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Singer-songwriter JoJo performs at the East Carolina University Cannonball homcoming event this on Sunday evening.

Cannonball splashes

Homecoming concert kicks off celebrations

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This past Sunday evening the East Carolina University Student Activities Board (SAB), Homecoming Committee and the Downtown Merchants Alliance (DMA) partnered up to host the ECU Homecoming Cannonball event which featured singer-songwriter JoJo and rapper B.o.B.

Vice President of SAB and senior, Aaron Long, said SAB worked hard throughout the year to help organize the homecoming events of fall 2019 and to bring Cannonball and the homecoming concert to Uptown Greenville and outside of the Wright Auditorium for the first time. Long commented before the event took place and said he thought the event will be a great experience.

"The main thing is just that community aspect of Cannonball, so just a lot of people having a good time and being able to socialize," Long said. "I think it'll be

a great new experience for a homecoming concert."

The event started at 3 p.m. on 5th Street outside of Sup Dogs, and extended down to Cotanche. The top 10 Homecoming Court candidates were announced at 4 p.m.

The first guest artist, JoJo, came out at 5 p.m. and the second guest artist, B.o.B. came out around 6:30 p.m. to wrap up the night.

Long said one of his biggest hopes was that people would simply come out to the event that he and his team helped to put together, and to have some fun while showing off some ECU pride, and those that went most certainly delivered.

2019 Homecoming Chairman, Nina Chiha, helped oversee the Homecoming Committee over the year as they have planned out the events for Homecoming Week here at ECU. Chiha said she believed the event to be a unique experience for not only ECU students, but for the Greenville community.

"I really think that what makes

it unique is that it is not only involving the whole student body

at East Carolina, but it's also getting out in the community and having all the students and faculty and staff and admins going out into the community and celebrating ECU pride

in the community and not just on campus," Chiha said.

Chiha said she thinks that this year's homecoming events will focus more on the students and the events themselves rather than the Spirit Cup, which is an award given to the organization on campus who shows the most spirit and ECU pride.

For Chiha, homecoming as a whole is a way for everyone from ECU from students all the way to



Nina Chiha

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Feminism recognized by WGO

Michelle Mazzei

FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

The "This is What A Feminist Looks Like" event will be held in East Carolina University's Main Campus Student Center today from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Students interested have the opportunity to receive a free T-shirt and engage with the people who work for the Women and Gender Office (WGO).

The WGO officially opened in January 2019. Associate Director in Intercultural Affairs and Associate Director of the WGO, Ashley Cleland, oversees the department. Her, along with her program assistants, Ananya Koripella and Shayla Simons, organized the event.

The WGO's mission states that it strives to produce a supportive space and affirmative environments for women and all genders and all gender equity allies in the ECU community, Cleland said. Now that the WGO has an actual office, it's working to cultivate the identity of it specific to people's needs, she said.



Ashley Cleland

"We do a variety of things predominating serving women's identities but we also, of course, support other identities. We welcome students, faculty and staff to come hang out with us anytime and engage with us about how gender impacts their life," Cleland said.

Cleland said one common thing a lot of students need is a community which supports all genders. The WGO is inviting students, faculty and staff who support gender equity to come into its office, room 108 in the Main Campus Student Center (MCSC), to get a free T-shirt while supplies lasts, engage with the people in the WGO office and discuss what feminism means to them.

They are offering "This is what a Feminist Looks Like" and "This is What a Womanist Looks Like" t-shirts during the event. It's an opportunity for the people of this office to engage in important dialogue about gender equity at ECU, Cleland said.

Along with this event, the WGO will be offering many other events within the next month, Cleland said.

Cleland said the reason she's a part of the WGO is because she is inspired by women and binary people all the time and wants to act as a light for them in any way she can. She said an important quote she lives by is from Malala Yousafzai, "We can't fix things when half of us are held back."

She said the entire university can't fix things if we are intentionally or unintentionally holding people back based on gender bias or experiences. Feminism is here on campus to uplift all genders, particularly women.

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Organization localizes Disney's magic

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A Moment of Magic is an East Carolina University non-profit organization where college students dress up as Disney princesses and visit sick children who stay in hospitals or in other organizations.

ECU's chapter of A Moment of Magic, formally named "The Princess Project," is led by president Bridget McLemore, a junior Elementary Education major. Students who have joined this organization are trained to directly focus on the children and their needs. Training meetings are weekly on Thursday's for people who want to become characters or want to attend visits to train, McLemore said.

McLemore said the training program consists of going over basic hygiene when going to the hospital, the regulations of the hospital, as well as going over practice scenarios that a student may encounter.

In addition, the club requires "magic makers," or characters in training, to complete 40 hours of costume shadowing at events to ensure that new club members have the chance to help characters and learn how to interact with the children. This follows an audition process, McLemore said.

"We take things very seriously in our foundation, we want to make sure that our members are as prepared for these visits as they can be, like how to act around children in hospital beds," McLemore said.



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ECU's chapter of A Moment of Magic organization visits local hospitals dressed as Disney characters.

McLemore said she loves children and loves being around them. She said she's always wanted to help them in some way or another. She said she remembers when she was younger telling her mom that she wanted to work with kids who had cancer.

Haley Hice, the on-campus coordinator for A Moment of Magic, said the club began at ECU last spring semester. This is its first year going off-campus visiting children. The volunteers of A Moment of Magic usually visit the local children's hospital once or twice a month, but they also visit the Ronald McDonald house, attend

local 5k's and host fundraisers on campus.

"We do anything that has to do with childhood cancer. Sometimes we do home visits to children if they aren't able to get out of the house, if they're homebound. As long as they're medically vulnerable, we will come to visit them," Hice said.

This past September, the program went to Northern Virginia and attended the St. Jude's 5k where members walked, talked and took pictures with the children. There is additionally a local 5k, A costume for a Cure, in Greenville coming up on Oct. 27 from 2 to 5 p.m on East

First Street, Hice said.

A moment of magic consists of four Disney characters; Cinderella, Ariel, Tinkerbell, and Spiderman, Hice said.

"As soon as they get to the hospital, they're in full character. We don't call them by their real name, they speak differently, they're in character the whole time," Hice said.

