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HALLOWEEN REWIND: GHOSTS OF HALLOWEENDS PAST LINGER AT ECU

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TEC STAFF

East Carolina University has made a name for itself when it comes to Halloween, a holiday that has been fiercely celebrated by ECU students for decades, with certain years of celebration carved into campuswide history.

There's no definitive date to when Halloween celebrations took off at ECU, University Archivist Alston Cobourn said in an email statement, but based upon university archives, she said she believes the late 1970s was when the holiday gained traction on campus.

"All the photographs we have of Halloween are from 1979 (through the) 1990s," Cobourn said. "Based on this and a brief looking at the newspapers in (the East Carolina University) Digital Collections, I'd guess regular Halloween activities started around the end of the 70s."

A riot on Halloween night in uptown Greenville, North Carolina, made headlines in the Nov. 4, 1975, publication of Fountainhead. Eight businesses had broken windows and stolen merchandise, with 57 people arrested, 30 of whom were ECU students, according to the Nov. 4, 1975, publication of Fountainhead.

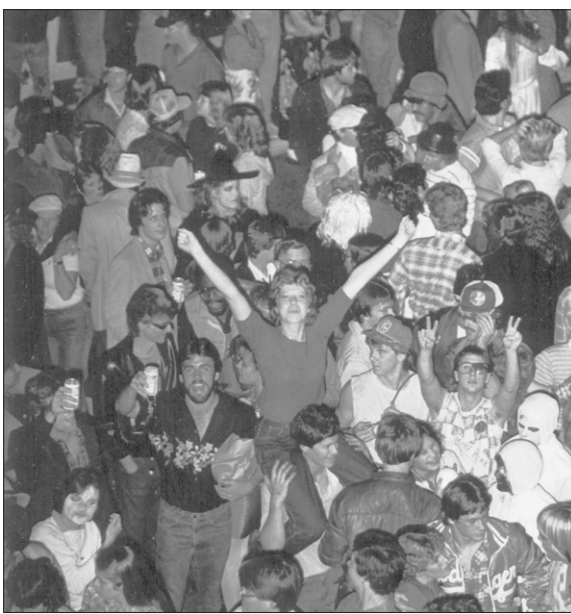


UNIVERSITY ARCHIVES, EAST CAROLINA UNIVERSITY, GREENVILLE, NC
Two students dressed up as a woman and a baby.

Association closing bars for Halloween in 1976, according to an article in the Oct. 28, 1976 issue of Fountainhead. 1980, was the first year uptown clubs opened for Halloween since the riot occurred in 1975, according to an article in the Oct. 29, 1981, publication of The East Carolinian. Halloween celebrations continued up until 1989, when Greenville Mayor Ed Carter announced the end of the Halloween celebration on Fifth and Cotanche street in the years that followed 1988, according to a Nov. 3, 1988, publication of The East Carolinian.

After three years of no celebration, Halloween returned for ECU students in 1992 when an article in the Oct. 22, 1992, publication of The East Carolinian said ECU's Student Government Association, Downtown Association of

1981



UNIVERSITY ARCHIVES, EAST CAROLINA UNIVERSITY, GREENVILLE, NC
Gathering of ECU students dressed for Halloween on Oct. 31.

Restaurants and Taverns and law enforcement worked to enact standards to be followed for halloween festivities.

"The downtown Halloween celebration, an ECU tradition that dates back to the early '70s, grew to be legendary in the region and attracted hordes of outsiders to the city. In 1988, violence plagued the celebration, with numerous arrests and injuries," the Oct. 22, 1992, article in The East Carolinian said.

Midnight Madness at Mendenhall was a popular tradition throughout the 90's for ECU students to attend on Halloween night, Career Liaison at ECU Career Services Carol Woodruff said, who worked as the director

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UNIVERSITY ARCHIVES, EAST CAROLINA UNIVERSITY, GREENVILLE, NC
Kathy Johnson Rogers and Katherine Jetter dressed for Halloween.

University stresses safety for Halloween

Giana Williams
TEC STAFF

With Halloween weekend up ahead in the East Carolina University community, safety remains a top concern as students prepare to participate in the nightlife around Uptown Greenville and the surrounding area.

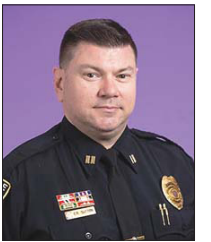
ECU Police Department (ECU PD) Captain Chris Sutton said in an email statement that additional ECU PD officers will work from tomorrow evening, during the home football game against the University of South Florida (USF), through the remainder of Halloween weekend.

There will be officers scattered across ECU's campus, the Uptown area and The Grid neighborhood.

ECU PD officers will work in uniform and in plain clothes attire, Sutton said. Marked and unmarked patrol vehicles will be used to help suppress crime. ECU PD officers will also be assigned to the 2021 Halloween Havoc event from 8 p.m. to midnight inside the Main Campus Student Center on Halloween night, Sutton said.

Halloween Havoc is a substance-free event offered to students on-campus where various activities such as psychics, a haunted house and escape room will be offered. Students will need their 1 Card in order to enter and ECU PD and university security staff will be managing the entrances and handling safety and security measures.

"Collectively, both agencies (ECU PD and Greenville Police Department) will work to patrol Uptown and the grid. This is our normal weekend practice," Sutton said. "We will just be increasing staff due to the anticipated amount of revelers we expect to traverse the immediate area around campus."



On Halloween night, there will be checkpoint stations set up for entry into Uptown. The checkpoints, Sutton said, will be at primary entrances into the Uptown area and may also be set up on Saturday night if warranted.

Sutton said controlled substances often contribute to arrests on Halloween. Whether the use of substances occurs inside or outside residence halls, Sutton said individuals who consume illegal substances will likely be charged by citation or with a referral to the Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities or Campus Living.

"Controlled substances also contribute to the majority of EMS-related calls, over intoxicating or impaired individuals who are unable to care for themselves require treatment and sometimes trips to the ER (emergency room)," Sutton said. "Impaired substances also diminish your judgment and situational awareness. This makes you a potential victim of a robbery or assault due to your lack of awareness."

Individuals who choose to go out during Halloween weekend must refuse to be a victim, Sutton said. He said for individuals to not allow their cognitive awareness to become diminished to the point that they have little to no control over their outcome.

Sutton said people should not drink or drive and that there are various transportation options such as Uber and Lyft that are more conveniently accessible through mobile devices than in previous years.

