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BSOM, Vidant shed awareness

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The month of October marks National Breast Cancer Awareness Month and the faculty at East Carolina University's Brody School of Medicine (BSOM) and Greenville's Vidant Medical Center continue to discuss, acknowledge and understand the disease.

Dr. Aidan Burke, assistant professor of Radiation Oncology at BSOM, said approximately 250,000 people are diagnosed with breast cancer every year as it is the most common type of cancer for women. Burke said breast cancer can also affect men.

There are various types of non-invasive, invasive and metastatic types of breast cancers, Burke said, but the majority of this kind of cancer arises from glands in the breast. He said there are various treatment options for individuals diagnosed with breast cancer.

"Treatment is based on the individual but can involve a combination of surgery, radiation and chemotherapy," Burke said. "The number and order of treatments is based on factors including age, type of tumor and if the tumor expresses certain hormone receptors. The side effects vary by treatment. For radiation treatment the main side effect is redness of the skin similar to a sunburn."

Constant participation in screenings can help prevent this cancer and can detect it at an early stage, according to Burke. He said if individuals bring awareness to breast cancer it can help promote healthy lifestyle changes that can prevent the disease.

Burke said individuals should meet routinely with their primary healthcare physician or gynecologist to discuss personal risk factors they should be aware of. He said there are currently numerous clinical trials conducted and offered at ECU.

"Clinical trials are a way of advancing our knowledge of how we treat a particular disease. This may involve modifications in screening, surgery, chemotherapy or radiation. Genetic testing is routinely offered for women with appropriate history as determined by their physician," Burke said.

Dean of BSOM and Vice Chancellor of ECU's Division of Health Sciences Mark Stacy said cancer mortality rates are statistically higher in eastern North

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Trump to visit Greenville

President to touchdown at PGV tomorrow for campaign

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The Pitt-Greenville Airport (PGV) will witness the arrival of Air Force 1 tomorrow at 1 p.m. as President Donald Trump will make a campaign stop in eastern North Carolina in which an outdoor Make America Great Again Rally will take place located at 400 Airport Rd.

Doors for the event will open at 10 a.m. and those who would like to attend must register online on Trump's official campaign website. Two tickets will be given out per phone number signed-up for the event. Through event registration, individuals must understand and acknowledge that there is a potential risk of COVID-19 exposure at public events where people are present, according to the website.

Pitt-Greenville Airport Executive Director Bill Hopper said the airport was notified on Oct. 9 of plans for the rally by a representative of Trump's campaign. As of Oct. 12, the final cost for the Trump campaign's rental of the airport had not yet been determined.

"It's (the rally) going to be on an aircraft parking apron that's just to the north of the terminal building," Hopper said.

Air Force 1 is expected to land around 1 p.m., and the airport has planned a five hour window of time for the rally, Hopper said.

City of Greenville Public Information Officer Brock Letchworth said in an email statement the City Manager's office was notified of the event on Oct. 11. As of Oct. 12, it was not disclosed if Greenville Mayor P.J. Connelly would be in attendance at the rally.

"It is exciting to know that political candidates, including the sitting president, recognize the importance of Greenville and value the votes of our residents enough to host campaign rallies here," Letchworth said.

In recent weeks, Pitt County has seen a downward trend of positive COVID-19 cases. At the time of publication, Pitt County had reported 234,481 total COVID-19 cases.

Letchworth said the city cannot speak on whether the rally will be a COVID-19 "superspreader" event for Pitt County.

"We (city officials) are not epidemiologists and cannot speak

to this," Letchworth said. "As with any event or gathering, we recommend that attendees follow the guidelines provided by state and local health officials."

With any political visit there is a potential for protests, according to Letchworth. In reference to past and potential protests in Greenville, the city supports individuals' rights to expression while they are done in a peaceful manner, he said.

On July 17, 2019, Trump came to East Carolina University's Minges Coliseum for a campaign rally where 8,000 people were in attendance and a "send her back" chant erupted in reference to Congresswoman Ilhan Omar (D-MN). Peaceful protests occurred in Greenville on the day of Trump's visit last year.

ECU College Republican's President Emma Arndt, who is also a senior political science major, registered for the rally the day after she heard about it. She said she and other members of the College Republicans plan to be in attendance.

"I honestly didn't expect the president to be coming to eastern North Carolina anytime soon," Arndt said. "I thought it was just going to be surrogates, like his children, but I'm super excited that he's going to be able to come back to Greenville especially on

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President Donald Trump points to the crowd as he addressed the audience at his rally held in ECU's Minges Coliseum on July 17, 2019.

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ECU student creates social justice campaign

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East Carolina University senior graphic design major Imani McCray's booklet "Be the Change you want to see," released Sept. 16, is a call to action for social justice.

The photojournalism campaign is intended to advocate for the people who try to make the world a better place, according to McCray.

The creation of this booklet was a two year process, McCray said. He said he intended for the booklet to be a comic book, but when he began the process he realized he would need a lot of outsourced work, so he decided to major in graphic design at ECU so he could do the work needed for this project himself.

"I can't positively impact the world if I haven't taken the time to invest in myself and sort out any emotional strife I have. I have to really change myself. I can't expect anyone else to change themselves," McCray said.

While living in India, the start of his journeys for the booklet, McCray said he volunteered at an orphanage for over a month and the children there were happy and positive without any money or any of the privileges he had as a child in America. He said it was one of the most transformative times in his life.

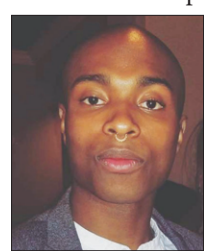
McCray said, while he documented the protests in New York over the summer after the murder of George Floyd, it felt like he was living in the 1960's. He said there were so many people who protested and used their art to make a change.

The greatest take away from his travels and from the interviews he did for his campaign are attitude and action, according to McCray. He said everyone is going through obstacles in some way or another.

"My goal for this project is to be able to give people information to make informed decisions for how they want to shape their future as well as provide real-time resources

for people if they do want to get involved," McCray said.

Director of ECU Italy Intensives Linda Darty, professor of photography Lucy Plato Clark and Mercedes Jelinek all helped McCray become the photographer he is today, according to McCray. He said his photos would have not been as impactful without their positive influence and push for his success in photography.



Imani McCray



MACIE TANO | THE EAST CAROLINIAN

One of McCray's pieces, "Revolution," displayed outside of the uptown business The Scullery.

Jelinek said McCray was her student when she taught at ECU Italy Intensives. She said she would describe McCray as an "adventurous and fearless spirit." She said he has an open heart and an eye for successful images.

"It's been a pleasure getting to know him and see how his work has progressed in such a short time," Jelinek said in an email statement. "I am very proud of what he has accomplished."