The people that attend, roughly 20 to 30 people, go around the hospital rooms, speaking and taking pictures with children. Sometimes they will also sit and color with them. Hice said they will try their hardest to get the children to smile and make their day.

ECU's chapter of A Moment of Magic is always looking for new members who have a big heart and a deep love for children. More specifically, the club is actively looking for males to join since currently the program consists of mainly women, Hice said.

"A lot of the time the staff will tell us when a kid is having a bad day, like when they don't want to get out of bed or something, when we go in, they just smile and they're so happy. Sometimes we'll dance with them or color or sing songs. We really do anything the kids want to do," Vice President for A Moment of Magic Carolina Cook said.

Childhood cancer only gets 4% of National Cancer research, Cook said. This club was designed to help those in need, create awareness, get funds for research, and make a difference.

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BRIEFS

Ghostwalk takes students across campus

Today, starting in Bate from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. students can participate in a ghost walk around campus. The ghost walk will be comprised of ghost stories associated with the university.

Migration crisis lecture comes to campus

Tomorrow from 4:30 to 6 p.m. in Joyner Library room 2409 Dr. Andrej Findor from Comenius University in Bratislava will give a public guest lecture on the Slovak perspectives on "The 2015 Migration Crisis: Lessons Learned."

SGA Weekly Meeting in the student center

Student Government Association (SGA) will be holding its weekly meeting in the Main Campus Student Center in Ballroom C tomorrow from 6 to 7 p.m.

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The streets of Greenville are maintained by the city or by the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT), according to the city's website.

Construction postponed

Arlington Boulevard to move to phase two next year

Staff Report

The second phase of construction on the Arlington Boulevard Rehabilitation project was expected to begin Monday, but after conversations with businesses and the local contractor, the project has been pushed back to the spring of 2020.

The city has moved phase two of construction to the spring after discussions between the project contractor and businesses located along Arlington Boulevard were consulted, according to a City of Greenville press release.

"With the holiday season and colder weather quickly approaching, the City and the contractor

agreed that the change will have the least impact on the local community while also providing the highest quality road improvement," the press release said.

Phase two construction was expected to begin Monday between Evans Street and Greenville Boulevard, the press release said. It is now projected to begin in March.

"With its postponement, traffic flow in that area will be unaffected by construction until the spring," according to the press release.

At the time of the press release, phase one of the project between Evans Street and Hooker road was nearing completion. With the project,

the section of roadway has been upgraded with "new roadway cross sections, 0.6 miles of a greenway trail, 2,300 feet of new storm water infrastructure and new water mains," the press release said.

According to the press release, roadway improvements along the existing railroad tracks are expected to happen during phase one of the rehabilitation project.

"It is anticipated that these will be performed with lane closures," the press release said.

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Students, faculty weigh in on impeachment

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An East Carolina University poll conducted by the Center for Survey Research (CSR) recently found that more North Carolinians oppose impeachment of President Trump, but they believe it's time for a new president to take office.

According to a press release from ECU News Services, "50% of registered voters in North Carolina oppose the impeachment and removal of President Trump from office compared to 44% who favor it."

The poll found that more than "80% of self-identified Democrats" would favor impeachment in comparison to 9% of the Republican party, according to the press release.

According to the poll results, the state of North Carolina is "almost evenly split on Trump's job performance, with 45% who approve and 47% who disapprove."

Director of the CSR, Peter Francia, and Senior Polling Scientist, Johnathan Morris, collected data from 1,076 registered voters in North Carolina to complete the survey between the dates of Oct. 2 to Oct. 9, according to the press release.

"North Carolina has been a presidential battleground state since the 2008 election and the numbers in our poll make clear that North Carolina will once again be a hotly contested state in 2020," Francia said in the press release. "Public opinion among registered voters in North Carolina is split on the issue of impeachment, and on whether the president deserves a second term in office."

Jody Baumgartner, Thomas Harriot College of Arts and Science Distinguished Professor, said the House of Representatives impeaches presidents which is similar to being indicted for a crime but still being able to complete your term as president.

Most U.S. Presidents who have been impeached have served out the rest of their terms as president, Baumgartner said. There is a second part to the impeachment process which is a trial in the senate that decides whether or not the president should be removed from office, he said.

The impeachment process is similar to the process of a bill being introduced to the House, Baumgartner said. He said it will

go to one or two subcommittees that will talk and investigate and then report to the house. The process could take a month or a year, he said. The process through the senate could also take a month but most likely wouldn't take a year, he said.

Baumgartner said he doesn't think that this impeachment investigation is different than previous impeachment investigation against presidents such as Richard Nixon, Bill Clinton and Andrew Johnson.

"In my mind the takeaway in any discussion about impeachment is that a lot of people know but few people are willing to admit for political reasons is that impeachment is in practice a political thing, not a legal thing," Baumgartner said.

In the context of the Trump's presidency, Baumgartner said he isn't surprised impeachment proceedings took this long. He said Trump isn't going to be removed from office unless "something far more serious" is found out about Trump.

Republicans aren't going to vote to remove President Trump from office, Baumgartner said.

"He's certainly not gonna be removed from office unless they find out something far more serious than what they're talking about now. Republicans aren't gonna vote to remove him from office and the senate. So he might be impeached but he's not gonna be removed from office. So how serious is it, I don't think it's very serious at all," Baumgartner said.

Although there are impeachment proceedings, Trump could still get reelected because impeachment is a partisan matter, Baumgartner said.

Baumgartner said he doesn't think an impeachment will have much impact on the outcome of the 2020 election. He said American politics are party politics and people tend to vote Democratic or Republican.

ECU College Democrats president and senior political science major Wilson Brown said it doesn't hurt to investigate the president's relationship with Ukraine as well as other things that have arisen from the whistleblower complaint.

Brown said there does come a time



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President Donald Trump as he speaks in Minges Coliseum during the July 17 campaign rally.

when impeachment would be the best way to move forward for the country as a whole if it is found that the president is guilty of crimes.

Brown said for America as a whole impeachment is serious because only three presidents have ever been impeached.

"Impeachment is about holding people to account and it's not about getting a Republican out of office, it is about getting a criminal out of office," Brown said.

