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Several ECU students walk throughout the university's main campus, checking their phones and answering calls on the way to class.

HAILIE MILLER | THE EAST CAROLINIAN

## ECU Wi-Fi lacks stable connection

Chris Young  
TEC STAFF

Since the start of the fall semester on Aug. 23, numerous East Carolina University students and faculty continue to experience issues with the Wi-Fi on the university's main campus, which has had a large impact on the start of the term.

As of date of publication, a representative of ECU Information and Technology Computing Services has not provided a statement regarding the issue of Wi-Fi on the university's campus.



Larkin Murphy

French professor Larkin Murphy said many students have shared their Wi-Fi troubles with him as a faculty member. He said the issue has caused dysfunction across the campus since the start of the school semester.

"I've had students tell me they can't even connect from their dorms," Murphy said. "These students have been forced to go to the library just to finish assignments we (professors) have given them."

Murphy said he is unsure of who within the university to reach out to in order to fix the issue. He said many professors have faced this same problem and nobody knows who to talk to or how to fix the Wi-Fi in their classrooms.

Students need Wi-Fi and internet connection when on campus, Murphy said, as a large amount of students rely on the internet while on campus to complete their work.

"At the end of the day, the school's infrastructure runs on the internet," Murphy said. "Everything the students need is online and I don't know who can fix this problem, but it needs to be fixed as soon as possible."

Senior computer science major Nick Johnson said the problems with the university's Wi-Fi have caused numerous issues within his classes since the start of the semester. He said students have experienced trouble with their laptops in class and some university professors have been unable to connect to the campus Wi-Fi.

Johnson said he hopes ECU can work to find a solution to this problem because a lot of students

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## COVID cases continue to rise

### Faculty fear student noncompliance to safety protocols

Breanna Sapp  
TEC STAFF

Members of the East Carolina University community have raised concerns about student compliance to COVID-19 safety protocols and the possible effect noncompliance could have as there is a rise in COVID-19 case numbers across campus and Pitt County.

Chair of the Faculty Senate and fall 2021 planning team member Purificación



Purificación Martínez

Martínez said she has heard many concerns from faculty for almost two weeks, including emails and photographs that demonstrate student mask misuse on the university's campus. She said she has personally seen examples of this throughout ECU corridors between classes, though she hasn't had

any reported issues of mask misuse within the classroom setting.

"I think that the university should push for more aggressive messaging regarding vaccination," Martínez said. "I think strong social media presses, special campaigns to sign to increase vaccination, making it very public where vaccination is available is important."

Faculty members have utilized measures such as seating charts in their classrooms, Martínez said, as well as other procedures recommended by the fall 2021 planning team to help mitigate the spread of COVID-19 in academic settings. She said as of Sept. 1, there have been instances of COVID-19 clusters within classrooms where faculty members had to temporarily move their courses online due to positive case numbers in the classroom. Faculty members should be a model for student behavior, Martínez said, and as cases continue to increase, faculty will continue to be flexible for

in-person instruction.

Martínez said due to the increase of case numbers on campus, university officials will begin to refine campus COVID-19 procedures and will make any updated information public for the ECU community to be aware of and follow. Face mask usage helps minimize the spread of COVID-19, she said, but vaccines are the most effective at prevention and should be encouraged campus wide.

There has been a number of confirmed COVID-19 clusters present throughout various residence halls on campus since the start of the fall semester. As of yesterday, there are 246 ECU students and employees confirmed as positive for COVID-19, according to the ECU Public COVID Dashboard. The most recent COVID-19 clusters reported on campus were from the Ballard-East Residence Hall, Ballard-West Residence

## Pirates soccer to face Duke Blue Devils

Brendan Cavazos  
TEC STAFF

The East Carolina University soccer team (4-2, 0-0 American Athletic Conference) will head to Durham, North Carolina, to face No. 5 Duke University (5-0, 0-0 Atlantic Coast Conference) on Sept. 9 after back-to-back shutout games.

The Pirates previously beat Virginia Commonwealth University (4-2, 0-0 Atlantic 10 Conference) in a 2-0 shutout on Sept. 5 and Campbell University (2-2-1, 0-0 Southern Conference) in a 1-0 game.

Duke remains undefeated so far this season with a few shutouts as well. The Blue Devils posted a 2-0 shutout against Vanderbilt (2-3-1, 0-0 Southeastern Conference) on Aug. 29 and a 6-0 shutout against Western Carolina University (3-2-1, 0-0 Southern Conference) on Aug. 26.

The Blue Devils are also coming off a 2-1 win on Sept. 2 against No. 10 Stanford University (3-2, 0-0 Pacific 12). As ECU prepares to face Duke, one of the two teams will have its win streak ended.

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## Boutique to bring cannabis to city

Cayla Menges  
TEC STAFF

The Holistic Co., a cannabis boutique native to Fremont, North Carolina, will expand its company to a location in Uptown Greenville at 501 Evans St., later this fall with no specific date determined at this time.

Tatum Hardison, co-founder of The Holistic Co., said she and her husband Allen Hardison decided to open a cannabis boutique almost two years ago in Fremont, where the pair reside. Tatum Hardison said in the span of almost two years the pair will have opened four locations with Greenville, North Carolina, as their latest addition.