Jelinek said there was a feeling of sadness after she read the beginning of the booklet. She

said she felt angry as she reflected on the past year. She said she felt hopeful as she finished the booklet with a new light that has been difficult to find lately.

Jelinek said she was impressed by the booklet. She praised the way it was designed, the choices of text and the layout, which she said complimented the images in the booklet well.

"The images he chose are raw, compelling,

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BRIEFS

Recreation and Parks Commission to meet

Today, the Greenville Recreation and Parks Commission will meet virtually for its monthly meeting from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. More information can be found on the city of Greenville website.

ECU Career Services hosts job fair

Today, ECU Career Services will host the Engineering and Technology job fair virtually from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. via Handshake. Participants must register through Handshake before the event, which will host over 100 employers who will look for new employees through virtual interviews with students.

LGBTQ Center to host coffee house

Tonight, the Dr. Jesse R. Peel LGBTQ Center will host its weekly coffee house from 6 to 7 p.m. via WebEx. Discussion topics change each week, but focus around issues facing the LGBTQ community. Participants can find the link to join on the organization's Engage page.

ASA to host career panel

Tonight, the ECU Autistic Students Alliance will host a virtual session on Autism in Careers, where openly autistic guest speakers will discuss their experiences in the workplace from 6 to 7 p.m. Participants can join via the WebEx link on ASA's Engage page.

SGA Assembly to hold weekly meeting

Tonight, the ECU Student Government Association Assembly will hold its weekly virtual session from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Members of the public are encouraged to attend for the "public comments" segment of the evening.

CORRECTIONS & CLARIFICATIONS

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Interim Chancellor Ron Mitchelson speaks at a press conference in regard to Intersect East, an ECU expansion project in collaboration with Elliott Sidewalk Companies.

Warehouse District expands

Intersect East will connect new Millennial Campus to ECU Main Campus

Cayla Menges
TEC STAFF

East Carolina University's project to transform Greenville's Warehouse District, Intersect East, will expand research at the university and bring business opportunities to Greenville's economy.

ECU Interim Chancellor Ron Mitchelson said Intersect East will put an emphasis on entrepreneurship and innovation at ECU as it will provide a place for small business development. He said ECU has discussed but not yet determined its research focus in two areas: biomedical engineering and bioprocess engineering.

One of the first buildings to be finished will be a 10,000 square foot space reserved for the College of Engineering and Technology as a training center for advanced manufacturing, according to Mitchelson. He said the east is a hub to biopharma manufacturing districts and ECU hopes to bring some of those firms to Intersect East.



Ron Mitchelson

"I think our emphasis will be more on the manufacturing side than the drug development side," Mitchelson said. "I think it's going to be focused on how do you manufacture this, how do you scale this up?"

Mitchelson said Intersect East's focus on small business development will stem from the College of Business Pirate Entrepreneurship Challenge. He said he hopes future win-

ners of the challenge will use Intersect East as the landing place for their companies to create firms and jobs.

Elliott Sidewalk Communities, the partner that helps to produce Intersect East, has produced similar style projects on various campuses. Master Developer Tim Elliott said ECU's office and lab component is different than most projects. He said Elliott Sidewalk Communities seeks to mingle its corporate research and development needs with ECU to create high technology, biotechnology and research jobs.

Elliott said Intersect East is a pacesetter urban hub that will marry universities, leading businesses and a downtown setting to create a research park. He said Intersect East will bring pacesetter tenants who will need to work with university research talent to help take them to the next level.

"The hope? Attract, incubate and grow the next Google, in hopes of creating oodles of jobs in the area," Elliott said.

Elliott Sidewalk Communities places pacesetter urban hubs within existing urban fabrics to allow for mixed uses of retail, office and research all within walking distance of downtown, according to Elliott. He said the company wants to create a garden here in the east that grows the best businesses we can muster.



Tim Elliott

Elliott said Intersect East's project is very complex and will take at least eight to 10 years to complete. He said, while the vision and location of the project are sound, the changes of economies and markets can bring complications and challenges.

"We look at these beautiful historic buildings that once hailed the economy of the past and it's our job now to awaken these buildings to be the catalysts to the core of downtown," Elliott said during the project's initial reveal.

The COVID-19 pandemic won't cause a delay in Intersect East's construction, according to Elliott. He said the project's first phase will be done in 2022 and he believes the economy which will surround this development will not be impacted by the coronavirus pandemic.

Vice Chancellor for Administration and Finance at ECU Sara Thorndike said in an email statement the first three buildings to be finished at Intersect East will generate more than \$500,000 in new annual tax revenues. She said ECU estimates the potential financial benefits to the eastern North Carolina region and state could be around \$412 million annually.

Greenville's Warehouse District formerly housed many tobacco packaging plants and was a center of commerce for Greenville. The location holds many historic buildings which ECU plans to utilize to connect the history of Greenville's past with its present.

Further information on Intersect East can be found on its website.

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Carolina than the rest of the state.

Breast cancer is a devastating disease, according to Stacy. He said to raise awareness the BSOM needs to continue to renew their commitment to provide the region with resources and access to healthcare to beat this disease.

"The Brody School of Medicine's mission includes a pledge to the people of our region that we will research cancer and other diseases that impact them at higher rates and investigate how we can improve outcomes for our patients," Stacy said. "Screening is vitally important, and that goes hand in hand with improving access to health care and health education for our communities."

Nikki Hyatt, the cancer outreach coordinator for Vidant Medical Center's Cancer Care, said one in eight people will be diagnosed with breast cancer throughout their lifetime. Hyatt said if individuals think about that statistic, there are a lot of women at ECU who may be diagnosed in the future and it is important to find the cancer early on in order to begin the treatment process.

Hyatt said it is critical women are aware of their personal breast health on a regular basis. Women who are older than 40 should take extra precautions since they are more at risk than younger individuals and all women should take part in regular mammograms starting in their 20s, she said.



Nikki Hyatt

"Notify your doctor if there's a change, if there is a lump, if there is redness, swelling, dimpling or unexpected discharge. A lot of people just think about the lump, but they don't think about anything past that, so it's important to know the important signs of breast cancer,"

Hyatt said.

Women can undergo daily radiation treatment, chemotherapy, surgery, hormonal therapies along with many other treatment options that are available for those diagnosed, according to Hyatt. She said these options vary per individual, how early the cancer is found and what type of cancer it is.

There is a clinic at the Cancer Care center at Vidant Medical Center which conducts clinical trials and genetic tests, Hyatt said. It is important for women to know if any previous family member has had cancer, she said.

"They (women) can come to this cancer prevention clinic and can do a risk assessment which would be a detailed assessment of her family members," Hyatt said. "Then they would be referred onto genetic testing. That program is available here."