Impeachment is bad for the country on an international level because America is trying to remove the leadership of our country which leads to uncertainty after Trump leaves office and decisiveness within the country, Brown said.

President of ECU's College of Republicans and senior political science major Emma Arndt said she thinks the presidential impeachment situation is currently "splitting the country" and the process is taking away light from other important issues.

"I think there's a lot of other things that

are now going to be put on a backburner because of the impeachment. I think that immigration is really big, and I think that not only is it going to hurt America, but I really do think it's going to hurt the Democrats when it comes to elections just because there are a lot of issues they want to discuss that they're now not going to be able to discuss because it's (impeachment) going to be a process," Arndt said.

Arndt said she believes the impeachment situation is not healthy for the country, and she said she thinks the country needs to "come together" during this process.

She said she doesn't believe moving forward with the trial is necessary.

"I don't think Trump did anything wrong, I don't think that. There's no quid pro quo in his phone call with the president of Ukraine," Arndt said.

Arndt said she thinks a lot of people will stand behind Trump during this process, and she believes a lot of people will be upset that the impeachment situation is going on and taking attention away from other topics of importance going on in the country.

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The reason it's called feminism is because, historically, women and gender minorities have been held back or harmed entirely due to their gender. One in four women experience sexual violence, Cleland said.

"It's not about showing to people that women are strong, it's about informing and educating people that we've always been strong. We need to redefine the way we view strength," Cleland said.

Cleland wants more people to come into the WGO because it is a safe space for all students and staff. She said people are constantly walking by and peaking in but are afraid to actually come inside. The WGO office offers free coffee, free menstrual and sexual health products, and they lend out books from their library.

Some people come to eat their lunch, read, hang out or have conversations with the people in the WGO. If they need any support in any way, the women in the office always offer a helping hand, Cleland said.

The first step is walking through the door, Cleland said. She wants everyone to feel welcomed and invited. Their space is very calming and is a great area for socializing and engaging. They want their office to be ideal for people in any way they can.

"Through this day, we hope to build a community through students as soon as they walk through the door and are waiting for their shirt. We want them to say to one another, 'Hey, why are you in this line? Let's talk about women and the world.' I think this will be a very special event," Cleland said.

The T-shirt event today, specifically, is important to ECU because it will inform people on campus that they have fellow stu-

dents and staff that support them equally and they are not alone, Cleland said.

"By having and wearing a shirt like this, we hope that folks will be inspired to have discussions with their friends about feminism and gender equity and what those things mean to them. We hope they also have discussions about how we can better support each other and walk our lives together. We hope to bring people of different groups on ECU together," Cleland said.

Ananya Koripella, one of the program assistants in the WGO, is a senior double majoring in public health and Hispanic studies. She is additionally an ECU scholar and participated in an internship her spring semester of her junior year through the WGO. Feminism, gender equality is one thing she cared a lot about and wanted to know more, she said.

Koripella grew up in a single parent household and said she was quick to realize people treated others differently for not having a father figure around. She said she realized people don't need a specific gender role and people can make their gender roles whatever they want it to be. It doesn't have to be linked with their biological sex, she said.

She said, she's personally seen how gender, race and other factors that make up our identities, can also negatively affect opportunities and treatments which are received from others. She said she thinks it's important for people to appreciate all types of identities and diversity as a whole.

"One of our values here at the WGO is to advocate, celebrate, and educate all women, nonbinary individuals, gender minorities, and gender equity allies," Koripella said.

Koripella said that it's a good opportunity for others to learn more about feminism and why there is an ongoing bias against women, as well as nonbinary individuals and gender minorities.

The WGO wants to play an important part in removing the stigma that's associated with feminism, inform students about what the WGO specifically does, invite more people to be a part of their community and inspire more conversations throughout campus, Koripella said.

Katelyn Usher, a freshman majoring in special education, plans on attending this event with her roommate along with other friends. She said she wants everyone on campus to feel equal, especially the women. She said feminism to her is supporting and inspiring women to achieve their goals and overall happiness.

Usher said she has worked with special needs students in the past and understands what it's like for students to feel not loved or excluded based on their appearance or their gender. When she attends this event, she said she intends to feel love, inspiration, and empowerment. She said she wants women, along with all other genders, to feel loved and supported.

"I feel this event will be beneficial to campus because it will spread awareness about any gender or any race. It will unite us, women, to support each other but also it allows the other people on campus to join and show their support for us as well. By inspiring women, we can impact the world significantly," Usher said.

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Ananya Koripella



Katelyn Usher

OUR VIEW

Student fee increase is inconvenient

On Oct. 11, The East Carolina University Student Government Association (SGA) sent out a mass email to ECU students concerning potential tuition increases. These increases involved three ECU departments, athletics, education and technology and the student center. The email issued by SGA stated that final decisions about increases will be made during Spring 2020, after the Board of Governors make a final determination.