"We started our little company in Fremont and I actually worked full time elsewhere and we just kind of had this little idea and it's just grown wonderfully and so we had people come to us and ask us for the opportunity," Tatum Hardison said. "We never thought that we could even fathom the idea of being in a place like this."

The Holistic Co. will offer a variety of hemp-derived products, which include but are not limited to CBD tinctures,



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The Holistic Co., located at 501 Evans St., will open its door to Greenville residents in the fall.

Delta-8 edibles, raw hemp flower and skin products, Tatum Hardison said. The Holistic Co. hopes to educate the community on cannabis offerings and create a relationship to help overcome the stigma behind cannabis, as it may be associated with the THC cannabinoid that has a psychoactive effect.

Tatum Hardison said as a licensed therapist who practices holistic approaches to medicine, she aims to provide customers with alternative options to benefit their

health. She said The Holistic Co. has many clients who use the company's products in lieu of medications.

"We pride ourselves on education, really spending time with people and helping them understand not just the one stigma (around cannabis) of it or the one aspect (of cannabis) of it because there's so many variables to cannabis," Tatum Hardison said. "It's so helpful."

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**BRIEFS**

**Cupola Conversations to return for fall semester**

Today, the Division of Student Affairs will host the first fall 2021 Cupola Conversations at 4 p.m. on Microsoft Teams. The session will focus on the 20th anniversary recognition of the 9/11 attacks and the current impacts on the country. The event will be open to the campus and the general public.

**9/11 Interactive Workshop to be hosted**

The Center for Leadership & Civic Engagement, the Department of Political Science and the Department of History will host an interactive workshop about the origins of the attacks on 9/11 tomorrow from 3 to 4:30 p.m. in the Main Campus Student Center in room 125. The program is free and open to the public and refreshments will be served.

**ECU to host 9/11 reflection ceremony**

Saturday, East Carolina University will host a reflection ceremony and memorial dedication of the 9/11 events from 9 to 10 a.m. on the Main Campus Student Center Lawn. Campus leaders will share their thoughts and the importance of the anniversary of 9/11. The event is free and open to the public.

**CORRECTIONS & CLARIFICATIONS**

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Hall and the ECU volleyball team, an ECU News Services cluster notification said yesterday.

“The main concern is we wholeheartedly agree of the fact that being face-to-face is the best learning for the students and for the faculty,” Martinez said. “Faculty are so excited to be back in the classroom. So, that is precisely what we need to do. We need to protect that environment and eliminate as many events or actions as possible that will increase the risk (of COVID-19).”

Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Virginia Hardy said the university looks at the campus’ positive COVID-19 case numbers daily and uses this data to reassess current protocols in place. Frequent communication to remind students of protocols is one university tactic, Hardy said, as well as frequent contact tracing. She said the university has increased reinforcement of COVID-19 protocols on campus, though students will need to take personal responsibility regarding off campus activities and large gatherings.

The Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities addresses student behavior on an individual basis, Hardy said, and violations must be accumulative before students are given consequences. She said as the university continues to refine COVID-19 protocols, information will be publicized to the ECU community regarding any changes.

The university will continue to take actions to mitigate COVID-19 cases on campus as needed, Hardy said, including an increase in surveillance testing, a switch from saliva tests to polymerase chain reaction (PCR) tests and to-go options in the dining halls.

“We all, I believe, are responsible for each other. We are our brother’s and our sister’s keepers in this thing,” Hardy said. “I believe part of my responsibility is to make this place safe for the people around me. So that means I need to wear my mask and abide by the community expectations and community standards.”

Cindy Elmore, a professor in ECU’s School of Communication, said she and other ECU faculty members have noticed noncompliance from students throughout campus. Though students have followed protocols within her classroom and others throughout her building in Joyner East, Elmore said she notices noncompliance specifically in student activity buildings such as the ECU Eakin Student Recreation Center.

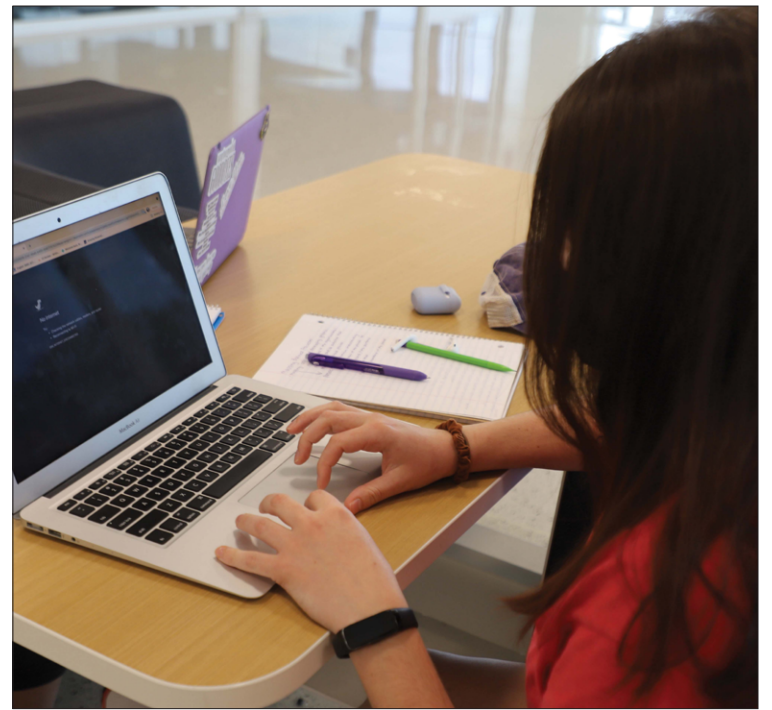
Face mask misuse is one of the primary concerns for her and other faculty, Elmore said, and she has made her concerns known to officials throughout the Eakin Student Recreation Center. She said although mask usage is required throughout the buildings on campus, there is little enforcement of the mandate on a regular basis. Student compliance on campus has a major effect on the Greenville, North Carolina, community, Elmore said, and Vidant Health Medical Center’s increase in Intensive Care Unit numbers is an example of this.