If women maintain healthy eating habits, do not consume an excessive amount of alcohol and if they regularly exercise, their risk for cancer and other health diseases will be lower than those who don't, according to Hyatt. She said there are numerous studies that say obese women are more likely to be diagnosed with breast cancer.

There are several free 3D cancer screenings coming up for individuals who are uninsured or who may have lost their job due to COVID-19, Hyatt said. There will be screenings available on Oct. 20 and Nov. 14 and individuals must register in order to receive service, according to Hyatt.

Anyone can call 252-847-7867 to make their screening appointment. Extended information about breast cancer is located on the Vidant Health Cancer Care's website and the BSOM's website.

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A supporter of Donald Trump holds up a sign in support of the president and his campaign last July.

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(Oct.) 15, which happens to be the first day of early voting."

Arndt said she expects Trump will focus the rally around the election, his opponent former Vice President Joe Biden and his stances on items pertinent to his platform. She said Trump's stop in Greenville is important as North Carolina is a swing state in the upcoming election.

"When I transferred to ECU when I was a sophomore in 2017, you know, I had no idea that the president would be coming to Greenville of all places twice," Arndt said. "It's very exciting to have a person just that high up in politics, especially for me as a political science major, I think it's very cool to have somebody like that be able to come to your college town, be able to come to essentially your home two years in a row."

In comparison to Trump's visit to ECU's campus in 2019, Arndt said she hopes people are more accepting of the rally as it will be hosted off-campus this year.

Arndt said she expects the rally will attract a lot of attention and registrations will be high. She said she encourages safety amid COVID-19 while she and the College Republicans have continued to practice social distancing in-person and hold online meetings.

"I know myself, I will be bringing a mask and I'll be wearing a mask (at the rally). They're always highly encouraged, so I'll be making sure that I'm staying safe and I hope the rest of the attendees can do the same as well," Arndt said.

Hunter Whittington, a senior political science and economics double major, said he has concerns about the rally as he believes it could be a COVID-19 superspreader event. He said it's irresponsible to host rallies in-person at this time.

After the president's positive COVID-19 test result surfaced on Oct. 2, Whittington said there is potential for positive cases to rise in Pitt County following the rally.

"To be honest with you, I feel like a big reason he was infected with COVID-19 in the first place was his rallies, and I'm not particularly confident in what the administration around him has to say about his condition, and I think that there's a chance that he could be potentially infectious and being in a setting with thousands of people potentially is dangerous not just for him but for other people," Whittington said.



Hunter Whittington

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Rise 29 promotes prosperity

Economic opportunities will be offered through new program

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East Carolina University's Rise 29 program will aim to promote economic prosperity in eastern North Carolina through the connection of students' passions with community needs while it works with businesses to create and retain jobs.

Co-directors of Rise 29 Michael Harris and Sharon Paynter came up with the idea of the entrepreneurship program on the back of a napkin while riding a ferry to Ocracoke Island for a meeting, according to Paynter. Harris said with the help of the Golden Leaf Foundation, which gave \$1.03 million in grant money, himself and Paynter were able to make their idea a reality.

"They (Golden Leaf Foundation) served as the funder. We developed a program and administering the program and they were the ones who saw the vision and invested in allowing us to make it happen," Harris said.

After they received the grant from the Golden Leaf Foundation to start the program, Harris and Paynter became co-directors of Rise 29. Paynter said the program is centered around prosperity in rural communities by forming connections between ideas and passions of ECU students so they may start their own business and work with existing businesses in the region.

Harris and Paynter have worked together before they started Rise 29 and known each other for a long time, according to Paynter. She said they both began work on the project because they care about eastern North Carolina.

Paynter said Harris is talented as he works with private sector business while she is good with the public and community. Their skills complement each other, according to Harris.

"As we develop the program, what we're really trying to do is to create this entrepreneurial network where it's just not one new business in a town in Martin County, as an example, but we're bringing together multiple ones and they compliment each other and it creates this very vibrant network," Harris said.



Two ECU professors from the College of Business collaborated to form Rise 29 this past year.

The goal of Rise 29 is to help communities across eastern North Carolina, that is done by creating jobs, according to Paynter. She said possible entrepreneurs may come or stay in the region if more people are attracted to live in small communities.



Sharon Paynter

"We feel like we have really talented students with great ideas at ECU that could help communities across the east by creating jobs and attracting people to live in smaller communities where they really well have a business that becomes part of a

core fabric in an area," Paynter said.

Rise 29 uses the mutually beneficial relationship between ECU and surrounding communities to make way from economic development one small business at a time, according to Paynter. She said in many ways, it is easier to start a business in a smaller community rather than an urban location.

The program does not partner with particular types of businesses but rather those that are in the area of Hyde, Martin, Beaufort and Pitt Counties, according to Paynter. She said the businesses that Rise 29 works with are referred and apply for projects with the community.

"Rise is a program that has long term potential and we're trying to get short term outcomes. So we need to have some success now so that we can build the case that we can have more successes later," Paynter said.

Derrick Welch, program manager of Rise 29, said he was brought on to the program staff in May 2020 after he worked as the public policy director for the Greenville Chamber of Commerce. When the opportunity came up to work with rural communities similar to those he grew up in, Welch said he saw it as the best of both worlds.

Welch said he worked in higher education before at Central New Mexico Community College with a total of 15 years of experience. He said when he saw the opportunity to work in rural economic development and students, it just clicked.

"Being able to come in and take the best of what they are putting out there because they each have such great ideas and trying to figure out how to make them work their ideas to coalesce and being able to sit down and work with them to bring all of this together on the rise and really draw the program forward has been a fantastic opportunity," Welch said.

The first months with Rise 29 were spent taking the great work the initiative had already done in the past year and formalizing the process of identifying clients and selecting students, according to Welch. He said Rise 29 had made good strides throughout the first year but being able to bring in structure and expand the program has been a great couple of months.

Welch said he is aware of the potential Rise 29 has to make an impact on the community.

The ECU College of Business offers opportunity for students to expand their businesses and explore economic opportunities through the Miller School of Entrepreneurship, according to the CoB website. The Pirate Entrepreneurship Challenge also provides students an opportunity to gain funding for their economic endeavours.

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Open bars may cause virus spike

Governor Roy Cooper announced on Sept. 30 that North Carolina will move forward to Phase 3 of the state's reopening plan. Under Phase 3, bars, movie theaters and amusement parks are allowed to open with a limited capacity of 30% or 100 people. Outdoor venues such as stadiums are now allowed to open at 7% capacity and the 11 p.m. alcohol sale for in-person consumption is still effective and will be extended until Oct. 23.

