solar eclipse.

Dewitt said while she does have a class on Monday during the eclipse, it will be cancelled because she will be traveling with ECU's Astronomy Club to Charleston, South Carolina to view a full solar eclipse.

DeWitt said the eclipse will have its largest coverage of 90 percent at 2:45 p.m.

"That's five minutes before classes end anyway, so I would think most professors should let their students go take advantage of this rare event," DeWitt said.

The weather forecast for Monday's eclipse is looking clear, said Scott Curtis, a professor of atmospheric science for the Department of Geography, Planning and Environment at ECU.

Curtis predicted that conditions during the eclipse will be mostly sunny, with a few clouds around, but the sun should be shining through more than 70 percent of the time.

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that's the most important thing."

Some students moved into Garrett Residence Hall, where the Art and Design Living Learning Community lives. Instructors like photography Professor Angela Wells helped students move into their new home.

"It's their first year at college, it's their first year as students," Wells said. "Moms are here, families. Everyone is a little fragile, but they're also really excited."

The LLC program is used to helping students transition to a large university by breaking down into smaller groups, where students can interact and get to know each other on a more intimate level. There are over fifteen LLCs on campus.

Matt Pahl, a junior biology major, volunteered with the Club Swim team to help freshmen move into Greene and Tyler Residence Hall and the experience brought back memories of his own move-in.

"This seemed a lot more organized than when I moved in freshmen year," Pahl said. "I remember there weren't many volunteers or carts to help with luggage, so this year was a lot more streamlined for them."

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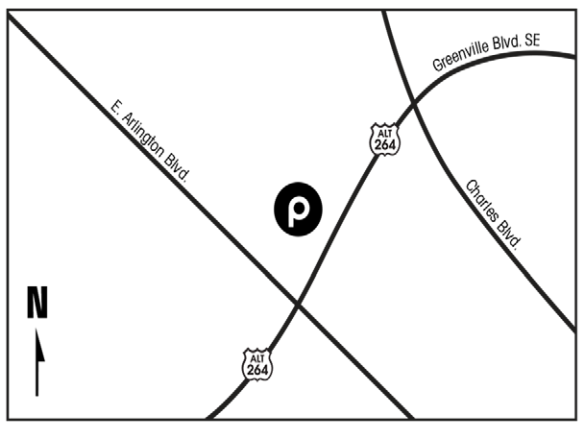
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OUR VIEW

United States has no room for bigotry

Two weeks ago, Charlottesville, Virginia was the site of white supremacists rallying and violence, which resulted in three lives lost and many more injured. The events that transpired in the city stand as a firm reminder that while we have made progress, our journey towards a more equal and inclusive society is far from complete.

Discriminatory groups such as the Ku Klux Klan and neo-nazis have no place on our soil and have no room to take us back to the darkest moments of our nation's history. We, the editorial staff of The East Carolinian, condemn acts of neo-nazism, racial supremacy, bigotry and discriminatory rhetoric of any kind. The East Carolinian takes pride in the diversity of our staff, community and nation as a whole.

As an organization of the press, we feel it is essential to condemn these bigoted acts while also stressing the importance of separating these acts from political parties. Regardless of race, gender or political affiliation, we all must stand united against forms of hate rhetoric and embrace the difference and diversity that makes our nation so unique and special.

We must focus on standing together as one in order to not push our country backwards. It is important we move forward as a more unified and inclusive nation, leaving events such as Charlottesville in our past, never to be repeated again.

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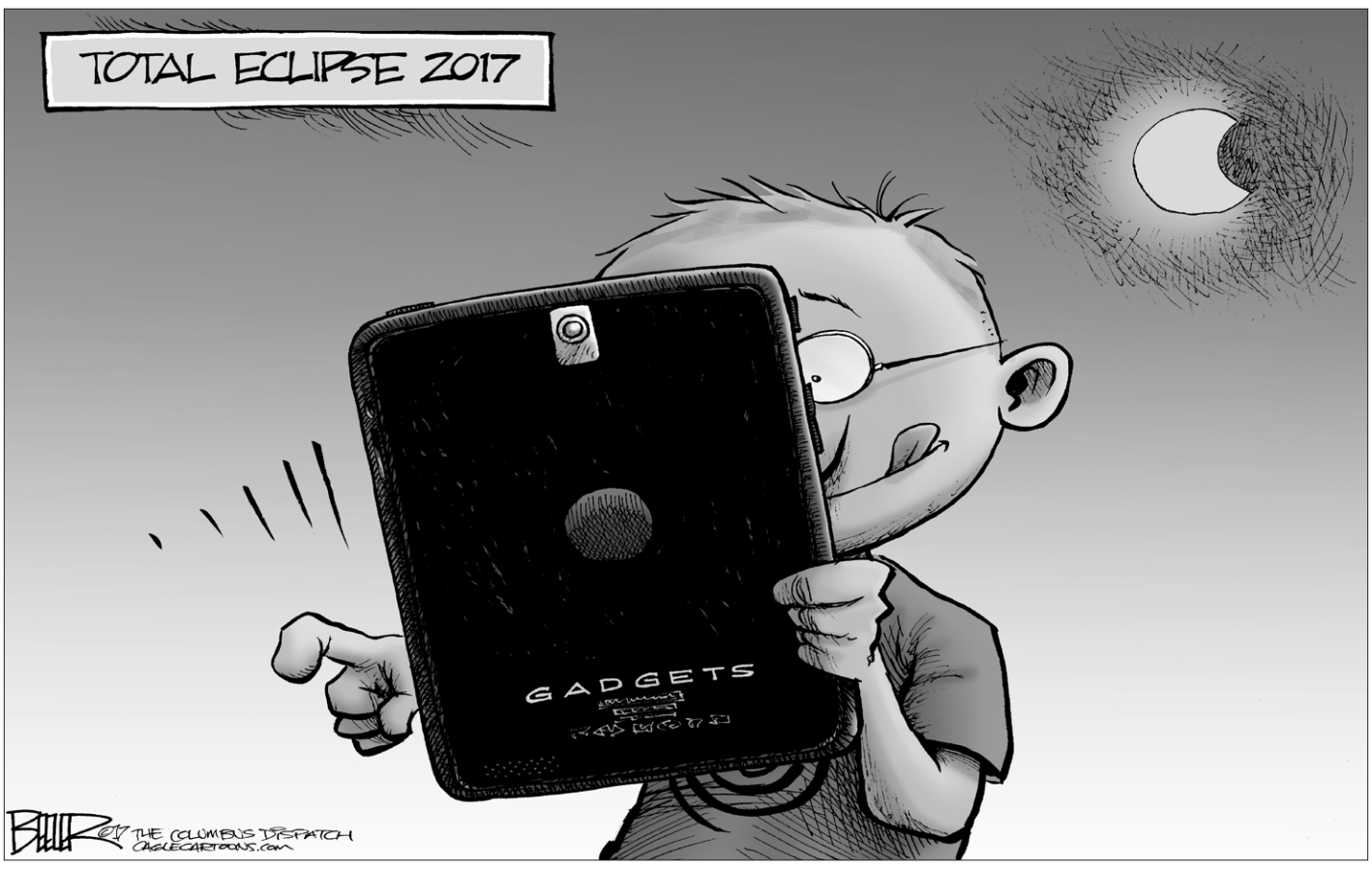
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TEC to hold candidate tryouts