“To me, as an institution that teaches and values science, we have to model the science,” Elmore said. “We have to do that. We have to be the institution in town, even if nobody else in town does it, we have to be the institution that applies the science to mitigate a pandemic. Otherwise, what are we?”



Cindy Elmore

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An ECU student tries to join the campus Wi-Fi after a failed attempt to connect.

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need internet connection to complete their assignments while they’re on campus. He said the problems with Wi-Fi have been occurring for about two weeks.

“I’ve had classes where the professor can’t even pull up assignments or notes on his computer because the internet wasn’t working,” Johnson said. “There have been other classes where no one could connect to the Wi-Fi.”

Johnson said this issue is very serious because so many assignments and classes rely on the accessibility to a stable Wi-Fi connection. He said the internet needs to always be working for college students who rely on technology.

The problem with the campus Wi-Fi affects everyone, Johnson said. He said in order for the university to be able to function, the school needs to have reliable internet access because he and other students do spend time on campus completing assignments.

“This doesn’t just affect me,” Johnson said. “This problem has caused a lot of inconsistency in class and it has even put some professors behind schedule and left students unable to participate in their classes.”

Junior psychology major Caitlin Gaudet said she has been struggling with the internet connection for the last couple of weeks. She said she wants this to be fixed as soon as possible because almost every time she walks into class, she has no internet connection.



Caitlin Gaudet

Gaudet said she is tired of not being able to pull up her professors’ canvas pages to find questions. She said in many of her classes, professors are behind because they cannot pull up the activities for the day.

“I need to be able to do my work on campus,” Gaudet said. “I can’t come into class and scramble to get internet connection because professors can’t hold up class because a student is having internet troubles.”

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## OUR VIEW

### ECU parking needs to see improvement

Since the start of the fall 2021 semester, members of the East Carolina University community have faced issues securing a parking spot near or on campus. The ECU parking garage located by the Main Campus Student Center had closed down, on average, four times a day due to the occupancy limit, according to ECU Parking supervisor Josh Puckett.

Puckett advised students who commute to campus to buy a commuter zone parking permit in order to park on campus and utilize the transit services available to travel to the main campus. However, students with parking passes have reported not being able to find parking in the commuter zones.

We, the editorial staff of The East Carolinian, believe more effort should be made by both the university and students for more parking to be available on-campus. Students should depend on the university to provide more parking spaces. After being away from campus for so long due to the COVID-19 pandemic, an influx of students returning to campus was bound to happen.

ECU should consider providing more parking spaces for students, especially in commuter lots, to accommodate the number of students who drive to campus. Since COVID-19 is still a prominent issue and cases are continuously rising, some students may not feel comfortable taking the ECU Transit bus to or from campus.

Students, however, should educate themselves on how to work the ECU or Greenville, North Carolina, transit system. The ECU transit bus runs by most of the off-campus student apartment complexes in Greenville and students are able to ride to campus for free without the need to drive to campus almost daily.

It's a joint effort needed by both ECU and its students.

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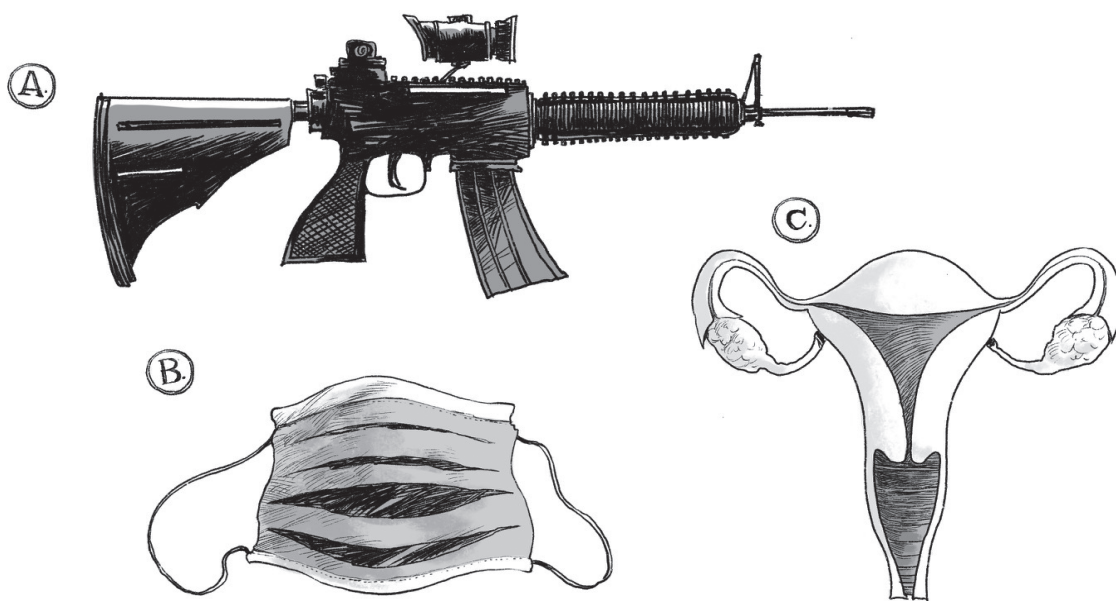
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### MULTIPLE CHOICE QUESTION:



WHICH ONE DOES TEXAS THINK SHOULD BE STRICTLY REGULATED ?

## Basic life skills are important Young adults need to prepare more for the real world

### Jenny's Journal



Jennifer Sieg  
TEC COLUMNIST

If you're a college student who is worried about managing the future, post-graduation or adult world in general, let's talk. Let's talk about real life and real-life obstacles, because some of us seem to forget that we are ultimately on our way out of our well-known comfort zone, to say the least.

When it comes to college, students need to remain focused on essential life skills that are going to be needed as soon as we walk across that stage at graduation. Yes, it is important that academics come first throughout our time here, but let's also focus on what is about to come next.

It's important to remember that not everything is taught in schools, and not all knowledge is gained at home. It is up to you to obtain and come by these necessary skills on your own.

I get it, we don't always want to "grow up," but sometimes, it's worth it, and it will be valued later on.

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- Jennifer Sieg

first throughout our time here, but let's also focus on what is about to come next.

As students, there are so many things we are not told, taught or are just forgotten. Some students may still solely rely on parents to set up doctors appointments, pay taxes, manage bills or even mitigate general problem solving. I'm here to tell you that essential life skills must not be forgotten and the sooner you learn, the better off you will be.

We are the next generation to enter the real world as college graduates. If I am writing here today to tell you just one thing, it's that no matter what your degree is, your future employer will absolutely look for basic skills and general knowledge.

Life doesn't wait. When we graduate, we will be faced with various obstacles that we have yet to encounter as students. We will eventually need to file our own taxes, apply for an apartment or rental home, finance our budgets and live day-to-day with a handful of stress.

It's important to remember that not everything is taught in schools, and not all knowledge is gained at home. It is up to you to obtain and come by these necessary skills on your own.

At one point, we've all questioned why more essential life skills weren't taught to us in high school before we entered the college world. We wonder why we weren't

taught general finance, like how to pay taxes, or how to budget our money. Yet, this is exactly why it is so important for our generation to take the initiative and learn ourselves.

What is the best way to learn these skills on your own you might ask? Practice. Get out there and meet new people, learn how to communicate, learn how to pay your first cell phone bill and make that call to set up your next check-up appointment. There are so many online resources that offer advice and help you learn, such as blogs, YouTube videos and general websites.

Learn to manage your time, learn how to solve that issue that may be bugging you and learn how to budget your expenses by writing them down in a new notebook or plugging the numbers into a spreadsheet.

Observe others around you and ask yourself, "What are they doing that may benefit me too?"

Everyone has their own system of learning when it comes to "adulting," so figure out what works best for you.

College is fun while it lasts, but let's not forget the real world is waiting for us right around the corner.

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## Football program funding is excessive



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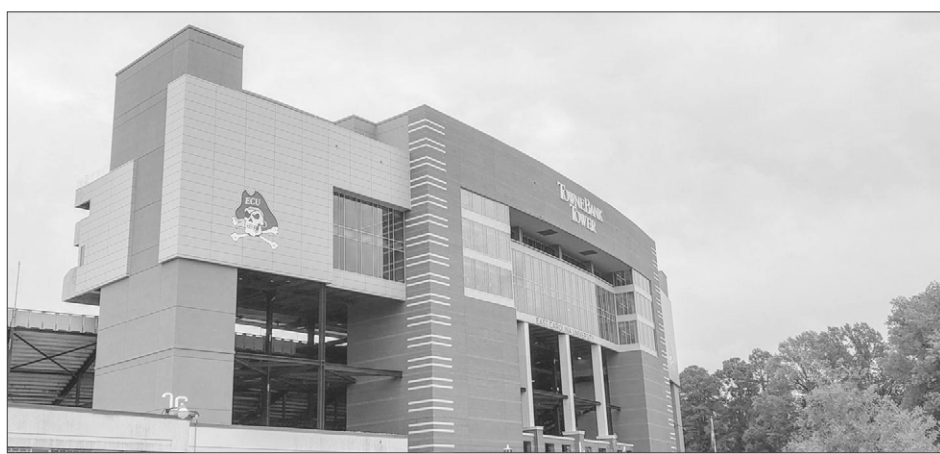
The East Carolina football team finished last season with a 3-6 record. The program has not been able to put together a winning season since 2014. So why does a program with little success have so much funding?