The opening of bars means an increased number of people will come into the uptown area once again since the lockdown began in March. Following the start of Phase 3, some bars, such as Fifth Street Distillery, have said it will not make attendees wear face masks if they don't want to. However, it will offer hand sanitizer to guests and will use plastic cups for drinks instead of regular glasses.

We, the editorial staff of The East Carolinian, believe opening bars benefits North Carolina's economy and locally owned businesses, but a COVID-19 spike could potentially happen if people are not cautious of one another and understand the pandemic remains ongoing.

East Carolina University has been known to have a reputation as a "party school," so a large number of college students are likely to attend the bars located in Uptown Greenville. After not being able to go out to bars or clubs for almost seven months, young adults may attend these social gatherings without the thought of wearing proper personal protective equipment (PPE).

Although wearing a mask to the bar is not ideal and something people want to go through, we have to remember that COVID-19 is still around. The numbers of confirmed cases may be decreasing in Pitt County, but we should not be ignorant, and a spike could happen if we're not careful.

We encourage individuals who plan to go out to the bars in Uptown Greenville to be cautious and try to sanitize their hands as often as possible. In order for North Carolina to be fully open and back to normal, we all must continue to follow Centers for Disease Control and Prevention COVID-19 guidelines and suggestions to continue the decline of active cases.

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Voters should be careful on who they endorse in the 2020 election



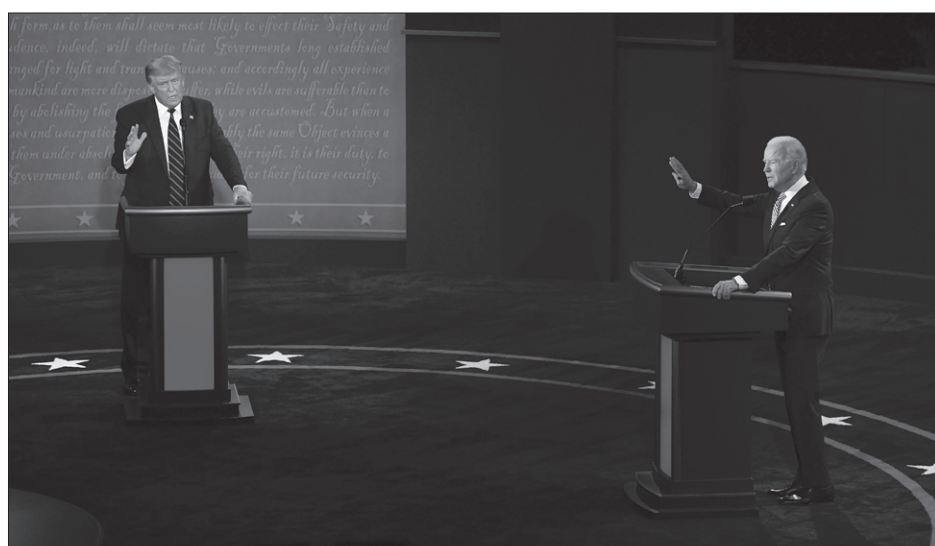
D'Mya Sanford
GUEST COLUMN

When I arrived in Greenville from Charlotte, North Carolina, I was exposed to an alien level of class diversity I had never seen before in my life. I never truly ventured too far from south Charlotte, so I rarely was forced to

reckon with large class disparities to socialize with my peers.

At East Carolina University, people dressed differently, drove different types of cars, spoke in very different dialects and accents and were impacted by issues I had either only read about in class or donated hundreds of dollars to through a charity organization I founded in high school. After interacting with some of the white people who lived in my dorm and white people I would see in public, I was shocked at the amount of Trump memorabilia they proudly sported despite obvious class markers that indicated that they did not benefit from his major policies.

Back home, the few people that I saw and knew who supported Trump's opposition to universal health care would benefit because they would get a tax break and had sufficient private insurance through the companies they worked for. No, student debt cancellation did not affect them because they were able to pay out of pocket for all or most of their education, tax breaks for the wealthy would benefit them because they were wealthy. The deregulation of corporate interests would allow them to exploit



President Donald Trump and Democratic Presidential Nominee Joe Biden during the Presidential Debate on Sept. 29.

lower-level and blue-collar employees for more profit. Regardless of moral and ethical values, I could not fathom how people could support their own oppression unless they were gravely confused.

This grave confusion was made apparent to me by the introduction of racism as a power structure. Throughout history, things like slavery, redlining, immigration restraints and police brutality have legally given people who benefit from whiteness a level of impunity and entitlement not afforded to their black, indigenous and people of color (POC) counterparts.

Simultaneously, non-white people and white allies are continuously striving and achieving social equity in ways that directly threaten this way of life. Instead of being

able to recognize and act on the need to adapt, the economic suppression and lack of resources force poor white racists to unknowingly exacerbate the difference between them and the dominant wealthy class. Because they are forced to work such long hours for little pay to survive, they do not have the luxury of time dedicated to self-education or were not afforded comprehensive education by birthright or by way of other economic restraints.

This makes racist scapegoating extremely convenient because it takes minimal understanding to perpetuate.

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Leaders must not create toxic work environments

Williams' World



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Being a leader in the service and retail industry is not always easy. Every leader is not perfect and will have some faults along the way. They understand their actions can't please everyone, but most

of the time, they know it's for the best for the rest of the group. A good leader is not always about the positive traits and qualities the individual has, but it's also about how they treat the people underneath them.

Just because someone is in a high-ranking position does not mean they should treat their subordinates badly. That's a common rule that all leaders should know, but often that's not the case. Almost everyone had come across some form of bad leadership in their life that had affected them in some form of way, and everyone does not deserve to be in that position.

I've worked under so many leadership and management styles throughout my life while working in the retail job industry. Some were laid back and did their best to be there for their subordinates while still being firm and authoritative. While others were just not understanding, did not care for the mental health of their workers and were just rude for no reason. Although the bad management experience made me grow a thicker skin, realizing how much

"As a leader, they should be aware of how their attitude affects the people underneath them. If they're not going to give their employees or subordinates respect, what makes them think the employees will be satisfied with working under awful leadership?"

-Giana Williams

that negative experience affected me mentally and emotionally was not okay.

As a leader, especially those in the retail and service industry, should be aware of how their attitude affects the people underneath them. If they're not going to give their employees or subordinates respect, what makes them think the employees will be satisfied with working under awful leadership? Leaders are supposed to set the tone for the work environment. If the leader exposes negative energy upon their workers, the workers will not give it their all.

Leaders should not purposely make their employees' lives terrible just because they feel they need to establish dominance toward their subordinates. Yet, they're confused as to why people constantly quit, and no one wants to work for them. Word will travel fast about terrible leadership, which could potentially damage the reputation of the company. If someone hears a rumor that a place has terrible management, they will avoid working for that place. As much as someone would like

to quit the job, they fiscally can't in some cases. A lot of workers have some form of bills to pay or have something they would like to save up for. The job market is not easy as it is, especially with COVID-19 going on and putting a halt on the hiring process for some companies. Although quitting and finding work at another place is possible for some, sometimes it doesn't work that well for some people.