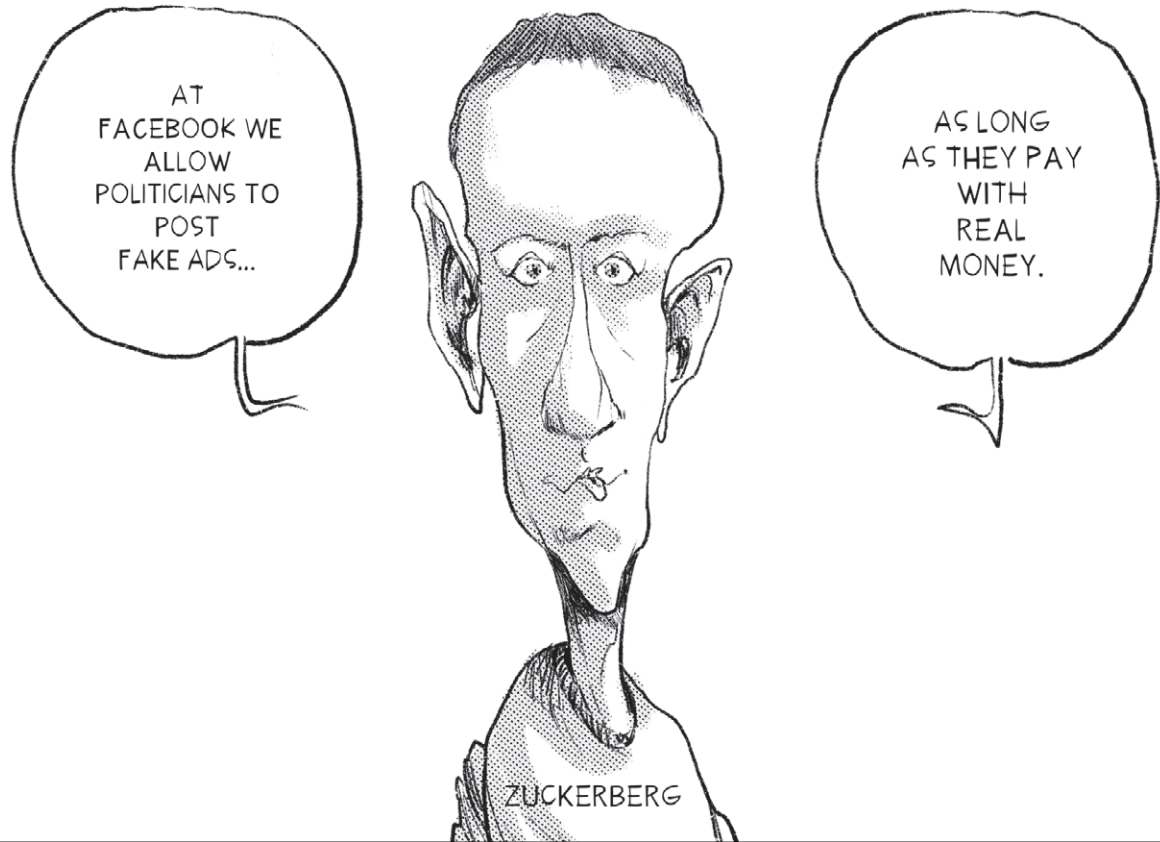
We, the editorial staff of The East Carolinian, believe these increases may be necessary to improve these departments on campus, but they are inconvenient for students and are not being distributed properly among the three departments.

According to the email sent out by SGA some of the increases made will include, athletics by \$50 making the overall fee \$823, student center fees will increase by \$17 making the overall fee \$305, education and technology fees will increase by \$10 making the overall fee \$413, and the undergraduate housing fees will increase by about 3%.

When breaking down the fee increases per section the athletic department will gain more than any other department while departments such as education and technology and undergraduate housing are ignored. Following recent complaints from students about current living conditions in the dorms, such as mold in Lecagy, we believe that student housing and education should receive more focus than the athletics.

Overall, we believe that students could benefit the most from increases in education and technology department. However, fee creases overall are inconvenient for those who expect to pay a set amount when entering the ECU community.

SHENEMAN THE STARLEDGER



Uptown bar discriminates Student witnesses harrassment and prejudice at club



Jahad Chris Carter
GUEST COLUMNIST

On Saturday, Oct. 19 2019, I went downtown to blow off steam from an extensive week of school. Little did I know before the night was over, I would be traumatized. At first the night was amazing, it was my first time at Stilllife and

I was dancing with friends as strobe lights flashed across our faces. Usually on weekends I like to stay home and get rest but this night I wanted to try something new. I was the only person of color in our small group, and mistakenly I didn't think the color of my skin would be a problem for me until it became one.

Things began to go downhill after we decided to switch to a different club after some weird encounters with people at Still-life. My friends and I stepped outside in the cold as it began to rain softly over our heads. We walked across the street from Stilllife and started to head toward the entrance of Fifth Street Distillery. Before I even made it inside the door one of the workers began to make chicken noises at me and started to laugh. So I began to do the chicken dance because I thought everything was all fun and games. Then a white man dressed in call camo who is tasked with putting wrist bands on patrons said to me, "you better get your s***t together or I am going to get you kicked out." That night I only had a few drinks and

I was 100% coherent. My friend came to my defense and said "he's not even drunk," and the man replied, "you can't tell me he is not drunk, so if you do not get your s***t together I am going to get you kicked out." I immediately felt uncomfortable and I knew exactly why he singled me out. I began to tell my friends that I wanted to go home, but we decided that we were going to just check out the scene.

Not even five minutes of me entering the club I saw a white bouncer starting to harass an African-American student and grabbing him by his chest. Then out of nowhere another white bouncer brutally choke slammed this innocent man to the wall and ground. Then the bouncer wrapped his arm around the young man's neck and dragged him across the floor in a choke hold. My friends and I stood there in shock and it felt as if I was living in the infamous Jim Crow era where African-Americans were being brutally beaten for trying to fight for freedom. Now when I close my eyes I can only see the boy's face stained in my brain as he was being dragged out of the bar. I began to follow them because I wanted to make sure that he was ok. However, my friends were worried for me and held on to me saying, "Jahad don't go out that way." I told them to get off of me and that I wanted to leave. Then as I turned I seen another bouncer at the top of the stairs eyeing me down like a hawk. Then I knew that I was probably going to be next and that I was not safe whatsoever.

I left the bar in anger that this brutal attack happened to this young man and worried about all students of color who go downtown every weekend. You see I wish this was an incident that happened once in a blue moon but no it isn't. This is an issue that has been swept under the rug for far too long. From discriminatory entrance practices, overly aggressive bouncers, and racist dress codes that prohibits grills, joggers, and chains. The bars in downtown Greenville have been off the hook for far too long when it comes to discrimination and it is time that something is done about it. I urge students of color to not support the bars downtown, because you never know when it will be you who will be dragged out of a bar in a choke hold. At the same time, I urge school administrators to do more to protect students and to stop urging students to act solely on their own. It is time that they stand up and denounce the discriminatory practices that harms students who they are supposed care for. We must widen this dialogue to all students, faculty, staff, and bar owners in Greenville. It is time we stand up, speak out, and boycott these businesses that only see people of color as cash crops rather than human beings!

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Disabled students live normal lives

Livin' like Libby



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I was diagnosed with childhood epilepsy when I was seven years old. At the time I had absence benign seizures, which are staring spells. Around 13, I was diagnosed with night seizures and generalized epilepsy.