Based on the venue where it plays its home games, ECU's football team has the highest funded sports program in the university. This is common around universities all over the nation. In fact, schools that don't have a Division I football program are not looked on as fondly.

In most sports, the team's home venue is a good reflection of the program. Dowdy-Ficklen was first opened in 1963 with a capacity of 10,000. Since then, renovations have expanded the capacity to over 50,000 making ECU's home field the fourth biggest in the American Athletic Conference.

The most recent renovation was the TowneBank Tower. When it opened in 2019, there were dozens of suites and boxes, club level seating, and areas for press and broadcasters. The tower was a \$60 million project announced back in 2016.

So much money has gone into making the team's football program look good everywhere except on the field. ECU has gone years without selling out its stadium, but adding an expansion to it hardly bene-



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The TowneBank Tower, the most recent renovation to East Carolina University's football stadium.

fits the students or improves season results. It was merely to impress donors and sponsors and offer a quick way to make ECU stand out more in the college football scene.

On the other side of the parking lot, the baseball team finished at the top of the conference. The baseball team is undoubtedly the most successful ECU team in the competitive realm of college sports.

The baseball team also gets cared for, just not as much as the football team. Their venue, Clark-LeClair stadium, first opened in 2005. There has been about \$4 million worth of renovations toward the stadium since it's initial construction.

In the time frame alone, Dowdy-Ficklen had about \$80 million worth of renovations done. This is one small statistic but

it paints a large picture of how much the university cares about its football team.

In terms of team performance in the past, the football team hasn't been able to put together a winning season in over five years. In that same time frame, the baseball team finished outside the top five of its division only once.

At this time, the baseball team is vastly outperforming the football team. It would be best that ECU puts more resources into the baseball team instead of giving a losing football team state-of-the-art facilities which clearly are not paying out.

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**Leo** (July 23-Aug. 22) — Today is a 9 — Lucrative opportunities beckon. Take decisive action and profit. Your quick action lets others know they can depend on you. Provide service with a smile.

**Sagittarius** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Today is a 9 — Take advantage of a lucky professional break. Focus on practical foundations. Long-term benefits can develop. Put in the extra effort for an exciting possibility.

**Taurus** (April 20-May 20) — Today is an 8 — Creativity abounds. Make bold declarations, brilliant innovations or courageous moves. Actions made in the name of love advance. Connect with your own passion.

**Virgo** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Today is a 9 — Focus on personal priorities. An unexpected opportunity is worth pursuing. Others may vie for your attention. Respectfully decline what you can. Advance a passionate cause.

**Capricorn** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Today is an 8 — An educational opportunity could deviate your exploration. Adjust to changes. Prioritize practicalities. Study, research and expand your investigation. Dig deeper to hit gold.

**Gemini** (May 21-June 20) — Today is an 8 — Renovation projects produce satisfying results. Domestic fantasies don't match reality. Make a long-term improvement you've been wanting. A coat of paint is transformative.

**Libra** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Today is an 8 — Peaceful productivity suits your mood. Avoid distractions and noise. Organize, plan and coordinate upcoming moves. Make arrangements and prepare. Clean, sort and file.

**Aquarius** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Today is an 8 — Collaborate for financial priorities. Monitor conditions and adapt as needed. Keep paperwork and accounts current. Manage insurance and legal affairs. Reap satisfying results.

**Cancer** (June 21-July 22) — Today is an 8 — Network, connect and discuss solutions to unexpected opportunities. Ask questions and dig deeper. Recognize a diamond in the rough. Prioritize practicalities. Take notes.

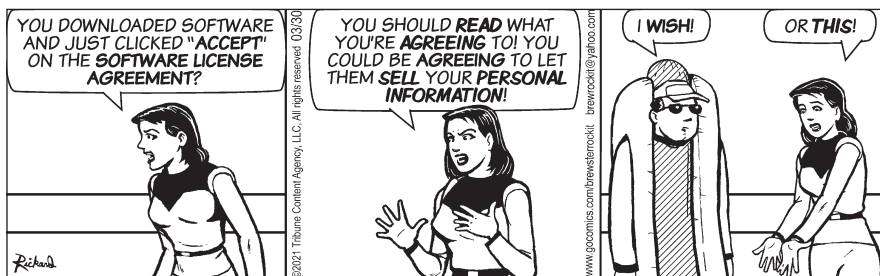
**Scorpio** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Today is an 8 — Unexpected possibilities arise through friends. Social connections open new doors. Accept an invitation for lasting benefits. Rely on and contribute to your community.

**Pisces** (Feb. 19-March 20) — Today is a 9 — Deepen bonds with your partner. Give in to spontaneous fun. What you build together can lead to long-term benefits. Interweave your stories.