"Stay with a group, do not wander off into the night by yourself. Do not participate in binge drinking, there is very little safe outcomes when you participate in over

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HALLOWEEN ARTS EVENTS

<p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; font-size: 1.2em;">TODAY</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">Trunk a Treat</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Pitt County Agriculture Center 403 Government Circle 5 to 8 p.m. (252) 902-1746</p>	<p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; font-size: 1.2em;">TOMORROW</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">Halloween Candy Pairing</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Pitt Street Brewing Company 630 S Pitt St 2 to 10 p.m. (252) 227-4151</p>	<p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; font-size: 1.2em;">FRIDAY</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">Halloween Carnival</p> <p style="text-align: center;">St. Peter Catholic School 2606 E 5th St. 3:30 to 8 p.m. (252) 752-3529</p>
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»NEWS: View ECU's crime logs for this week on our website

»SPORTS: Pirate Soccer set for first round of playoffs

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BRIEFS

Luncheon to educate about witch hunts

Today, the East Carolina University Women and Gender Office will host a Witch Wednesday: Lunch and Learn at noon in Room 253 in the Main Campus Student Center. The informal lunch is led by ECU history professor Karin Ziph who will speak about witch hunts throughout history and around the world. Individuals who are interested in attending must RSVP on engage to reserve their spot.

Painting social to celebrate Sustainability Day

Today, Releaf at East Carolina University will host a Bob Ross Painting Social at 5:30 p.m. in the Main Campus Student Center Blackbox Theater. The painting social is in celebration of Sustainability Day. Paints and canvases will be provided but individuals who attend are welcome to bring their own supplies

Peel Center to host weekly Coffee House

Today, the Dr. Jesse R. Peel LGBTQ Center will host its weekly Coffee House event at 6 p.m. in the Main Campus Student Center. The Coffee House is an informal weekly psychoeducational and social gathering for LGBTQ and ally students. Coffee and snacks are provided for individuals who attend.

Interactive movie to be hosted

Tomorrow, East Carolina University's Student Activities Board will host an interactive screening of "Rocky Horror Picture Show" at 9 p.m. in Hendrix Theatre in the Mendenhall Student Center. The interactive event is free and open to the ECU community with a valid ECU 1 Card. One guest is allowed per 1 Card.

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East Carolina University students walk through the university's main campus passing Wright Plaza and the Rawl Building to and from classes on Sept. 21.

ECU promotes mental health wellness

Breanna Sapp
TEC STAFF

As East Carolina University reaches its halfway point in the semester and the COVID-19 pandemic continues to affect students and staff, ECU officials have increasingly promoted mental health awareness and accessible resources for the ECU community.

Director of ECU's Center for Counseling and Student Development (CCSD) Valerie Kisler-van Reede said the university offers various resources for students who may be struggling with their mental health including individual and group therapy options, self-help resources and educational workshops. Kisler-van Reede said the CCSD's virtual services are open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. with crisis counselors available for students after hours.

Additionally, Kisler-van Reede said the university has provided a new program through emergency funding called the My Student Support Program, a service that allows students to have a live phone and chat support. The pandemic has created an increased need for mental health support programs, Kisler-van Reede said, as the global health crisis can intensify the usual feelings of anxiety students may feel due to stress from academics.

"We know that mental health is all of our responsibility, it can't just be the counseling center and it can't just be certainly faculty and staff," Kisler-van Reede said. "And we know a lot of students express concerns about their peers."

ECU CARES allows students to anonymously report concerns about their fellow peers and loved ones, Kisler-van Reede said. ECU CARES was developed to offer assistance to individuals in the ECU community who are distressed and connect with with resourThe university can then provide resources such as the CCSD, ECU's Purple Pantry, financial aid and more. She said the CCSD only provides services to enrolled ECU students, though faculty and staff can seek resources through the Faculty and Staff Assistance Program provided by ECU's Human Resources.

Kisler-van Reede said some warning signs of mental health distress to look out for include missing classes, noticeable changes in behavior or personality and increased feelings of stress and anxiety. Increased burnout can occur when

the university reaches this point of the semester, Kisler-van Reede said, and students and faculty may feel hopeless or constant anxiety about the work they're doing.

The pandemic and events around the world have created additional layers of stress for students, Kisler-van Reede said, and many students have lost the sense of normalcy that would normally provide needed social interaction and activities.

"Everyone struggles, most people struggle at some point or another with their mental health, particularly during the pandemic," Kisler-van Reede said. "This has been obviously something that none of us have experienced before and really challenges the resources we have in terms of our resilience to cope. So, I think that's one of the things we try to do, to just normalize how many people are struggling."

Chancellor Philip Rogers said the university has worked to create a culture where students and faculty can talk about mental health awareness without stigmas. Rogers said numerous reports have indicated that burnout, wellbeing and workload demands have been pressing issues for both students and faculty. These issues have always been present on college campuses, Rogers said, though the pandemic has intensified stresses within higher education.

The American Council on Education recently released a survey that ranked faculty, staff and student mental health and wellbeing among the top three most pressing issues for U.S. higher education, Rogers said, which has led ECU to increase communication efforts with students and parents regarding mental health resources such as the CCSD, the Dean of Students Office and ECU CARES.

Taking care of yourself and each other is critical to mental health, Rogers said, and the first step students can take is to evaluate their own mental health and recognize the needs they might have. He said the university has worked alongside the Harold H. Bate Foundation to promote ComPsych, a digital program that provides an additional layer of support for the ECU community.

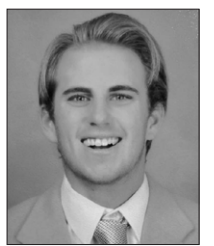
"It's okay to create an environment where we can have uncomfortable conversations and to recognize that everybody is facing a time in which we're struggling through this pandemic," Rogers said. "It's so true that the overall health of our students and employees, including mental health, is critically important on a college campus today."

Chandler Ward, president of the Student Government Association (SGA), said the association had an emergency meeting with various student body presidents throughout the University of North Carolina System following mental health crises throughout the state to discuss mental health resources. At many universities throughout the state, Ward said counseling centers have been backed up in terms of appointments which have led to the expansion of immediate resources for students.

SGA has created a marketing campaign to raise awareness for mental health resources, Ward said, and the association intends to promote counseling resources in a "college-friendly format" that engages students. He said during the spring semester ECU will celebrate a suicide prevention day which will feature key mental health speakers.