I understand leaders are supposed to be authoritative and create strong workers for a nice work environment. There are ways, however, to do that without creating a toxic, unhappy setting. Leaders should self-evaluate what they're doing wrong to create an unwelcoming workplace and learn how to fix or control it. It's okay for leaders to own up to their faults and change themselves because that will create a great shift in the workplace dynamic.

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Blackened Kraken
 123 E 5th St
 8 to 11:30 p.m.
 252-215-8822

Open Mic Comedy
Pitt Street Brewing Co.
 630 S Pitt St
 7:30 to 10 p.m.
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TOMORROW

College Night at Stumpy's
Stumpy's Hatchet House
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 5 to 8 p.m.
 252-751-0300

FRIDAY

New Moon Yoga
Purple Blossom Yoga Studio
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 252-364-2917

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Customers pick out pumpkins at Briley's Farm Market Pumpkin Patch, located at 5290 Old Pactolus Rd., which opened for the season on Oct. 3. HAROLD BLOOMFIELD | THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Briley's Pumpkin Patch opens

Local farmer's market offers fall activities to public

Harold Bloomfield
 TEC STAFF

Family owned pumpkin patch, Briley's Farm Market, located at 5290 Old Pactolus Rd., continues to ring in the harvest season as its annual Briley's Pumpkin Patch, which began on Oct. 3, continues to offer fall festivities to the community.

Rachel Whitehurst is the co-owner and operator of Briley's Farm Market along with her husband Joey Whitehurst. She has been a co-owner since 2011 when she married Joey Whitehurst who has been part of Briley's Farm Market for over 20 years.



Rachel Whitehurst

"We try to keep it very family friendly, this year we changed to admission and for \$10 you get a pumpkin of any choice and size,

you get a corn maze ticket, and you get all the activities unlimited for as long as you want to stay and so we are hoping that helps people this year, especially with COVID-19 to get out and do something fun, social distancing is easy with 109 acres," Rachel Whitehurst said.

Briley's Farm Market is a family-run business, according to Rachel Whitehurst. She said most of the staff are relatives. They could be nieces, nephews or even friends.

Whitehurst said because of COVID-19, certain attractions had to be shut down, most of which include physical contact. Hay rides, face painting and even pony rides are absent from this year's pumpkin patch.

"My husband (Joey Whitehurst), he is the backbone of the whole thing. He's quiet, you see him behind the scenes, I'm always out front doing the interviews or welcoming people but if it wasn't for what he does behind the scenes, we would never do this, it's a lot of

work it's not a hobby for him it is like his full, it's what he loves it's forever," Rachel Whitehurst said.

Gaige Wells, a staff member at the farm market, described himself as a versatile worker as he completes jobs such as feeding the animals, putting the pumpkins on display and helping at the concession stand.

Wells said the best part about being employed at Briley's Farm Market is putting smiles on people's faces. He said he enjoys being out in nature and would rather work at the farm than work a nine-to-five job.

On a typical day, Wells said he wakes up at 6 a.m. and comes to the farm to set up the event. He said he makes sure the grounds are clean and tends to them from the time the Farm Market opens until it closes. He said he constantly works to make sure everything is in order.

"You really don't get no breaks because some jobs you may get that little 30 minute, hour break, right

here you just work, work, work: so it's just nonstop work," Wells said.

Cali Hardee, a staff member who has worked at Briley's Farm Market for two years, said she works on the grounds usually, watches over the bounce houses and makes sure nothing is out of place and runs concessions.

Hardee said it's fun to work at Briley's, and being around kids and families is the best part about the work on the grounds because of the joy brought from seeing the children happy.

"It's fun. It's very upbeat, there is never a dull moment, you're always busy (and) it's a super fun place to work," Hardee said.

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Inktober makes its return at The ArtLab

Yasmine Curmon-Ward
 TEC STAFF

The ArtLab, located at 729 Dickinson Ave., will invite the community to participate in the annual Inktober challenge through tags on its social media pages.

Inktober is a challenge that occurs every October, according to the Inktober website. A list of prompts is posted on the website, one word for each day in October. People can choose to draw the prompt every day, every other day or once a week, but they are encouraged to make a goal and stick with it, according to the Inktober website.

"Jake Parker created Inktober in 2009 as a challenge to improve his inking skills and develop positive drawing habits. It has since grown into a worldwide endeavor with thousands of artists taking on the challenge every year," the Inktober website said.

Participants upload their drawings to social media with the hashtags #Inktober and #Inktober2020, according to rules on the Inktober website. The ArtLab is an arts incubator and gallery whose goal is to provide community art opportunities and make them aware of opportunities like this one, according to its website.

Jacinda Aytch, graphic designer and illustrator at The ArtLab, said the challenge is for everyone because it is low cost. People can draw with regular pens or permanent markers on paper. She said it is a great way to keep the brain active because people can choose a prompt everyday or every other day and use their imagination to draw the word for the day.



Jacinda Aytch

"It is a way to be creative throughout the month of October without having to go out and buy a lot of art supplies that you may not use later on," Aytch said.

If people are interested in art, they should participate in the challenge, Aytch said. She said the staff posts their artwork on a large sheet of paper on the gallery wall at The ArtLab and people can walk by and see their artwork through the window.

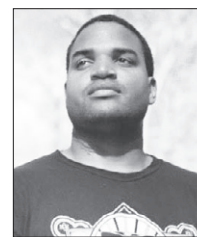
Ryan Harper, ECU liberal art history alumnus who is now a photographer at The ArtLab, said the event showcases different styles of black and white ink imagery and sometimes color ink imagery.

Harper said people can stop by to see the artist's drawings on Fridays from Noon to 8 p.m. and Saturdays from 4 to 8 p.m. He said there is a variety of art-work because everyone has a different interpretation of the prompt.

"I am a photographer that doesn't really draw as much as I used to, but I find it thrilling to start drawing again and to do challenges like this (Inktober) and to see my interpretations of the words" Harper said.

Elizabeth Steiner, artist in residence at The ArtLab, said due to the COVID-19 pandemic, they are only asking people to post their ink work and tag The ArtLab on their social media pages. She said the artist in The ArtLab will be participating in the challenge with guest artists.

Steiner encourages people to participate in the challenge to connect with people in their community and to see what other



Ryan Harper



Elizabeth Steiner



The front of The ArtLab located at 729 Dickinson Ave. MACIE TANO | THE EAST CAROLINIAN

people are drawing for the prompts.