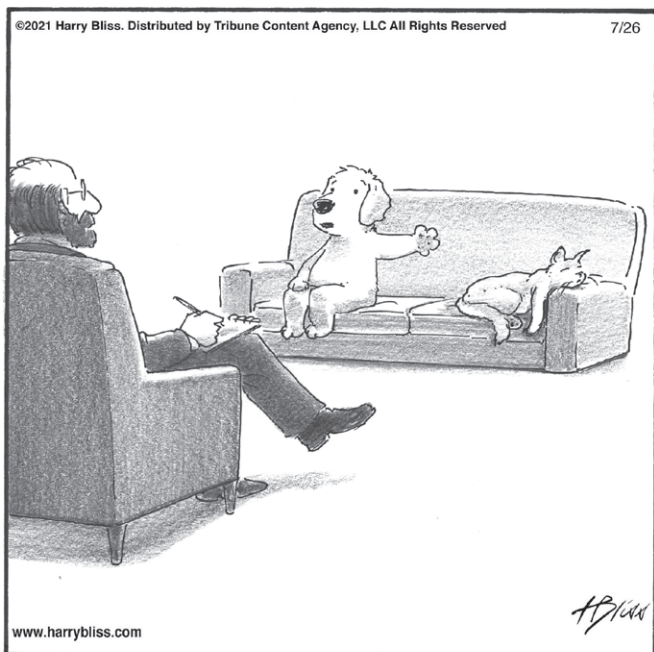
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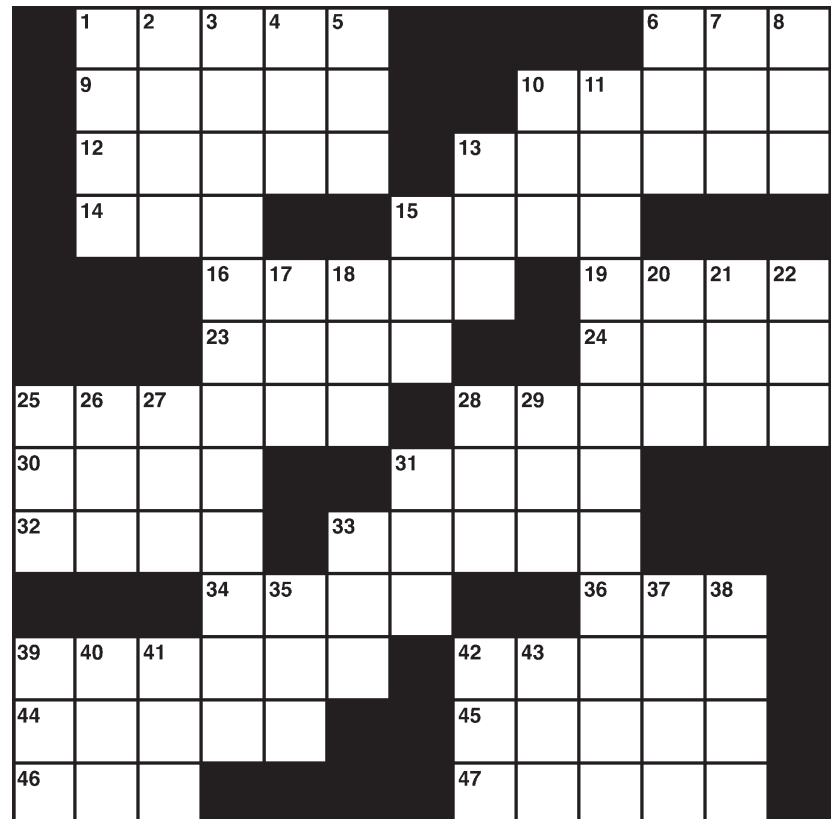


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Sophomore chemistry major Elijah Terry and sophomore computer science major Xavier Williams view art within the "Memoirs to America" exhibit. HALIE MILLER | THE EAST CAROLINIAN

## Art exhibit commemorates 9/11

**Emily Peek**  
TEC STAFF

East Carolina University's Center for Leadership and Civic Engagement and School of Art and Design will continue to host "Memoirs to America," an art exhibit dedicated to the remembrance of 9/11, throughout the month of September in the Main Campus Student Center (MCSC).

"Memoirs to America" features reflective essays written by ECU students from a history course within 24 hours of the events that took place on Sept. 11, 2001. The exhibit also features graphic posters hung throughout the second-floor art gallery in the MCSC.

On Sept. 12, 2001, history professor Karen Zipf said she taught a women's history course where she assigned her students to write journal-style essays on their emotions and feelings about what had taken place the day before. She said the essays, which are now featured in the exhibit, document the raw emotion felt throughout the university after the 9/11 attacks.

"When I went to class early that next morning, the day after 9/11, I could feel that my students were really, really anxious and instead

of ending class, I asked them just to write down their thoughts and feelings," Zipf said. "I also knew that quite a few of them were families of military personnel, so



I knew there was an awareness among these students that might not even exist among other students."

Zipf said she kept the essays in a file instead of grading them and donated them to the university archives.

As Zipf has reflected on the essays for 20 years, she said she has developed an intimate connection with the words written in them.

"To see these essays visualized in a way that I could never have imagined in this thoughtful and extremely provoking way is beyond anything I could have ever imagined," Zipf said. "I walked up here (to the exhibit) and I was just slam floored, it was just amazing."

Senior graphic design major and sports studies minor Bryan Keith created the exhibit as well as the featured graphic designs. He said as "Memoirs to America" is his

first exhibit, he was overwhelmed and nervous, though he felt fulfilled and honored as he has a close tie to the subject of the exhibit.