Editor-in-Chief details plans for 2017-18 school year



Annah Schwartz
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Welcome back Pirates, and thanks for joining us for our first fall edition of The East Carolinian.

To those of you who missed us this the summer, I'd like to officially introduce myself as The East Carolinian's new Editor-in-Chief.

Since I was a freshman, I've had the pleasure of working for an organization that encompasses so much talent and devotion within its walls. The likes of which have served as a major influence in finding and establishing my own talents.

For more than 90 years, our publication has worked tirelessly to deliver truth to our student body and surrounding community. This is a legacy I hope to carry on with my talented staff of editors, reporters, designers and photographers during my tenure as Editor-in-Chief.

As I begin my final year with TEC (as we like to call it), I hope to continue to see our organization rise. We've made excellent strides in progressing and establishing ourselves as a current and modern news medium with the addition of a new website and a more user-friendly mobile presence (check us out at theeastcarolinian.com). Along with this, we also plan to continue expanding our use of video and photos online in order to make this web presence appealing to our readers. And for those of you who love good ole' print news, we'll still have our newspaper readily available on campus for your viewing pleasure every Tuesday and Thursday.

From the watchdog-truth of investigative pieces to heartwarming and uplifting features, TEC's ultimate goal will be to continue serving as a medium that our community can trust. By covering these topics, we also hope to foster an environment for discussion. As always, we welcome members of the community to submit letters to the editor and guest columns as a way to allow your voice to be heard. These letters and columns may be emailed to me at editor@theeastcarolinian.com.

But to those of you who wish to take your involvement a step further and become a part of our staff of movers, shakers and watchdogs, The East Carolinian will hold tryouts for our candidate program Aug. 28, 29 and 30 from 6-7:30 p.m. at our office, which is located at 301 S. Evans St., Suite 100F in downtown Greenville. The candidate program is a semester-long training program for new staff members who will be assigned to cover news, arts, or sports. Through TEC's program, you'll learn what it takes to be a journalist as you work to become the voice of a connected generation.

As always, my staff and I are looking forward to a tremendous year as we work to deliver the truth and serve as a voice for the community, for faculty and for students, much like we have since 1925.

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Editor-in-Chief Annah Schwartz in her office. Schwartz will hold office until May 2018.

PLAN TO GO

» WHAT: TEC's candidate tryouts

» WHERE: 301 S. Evans St., Suite 100F Downtown Greenville

» WHEN: Aug. 28, 29 and 30 from 6-7:30 p.m.

Embrace university experiences

Freshmen should step out of comfort zones, explore new options



Blessing Aghimien
TEC STAFF

Bless The Press

Freshman class, the time has come for you to be introduced to the next chapter of this complex, dynamic and heart wrenching book called life.

You have walked across that stage and turned your tassel. That diploma that has taken you years to earn is finally in your possession. Finally, here you are, at the college of your choosing, ready and eager to take the next step in your educational journey. As essential as it is to take the next steps toward your future endeavors, it comes with some transitions to make.

With that being said, Class of 2021, turn your book of life to page one of "The U in University." Say hello to your first taste of the real world.

In high school, there were the cliques. The friends that stuck to your circle like glue year by year. The clubs that you may have joined because everyone else joined or because you wanted that college application of yours to stand out. Now is the time to shatter your mold of conformity and to step out of your comfort zone. Join the clubs that never existed in your high school. Take courses that may not be in your major but captivate your interest. Befriend those who look and think differently from you.

It is innate for human beings to feel down or defeated when something doesn't go our way. Contrary to popular belief, failure is the gateway to success. Don't take a low test grade or a quiz that didn't go as well as you hoped to heart. Don't compare and contrast your progress to others. Your journey belongs to you. Stressing about falling behind to others will do nothing but stunt your academic and personal growth.

Overwhelming and stress are common yet destructive feelings for college students, and you should never feel like there is no options to take when it comes to coping with such feelings. By getting an academic mentor or tutor, using counseling services or even talking with trusted friends, you can take the first steps to overcoming the academic trials that may come with the college workload.

College is a place that will expose you to new places, people and things. Taking the step towards higher education will be one of life's biggest adjustments. These adjustments will in turn change you as a person. Change along your journey these next four years will be inevitable and necessary. Spend your time here investing in the person you want to be, not the person you should have been or the person you once were.

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EVENTS

TODAY

Linda Adele Goodine Photography Gallery
Joyner Library, Faulkner Gallery
8 a.m.-6 p.m

Dine out to benefit PiCASO
Mellow Mushroom
11 a.m.-10 p.m.

Board Game Night
Blue Ox Games
6-9 p.m.

Introduction to Digital Photography
ASAP Photo & Camera
7-9 p.m.

TUESDAY

2017 Music on Main Concert
Main Street in Farmville, North Carolina
6-9 p.m.

Trivia Night
Christy's Euro Pub
6 p.m.

FUSE Fall Semester Kickoff
Hendrix Theatre
8-9:15 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Greenville NC Rocks Painting
Five Points Plaza
5-8 p.m.

W. Keats Writing Awards Ceremony
Joyner Library, Faulkner Gallery
5-6 p.m.

Uptown Greenville Umbrella Market
Five Points Plaza
5-8 p.m.