The CCSD offers self-help resources and workshops for those who may not feel as though their mental health is an emergency, Ward said, which can be easier for students who may not feel the need to attend counseling. Ward said he personally creates daily non-negotiable checklists for his own mental health that include outdoor activities, reaching out to loved ones and allotting 30 minutes a day to take care of himself.

"There's a lot going on in the world right now and I think, more often than not, you will find a lot of other people have the same issues and want to have the conversations as well," Ward said. "It just takes someone to start that conversation."



Chandler Ward



Philip Rogers

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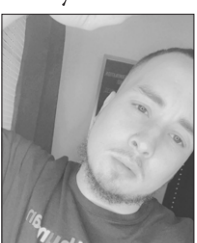
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of marketing for the Rudolph Alexander Marketing Series in 1994. Midnight Madness at Mendenhall was an alcohol-free alternative created in 1992 for ECU students to attend to celebrate Halloween.

"Every year we decorated Mendenhall to the top floor from down to the bottom," Woodruff said. "It (Midnight Madness) was a big deal."

Midnight Madness at Mendenhall continued up until 2015, when the event was renamed and presented by ECU's Student Activities Board as Halloween Havoc and hosted at Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium in 2016. This year's Halloween Havoc will take place at the Main Campus Student Center on Oct. 31 from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m.

Jeremy Jones, who attended ECU from the fall of 2014 to 2017, said he remembers the craze surrounding Halloween at the university. Most notable in recent years were the



Jeremy Jones

Halloween celebrations that took place at the Riverwalk townhomes in 2014, Jones said, where individuals rioted and damaged an ECU transit bus.

What started out as a typical Halloween night, Jones said, quickly turned to chaos as he watched individuals smash car windshields and climb light poles outside Riverwalk townhomes.

"Halloween at ECU was crazy right. Starting with freshman year which was the whole Riverwalk situation, which was my first year at ECU so it was really crazy, I had never experienced anything like it," Jones said.

The uptown scene in Greenville during Halloween was comparable to New Year's Eve in New York City, Jones said, as it was so crowded individuals could barely walk.

Halloween at ECU has changed a lot since 2014, Jones said, as he believes the uptown scene was much better than it is now. In his opinion, uptown was safer when he attended ECU, he would go to the bars every weekend, but wouldn't step foot uptown these days.

Describing ECU's Halloween brought two words to Jones' mind: intense and terrifying. Jones said Halloween at ECU was fun, exciting and probably something an individual may never experience anywhere else.

"I mean I remember going to frat parties and things where they were swinging from the chandeliers," Jones said. "It's things you see on some project x type of situation but at the same time it's terrifying because I've seen people almost lose their lives as well from alcohol poisoning. Like I've seen so many bad things even with guys putting things in girls drinks you know so that part makes it terrifying as well because you have a lot of that."

Education graduate student Jacob Broadhurst said he attended ECU from 2011 to 2015 as an undergraduate and returned in 2020 for graduate school. Broadhurst said he believes the environment uptown was much different than how it is now because of the leniency partygoers were given.

"I feel like the vibe downtown then was like they (law enforcement) just let it get out of hand and then they just came in and stopped it all," Broadhurst said.

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intoxication. Have a great time but also make it a safe time," Sutton said.

Carolyn Miller, director of residence life at Campus Living, said the Halloween holiday draws in a lot of visitors to Greenville, North Carolina. Since some residence halls are located near the Uptown area and they have students who partake in the Uptown festivities, Miller said, Campus Living wants to ensure its staff is visible and that students returning to the halls are in safe conditions.

"Our (Campus Living) goal is always to keep our students safe while enabling them to enjoy their collegiate experience," Miller said.

Students who live in residence halls are required to have their ECU 1 Card on them during this time. Miller said she encourages students to make good choices when they partake in any plans during Halloween weekend and to keep safety for themselves and friends in mind at all times.

Campus Living sent an email memo to its on-campus residents on Oct. 5 explaining its procedures during Halloween weekend. Starting at 3 p.m. on Friday through 10 a.m. on Nov. 1 all exterior doors to residence halls except for main entrances will not be key fob accessible.

There will be increased security in all residence halls on the nights of Friday, Saturday and Sunday, the memo said. Each resident on campus is allowed two on-campus guests. Non-residence hall guests, such as off-campus students or friends from out of town, will not be permitted to visit residence halls lobbies or access individual rooms from Friday to Sunday.

Sara Sandoval, senior rehabilitation services major, said she will work throughout

Halloween weekend but plans to go out with her friends and boyfriend. She said going Uptown was normally a safety concern for her before. Since she lives closer to



Sara Sandoval

the Uptown area, safety has become less of a concern for her since she's 21 years old and surrounded by a group of friends.

With ECU being known as a party school, Sandoval said students who plan on going out during the Halloween weekend should be surrounded by a support system and a group of friends that they trust and feel safe around.

"Always just being wary of like your surroundings and stuff like that and if you ever decide to walk anywhere just like I said being aware of your surroundings and your environment," Sandoval said. "And I guess also, always keeping your alcohol intake in check."

Yesterday, Chancellor Philip Rogers and Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Virginia Hardy, sent an email to ECU students encouraging a safe Halloween weekend. The university plans to strengthen its partnership with Greenville PD, Greenville Fire and Rescue, Pitt County Sheriff's Department and Alcohol Law Enforcement (ALE). ECU Transit will operate its campus route on Oct. 31 until 12:30 a.m. and there will not be transit routes operating to and from apartment complexes.

"This Halloween week, please be safe and demonstrate responsible behavior as you enjoy the football games and Halloween festivities," the email said.

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OUR VIEW

Blue-Light Phones remain available, useful

As Halloween weekend approaches and East Carolina University students turn out of their dorms and apartments to descend upon Uptown in celebration of the holiday, it is essential to make safety a priority.

ECU officials have seen a decline in the usage of the Emergency Blue-Light Phone system in place at the university. These phones allow two-way communication with ECU Police Department dispatchers and are located all across campus. This decline has been attributed to the prevalence of cell phones for communication purposes.

We, the editorial staff of The East Carolinian, encourage students to take advantage of the Blue Light Phones around campus this Halloween weekend. As one may find themselves in an unsafe situation without their cell phone, students should remember that the Blue-Light Phones system is a useful safety resource.

Calling 911 is always the quickest way to reach dispatchers in an emergency, however, the ECU LiveSafe app has other safety features that can and should be used by students. It can be used to give tips about illegal or unsafe activities to ECU PD and has an effective two-way live chat feature.