"This exhibit means a lot to me, I had family members that were at the Pentagon and at the twin towers. They didn't lose their lives, thank God, but there were a lot of people that did lose their life that day," Keith said. "(The exhibit) can really show a mirror and a window to what a lot of people at that time felt and how they handled it."

The essays, Keith said, inspired the exhibit and his graphic design, so he titled the event "Memoirs to America" because he wanted people to understand that his art represents the essays.

The exhibit was in the works from June 6 to Aug. 12, Keith said. He said he felt emotional when preparing for the exhibit opening as it was a new experience for him, though he ultimately felt thankful and honored.

"When I was first putting it (the exhibit) up I was very much emotional that this is something that I did and that I can be proud of to put into my body of work and my portfolio and just honored

that a lot of people received it very well," Keith said.

Art Education Professor Alice Arnold said she found the exhibit to be moving and meaningful. She said the exhibit was a great idea and she was glad that Zipf captured her students' emotions on Sept. 12, 2001. She said 20 years later, the events that took place on 9/11 still cause her to be emotional.

"I think it's important to realize that art is the embodiment of human emotion and if we just stick with soap operas it's either going to be happy, happy, happy or sad, sad, sad and not much nuance," Arnold said. "I think a lot of people say 'oh, that's life, it's just really wonderful or it's not,' and gravitate to those extremities."

One of the reasons why she was interested in the "Memoirs to America" exhibit, Arnold said, is because she recognizes that good art takes time.

Arnold said she was excited to see that her students who attended the event were bringing their friends and partners to experience how moving the exhibit is.

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## CANNABIS continued from A1

The Holistic Co. has received skepticism from members of the Greenville community, which Tatum Hardison said began when the store put up a banner announcing its arrival. She said they have received calls from people concerned about the impression a cannabis boutique would give Greenville and East Carolina University.

Every product the store will offer has been tested and has received a certificate of analysis to show it is organic and doesn't have harmful agents, Tatum Hardison said. She said the pair worked with a chemist to create a "one-to-one" tincture of Delta-8 THC and CBD together to treat cluster migraines.

"A lot of people think that maybe THC is not extracted from all of it, we do have products where it is 100% extracted and there is no possibility of a positive UA (Urinalysis) for any reason," Tatum Hardison said. "Our first question is always 'Can you have THC?' to see what direction we can go in because we never want to put anybody in jeopardy."

Allen Hardison said the business is excited to expand to Greenville to see how the college population will respond. As of date of publication, Allen Hardison said the store's hours are dependent on the community's interest.

The pair has thought about the idea of an in-house coffee bar where customers can purchase items such as Delta-8 or hemp-infused coffee, Allen Hardison said. He said the storefront will be a comfortable, family-oriented space where customers can bring their pets.

"It depends how much support we get from the students," Allen Hardison said. "If we start and we do early hours like 8 or 9 o'clock and we have D8 (Delta-8) coffee. So they can get a wake and bake while they're studying before class, that's definitely something we're considering doing."

Allen Hardison said The Holistic Co. hopes to provide its customers with an enjoyable experience where it can help navigate consumers to products that work for them. He said The Holistic Co. focuses on helping the community and wants to bring a fun environment to Greenville.

In regards to skepticism about The Holistic Co.'s impression on ECU, ECU Police Department Captain Chris Sutton said the university's police

department would not get involved in any matters pertaining to The Holistic Co., unless in response to the use or possession of an illegal substance.

Sutton said ECU PD is always open to opportunities to educate its students and employees on topics such as THC/CBD products. He said as these products become more common, there may be chances to answer questions of concern.

"As a police department our role is to address matters that are a violation of the law," Sutton said. "Unless we are called in response to the use or possession of an illegal substance, there would not be a need for us to become involved."

Corey Deal, Greenville resident and employee of High Life Smoke Shop, said he believes The Holistic Co. will struggle at its Uptown location. He said he wasn't sure if a business would ever occupy 501 Evans St. as he watched little to no construction on it for a while.

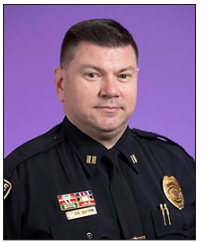
Deal said the market for cannabis products such as CBD is not high anymore. He said The Holistic Co. may fall into the same pattern as other businesses in town who have tried to open the same concept and not done well.

"The whole CBD, hemp wave, all of that has come and gone and it was never really that hot to begin with," Deal said. "You got to think about the stores just like that in Winterville (North Carolina), it opened up, it was this whole thing and now it's like who really cares?"

Deal said he is surprised to see The Holistic Co. choose to reside near "one of their biggest competitors." He said the student population may help attract customers for The Holistic Co., but it depends on what it will offer.

There are many businesses which come and go throughout Uptown Greenville, Deal said. He said there are properties that have held the same businesses for a long time and others with a high turnover rate.

"Think about how many places have come and gone where Isahana's (Isahana Japanese Fusion) at," Deal said. "They last five months or a year then they're under construction for the next thing and the next thing."