THOMAS WEYBRECHT I THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Trevor McKay plays the guitar in Williams Arena at Minges Coliseum. He performed with Tucker Beathard.

Minges hosts performance

Free concert held in place of Carolina Kickoff

Lauren Sura
TEC STAFF

As the sun set over the western horizon, people of eastern North Carolina gathered in Williams Arena at Minges Coliseum Saturday to enjoy a night of country music entertainment at a free concert that replaced Carolina Kickoff.

The concert ran smoothly as Tucker Beathard, Parmalee and Big & Rich all brought their musical entertainment to the arena for fans to enjoy.

"It was a lot of fun. I had never seen any of the bands in person and getting to hear some familiar songs live was a great experience," Anna McKinney, a junior child-life major, said. "Parmalee put on a great show and Big & Rich were awesome performers."

The festivities began as early as 3:30 p.m. as some fans enjoyed good food and drinks, social time and the summer heat as they tailgated before the show in the parking lot of Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium.

Crowds started to gather in the arena around 6 p.m., with the show beginning at 6:30 p.m.

First on the stage was Tucker Beathard, a singer, songwriter, guitarist and drummer from Nashville. He is the son of well-known country songwriter, Casey Beathard.

"Tucker Beathard caught my attention because he told the crowd 'I'm 22 and living my dream' and that really spoke to me," said Jenny Shearon, a recent graduate from the class of 2017 who is now pursuing her Masters in Counselor Education. "A lot of students watching him and cheering for him are his age. That serves as a reminder that we can do anything."



THOMAS WEYBRECHT I THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Tucker Beathard, singer, songwriter, guitarist and drummer performs.

Parmalee took the stage next after a meet and greet with a select group of fans backstage, ranging from young to old.

The crowd was more than ready for Parmalee's set and it let the band know with cheers echoing off the arena walls as the band took to the stage.

From eastern North Carolina themselves, the band members' blue-grass tunes captivated their fellow community members with play of some classics as well as songs from their new album "27861" which is the zip code address for Parmele, North Carolina, where the band was founded.

"Contrary to what a lot of people think, country music isn't just about pickup trucks. Country music tells stories about relatable events," Shearon said. "I really respected how all three artists performed last night. They gave explanations of why they wrote the song they were singing."

Big & Rich concluded the show as fans jammed to their Nashville country flair with songs from their old albums and their newest, "Did It For the Party."

The award nominated band left a closing impression on the audience and the entire concert ended as smoothly as it began.

"It was very fun, a very memorable night accompanied by a unique performance by Big & Rich," Eric Bonilla, a sophomore clinical laboratory science and pre-med major, said.

Saturday originally would have been the second year of the new annual tradition of welcoming pirates home to eastern North Carolina with Carolina Kickoff. The acts were lined up, tickets sold, advertising published, yet the planned event, starring country

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Coffee shop to brew new roasts downtown

Madison Lawson
TEC STAFF

Chai latte, cappuccino, americano, caramel macchiato: coffee will be celebrated in all forms this fall with the grand opening of Blackbeard Coffee Roasters in Uptown Greenville early September.

Blackbeard Coffee Roasters is set to open its doors, taking over the old Campus Cookie's location on 203 E. Fifth St.

Co-owner Mike Fox said they chose Uptown Greenville not only for its community feel but its proximity to campus.



Mike Fox

"The city of Greenville gave us a grant to locate down here," Fox said. "Uptown Greenville is just booming right now, there is a lot of growth, and we wanted to be within walking distance for students."

According to Fox, what sets Blackbeard apart from any other cafes in town is its dedication to roasting fresh coffee in house every single day. By doing so, Fox said he hopes to heighten the atmosphere and provide customers with a superb blend every time.

"We'll have pour over coffee, regular batch or drip coffee, espresso drinks, lattes, cappuccinos, you name it," Fox said. "We specialize in single origin coffees as well, which is coffee from one country. A lot of coffee we usually drink is blended and when you try single origin coffee you can taste the distinct differences between each cup."

In addition to various other drinks, the shop has reached out to local businesses such as Juice Vibes and Broth to create a menu that's meant to accompany a cup of joe.

Co-owners of Broth and ECU alumni Luke and Brittany Owens, decided to partner up with Blackbeard Coffee Roasters by supplying Fox's business with their unique bone broth. Made from the bones of all types of animals such as turkey, chicken and cows, bone broth is an alternative to regular soups.

"I think the Blackbeard partners contacted us because they are totally on board with this new health kick going on," Luke Owens said. "Eating organic and eating whole foods is a very new thing, and we are bringing knowledge to people that what you put in your bodies you are going to get out of it, you are going to feel bad if you eat bad foods."

Juice Vibes will also be selling its all natural juices in the new coffee shop to coincide with the organic menu. Co-owner of Juice Vibes Jessica Albea said their nutrient dense products fit perfectly with the vibe Blackbeard Roasters is trying to convey.

"It's local supporting local," Albea said. "We

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ALBUM REVIEW

'Logan Lucky' not quite winning race



Angel De Jesus
TEC STAFF

"Logan Lucky" is a heist film that brings new and fresh elements to the genre, however, the film seems to have car trouble along the journey.

Directed by Peter Soderberg, "Logan Lucky" is about three hooligans who decide to make it big by performing a heist at a NASCAR race. The film has an all-star cast including Channing Tatum, Adam Driver, Hilary Swank, Katie Holmes and Daniel Craig.

One of the most interesting things about this film is it takes characters who do not seem to be very clever at first glance and puts them in situations where they are shown using specific talents to get the job done. Craig, who is mostly known for his suave "007" role, plays the extremely charismatic "Joe Bang" and is a real scene stealer. Driver also does a great job of playing a stoic, yet quirky Iraq war veteran who is part of the heist.

This film places a large emphasis on the setting. The rural environment of West Virginia sets the tone for who the characters are and their motivations, even if those motivations seem a bit over the top. The visitor's lobby in the prison's lighting gives the place a cold and uncomfortable, awkward feel. To contrast, the motor speed way setting feels very hot and is visually more stimulating, due to the colorful race cars, as well as the audience inhabiting the stands.



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From left, Jack Quaid, Brian Gleeson and Daniel Craig from the movie "Logan Lucky" pictured.