"The main goal of the event is to build community with other people in Greenville, North Carolina or outside of Greenville, North Carolina, who are participating in Inktober (©)," Steiner said.

More information about Inktober and The ArtLab, can be found on their website, Facebook and Instagram pages.

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JUSTICE continued from A1 meaningful, and work well in black and white. He should be proud of what he has accomplished. I am looking forward to whatever he does next," Jelinek said.

Hallie Anna Ehly, McCray's mother, describes McCray as an adventurous child and said he "really sees life" when she describes his artwork even as a child. She said she has a picture he drew when he was five years old of the two of them holding hands in front of a slide when they lived in New York.

Ehly said the booklet is well put together, well researched and offers a lot of insight. She said McCray is passionate and she is proud of his love and compassion for everyone. She said he doesn't do what he does for money; he does it because he sees the need for the culture and for his people.

"It (the booklet) makes you more compassionate, seeing it (social issues) from the inside and it shows his love and compassion for everyone," Ehly said.

Sarah Lazure, marketing coordinator at Emerge Gallery and Art Center, said she has known McCray since he has been a student at ECU. She said McCray has contributed three pieces to the Black Voices Matter exhibit in Uptown Greenville.

Lazure said she encourages people to take a look at McCray's work and the other artists who contributed to the Black Voices Matter exhibition throughout Uptown Greenville since they do not have to go inside of the gallery. She said McCray has a large banner at the Greenville Museum of Art, a piece titled "Revolution" located at The Scullery and another piece titled "Heroes" located at Pitt Street Brewing Company.

"I personally support all of this. I hope that his booklet will help those that may not get it or had the right connection. That he's able to inform, reach and educate others," Lazure said.

The content of the booklet is very informative, according to Lazure. She said it starts out with facts about COVID-19 and photos to go along with the information. Lazure said she was surprised and impressed with the interviews McCray conducted with frontline workers.

McCray said he continues to raise money through a gofundme account to fund the second issue of the booklet, which he plans to title "Revolution or Renaissance." It will

document the 2020 election in Washington, District of Columbia.

He said he plans to interview members of Capitol Hill and to go to New York to document people's reaction to the end of 2020 and New Years Eve in Times Square, according to McCray.

"Hopefully, this is something that I can continue to do, so there are always new resources and there are always new actions to get behind in a positive way to impact the world," McCray said.

A printable version of the first issue booklet is available to patrons of the gofundme along with a poster and stickers, according to McCray.

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Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) — Today is a 7 — Clean, sort and organize at home, with Mercury retrograde. Review papers, photos and possessions. Repair appliances and backup files. Revise and refine household infrastructure.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Today is a 7 — Avoid misunderstandings, with Mercury retrograde. Revise and refine the message. Delays or breakdowns could affect mechanical equipment. Make repairs immediately. Reestablish old bonds.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) — Today is an 8 — Prioritize health and energy. Develop and revise shared goals, options and plans with your partner, with Mercury retrograde. Support each other.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Today is a 7 — Take extra care with communications, shipping and transportation, with Mercury retrograde over three weeks. Resolve misunderstandings immediately. Plan and prepare for later action.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Today is a 7 — Practice makes perfect with team activities over three weeks, with Mercury retrograde. Nurture old friends and connections. Have patience and humor with communication snafus.

Gemini (May 21-June 20) — Today is an 8 — Keep equipment repaired. Delays, misunderstandings or mistakes could frustrate your work and health over three weeks, with Mercury retrograde. Slow down to finish faster.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Today is a 7 — Monitor cash flow closely. Allow extra time for travel, transport, invoices and collections, with Mercury retrograde for three weeks. Review financial records and budgets.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Today is a 7 — Review professional data closely, with Mercury retrograde for three weeks. Misunderstandings could cause delays. Guard against communication breakdowns. Backup hard drives and archives.

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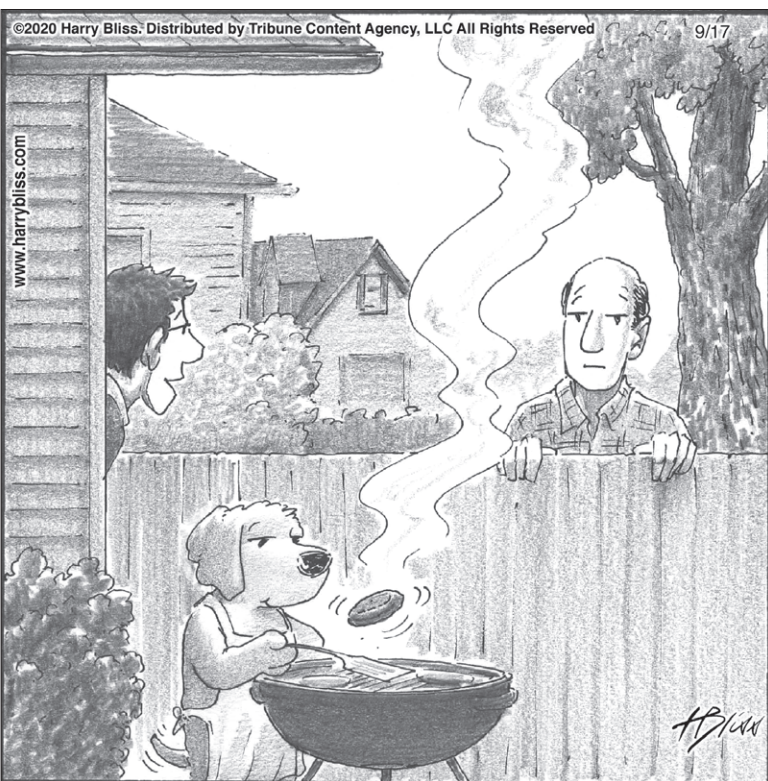
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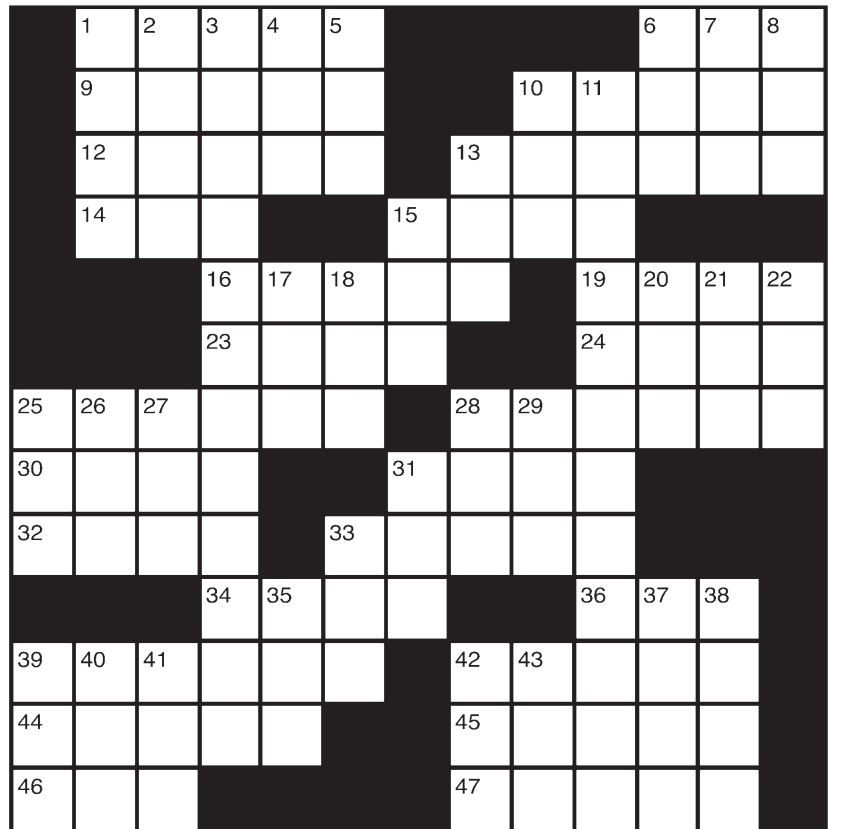