**Chris Sutton**



**Allen Hardison**

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## TEC 'sports

The East Carolinian Sports experts predict this week's football matchup

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**ECU vs USC on Thursday 9/11**  
**Score Prediction?**

USC wins 35-17  
**Why?** The Pirates will get at least

14 points being that is it the season opener at Dowdy. With the Gamecocks coming off of a 46 point shutout, I think the team's morale will already be up so Rowdy Dowdy might not be enough to keep them from coming out on top, despite all the ECU hustle.

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**ECU vs USC on Thursday 9/11**  
**Score Prediction?**

USC wins 28-21  
**Why?** I think ECU came out hard

against App State, but the difference in talent across the roster was apparent after the first score. USC is coming off a 46-0 win against Eastern Illinois so it's clear who has the momentum.

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Sports reporter

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**ECU vs USC on Thursday 9/11**  
**Score Prediction?**

USC wins 40-20  
**Why?** South Carolina will come out above

the Pirates in Dowdy on Saturday. USC is coming off of a win and scored four touchdowns in its last game against Eastern Illinois. The Pirates will need to come out very strong offensively if the team wants to win.



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Freshman running back Rahjai Harris sheds off an Appalachian State defender and looks to gain more yards at Bank of America Stadium.

### » ANALYSIS

## ECU can come back from loss

### Pirates lose to Appalachian State, team has hope ahead



Markayla McInnis  
TEC STAFF

East Carolina University football (0-1, 0-0 American Athletic Conference) is officially back as of Sept. 2 where the Pirates fell to Appalachian State University (1-0, 0-0

Sunbelt Conference), but the Pirates still have 11 more games to achieve its hopeful six wins this season.

The Pirates were able to get on the board first during its first matchup, but once the Mountaineers scored, the Pirates never saw a lead again that game. In a few of ECU's bigger plays, due to controversial calls by the referees, the Pirates were reversed which then brought the team's confidence down. The game ended with a 33-19 score. Within the next 11 games, ECU will see eight teams in the AAC conference before the AAC Championship begins Dec. 4.

"We made too many mistakes to be

able to have a chance to win the game, but I am proud of the way the kids played," head coach Mike Houston said. "They (App State) are good at what they do, and it's great for our kids because you know it's something that we can improve from."

After the Pirate's first loss, the team still has plenty of time to take charge of the AAC while only four of the ten other AAC teams were able to come out on top in the first games.

"Don't put it on anyone else. The O-line gave me plenty of time but I probably scrambled too much but you just got to learn and get better. The goal is to get six and that's what we're gonna do," junior quarterback Holton Ahlers said.

This season, the Pirates have a roster stacked with 121 players and many achieved high accolades in past seasons. Sophomore wide receiver Tyler

Snead has come close to reaching the 1,000-yard mark in his last two seasons as he has achieved over 900 yards. This season with the right opportunities, and a schedule with more games, he will hit 1,000 and maybe even top that in his second year with the university.

Both running backs freshman Rahjah Harris and freshman Keaton Mithcell are on the horizon to get in a good number of rushing yards this season. If both are able to play in each game, 1,000 yards may not be surprising for at least one of the two.

ECU looks to host its first home game on Sept. 11 at the Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium as the University of South Carolina Gamecocks (1-0-0, 0-0-0 Southeastern Conference) will travel to Greenville, North Carolina. This be the first home game of the season, and it is also ECU's homecoming game. The crowd will be rowdy, and in that scenario, ECU will give USC a run for its money.

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### DUKE continued from A1

Head coach of the Pirates soccer team Jason Hamilton said he was proud of his team defensively after the team's recent shutout to extend the team's win streak to three games.

"We talked about it going into the game on Thursday that we have to have a little bit more pride defensively and we should be able to win games 1-0," Hamilton said. "We're a good enough team to keep teams off the board and get something on the other end. We saw Thursday a set piece, today a set piece and both being game-winning goals. If you can keep teams off the board, all it takes is for that one play for someone to step up and do something."

Graduate student defender Kim Sanford and sophomore goalkeeper Maeve English have had heavy contributions to the defensive side of the ball. The American conference named Sanford the AAC Defensive Player of the Week

after she played all 180 minutes during both shutout games against Campbell and VCU. On the offensive side, she also scored in both games, netting the only goal for the Pirates against Campbell and the opening goal against VCU.

Hamilton complimented her efforts after she earned her third career Defensive Player of the Week Award.

"Kim (Sanford) had a great weekend on both sides of the ball," Hamilton said. "You can see how badly she wants this team to be successful in her last season. She's been a great leader on and off the field and this is well deserved after her performance this weekend."

English also was dominant over the past week for the defense. She hasn't allowed a goal in

two games and forced another shutout on Aug. 22 against the Virginia Military Institute (2-4, 0-0 Big South Conference) when the Pirates won 4-0. Prior to the start of the season, English also forced two shutouts in exhibitions against the University of North Carolina Wilmington (3-1, 0-0 Colonial Athletic Association) 2-0 on Aug. 10 and Old Dominion University (3-2, 0-0 Conference USA) 3-0 on Aug. 13.

On the offensive side of the ball, the scoring load is led by two defensive players. Freshman defender Peyton Godbey and Sanford are tied as the team's scoring leaders with two goals each. Both players scored in the previous game against VCU. Freshman midfielder Haley McWhirter leads the team in shot attempts with 20 on the season, and she has a single goal of her own.

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