Since the excitement of Halloween and the nature of the holiday including dressing up and roaming around town at night can put students in more dangerous situations than a typical weekend, they should keep in mind all of the various safety resources they have at their disposal.



"WE'VE GOT A DVD COPY OF 'WATERWORLD' FOR BATMAN, A TRAVEL-SIZE CONDITIONER FOR BABY YODA AND A BAG OF LENTILS FOR 'SQUID GAME.' IT'S THE SUPPLY CHAIN, I SWEAR! PLEASE, DON'T EGG MY HOUSE."

Halloween precautions needed

Safety remains top priority as weekend approaches

More with Michelle



Michelle Mazzei
TEC COLUMNIST

With Halloween approaching in just a matter of days, both the East Carolina University and Greenville, North Carolina, community need to take precaution to ensure the overall safety of Pirate Nation as well as the entire city.

The COVID-19 pandemic is still ongoing, and people need to take proper safety measures such as social distancing and wearing face masks to help reduce the spread of the virus. We, as students at ECU, do not need to see a spike of COVID-19 cases after Halloween that may force the university to return to online operations.

Although some individuals within ECU and Greenville have been vaccinated, COVID-19 can still be spread. People should avoid going to large Halloween

parties as well as any large functions in the Uptown Greenville area.

Bars, which are typically tight spaces, will be open during the Halloween weekend. If people wish to go to the bars throughout Halloween weekend, they need to make sure they are following all safety regulations set in place. Every weekend I see hundreds of students and other people heading downtown, so I can only imagine how Halloween weekend will be.

No one does Halloween like ECU. There are parties throughout the entire weekend with hundreds of people dressed up in all sorts of costumes. With that being said, students need to understand that we are still coming out of a global pandemic.

In 2014, a party with over 3,000 people occurred at the Riverwalk Townhomes complex where riots and assaults took place, property was damaged and an ECU Transit Bus was vandalized. People were climbing on the ECU vehicle, hitting the transit bus with street

signs that were pulled from the ground. Tear gas had to be released from the police into the crowd to try to break up the large and over-crowded scene. Pirate Nation does not need to see this kind of vandalism occur for a second time.

Additionally, you never know who could be lurking around the city with harmful intentions. Even though the Greenville Police Department (GPD) will be posted all over downtown and the City of Greenville, individuals need to also look out for themselves.

With large amounts of people in Halloween costumes going out, it is important to try to not put oneself in harm's way.

ECU and Greenville need to be mindful about intoxicated people or those on any sort of drug. Drugs and alcohol could possibly inhibit some individuals and cause them to act out of hand.

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PIRATE RANTS

Editor's Note: The East Carolinian does not endorse the statements made in Pirate Rants.

They need to open the bowling alley in Mendenhall!!!!

If you're gonna walk slow or stop walking to talk to someone you see passing by, please get out of my way! I have places to be and things to do!

Parking and Transportation, do your job and start ticketing people at NIGHT for parking near the dorms. Change up your ticketing schedule.

Why don't the pay meters in the parking deck work??? No reason I should have to pay extra money because it takes so long to get out.

Raising Cane's Honey Mustard is way better than Cane's sauce and nothing in this ENTIRE world can change my opinion. Not even Cane himself.

The Main campus student center parking garage elevators are the most disgusting things in campus ALWAYS. Can we please get someone in there to clean the trash, liquid, gum and footprints off?

Can ECU please install feminine product dispensers in the bathrooms?

To the girl who let her dog take a fat poop on the main campus lawn today and not pick it up... you're gross.

Questions regarding Pirate Rants can be directed to Jennifer Sieg at opinion@theeastcarolinian.com.

Submit your Pirate Rants on our website under the opinion tab or scan the QR code.



Be considerate of culture, costumes

Williams' World



Giana Williams
TEC COLUMNIST

Deciding on a Halloween costume is a very tedious task for some people. People have to determine if the effort put forth on a costume will be worth it, will

you be comfortable enough to wear it for however many hours and will it be appropriate within social settings. When I mean appropriate, I do not mean only for children, but also the various cultures surrounding you.

Cultural appropriation has been a topic of discussion for years, especially during the Halloween season. While some may think a certain costume idea is trendy, harmless or being made as a joke, it can be seen as insensitive to another cultural group.

Some of the common costume ideas that can be seen as callous are but are not limited to, anything with blackface, dressing up as a member of a different culture such as Native American, Asian or Pacific Islander, mocking another culture with

a negative stereotype like a terrorist plus many others.

Having to explain why certain costumes can be seen as harmful for another culture should not be up for debate every year the Halloween season comes around. This is not due to the current generation going soft, but due to the fact we are holding people accountable for ignorant mindsets.

Sadly there are young groups of people, mostly college-aged adults, who are not conscious enough to understand the harmful effects of some of their costume choices. Obviously, these are in predominantly white institutions (PWI) that have a low minority population on their campus who don't discuss this topic of cultural appropriation or insensitivity within Halloween costumes.

Luckily for East Carolina University, we have these discussions yearly on campus with the Ledonia Wright Cultural Center's "My Culture is Not a Costume" campaign. The discussion is necessary and should be practiced amongst every PWI, if not already, so students understand and be made aware of why wearing

costumes that mock a minority culture is not appropriate.

There are ways to make sure to know if a costume is acceptable to wear during the Halloween weekend with just a simple checklist. One, does the costume have origins of a culture unlike your own? Two, does the costume mock a culture in a negative way? Three, will a certain group of people be hurt seeing the costume out in public? A simple research can help understand if the costume will be appropriate for the holiday.

Being culturally aware of Halloween costumes is not taking the fun out of Halloween. It's simply taking accountability that we're too far into the century to be ignorant about other people's culture and social identity. There are dozens of costume ideas that are fun and enjoyable that do not poke fun of a cultural group or are just offensive. As we proceed with the Halloween weekend festivities, please remember to be smart and use common sense, both your safety and your costume.

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Greenville Museum of Art
802 S Evans St.
1 to 4 p.m.
(252) 758-1946

**Soulful Saturdays
Halloween Extravaganza**

Greenville Theater Art Center
629 Albemarle Ave.
3 to 8 p.m.
(252) 830-0963

**Halloween Movie
Marathon**

Hendrix Theatre
311 Library Dr.
4 p.m.
(252) 328-6131

SUNDAY

Annual Halloween Havoc

Main Campus Student Center
511 Tenth St.
8 p.m.
(252) 328-4702

**Gabriel's Spooktacular
Halloween**

Spookstravaganza
A.J. Fletcher Recital Hall
931 Ormond Way
7:30 to 9 p.m.
(252) 328-6851

Stumpy's will host Throw N' Glow

Jada Gamble
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Stumpy's Hatchet House, which is located in Uptown Greenville, North Carolina, at 816 Dickinson Ave., will host their Throw N' Glow Halloween event, where the establishment will be decorated in a glow-in-the dark theme from 5 p.m. to midnight on Friday.