What this film does not do as well as a film like "Baby Driver," another heist film from earlier this Summer, is find a balance between quirkiness and suspense. "Baby Driver" had characters that had mysterious back stories and the audience felt a tension between the members of the crew pulling off the heist at times. "Logan Lucky" does not make the audience feel emotionally invested in the characters or plot at all really. Even with the threat of the heist going bad, there was no real sense of suspense that heist movies typically have, even if "Logan Lucky" is more light-hearted than some others of the same genre. The plot is interesting and so are the characters, but the film never makes things feel intense enough. For example, the role of the FBI agent, played by Hilary Swank, never feels like a threat. She mostly feels like an Resident Advisor the residents never really fear but are more annoyed by.

"Logan Lucky" does drag at times. Certain scenes feel out of place and disrupt the pacing. These scenes do play a part near the end of the film as callbacks, however they felt random while watching the first time around.

Soderberg is known for making movies that have mainstream appeal with artistic elements and sometimes it works, like with "Ocean's Eleven." However, with the tone of "Logan Lucky," this way of filmmaking does not mesh completely well. While the cleverness of the characters is interesting, at times it does not fit with the tone and certain points feel like a parody of "Ocean's Eleven," just with "rural folk."

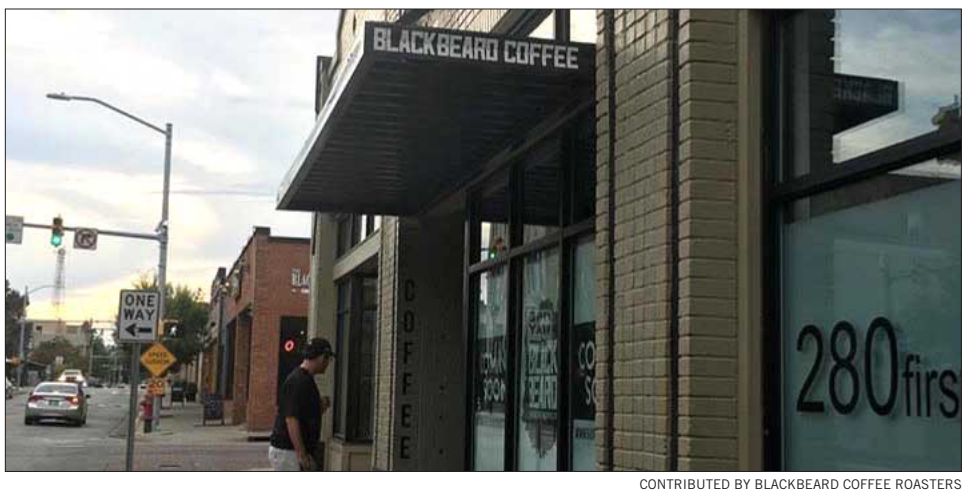
"Logan Lucky" is not anything special but it is worth seeing, especially for the character performances and heist element. The film does suffer from moments that do drag, however, it does give the audience "aha!" moments as well. Despite the stakes never really feeling high and pacing issues, "Logan Lucky" is a character driven film that does have a fun factor to it.

RATING:

★★★½☆

3.5 out of 5

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CONTRIBUTED BY BLACKBEARD COFFEE ROASTERS

Blackbeard Coffee Roasters, coming to Uptown in early September, to open at 203 E. Fifth St.

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use their coffee in some of our drinks so in return we loved the idea of selling some of our drinks at their shop, it gives them exposure and it gives us exposure."

Blackbeard Coffee Roasters provides coffee to many local restaurants such as Starlight Cafe, Fire American Tavern and Crave. In return, the three partners receive locally sourced ingredients and food such as fresh cinnamon from Cinnamon Indian Cuisine to produce the perfect Chai drink and then some.

"We want to make Blackbeard Coffee Roasters a staple in Uptown for generations to come," Fox said. "We want the baristas to know your name when you walk in the door and we want to provide jobs for local graduates and continue growing with Greenville."

The Owens added they also aspire to generate business and revenue for Greenville as it progresses into a "mini-Raleigh."

"What people don't realize is the point of eating local is to grow your local economy," Luke Owens said. "I think Blackbeard Roasters made a great decision by utilizing other local companies, it's going to make the city more appealing for visitors."

Fox said the coffee culture provides many things for the people in the area.

"We are the generation that has social media and smartphones, and we all can see it takes over our lives," Fox said. "There is something about the coffee culture and coffee shops, that sense of community, where you just gotta slow down and enjoy the little things, enjoy people."

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star Blake Shelton, was a no-go.

"I was very annoyed, mainly because I was promised to see Blake when I purchased the ticket and all the hype behind it," Bonilla said. "Yet, I was glad to have a free concert."

The original plan was to hold the event on Bagwell Field in the stadium, but since the turf is being replaced and there was a predicted increase of costs, the stadium was deemed not fit to host the concert and all its attendees.

Basis Entertainment, the company who manages and runs Carolina Kickoff, took the initiative to move the concert date to the spring to accommodate the stadium renovation schedule.

While there was disappointment by the change in plans, some bands who were to perform at the original Carolina Kickoff offered a free concert to those who had already purchased tickets.

J.J. McLamb, associate athletics director for internal operations, said the logistics of changing the show from a venue that holds around 50,000 people to an arena that caps out at about 8,000 can be difficult but the collaboration with Basis Entertainment resulted in a good solution.

While choosing a date that works with everyone's schedules can be difficult, Dewaard said it was easier since there were so many more people on campus because of move in week.

"[Events like this] are positive for the community," McLamb said. "Having a band from the east helps [the event]."

Although the lineup for the spring Carolina Kickoff has not been announced, people who had already purchased a ticket will be able to attend both concerts.

"Our drive is to bring more entertainment to Greenville," Dewaard said. "Possibly two or three times a year."

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Jasavion Powell climbs a rock wall at Pirate Palooza. The event had music and activities for students, as well as free giveaways.

PALOOZA

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Palmer said Pirate Palooza is a lot of fun.

"It's free food, free T-Shirts and getting to meet a lot of new people," she said.

Morgan Watkins, a sophomore majoring in biomedical engineering, said events like Pirate Palooza help prepare her for the upcoming year.

"I'm happy to be back," she said. "It's a great way to ease into classes tomorrow. Instead of having us cooped up in our dorms, worried about what tomorrow brings, they kind of have us come out here and be distracted a little bit more. Have a last taste of summer."

Palmer said this was her second time attending Pirate Palooza.