To me, epilepsy was never a disability. It was just something I lived with. I never really thought I would outgrow it because it felt like every time I had an electroencephalography (EEG) I was diagnosed with some new seizure. For over a decade it's been something that was just there. I never heard epilepsy referred to as a disability until I was writing an article last semester. At the time I thought epilepsy was a disability for people with far worse cases than mine. I could still go to school most days and I stayed on top of my schoolwork. I wasn't the epileptic that had the disabilities.

I never needed resources from disability support services at ECU because I didn't even know I had a disability and since I don't feel like I have a disability I feel guilty asking for help. A little over a month after I wrote my articles about disability last semester, I had my first grand mal seizure. I lost a lot of my memory, I had more

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absence benign seizures and had to take time off school.

It has been six months since I had my seizure. I am graduating in December and now I am applying for jobs as I enter the next stage of my life.

Every application comes with a statement saying that the company doesn't judge based on race, veteran or disability status, etc. People should not have to answer questions on job applications about their race, veteran status or disability status.

If companies don't judge based on these factors, why do they need to know the answers to these questions before they look at my resume or call me in for an interview.

When I was a kid I was able to be "normal" besides the fact that I had to take medicine twice a day everyday and sit out on laser tag. I can be normal as an adult even though my "normal" is different. My "normal" can still get the job done. I might have to take some time off for doctor visits and hospital visits but I am still capable of

leading a "normal" life.

People with disabilities have to find a way to create their normal that may be different than most people's normal. The ability to adapt, overcome and persevere is something you'd want in the workplace, right?

When many people hear the word "disability" -or in my case "epilepsy"- they don't know what to expect. People with disabilities aren't scary and are just as capable of working for your company as a person without a disability with the same level of experience.

I'd rather have a potential employer throw my resume in the bin for my lack of experience- even though I've worked at the newspaper for almost a year, had an internship, and worked on a publication while in college- than not even considering me because they see I have a disability.

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» ANALYSIS

Pirates turn a corner against UCF

ECU posts strong closing half against Knights to show potential



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Much has been said and written about the East Carolina University (3-4, 0-3 AAC) football team's inconsistent offense this season. Varying greatly with their strength of schedule, the Pirates entered Saturday's matchup with the University of Central Florida (5-2, 2-1 AAC) ranked 99th in the FBS in total offense (363.5 yards per game). ECU's struggles moving the football,

particularly through the air, is a problem this program is not familiar with. Entering Saturday, the Pirates led the AAC with nearly 21,000 passing yards since joining the conference in 2014 and had also racked up a conference-best 16, 400-yard passing games.

In order to achieve those numbers, ECU had relied on talented wide receivers like Zay Jones and Trevon Brown, both of which recorded two 1,000-yard seasons for the Pirates during their collegiate careers.

Unfortunately for the Pirates, finding success through the air has not been as easy this season compared to past campaigns. Under first-year ECU head coach Mike Houston, more emphasis is being placed on running the football. Through the team's first six games, the Pirates rushed for 965 yards, giving this year's squad the fourth most yards on the ground in program history through six games since 2000.

On Saturday in Orlando, Florida, the Pirates rushed the football 49 times for 170 yards, the second most attempts and third most yards by the team this season. Against a stout UCF defense, however, ECU found little success, both in the air and on the ground in the first half. On 27 rushes, freshman running back Demetrius Mauney and company racked up just 65 yards as the passing attack also struggled to get off the ground.

Across the ball, however, UCF had little trouble building a hefty lead early in the ball game. On five consecutive drives to open the contest, the Knights found the end zone as they racked up 191 passing yards to ECU's 29 in the first quarter.

"They're (UCF) very skilled and very good at what they do," Houston said via Stephen Igoe of 247sports.com. "If you make a mistake, they'll make you pay. That's what happened on those drives. We gave up leverage on the slant route. We gave up leverage on the post route. And we got beat over the top on the take off. I do think our kids settled down once they got accustomed to the speed."

By the conclusion of the first quarter, the Pirates found themselves down 21-0 and in an even deeper 35-6 hole at halftime. Freshman quarterback Dillon Gabriel was a near perfect 17-for-22 through the air and had already racked up 274 yards. His No. 1 receiver, junior Gabriel Davis, accounted for 115 of those first half yards, hauling in seven catches and two touchdowns.

The Pirates, on the other hand, were sitting on just 180 yards, 74 of which came on their final drive of the half, one that resulted in a 29-yard field goal by junior kicker Jake Verity.

"We kind of narrowed down our focus (at halftime)," Houston said via Igoe. "You had to decide how you wanted to play them. They really put a lot of stress on you. I thought our kids



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Sophomore quarterback Holton Ahlers takes a snap against Temple University inside Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium under Thursday night lights.

really responded well in the second half. The one thing I told them at halftime was they're going to be defined by how they responded after halftime."

Challenged not to give up by their head coach at halftime despite the hole they had dug for themselves, the Pirates came out clicking on all cylinders in the second half. What was a lack of stops for ECU's defense turned into a lack of yardage for UCF's offense.

On their first four drives of the closing half, the Knights punted three times and fumbled, shifting the momentum back to the visiting squad. With that lift, the Pirates climbed back into the ball game, capitalizing on a blocked punt with a one-play, one-yard touchdown drive to kick-off the second half.

No doubt aided by their special teams effort, the Pirates' offense looked like a completely different animal following the break. Sophomore quarterback Holton Ahlers helmed ECU's first drive with just nine completions in the two previous quarters while no Pirate running back cracked 35 yards prior to halftime.

Looking to make a difference in the game's closing 30 minutes, however, Ahlers' inconsistent and often inaccurate passing turned into good throw after good throw to receivers who



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showed excellent ability hauling in catches. At the forefront of the Pirates' passing attack, similar to last week, was freshman wide receiver C.J. Johnson. One week after recording his first 100-yard game at the collegiate level, the freshman was back at it in Orlando, grabbing eight passes for 106 yards.

"I think C.J.'s doing a great job," Houston said via Igoe. "He's a young man that really wants to be good. He's driven by that. You can see he had a chance to be special. In the second half there, they were playing man under and a safety

over the top of him. We were trying to take advantage of that and we were able to on that final drive."