Madison Rhue, a Stumpy's employee and East Carolina University senior history education major, advises anyone who is thinking about going to the event to just come out. Rhue said that the event is held to give people in the community a chance to experience axe-throwing in a unique way by incorporating fun glow-in-the dark themes.



Madison Rhue

"The Throw N' Glow event is essentially, we make everything glow in dark, so we replace all the lights with black lights, we have glow-in-the dark tape on everything, we have glow in the dark face paint for us (employees) and it is a whole lot of fun," Rhue said.

According to Stumpy's website, the main objective at Stumpy's Hatchet House, other than to have fun, is for people to learn how to safely throw axes. There are throwing coaches that are assigned to groups that train the customers how to throw, give tips and teach them how to play various games, the website said.

This will not be the first time

Stumpy's Hatchet House hosted their Throw N' Glow event as they tend to have similar events every month, according to the website. The website said the event has gained much popularity as people seem to enjoy the games, music and prizes.

"We're usually booked for the night, especially by people who have come before, they tend to come back just cause we have a lot of fun. We don't play the rock-alternative music we usually play, we play dance music, early 2000s type stuff, so it's a little bit different for sure," Rhue said.

At Stumpy's there are eight private throwing pits guests can reserve for one to two hours that can hold groups of up to 10 people. This makes it possible for friends and families to enjoy their axe-throwing time in groups.

The prices currently listed for the Throw N' Glow Halloween event are \$25 per person for one hour of playtime and \$40 per person for two hours.

"Do it, 100% it's so worth it. Not only do you get the fun of throwing axes, and like that's fun in itself, but the other stuff layered on top of it makes it 10 times better," Rhue said.

Assistant Manager Bryton Abrahams said that the event will be a great time to do something you normally wouldn't do with friends and family. Abrahams and Rhue both agree that the Throw N' Glow event will have a successful turnout.

Abrahams said since the Throw N' Glow event will be Halloween

themed, there will be spooky decor and props to give customers a scare.

"Especially for Halloween or 'Halloweek-end' as we call it at ECU, we wanna try to get something a little special, a little awesome to go on so we're also gonna have some hopefully light effects of ghosts and stuff we're thinking about getting those to add to the mix and a bunch of other real cool stuff to add to the Halloween field," Abrahams said.

There will also be items given out to the customers like neon glow sticks Rhue said. Along with the props in the venue, the hatchets and targets will be decorated as well.

"We completely switch out our targets to have a different effect with the lights, we give out glow sticks and we color everything so the hatchets get glow tape and paint on it," Abrahams said.

Sophomore elementary education major Trinity Mobley said that she is interested in attending the event. She said that it is her first time hearing about Stumpy's but believes it would be something fun to do since she has never thrown

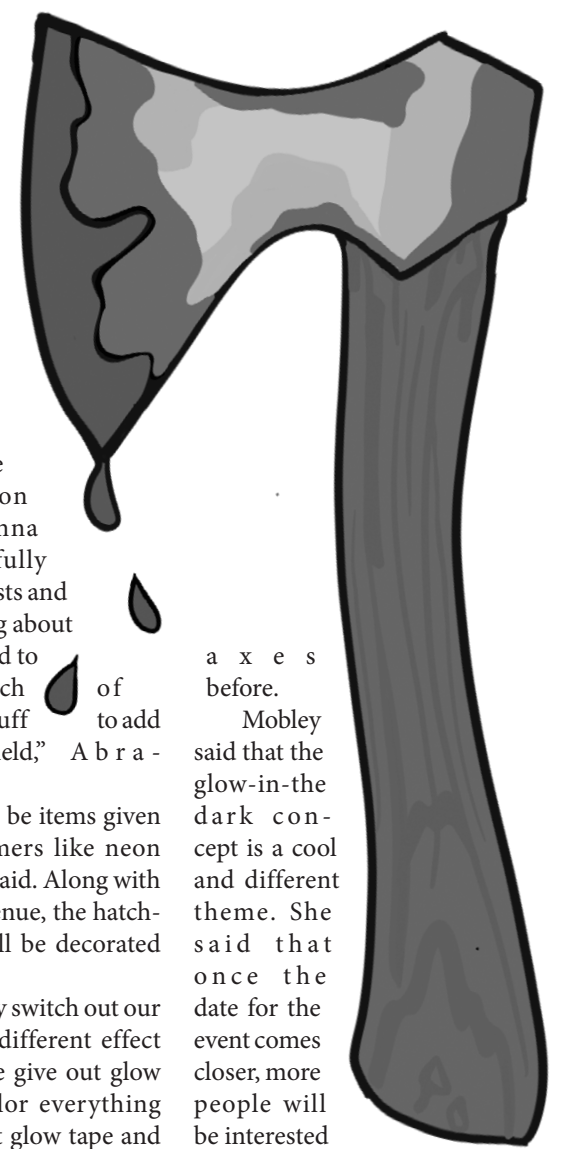


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axes before.

Mobley said that the glow-in-the dark concept is a cool and different theme. She said that once the date for the event comes closer, more people will be interested in going.

"I feel like it's something good and positive for Halloween, and I think students will definitely want to come out," Mobley said.

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Melodic metal band Aether Realm to return

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Melodic metal band Aether Realm is set to return to their hometown of Greenville, North Carolina, at 7 p.m. on Saturday for a high energy concert at the State Theatre.

Event coordinator and founder of Spazz Presents, Jeff Blinder, said Aether Realm's musical genre has been described as "viking folk metal." He said while they have a heavier metal style, their music is still melodic. He said the band's vibe at concerts is high energy and creates an exciting atmosphere.

"The State Theatre's huge, so you can kind of watch from the side lanes and see people thrashing around, maybe do some crowd surfing, and if you don't want to be involved with that, you don't have to be, because that room is big enough," Blinder said.

Aether Realm was started in Greenville and Blinder said since leaving Greenville, the band has grown their fanbase. Although he has been trying to book them for a show in town for a while, they have outgrown many of the local venues, he said.