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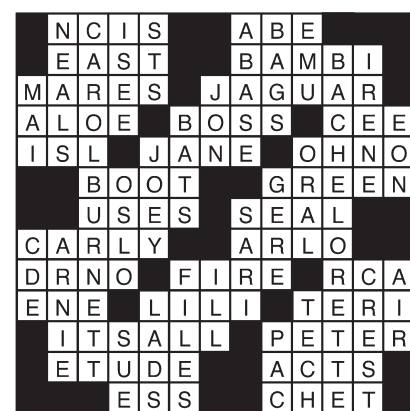
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- 32 "The King ___"; Yul Brynner classic
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- 7 Anger
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- 10 ___-pitch softball
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- 13 Herman Munster, to Eddie
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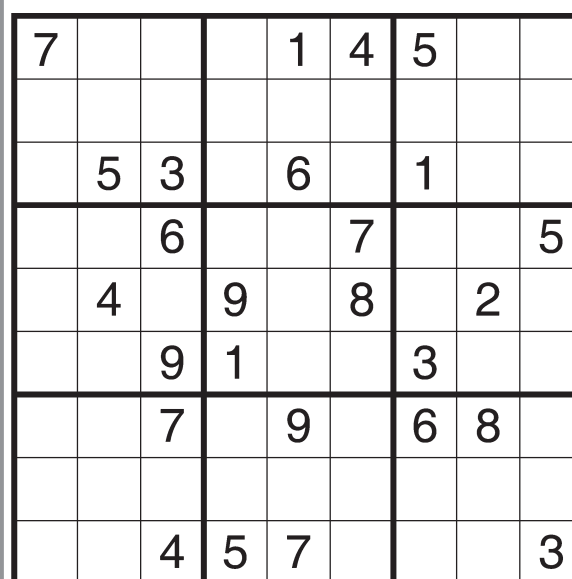


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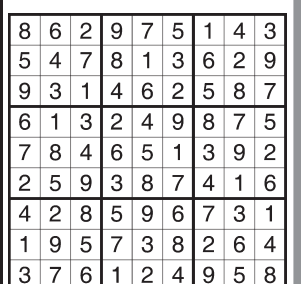
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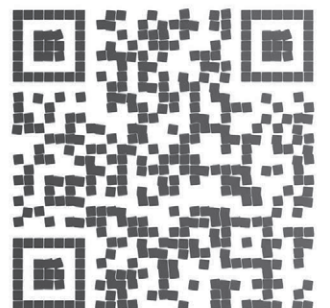


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COVID-19 guidelines affect trainers

ECU Athletics staff faces challenges as global pandemic changes sports

Jess Sabin
TEC STAFF

COVID-19 has changed how East Carolina University's athletic trainers do their jobs, and new guidelines as well as restrictions have been made to ensure the safety of everyone involved, whether it be their players or medical staff.

Zac Womack, head athletic trainer at ECU, has continued to work with the Pirates for 13 years and has been involved with athletic training since 2001, when he worked with some minor league teams of the New York Yankees. From 2001-2007 Womack worked with the Gulf Coast Yankees, the Greensboro Bats, the Battle Creek Yankees and the Trenton Thunder.

"We are more COVID(-19) managers now than athletic trainers," Womack said. "It is the first thing you see when you wake up in the morning when your sickness form pops up, temperature form pops up for every staff member and every athlete. It is a lot of reminding people all day long how to social distance, wearing your mask and keeping your mask on."

According to Womack, before COVID-19 the standard day for an athletic trainer at ECU began at 6 a.m. with set up to check-in on athletes who needed assistance before classes. After classes, then they would make sure the athletes were ready for practice or a game. Normally, the athletic trainers would work at least 12 hours a day.

Womack said certain aspects of how the athletic trainers do their jobs have changed because of COVID-19. Specifically, he noted how their ability to treat and check on players has been restricted. He said the trainers have to be much more cognizant of sanitation and how many athletes can be in a room and checked up on at once.



ECU Athletic trainer Jake Moore responds to an injured football player on the field in the 2019 season.

"Right now, some of our athletic training rooms are of smaller size, some are larger but like with football you might have had 15 guys getting treated at the same time, four or five guys in the cold tub, three or four female athletes in the rehab pool, and now you can't do that," Womack said. "Now you have to limit it to one or two people per pool, they have to have their mask on and they can't face each other."

Womack said one of the few aspects of the job that hasn't been restricted is the number of athletic trainers that are allowed to travel for away games, despite overall travel in being restricted for all college sports.

Since the move to online classes, Womack said

he has noticed a drop in the number of positive cases. With less contact with students who aren't their teammates their risk of exposure has gone down.



Zac Womack

"A lot of these athletes have been cooped up in their house for three or four months, away from each other, so as soon as they get out here they want to hang around each other you know," Womack said. "They are doing their best with social distancing but at the same time they are on the field they want to hang out, they want to keep up with their friends."

ECU currently remains fully staffed with 13 athletic trainers for 18 sports with 400 student athletes, amidst COVID-19 much of the athletic training staff's job now is to keep track of who has had it, and who may have been exposed to it. Womack said it has taken away from their actual athletic training job.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, anyone who has tested positive for COVID-19 should quarantine themselves for at least 10 days regardless of the show of any symptoms. The NCAA has its own set of guidelines as well, which state that all individuals with high risk exposure must be quarantined for at least 14 days.