"This one is a lot more organized than last year," Palmer said. "It's one of my favorite things at the beginning of the year… I think they have definitely improved from last year by spreading it out onto the field."

Pirate Palooza is one of the many homecoming events that welcomes students back to Greenville and gets them in the mood with a little Pirate pride.

"It's the first hint of school spirit here, which is awesome," Watkins said. "Definitely [looking forward to] football. Here's (to) hoping for a good season."

Palmer, much like Watkins, said she was looking forward to the coming year.

"I'm ready for football, and starting my concentrations," Palmer said. "Just stuff I didn't get to do as a freshman."

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>> WOMEN'S SOCCER



THOMAS WEYBRECHT I THE EAST CAROLINIAN

ECU midfielder Marianna Shurina escapes Dayton's defense in the seventh minute of the first extra time frame to score the game-winning goal in the Pirates' 3-2 victory in their first game of the season.

Golden goal lifts ECU past Dayton

Pirates overcome top-ranked Flyers for OT victory during season opener

Robert Romero
TEC STAFF

East Carolina University's women's soccer team came out on top in what was a classic season opener as the Pirates beat the Dayton Flyers 3-2 on a golden goal from midfielder Marianna Shurina in the seventh minute during the first overtime frame.

"It's awesome because it's the first game of the season and we didn't know we were playing overtime," Shurina said. "I'm excited we got a win out of it and it's really going to give us momentum going forward."

ECU's game plan was all about focus and consistency, according to Head Coach Rob Donnenwirth. Playing a Dayton team that is currently polled to finish first in the Atlantic 10 Division is never an easy task. In order to beat them, Donnenwirth said it's important to prepare to bring more defensive intensity, make simple routine passes and be more aggressive around the box when they get the chance.

"Our scouting report was very minimal and I just wanted to see us compete really hard," Donnenwirth said. "Defensively, we wanted to stay in our shape which I thought we did well in the first half, picking off balls one after another. When fatigue starts to sets in, that's when one person doesn't get there and it's easier for them to get out which happened in the second half."

The Pirates were in control for most of the first half. Their defense was the key as they didn't allow a shot on goal while shooting six of their own. The first goal of the game came off a beautiful assist in between two defenders from midfielder Courtney Cash to midfielder Ashley Kendrot that put ECU up 1-0 at the 37th minute of the first half. This was also the redshirt sophomore's first career goal.

At the start of the second half, however, Dayton came out with a quicker pace and more intensity that caught the Pirates off guard after they adjusted their formation. Dayton's Caroline Mink put on a series of moves before scoring the Flyers' first goal of the game in the 51st minute.

Cash came right back to score for ECU just one minute later to give the Pirates a 2-1 lead. Similar to Cash's response, Dayton's Micayla Livingston scored off of a pass from a free kick cross assisted by Nadia Pestell to quickly tie the game at 2-2 in the 55th minute.

Not only did the Pirates have to face the lightning quick Nadia Pestell and her Flyers, but they also had to combat the 95 degree, hot and humid weather throughout the game.

There was a mandatory water break taken in between each half, and it was evident in the second half that the heat was taking its toll on players of both teams when the pace of the game slowed down.

With the game heading into overtime, it was hard to see how ECU would pull out a win when having to fight through its fatigue. Thanks to the heroics of Shurina, the Pirates took the edge in the season opener in a thrilling 3-2 fashion. Cash came across the goal to block her opponent, which freed the ball up on the left side of the goalpost giving Shurina the opportunity to end the game. The Pirates secured their first win of the season with an extra time win in the 93rd minute showing they can outlast their opponent.

The Pirates will look to add another win to their exciting start, with a road match against Davidson Wildcats this Friday at 7 p.m.

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Williams prepares for extra year with ECU



THOMAS WEYBRECHT I THE EAST CAROLINIAN

ECU wide receiver Jimmy Williams practices during Pirates' preseason camp.

Sean Finnerty
TEC STAFF

The pressure of replacing a record-setting teammate and being named to the Biletnikoff Award watch list might topple some football players, but East Carolina University's Jimmy Williams remains unfazed by it.

"I don't feel any pressure at all," Williams said. "I'd tell anybody I'm not worried about who came before."

Last season was personally successful for Williams. Not only is he now being looked at to replace Zay Jones' production, the fifth-year senior was included on the Biletnikoff Award watch list which was released in July. With his name included in the conversation for the award, given to college football's best receiver, the former walk-on said it's an opportunity to show everybody what he can do after being slept on for much of his career.

His wide receiver coach Keith Gaither has noticed a change in Williams since the watchlist was released.

"It motivated him to work a little harder, put in a little extra work," Gaither says. "It's opened his eyes, 'hey look, my name has been mentioned a little bit, so now I have to show improvement.'"

The native of Washington, North Carolina, is coming off of his most productive season as a Pirate, despite operating in the shadow of Jones' record-setting season. Williams' 45 catches were good for third-most on the team, while his 818 receiving yards put him second, behind only Jones' 1,746 yards. While Jones, who is now playing in the NFL with the Buffalo Bills, was known for the sheer number of receptions he made, Williams is more of a big play threat. Last year Williams' eight touchdowns and 18.2 yards-per-catch average, which both lead the team, are evidence of that.

"I'm just going to be me and if I'm not good enough at the end of the day, I'm just not good enough," Williams said. "But I feel like I'm good enough and I'm going to play like I'm good enough."

Improvement is something Williams has shown consistently during his time at ECU. His productivity has increased every year, except for in 2015, when he was hampered by an ankle injury. Despite the injury, he still increased the amount of starts he had, six, compared to his one the season before.

In Williams' opinion, he improved the most last year, resulting in a season that saw him start all 12 games and establish career-highs in catches, yards and touchdowns.

"That spring going into that summer, I felt like a lot was demanded out of me and I felt like that's what I needed to catapult to that next level at being a receiver and I feel it was brought out of me," Williams said. "I was really just an athlete before that but now I'm turning into a complete receiver."

The work to be better at his craft never stops for Williams. He is constantly working to be a more complete receiver and strives to get better every single day.

Gaither has seen the improvements Williams' made on the practice field. He said Williams is already talented, with his speed, strength and ball skills, but he's now polishing his route running to round out his game.