Blinder said the timing of the concert on Halloween weekend is ideal as he feels Aether Realm's sound and the fact that they have been known to dress up in costumes for performances, lends itself to the Halloween theme. With Halloween increasing traffic Uptown, he said people walking by the venue may be intrigued by the unfamiliar style.

"I think with their sound and them being down to dress up, I think even people who aren't into that sound if they're walking



Aether Realm members Donny Burbage and Heinrich Yoshio at Come and Take it Live in Austin, Texas.

downtown and they see people rocking out, and they look through, they might come in and they might say 'What's going on here this looks cool,'" Blinder said.

The other groups playing that night, Witch Wells, Crypterror and Shizue, have complementary but different styles to Aether Realm and to one another, Blinder said.

Donny Burbage, guitarist in Aether Realm, said the band's musical style takes influences from many areas depending on the song, including folk, EDM, Latin American, orchestral, film score and bluegrass. He said they are a melodic death metal band at their core and each member brings their own influences onto that style.

"The best way to describe it (Aether Realm's sound) is, we're just a band that like, any time you have like something just sounds cool on guitar, we just find a way to incorporate it into a melodic death metal style," Burbage said.

Having been formed in Greenville, this concert will be a return to the band's old stomping grounds, Burbage said. He said he is looking forward to eating at Christy's Euro Pub again and possibly stopping by Sup Dogs for a hot dog.

The energy at their concerts is playful and fun and they are open to any and everyone to come have a good time, Burbage said. He said the band will be dressed in food themed costumes for the upcoming concert. He said

he would be dressed as a taco, which is his favorite food. This is not the band's usual concert attire but fits the band's vibe of not taking themselves too seriously and being willing to joke around, he said.

"We definitely cater towards that vibe as well, it has a very epic vibe to it. But if you want to just have a zany fun time at a concert and not even know what you're getting yourself into, we're the best band for that I would say," Burbage said.

Nikki Dixon, drummer in punk rock duo Witchwells, said he blends his love for the art of music with a cutting edge sound. As the band will be using their heavy rock sound this Halloween weekend at State Theatre, they're excited to get back to rocking in Greenville, Dixon said. As they have played in Witchwells for the past seven years, Dixon said he is excited about the multi genre groups present that one may not see in a typical performance.

With a heavy influence from rock bands of the past, such as heavy metal Black Sabbath, the band curated a specific sound they would like to emulate, Dixon said.

"I've always listened to rock and roll music, as an adolescent you kind of get into heavy rock," Dixon said. "Start going down that tunnel of like your Black Sabbath you know how heavy metal originated and things like that, but I've always just been drawn to rock music in general."

Dixon said they incorporate a unique indie metal punk rock sound into their music, creating a unique signature sound for the Witchwells rock duo.

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Dance at Wright welcomes back live audiences

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Welcoming back a live audience to Wright Auditorium for the first time since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, East Carolina University's School of Theatre and Dance performed three showings of its Dance at Wright performance, the 2021 Fall Dance Concert last weekend.

Performances took place at 2 and 7 p.m. on Oct. 23 and at 2 p.m. on Oct. 24. Technical theatre graduate at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, Chloe Roth, the sister of ECU dance performance major Stella Blue, came to see her sister perform.

"It's amazing," Roth said. "I've seen competitions and then of course I went to my little sister's recitals

and it's crazy the caliber of dance they have here at this school. It's so much different than a high school aged group, you can see that these are adults and they really develop their talents here."

With experience of her own in the technical theatre realm, Roth was not dull to the efforts of lightning designer Lauren Armstrong as she mentioned one of her favorite parts of the show overall were the lights and their added effect to the performance.

Roth said this was the first time she was able to see her sister dance since the pandemic and was pleased to see the precautions being taken in order to prevent further spreading of the COVID-19 virus.

The show covered styles of dance from Broadway, jazz, tap, ballet and contemporary. This wide array of styles on stage was some-

thing with which audience member Angela Carroll was familiar, having followed her sister Sydney Carroll's dance career from the time her sister was three.

Of the 18 performances that took the stage, Carroll said her favorite was the last dance titled "Mother," choreographed by Tommi Overcash Galaska. This final performance of the show was an up-tempo group routine which featured warm lighting and sharp choreography.

"That one was really something special," Carroll said. "Just the movement, the feeling, the musicality, the tempo, it was just really good and well put together."

Dance at Wright also featured choreography from a selected student choreographer. The honor fell to senior dance performance

and choreography major Madeline Douglas who choreographed "Til It's My End."

Junior dance major featured in "Til It's My End," Marissa Miller, said in an email statement that working with Douglas for the show and performing her choreography was not an unfamiliar experience, but Miller said she was impressed by Douglas' ability as a dance choreographer.

"The ECU dance program provides us tons of opportunities to work closely with our peers through performance and choreography," Miller said. "I am constantly in awe of the creativity around me. Dancing for Madeline Douglas was an incredible experience."

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Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) — Today is a 6 — Slow to consider how recent changes may affect your long-term dreams and visions. You're clear what's most important. Realign plans to true your direction.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Today is an 8 — Collaborate for shared support around a family financial obstacle. Conserve resources. Make quiet inroads to increase profits. Coordinate efforts for greater ease. Handle paperwork.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) — Today is an 8 — Use your persuasive charms to sidestep a barrier. A confrontation looks different from another view. Don't get intimidated. Patiently stand for integrity. Wait for developments.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Today is a 7 — Follow lucky opportunities between friends patiently. Delays or barriers could persist. Keep showing up. Don't get pushy. Provide support as needed. Humor comes in handy.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Today is an 8 — Rely on support from your partner and provide it without question. Partnership helps you through a tight spot. Keep your bargains. Lead by example.

Gemini (May 21-June 20) — Today is a 7 — Lucrative prospects could face delays or roadblocks. Shift priorities in real time. Monitor conditions closely to see which way the wind is blowing.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Today is a 7 — You can see an intriguing professional opportunity but it's not ripe yet. Patiently plant and water your seeds. Nurture expansion. Grow stronger together.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Today is a 7 — Physical action gets results. Still, monitor conditions carefully. Don't overshoot your mark. Slow to avoid pitfalls and accidents. Keep your temper and sense of humor.

Cancer (June 21-July 22) — Today is a 7 — Keep your objective in mind. Confusion and chaos could distract you from a personal quest. Nurture yourself. You may feel sensitive. Recharge before advancing.