While Johnson's longest catch, a 26-yarder, came in the first half, he still caught passes of 18 and 19 yards in the third and fourth quarters to aid in his quest for 100-plus on the evening.

Johnson was not alone in his big-play ability down the stretch on Saturday. In all, the Pirates utilized five chunk plays longer than 20 yards to score 22 points in the second half and make the game competitive.

Ahlers, on two occasions, rushed for 20 yards, punching one into the end zone late in the third quarter to solidify ECU's comeback attempt. Though the air, however, Ahlers was even more impressive. Harkening back to last season when he racked up over 1,500 yards through the air in limited action, Ahlers unleashed big play after big play.

On five of the Pirates' drives in the second half, Ahlers was accountable for at least one play over 15 yards, either on the ground or in the air. In the fourth quarter alone, Ahlers was responsible for 127 passing yards on seven completions, hooking up with freshman wide receiver Tyler Snead on an eight-yard touchdown pass to cap ECU's scoring in the fourth quarter.

"I would have been really disappointed if we didn't come out and play the way we did in the second half," Houston said via Igoe. "I'm disappointed about the first half. I'm disappointed about the loss. There's no doubt. But we're getting there. I'm telling you, what you saw in the third quarter and the latter part of the fourth quarter was a physical, hard-nosed football team."

The Pirates will be back in action on Saturday inside Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium for their homecoming game. Kickoff between ECU and the University of South Florida (3-4, 1-2 AAC) is scheduled for 3:45 p.m.

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» ANALYSIS

ECU men's basketball worth the watch



Daniel Roberts
TEC STAFF

After having its basketball season end in the first round of the American Athletic Conference tournament, the East Carolina University men's basketball team made off-season moves that has given fans hope going into the 2019-2020 season. I

believe that on Nov. 5, Pirate fans need to go out and pack the stands not only for their opener against the Virginia Military Institute in but for all of the other home games as well.

Coming off of a season where the men's team had to overcome an adjustment period with the head coaching position when it played its first season under head coach Joe Dooley for the first time since 1998, it finished the season with a record of 10-21 overall and 3-15 in conference play. While last season focused on coaching changes, this season the focus was on making roster changes across the board.

Eleven new guys were added to the roster



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Pirates forward Jayden Gardner positions himself for a shot attempt during a game last season.

adding much needed depth that was not present last season. Two of the biggest issues that ECU had to deal with was lack of shooting and presence in the paint.

"We were able to upgrade our length and athleticism," Dooley said via ECUPIrates.com.

"We were tiny last year and we were able to

address some frontline athleticism (needs). We'll be more versatile next season and I think we'll shoot the ball better. Those were some weaknesses which necessitated our focus and I think we did a great job of finding those pieces."

To see a men's team make as many moves as they did and have only two players returning

from last year's roster says that the team perhaps has built a roster that will be able to contend with the AAC. A revamped/improved team with a head coach known for winning equals more wins and more success as a team.

I went to plenty of games last season as both a reporter and a fan. I found that the seats would be empty and the team would not get that much recognition or fan support until they took on then No. 8 ranked Houston Cougars. This season I believe fan attendance will change in a good way.

Am I saying that this team will win the conference championship? No. What I am saying though is that this team is not to be overlooked when the season starts. The team has worked on developing team chemistry and instilling that winning mentality all across the board. At 7 p.m. on Tuesday Nov. 5, the men's team will kick off the new season looking to show why they represent ECU and improve in terms of wins and losses.

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ECU sweeps tri-meet in Minges Natatorium

Brendan Cavazos
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

The East Carolina University men's and women's swim team swept its home meet on Saturday against Lenoir-Rhyne University, Catawba College and Campbell University. The men's team won against Lenoir-Rhyne with a score of 154-104, and it defeated Catawba with a score of 182-75.

The ECU men's team took first place in 14 events, including five events that involved all top three spots finished by the Pirates.

There was no men's team competing for Campbell. The ECU women's team beat Lenoir-Rhyne 186-76, Catawba 165-65, and Campbell 162.5-99.5. In total, ECU had 14 swimmers that placed first in their event.

"We had a strong showing on Saturday. We were able to mix up our line-up and get a chance to see some kids swim different

events," head coach Matthew Jabs said. "While our events changed our approach did not, I was pleased with they way the team competed in each race."

Freshman Lyubomir Epitropov finished first in the 100-yard breaststroke (55.36), 200-yard breaststroke (2:01.72) and 200-yard IM (1:58.58).

Sophomores Ben Gingher and Jacek Arentewicz, finished close behind Epitropov in the 100-yard breaststroke to give ECU the top three places.

Freshman Marek Osina placed first in the 400-yard IM (3:58.46) and the 200-yard backstroke (1:50.85).

The Pirates will return to Minges Natatorium for their next meet on Friday at 5 p.m. against the University of North Carolina Wilmington.

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Lyubomir Epitropov competes during a recent swim and dive meet.

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Aries (March 21-April 19)
-- Today is an 8 -- Harmony could require effort. Don't show a loved one unfinished work. Keep polishing the details on a creative project. A lucky connection bridges a gap.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) -- Today is an 8 -- Beautify a mess at home. Find family solutions. You can get what you need. Discover practical solutions through conversation. Diplomacy and communication resolve a concern.

Gemini (May 21-June 20) -- Today is an 8 -- Keep your sense of humor. Miscommunications could confound and delay things. Don't gamble with the rent. Friends help you make an important connection.

Cancer (June 21-July 22) -- Today is a 9 -- Abundance can be yours. Don't stir up jealousies or controversy. Costs are higher than expected. Take advantage of a lucky and profitable opportunity.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)
-- Today is a 9 -- Discover a personal good luck omen or sign. Fortune rewards your initiative, courage and persistence. Imagine the result you want and go for it.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
-- Today is a 7 -- Avoid risk or expense. Simplify things. Review where you've been and consider future plans. Restore your energy with good food and extra sleep.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
-- Today is an 8 -- Help others on your team understand a subtlety that you recognize. A lucky opportunity beckons. Cheer everyone on. Together you can win.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) -- Today is an 8 -- A lucky professional opportunity appears. Like a diamond in the rough, it may not look like much. Make sure that foundations are strong and that demand is high.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) -- Today is a 7 -- Monitor road and traffic conditions before dashing off. Guard against overdoing things. Take the easier route. Rest frequently. Research ways around an obstacle.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Today is an 8 -- Review numbers and monitor budgets. You can see hidden potential. It may not look luxurious. Fix things up together and watch the values rise.