Coming back for his fifth season, thanks to a year of granted eligibility from the American Athletic Conference, Williams isn't just being looked at to replace Jones' production but also provide leadership for his team. After playing in two games as a true freshman in 2013, Williams suffered a season-ending injury, allowing him to receive an extra year of eligibility. Gaither describes Williams as someone who is modest and unassuming by nature, but also said Williams is emerging as a leader and being more vocal.

"We expect him to be that guy because he's a proven guy. He's made as many plays as anybody else that's on the team, so people, when he opens his mouth, are going to listen," Gaither said. "It's been all positive and I expect big things out of Jimmy."

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>> COLUMN

Football transition struggles; Pirates need winning season



Tyler Gavin
TEC STAFF

For students who don't graduate this year, this story may sound like a fairytale. But, for my fellow seniors, the East Carolina vs UNC Chapel Hill game is a sporting event we'll never forget.

The year was 2014 and the Pirates were coming fresh off a win in Blacksburg, Virginia against Virginia Tech boasting a 2-1 record. Instate power house and rival UNC was making the trip to Greenville for what it saw as another win. However, when the game ended, Pirates quarterback Shane Carden and wide receiver Justin Hardy had helped ECU accumulate over 700 yards and win the game 70-41.

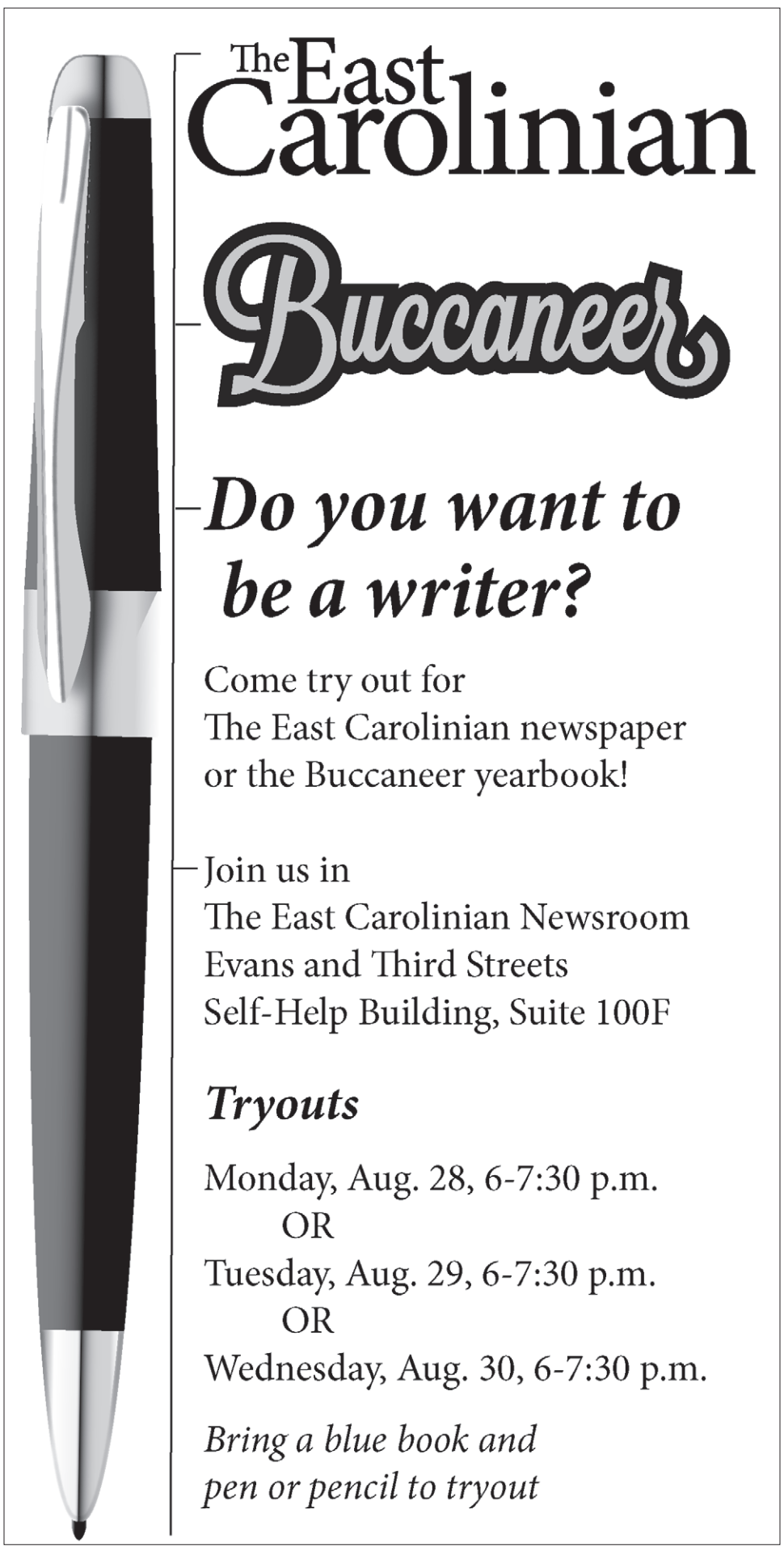
That same year the Pirates reached No. 17 in the national rankings and faced the Florida Gators in the Birmingham Bowl, losing 28-20. The fairy godparents that made the 2014 season possible were Head Coach Ruffin McNeill and offensive coordinator Lincoln Riley.

Now, two years removed from the programs last bowl appearance, which consequently was the loss to Florida, East Carolina's coaching staff is lead by Scottie Montgomery in his first head coaching job and a staff full of first and second year assistant coaches. So, is the football program in better position now than it was then?