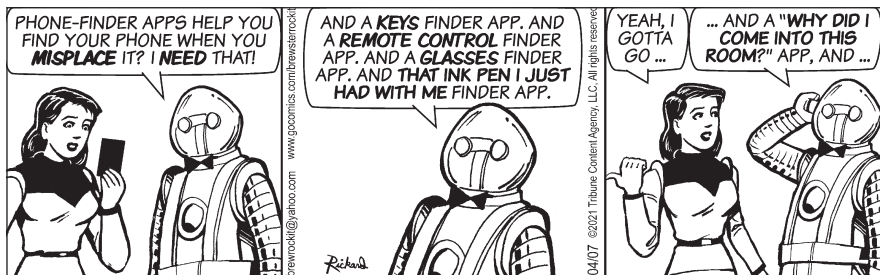
Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Today is a 7 — Look at the situation from another view. Explore and investigate. Stay cautious to avoid risk, traffic or delays. Study the history. Stick with the truth.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) — Today is a 7 — Romantic plans could face a challenge. Avoid risk, hassle or controversy. Find a simple short-term solution. Relax and monitor conditions. Love is the answer.

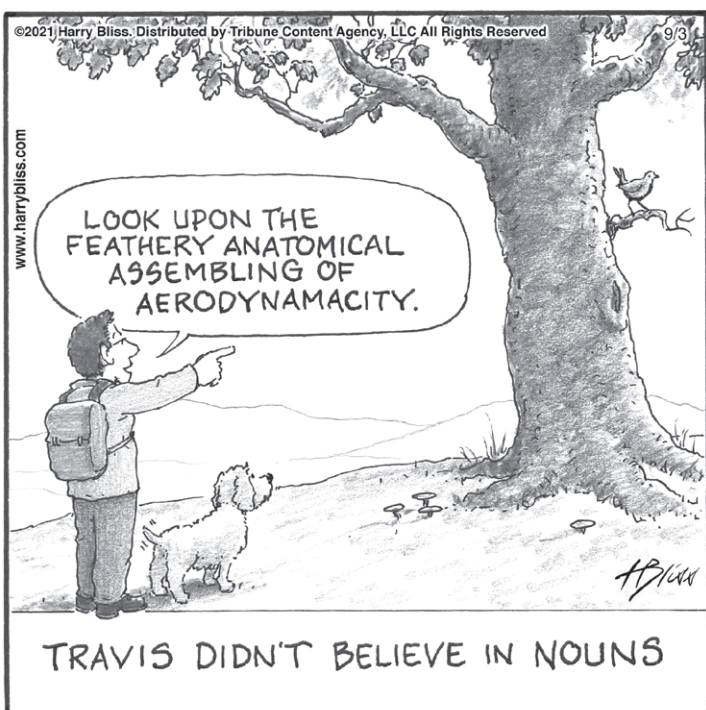
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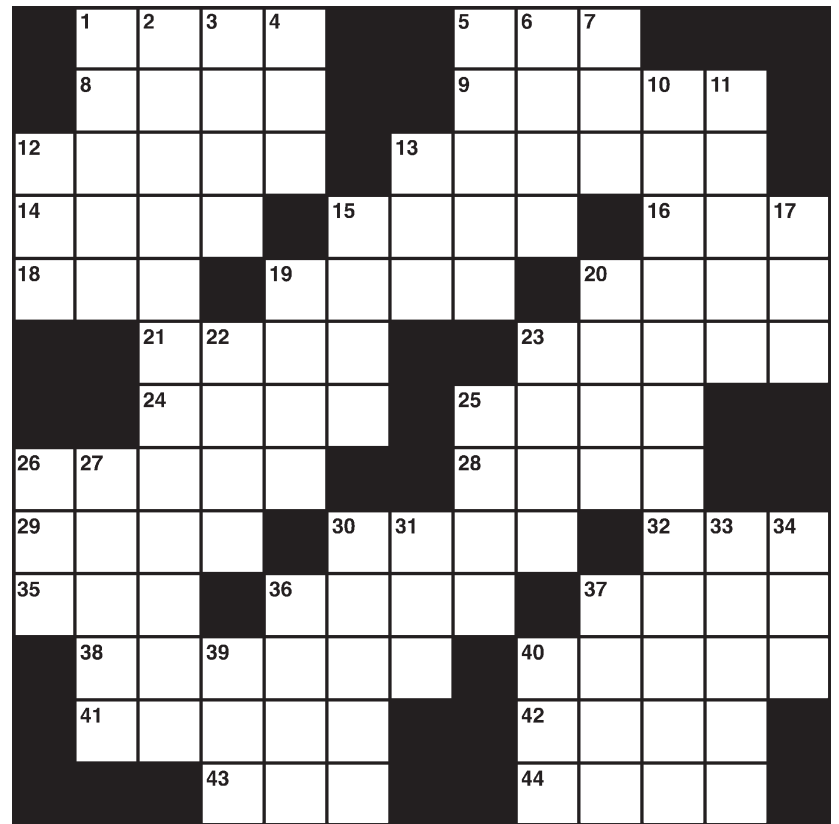
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 13 "Justice ___"; Ben Affleck movie
 14 "___ Wonderful Life"
 15 Bennett or Randall
 16 "___ Amsterdam"
 18 "Murder, ___ Wrote"
 19 Dad on "Little People, Big World"
 20 "Two ___ Half Men"
 21 "___, Caesar!"; George Clooney film
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 11 Nourishes
 12 Fleur-de-___
 13 "A ___ Like Love"; Amanda Peet movie
 15 Able to reach high shelves
 17 "Every Which ___ but Loose"
 19 Farrow & Sara
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The East Carolinian Sports experts predict this week's football matchup



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ECU vs USF on Thursday 10/28
Score Prediction?
ECU wins 38-21
Why? ECU hasn't played at home

in a while so I think the team can top the Bulls. The Pirates have had a lot of close games recently that they could've won so as they return back to Dowdy this weekend, I think they'll be looking for a win against a team ECU can definitely beat.

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ECU vs USF on Thursday 10/28
Score Prediction?
ECU wins 42-21
Why? I think ECU might really feel the

crowd's energy this week and drop 42 points on offense. ECU is home and defending the home field and I feel like ECU should come out angry and run the score up intentionally, they need to play their best game of football all year.

Max Lukas

News and sports reporter with WZMB



ECU vs USF on Thursday 10/28
Score Prediction?
ECU wins 35-14
Why? We got a lot in our favor. It is

Halloween and ECU does get crazy on Halloween. USF does not wanna be coming into Dowdy in a Thursday night blackout game. I'm expecting the guys to come out on fire and with flair and get some trick plays in like we've seen earlier this season.