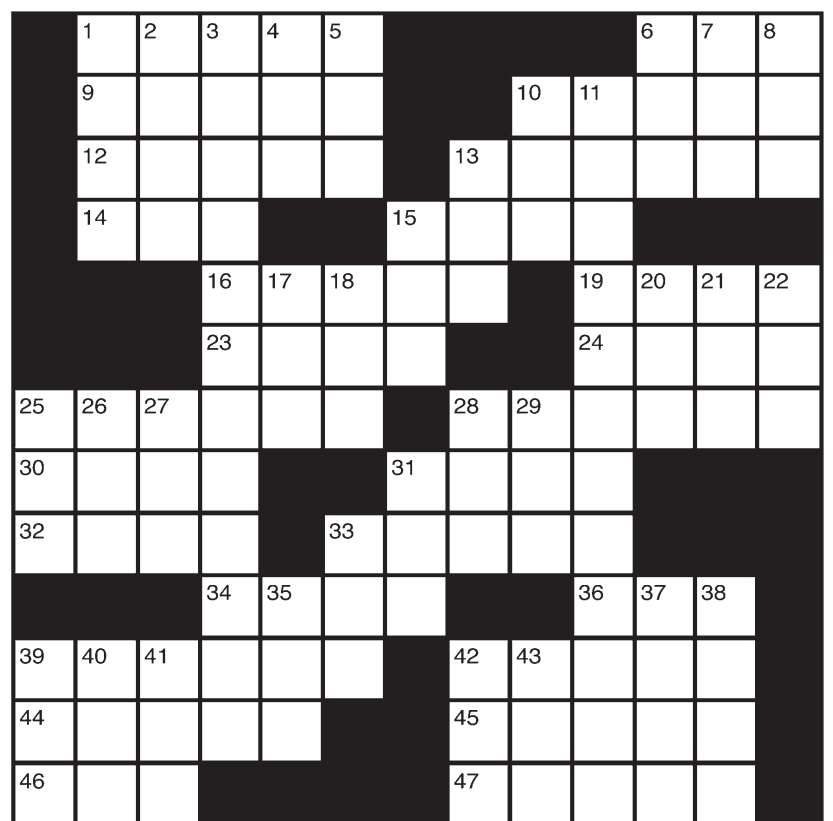
Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
-- Today is a 7 -- Avoid a temporary clash between love and money with your partner. Stay gracious and forgiving of mistakes. Make plans for the future together.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)
-- Today is an 8 -- Keep practicing. Luck benefits self-discipline and initiative. Get feedback from trusted doctors, coaches and colleagues. Your performance is growing stronger. Polish the rough spots.

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- 13 Sharp parts of knives
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- 15 Actor Stoltz
- 16 ___ Van Buren; "Law & Order" role
- 19 New ___ on the Block; boy band of the '80s and '90s
- 23 Dines
- 24 Alphabetic four-in-a-row
- 25 Actress Berry's namesakes
- 28 Mantle or Rooney
- 30 Run ___; go wild
- 31 "___ & Dumber"; Jim Carrey film
- 32 Actor Noah
- 33 Prop for Groucho
- 34 Mother ___; rich ore deposit
- 36 Sitcom about a furry alien
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- 42 Check issuer
- 44 Donahue and others

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- 46 "Homeward Bound 2: Lost in ___ Francisco"
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- 5 Halo wearers: abbr.
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- 8 Rainier and Kilimanjaro: abbr.
- 10 Whitney or Wallach
- 11 Actor on "30 Rock"
- 13 Victoria's Secret purchase, perhaps
- 15 Aliens, for short
- 17 Scottish "no"
- 18 "___ Always Sunny in Philadelphia"
- 20 Pen contents
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- 25 "Hee ___"
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- 27 Chat room laugh
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- 33 Disks inserted into a PC
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- 37 Goodman and others
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Uptown Brewing Company
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Habitat's 17th Annual BBQ Fundraiser
Habitat for Humanity of Pitt County
8 a.m.

Market on Main in Downtown Farmville
May Museum and Park
4 p.m.

TOMORROW

MIXer
Pitt Street Brewing Company
5 p.m.

Park Avenue South
Nino's Cucina Italiana
7 p.m.

Island Bob LIVE
Carolina Ale House
7:30 p.m.

THURSDAY

October Wine Tasting with Mutual Disturbing
Dickinson Avenue Public House
5:30 p.m.

Alash ft. Shodekeh
Wright Auditorium
7:30 p.m.

FRIDAY

Living our Legacy Art Exhibit
Emerge Gallery and Art Center
10 a.m.

Sip, Savor, and Create: Potter's Wheel
Emerge Gallery and Art Center
6:30 p.m.

Freeboot Friday
Five Points Plaza
5:30 p.m.

Coffee + Paddle
Blackbeard Coffee Roasters
7 a.m.

Halloween Artini
Greenville Museum of Art
7 p.m.

Night Paddle on the Tar River
Greenville Town Common
7 p.m.

SATURDAY

Game Day Shuttle
Five Points Plaza
3 p.m.

Seriously Clowning Sketch Comedy Show
Whirligig Stage
8 p.m.

Anita's Taqueria Food Truck
Pitt Street Brewing Company
6 p.m.



Rapper B.o.B performs at the East Carolina University Homecoming concert at the Cannonball event on Sunday evening following singer JoJo. COURTESY OF EDWARD ISABELLA

ECU reacts to Cannonball

Students express their thoughts about homecoming artist

Sarah Hooper
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

East Carolina University students have expressed mixed reactions following last week's Homecoming Concert artist announcement by the Student Activities Board (SAB) for singer songwriter JoJo and rapper B.o.B who performed at the Cannonball event this past Sunday evening.

Hailey Kraft, a sophomore majoring in elementary education, said she looked forward to the concert after she viewed the announcement made by SAB on its Instagram page. After SAB announced the lineup, Kraft quickly commented on the post to share how excited she was, but said she also expected someone else to perform.