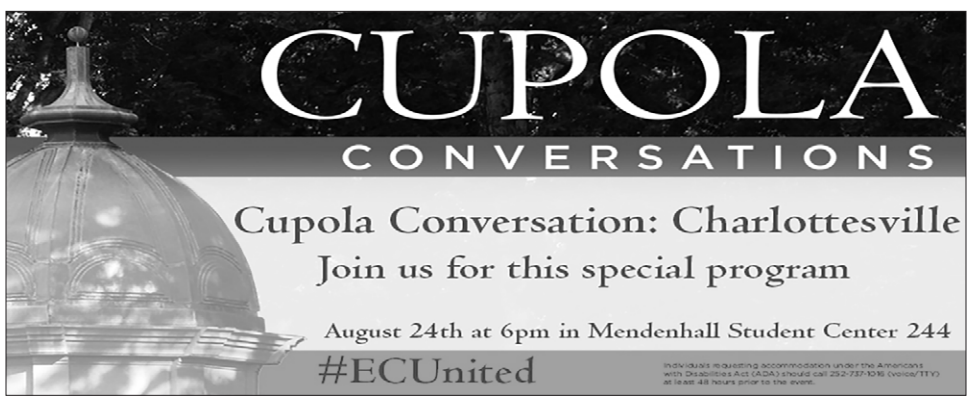
No, it isn't. But it has nothing to do with Coach Montgomery's inaugural season's record of 3-9. Through McNeil's six seasons as head coach he talked about building something, but following a disappointing 2015 season all of that growth was dismantled. While it's still too early to condemn Montgomery, the regime McNeil was pried away from was starting to gain momentum.

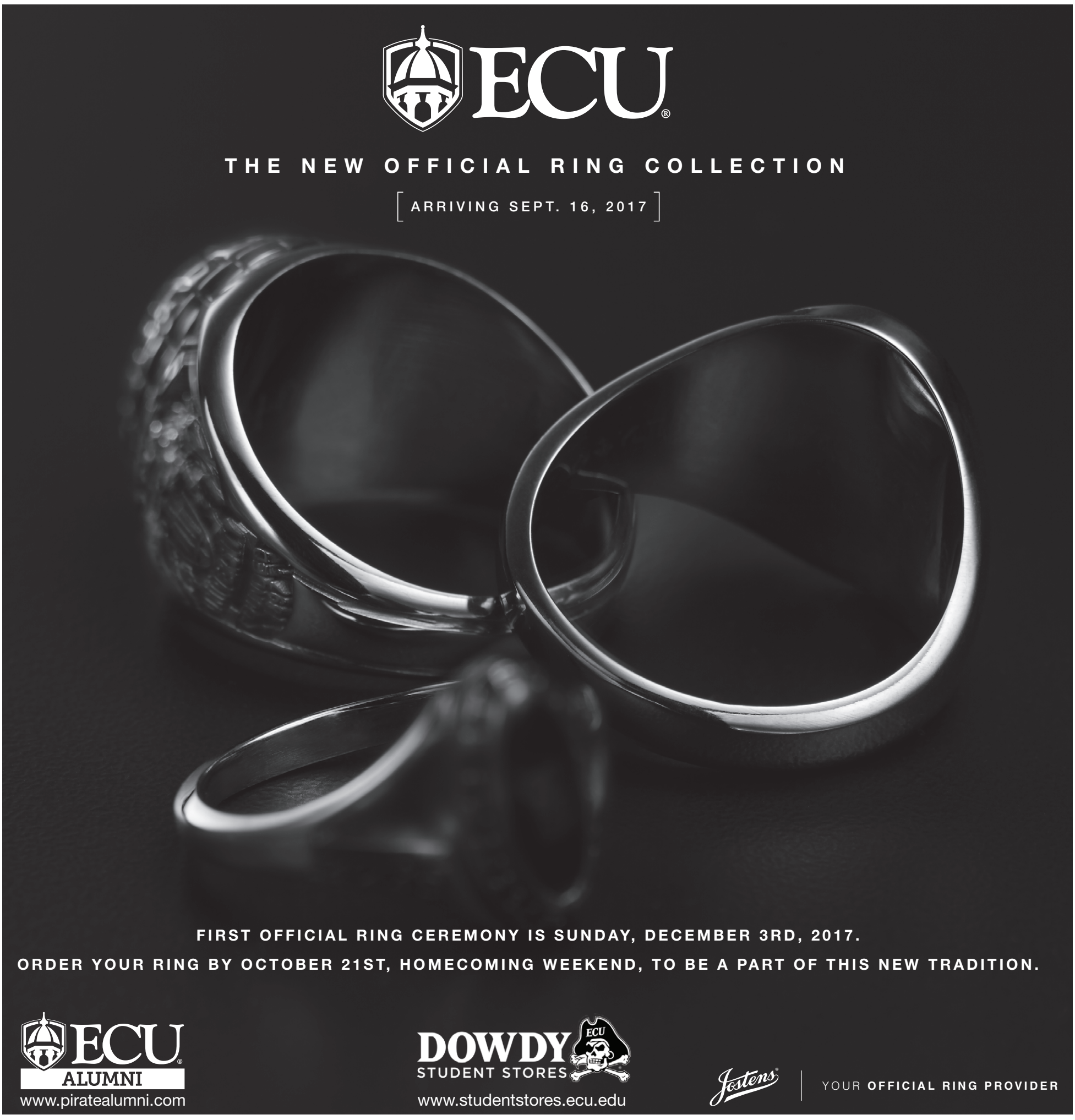
Starting with a comparison in head coaches, it would make sense to think Coach McNeil had more invested in

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ECU women's volleyball additions lead new direction

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The women's volleyball team works on spikes during a scrimmage.

A fresh, new East Carolina University volleyball team will hope to build off of its promising 2016 campaign with yet another solid season in 2017. The Pirates had their best season since 2006, going .500 at 15-15.

The team won its first 10 games of the year beating Campbell, Navy and NC A&T.

"It was definitely exciting, but it keeps us coming back for more," Torbett said. "We want a winning season. We are really driven to turn the program around, so we can build off of it."

While the team is coming off its best season in over a decade, the Pirates will need to replace four starters from their 2016 team.

Coach Torbett says her incoming class of freshmen, as well as transfers, will be able to fill in just fine.

"We're always trying to bring in new talent, and that's a process that's ongoing, all the time," Torbett said.

One player that will look to help fill the void is junior setter Madison Clark, a transfer from the University at Buffalo. At 6'2, Clark is the tallest player on the Pirates roster giving them the height they desperately need. She also brings versatility to the Pirates, being able to play outside hitter as well.

While she has been around for only a short time at East Carolina, Clark says she already feels more at home here with the Pirates than she did at Buffalo.

"I've never seen a senior class that has such great leadership," Clark said. "Clearly they care about the team, and the success of the team, which is really great. I've never really seen that."

One of the seniors Clark praised is middle hitter Natalie Montini, who will look to build off of a solid junior year which saw her finish eighth among American Athletic Conference players in blocks per set. Montini has been around the Pirate program for the past three years, and believes this year's team is closer than any team she has been a part of. Motini said the team is looking to build one big family by working on its chemistry together.