Freshman runningback Rajai Harris reveyses the ball from junior quarterback Holton Ahlers against Tulane University in the AAC opener on Oct. 2.

ECU to host USF tomorrow Halloween weekend to kick off with 'Paint it Black' game at Dowdy

To continue the teams' slate of conference games, East Carolina University football (3-4-0, 1-2-0 American Athletic Conference) will host the University of South Florida (2-5-0, 1-2-0 AAC) in a Thursday night game tomorrow.

Kickoff will take place at 7:30 p.m. at the Dowdy Ficklen Stadium in Greenville, North Carolina. The Pirates will kick off Halloween weekend tomorrow in a "Paint it Black" night where Pirate Nation is encouraged to wear all black attire at the game. On the ESPN matchup predictor, the Pirates have a 69.7% chance to top the Bulls. The game will be shown on ESPN and broadcasted on 107.9 WNCT-FM.

"We have a quick turnaround on Thursday night and it's a big home game for us. Very, very good South Florida team coming in here. They really pounded Temple Saturday evening down in Tampa," ECU head coach Mike Houston said, according to ECUPirates. "Obviously, a dominant performance this past Saturday night by them. They've been playing better and better every week so it's going to be a dogfight. Good football team coming in here, the kids will be ready to go. Got a big practice this afternoon."



Mike Houston

In these teams' matchup history, the Pirates have won twice out of the 11 games played. In the last matchup on Oct. 10, 2020, ECU was able to come out with a 20 point lead. At the Bulls' home stadium, the Pirates dominated in a 44-24 win. In this upcoming game, the Bulls will have to come and meet ECU. Historically, the Bulls are 5-0 when playing in Dowdy-Ficklen.

In the AAC conference, the Pirates are ranked No. 6 out of 11 teams with one conference win. Although the Bulls also have one conference win, they are ranked No. 8 out of 11 with only two wins overall this season.

The Pirates last played the University of Houston on Oct. 23. After a five-hour weather delay, the Pirates went into overtime

with the Cougars until they eventually fell to Houston 24-31. Although ECU was able to shut out Houston in the second half, the Cougars were able to get seven in overtime to win the game.

ECU's defense continued to shine through as they limited the Cougars to 256 yards. This game was only the second time this season that Houston was held to less than 375 yards. The Pirates defense also finished with a season-high of 14 tackles and five sacks against the Cougars' offense.

"I think you've seen it (the defenses improvements). I think you saw it last year throughout the year and you continue to see it this year throughout the year. The kids are playing very hard, they're playing together," Houston said, according to ECUPirates. "They've embraced how we want to play. But there are going to be challenged on Thursday night. They're really going to be challenged on Thursday night. We'll need to improve again."

In that matchup, junior quarterback Holton Ahlers was able to get in 283 yards passing and five yards rushing and ended the game with three touchdowns overall. Freshman running backs Keaton Mitchell and Rajai Harris usually lead the team down the field but were both held to less than 50 yards each. Junior wide receiver Tyler Snead led the receiving game against Houston with 119 yards gained.

As the Bulls travel to ECU, they come in after a 34-14 win versus Temple University (3-4-0, 1-2-0 AAC). Not only was South Florida able to win the game, but the team also set a new school record with 421 rushing yards. Junior running backs Jaren Mangham and Kelley Joiner Jr. both individually ran their career bests with over 100 yards each.

"One of the first things I told our players in the locker room

after the game is that I'm proud of them, but I'm really not surprised. I'm really not. I expected them to play this way today because of the way they've stuck together," head coach Jeff Scott said, according to GoUSFBulls. "The play of the game to me was early in the first quarter when (junior tight end) Chris Carter (made the tackle on the fumble recovery). That was just the play of the game right there. Again, it's a great example of an event that happens, what's your response going to be? You can't control the event that just happened, but your response is going to dictate the outcome."

For the Bulls this season, Mangham leads the team with 12 touchdowns and 425 yards. With that, he leads the next leading scoring by over 100 yards. Freshman quarterback Timmy McClain is the team's usual starting quarterback, but after 71 yards and one touchdown against Temple, he had to sit out due to an ankle injury.

As McClain was taken out, sophomore quarterback Katravis Marsh was able to step in to help lead the team to victory. Before the Bulls played Temple, Marsh was able to get into the game against Houston as he got a career-high of 43 passing yards.

In that game, he also ended with four total completions out of his 10 attempts.

"Well, I'd be very disappointed if they weren't ready to play (on Thursday). That's the first thing. That was my message to them yesterday, that will be my message to them today. Yeah, we're excited about the opportunity, but at the end of the day, a lot of that stuff is we're excited to be back at home," Houston said to ECUPirates. "We've got to focus on South Florida, that's the big thing."

After the USF matchup, the Pirates will have four more conference games before postseason play. ECU will remain at home for the next game as the team takes on Temple on Nov. 6. Kickoff is scheduled for 3 p.m. and will be available to stream on ESPN+ and 107.9 WNCT-FM.

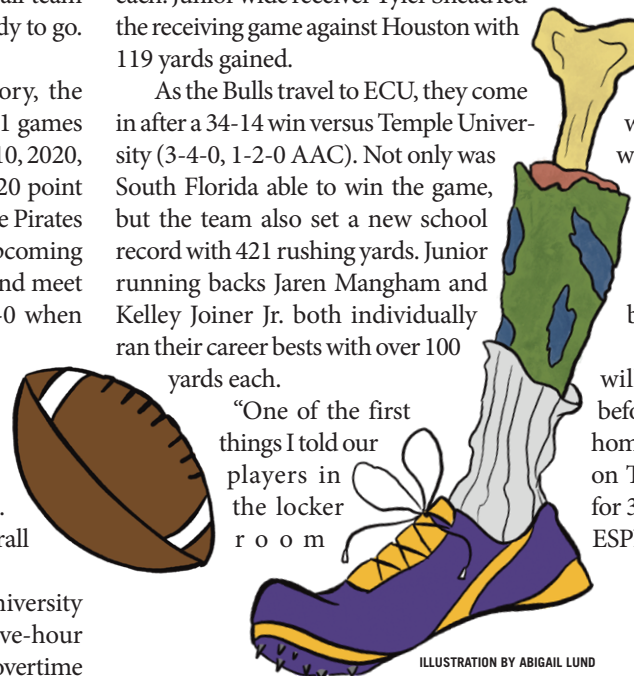


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