Hailey Kraft

"I'm excited for the concert and will most likely be attending, I love B.o.B and JoJo, both being artists I listened to when I was younger," Kraft said prior to the concert. "However, I was expecting a little more after T-Pain. I'd love to see ECU have someone like Lil Dicky or Lizzo, someone more mainstream."

SAB previously brought rapper T-Pain to the 2019 Barefoot on the Mall and the event resulted in multiple students attending the concert with positive reviews. Previous homecoming concerts have included rappers such as Ludacris, J. Cole, 21 Savage and Lil Baby.

The sentiment echoed among students across campus after the announcement seemed to be one of both surprise, confusion, and excitement. One student who expressed her opinion under SAB's Instagram post was sophomore social work major Maleia Griffin.

"I'm not sure if I'm going to go. I may go because it's free... but I'm not happy with the lineup. I've never heard of JoJo, and B.o.B hasn't had a hit in years," Griffin said prior to the concert. "I don't know how we could go from T-Pain last year to JoJo. In the future, I'd like to see newer and more current artists, like Meghan Thee Stallion, DaBaby, Summer Walker, Ari Lennox."



Maleia Griffin

Senior finance major, Edward Isabella, revealed his excitement and critique of the lineup after the announcement was made on Instagram and said

that he believed this year's performance will be enjoyable, past performances can't compare.

"I feel as though the opening act could have been someone more nationally recognized, but I am ecstatic that B.o.B is coming to perform at ECU," Isabella said before the concert. "I would rate this year's performance pretty high compared to prior performances in past years, but at the same time, this isn't comparable to the Rae Sremmurd concert they had my freshman year."

Sunday, Isabella attended the concert with a few of his friends. He said he was surprised about the turn out and the performance was better than expected.

"I'm honestly surprised that many people went to the show. JoJo and B.o.B really brought energy. Even though the weather was bad, they didn't let it stop them from giving a great performance. Honestly, it was on par with the Rae Sremmurd concert."

The 2019 Homecoming concert was held this past Sunday, 7 p.m. at the intersection of 5th Street and Cotanche, following the Homecoming Cannonball event held earlier in the day.

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Throat singers to make ECU debut

Olan Bryant
TEC STAFF

Alash, a throat singing ensemble from the Republic of Tuva, will perform at East Carolina University for the first time Thursday night at 7:30 in the Wright Auditorium.

The group consists of members Mai-ool Sedip, Bady-Dorzhu Ondar, Ayan-ool Sam and Ayan Shirizhik and they will be visiting Greenville as a part of their fourth American tour, serving as an entry in the College of Fine Arts and Communication's Alexander Series, which gives students a chance to sample world class performing artists.

Alash started in 1999 when four students who had learned the art of throat singing from their families met while attending college, establishing a musical identity of their own by fusing their traditional voices with Western instruments. The group began touring the US in 2006 and have returned every year since, and have performed in concert halls in North America and Europe.

Alexander Series artistic director Michael Crane spoke on the group's visit and the exposure it can bring to students. Crane said that he believes Alash has a hard time finding high performance levels.

"I don't think there's any group out there that performs at this level," Crane said. "This is probably as exotic as the series has gotten."

According to Alash's website, Tuvan throat singing is considered a traditional art, often passed down from family members. Alash's talents have not only been used to produce five CDs, but also to keep their native culture alive while blending with Western trends.

Crane also expressed his hope for what exposure the cultural side of the performance would do for the students who choose to see it.

"I think that as a student, it's part of your college experience," Crane said. "This is your chance to sample from the buffet of culture and make the world a little bit smaller for everyone."

The band's first visit to Greenville will also consist of a visit to the local Boys and Girls' Club, as well as a course in Tuvan cuisine. Alash's manager and interpreter Sean Quirk recounted its past visits to the United States and the reception they've received.

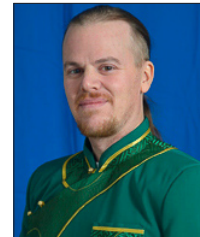
"Alash has a lot of experience coming to the United States and wherever they go, they've been met with high levels of enthusiasm," Quirk said.

With the emphasis on Tuvan



Members Ayan Shirizhik, Mai-ool Sedip, Bady-Dorzhu Ondar and Ayan-ool Sam. COURTESY SERENA STUCKE

culture, Quirk hopes that students will take away from the visit a knowledge of things they may have never known before. He also commented on what the sound of throat singing may seem like to unfamiliar ears.



Sean Quirk

"It's a way of using the voice that's unbelievable to people's ears, but also very pleasing and melodic. It's like a whole orchestra that comes from the voice," Quirk said.

Quirk also placed emphasis on the group's efforts to blend Eastern vocal techniques with Western musical trends to widen

their appeal to a new audience, using instruments such as the guitar and accordion.

The group has been praised for their originality in their music, releasing five CDs since their inaugural North American tour in 2006.

"You can definitely hear it in the arrangements they create. None of it is very blatant, but there's a lot of subtle influences on the music," Quirk said.

Tickets for Thursday night's performance are \$36 for the general public and \$10 for ECU students and can be purchased on the College of Fine Arts and Communication website.

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administration to show their ECU pride.

For Chiha, homecoming as a whole is a way for everyone from ECU from students all the way to administration to show their ECU pride, and Cannonball is just the first chance for this week to show off that Pirate Nation pride.

Interim Executive Director of Uptown Greenville, Meredith Hawke, partnered with ECU to host Cannonball. She saw Cannonball as a way for Uptown to promote relationships between the students

and residents in Greenville and the town that they live in.

"Having the stage on 5th Street draws the students to the area and highlight businesses steps outside of their front doors," Hawke said. "The location also gets the students involved in the community."

As a whole, Uptown Greenville is excited to involve ECU and its students in a people-town relationship, and to show students that Uptown is absolutely willing



Meredith Hawke

to open its doors to the public, according to Hawke.

ECU Homecoming festivities will conclude this Saturday with the annual Homecoming parade and football game. The parade will feature different organizations from the ECU community and will end with the float competition.

More information on upcoming Homecoming events can be found on the official SAB website.

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