"There are five of us seniors, and we have all stepped up tremendously, we all have one common goal, and that's just to continue to keep this program going, and improving in the right direction," Montini said. "We all have been working together day in and day out, trying to get this team on the right path."

Despite going undefeated in nonconference play last season at 10-0, the Pirates went just 5-15 in the AAC. This year, Coach Torbett says a tougher nonconference schedule will prepare them for its tough in-conference schedule, including the addition of a formidable Wichita State team that is preseason ranked number one.

"The conference is really strong, there's no doubt," Torbett said. "[The AAC] added Wichita State who we have to play twice, who preseason was picked as the favorite. I feel like the whole goal is for us to do well in the conference, and we try with the non-conference matches to prepare us, maybe give us some confidence going into those games. We are playing some better teams this year in the non-conference as well."

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ECU than Montgomery ever could. Never mind that McNeil actually attended ECU, but he also served as a three-year starter at defensive back and two-time team captain. Montgomery may have been the better player, considering he spent three years in the NFL, and may turn out to be the better coach, but he spent his college days at the same university he left to come to Greenville- Duke.

The biggest discrepancy comes at the offensive coordinator position. No disrespect to the man who currently controls the Pirates' offense, Tony Petersen, and his 26 seasons of experience but he is no Lincoln Riley. While Petersen coached at colleges like Louisiana Tech and South Dakota before ECU, Riley left the Pirates to take the offensive coordinator job at Oklahoma University, one of the nation's most prestigious programs. Just two years after moving to Oklahoma, Riley was named successor to hall of fame head coach Bob Stoop, and will be leading the Sooners through the Big 12 in 2017.

To be fair, Montgomery and his staff are only in their second year at the helm of the program and will be implementing their first recruiting class this season.

The 2017 season will tell much more about where these coaches stand than the 3-9 2016 season did, which can be a blessing if turned around or an exit sentence if continued.

Montgomery will get to show the progress he and his team have made over the winter and spring on Sept. 2 when the defending Football Championship Subdivision national champions, James Madison University, come to Dowdy-Ficklen stadium to kick-off this pivotal season.

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Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) -- Today is a 9 -- Your romantic relationship flowers over six months with this Leo Eclipse. Partnership blooms. Support each other. Start a new phase together.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) -- Today is a 9 -- Embrace healthy lifestyle practices with this Leo Eclipse. Fresh energy floods your work, health and vitality over six months. Try something new.

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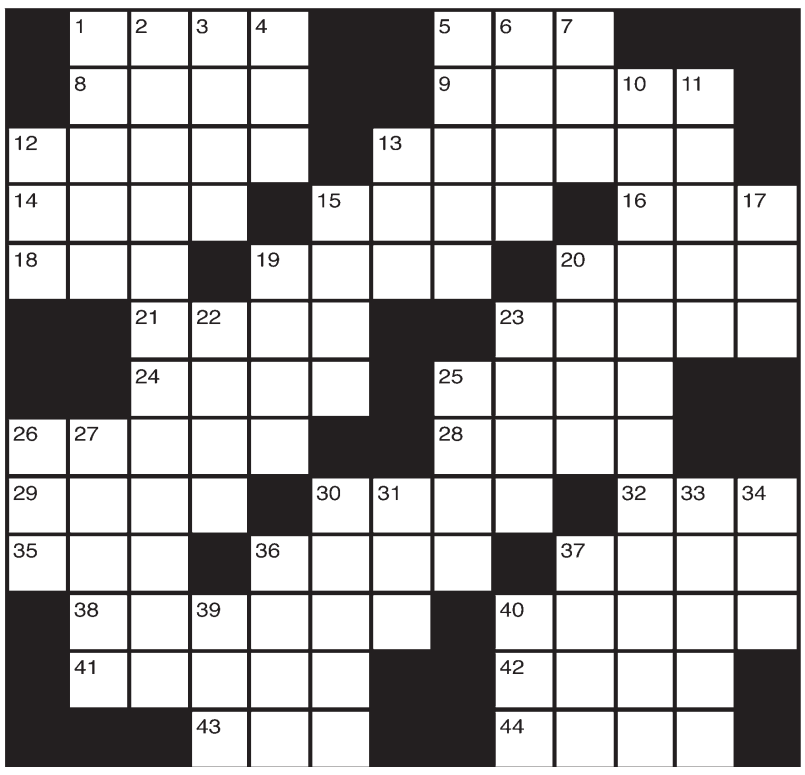
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5 Role on "The Middle"
8 Bread spread
9 "Lady and the __"; Disney film
12 Lisa Marie's dad
13 "NCIS," "CSI," "Scandal," etc.
14 Dermatologist's concern
15 Meredith __; Ellen Pompeo's role
16 Short sleep
18 "Peter __"
19 "Born __"; film about a lioness
20 Hooting birds
21 Mayberry resident
23 Ballard of "The Catch"
24 Shelley of "Cheers"
25 Assist in crime
26 Actor Kevin
28 Luxurious
29 "Promised __"
30 "__ Shoot Horses, Don't They?"
32 Stomach muscles, for short
35 Whitney and McKinley: abbr.
36 Metro, Prizm and Storm
37 Barbecue attachment
38 Actress Anita __
40 Field or Struthers
41 "__ Hope"; daytime serial of old
42 Skating rink
43 Brian __ of "Chicago Med"
44 Stiller and Stein

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1 Lively dance
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3 Harness strap
4 Fight results, for short
5 "__ Grows in Brooklyn"; movie for Dorothy McGuire
6 Radiologist's negative
7 On the __; fleeing
10 Series for Matt LeBlanc
11 __ 23: "The Lord is my shepherd..."
12 Sixth sense, for short
13 Role on "Black-ish"
15 Dharma's man
17 Fraternity letter
19 Fran __; role on "The Nanny"
20 Vaudevillian Olsen and others
22 "On Golden __"; Henry Fonda film
23 "About __"; movie for Hugh Grant
25 "Dawn of the Planet of the __"; sci-fi film sequel
26 J's followers
27 Procrastinator's word
30 Rudely brief
31 Take more than one's fair share of
33 Bixby and Murray
34 Pig's home
36 Tierney or Wilder
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