"Anybody that is in quarantine is quarantined for 14 days and we have to keep track of them, and then when an athlete comes back from isolation from testing positive they have a 10 day return-to-play activity where we build them up conditioning wise," Womack said. "Instead of our actual athletic training job of treating an ankle sprain, or spending more time with a pitcher's elbow that is tight or sore."

Womack said COVID-19 has caused the athletic training staff to be less hands on as before. He said other than always having to wear a mask and gloves, they have to be much more aware of keeping players separated. Treatments and rehab have to be conducted outside so as not to be in an enclosed space in order to try and provide the same quality of care as before.

As football season continues and other sports are soon to begin, the athletic training staff will, as Womack said, continue to adapt.

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» ANALYSIS

Defense shows growth against USF on road



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East Carolina University football's (1-2, 1-1 AAC) first win came in the third game of the season against the University of South Florida (1-3, 0-2 AAC) in a 44-24 blowout, primarily due to major improvement on the defense and a much more well rounded attack from the offense.

The biggest difference in this game came from ECU's defense. In both the previous games against the University of Central Florida (2-1, 1-1 American Athletic Conference) and Georgia State University (1-1, 0-1 Sun Belt Conference), the defense got a combined zero sacks. That all changed in this game. ECU got consistent pressure on USF's sophomore quarterback Jordan McCloud.

The unit had a total of five sacks for 19 yards lost. Junior linebacker Xavier Smith, senior linebacker Aaron Ramseur and junior linebacker Myles Berry each had one sack while sophomore linebacker Jireh Wilson had two.



Pirate kicker Jake Verity lines up a kick against USF.

Not only did the defense get to the quarterback, it was an all around disruptive unit, consistently getting into the backfield to stuff the run as well. Prior to this game the defense gave up an average of 235.5 total rush-yards a game, however, against the Bulls ECU gave up just 92.

Being able to overcome such struggles showed what the Pirate defense is capable of when it works cohesively. Even though USF has

had its struggles offensively, this was still a team which averaged 163 rushing-yards per game.

The Pirates had eight different players record a tackle for loss for a combined 13 TFLs. Freshman defensive lineman Kareem Stinson had half a tackle for loss while sophomore defensive back Shawn Dourseau, freshman defensive back Teagan Wilk and freshman wide receiver Taji Hudson each had one. Berry had 1.5, Wilson had two and Smith and Ramseur each had three. The tackles for loss totaled an impressive 51 yards of lost yardage for USF.

The Pirates forced and recovered two fumbles as they won the turnover battle and the unit seemed to be clicking on all cylinders. The secondary had its moments of bending but never broke as they didn't allow a passing touchdown all game, although McCloud did amass 298 yards through the air and was able to gash the Pirates' defense all night, with three passes going for more than 30 yards and one went for 52 to freshman wide receiver Omarion Dollison.

Junior quarterback Holton Ahlers, while not posting the biggest numbers, had a very efficient game with 17-26 passing for 222 yards and

three touchdowns and no interceptions. Ahlers' 65% completion percentage is far and away his best on the season and despite not getting a lot of yards through the air the Pirates ground game more than made up for that.



Holton Ahlers

The Pirates totaled 210 yards with their rushing attack, 63 more yards than the season average of 147. Freshman running back Rahjai Harris led the way for the Pirates with 19 rushes for 115 yards and two touchdowns. He had a very impressive 6.1 yards per carry and led all rushers for both teams in attempts, yards, yards per carry, longest rush (42 yards) and was tied for touchdowns with USF sophomore running back Johnny Ford.

If the Pirates are able to keep up this defensive play particularly in being able to pressure opposing quarterbacks this will be one of several major wins ECU will have this season.

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» ANALYSIS

Pirate football should focus on run game



Dylan Woolard
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It isn't really what East Carolina University football (1-2, 1-1 AAC) typically looks like, but the overwhelmingly run heavy offense that earned the Pirates their first win of the 2020 season should probably stick around a little while longer.

The Pirates finished the 44-24 victory over the University of South Florida (1-3, 0-2 AAC) with a very healthy 210 total yards rushing. The emergence of freshman running back Rahjai Harris as a primary option along with what appears to be the abandonment of the running back by committee approach are responsible for this success on the ground.

For the first time this season, a single ECU running back received more than 40% of the rush attempts called for the position. In the Pirates' season opening loss to the University of Central Florida (2-1, 1-1 AAC), junior running back Darius Pinnix Jr. finished with 13 of the position's 42 attempts on the ground. The result, a mere 30% of handoffs going to the team's leader in rush attempts for the contest.

Harris happened to be the benefactor of the Oct. 10s change in game plan as he saw 19 of the ECU running back group's 41 total attempts



Second year ECU head coach Mike Houston interacts with an official from the sideline during a game.

or 46%. Given the opportunity to prove himself, Harris racked up numbers that Pirate fans hadn't seen since former Pirate running back and National Football League legend Chris Johnson was wearing the purple and gold.



Rahjai Harris

Harris' 119 yards were the most posted by a true freshman running back in a single game for ECU since Johnson's 158 yards rushing against Tulane in 2004. The entire Pirate offense failed to reach 100 yards rushing in the loss to Georgia State on Oct. 3. Abandoning the running back by committee approach

very clearly paid off in just one game.

As far as ECU football's identity on offense is concerned, it has long been synonymous with the air raid style of play, but if there were ever a time to change, now would be a great time to do so. Prior to the arrival of current head coach Mike Houston, the last two times a Pirate offense ran for more yards than it passed for were Oct. 14, 2017 when the Pirates lost to UCF 63-21 and Oct. 30, 2015 when the Pirates lost to the University of Connecticut 31-13.

Since Houston's arrival to Greenville, North Carolina, ECU offenses have posted more yards rushing than passing twice and both occurrences resulted in victories. Both came during

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Houston's first season with the Pirates in 2019 when ECU defeated Gardner-Webb University 48-9 and then in the 19-7 victory over the College of William and Mary.

Junior quarterback Holton Ahlers did manage to throw for more yardage than he and the rest of the team ran for in Saturday's win over USF, but it was still nearly the third time that the Pirates earned more yards on the ground than through the air. Ahlers only managed 12 more yards passing than the Pirate offense's 210 total rush yards with 222 passing yards.

Houston continues to prove the importance of the run game in he and his staff's offensive scheme. Watching Ahlers hand the ball off 41 times might not be as exciting as watching him throw it 50 times, but at least the Pirates seem to have a chance to win if the ball stays on the ground.

This isn't to say that Ahlers and his crew of gifted receivers aren't talented enough to get the job done with the passing game, but Houston's Pirates might be better when they're running the football. In fact, Houston showcased just how important the run game is when he first came to Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium as an opposing head coach.

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