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Dickinson awaits new structures, updates by 2024

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TEC STAFF

Private developers Taft Family ventures and Stark Holdings have secured a \$50 million agreement, unanimously approved by the Greenville City Council, for new 155-unit apartment complex called Adler on the Avenue, Marriott boutique hotel and parking garage will be opening by fall of 2024 on the intersection of Dickinson Avenue and Ficklen Street.

Thomas Taft Jr., principal at Taft Family Ventures, said the firm plans on developing a market rate multifamily project. He said the first half of the project involves moving the North Carolina Museum of Science, currently located in the city lot on the avenue, to the renovated 1916 Cupola Building on 226 W 8th St. by spring of 2023.

The second half of the project involves demolition of the NC Museum of Science and the Art Lab, as well as the construction of the hotel and housing, Taft said. He said the two acre lot, including the existing Dickinson Avenue Public House and Sidebar, will feature a parking lot, apartment complex and a Marriott's International's Tribute Portfolio brand boutique hotel.

"We decided to pursue an opportunity to relocate the museum to the historic Cupola Building, which would allow us to build a much bigger project with the parking deck and about 155 one and two bedroom units with approximately 400 space parking decks. There is a mixture of uses. There is public parking. There is parking for the Ficklen Hotel, which is the boutique hotel going in the former Ficklen Tobacco warehouse, and parking for apartment residents," Taft said.

The project will take 18 to 20 months, Taft said, expected to be completed by fall of 2024. He said the new hotel and housing options on Dickinson Avenue will provide a much needed market for people in Greenville who are looking to live near Uptown Greenville, East Carolina University Campus and ECU Health.

The development is marketed toward three general groups of people missing from the current market, Taft said. He said that includes individuals who are looking for low-maintenance housing, empty nesters, young

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Pedestrians walk by spaces on Cotanche Street.



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A Greenville pedestrian looks at a former pay station sign posted off of Reade Circle.

Greenville parking plan approved Policies to create change in Uptown area

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Following a recent approval made by the Greenville City Council, the 2022 Proposed Uptown Greenville Parking Plan will create changes in Uptown parking policy for visitors, employees and residents alike beginning Jan. 1, 2023.

For visitors of Uptown Greenville, Public Information Officer for the City of Greenville Brock Letchworth wrote in an email statement that the first hour of parking will be free. After that, he wrote that on-street parking will be \$1 an hour for a maximum of three hours and surface lot parking will be 75 cents per hour with no maximum. Both employees and residents of the Uptown area may purchase a monthly parking permit.



Brock Letchworth

To include community and residential input throughout the planning process, Letchworth wrote that the City

of Greenville held numerous public input sessions and individual meetings with local business and property owners. Parking will be enforced from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., Letchworth wrote, and hourly rates can be purchased through the Passport Parking App.

"We will begin a public information campaign in the fall that will include the use of social media, flyers, press releases, the City (of Greenville)'s website, and more," Letchworth wrote. "We will also work with business owners to help them be better prepared to educate their patrons on the changes."

Michael Cowin, deputy city manager for the City of Greenville, said an analysis of the current Uptown Parking Plan about three or four years ago concluded that the plan was overall inconsistent and difficult to understand for visitors and residents.

Greenville currently has about 250 paid parking spots in the Uptown area, Cowin said, while about 150 spots are free of charge. He said the new plan will create consistency between all parking

spots throughout Uptown Greenville.

Greenville is a growing city and urban area, and Cowin said this led to the development of the 2022 Proposed Uptown Greenville Parking Plan in an effort to accommodate for the area's growth. As well as this, Cowin said the plan is intended to make parking in Uptown more cohesive, as well as to maximize turnover for surface and on-street parking.

"Uptown was expecting a large, significant amount of growth, just because of the plan of the City (of Greenville) to kind of diversify our economic base," Cowin said. "Meaning, to try to get more people to live Uptown, work Uptown, or visit Uptown."

For those that live Uptown, Cowin said residents can receive a monthly \$70 permit from the City of Greenville for a reserved parking space. For an unassigned space, Cowin said residents can receive a \$50 monthly permit. He said employees that work in Uptown Green-

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Fleet Feet relocates, opens Brewcycle, Cycleologie

Rachana Charla
TEC STAFF

Local startups Brewcycle and Cycleologie, Greenville's first premier indoor cycling studio combined with a beverage bar, are now open and offering coffee and cycling classes from their new location on 207 E. Arlington Blvd.

The new location includes two new ventures by local owners and operators of Fleet Feet, Chris and Kendra Loignon, General Manager for Fleet Feet and Cycleologie Rachel Craft said. Brewcycle is a coffee shop with a brick and mortar store in the new larger location, offering free community runs that begin and end from their store, Craft said. She said Cycleologie provides a membership service for indoor cycling classes at the same location.

This one-stop-shop for the community hosts an uplifting atmosphere for the beginning of a fitness journey, Craft said, offering athletic wear, shoes, cycling, running, coffee, and beverages. The Cycleologie space at the new location is more spacious and features a premier indoor cycling studio in Greenville, Craft said.

"It has been amazing because there is no other indoor cycling studio in Greenville and so I am super excited to bring that to town because it is an amazing workout," Craft said.

Cycleologie and Fleet Feet work together as businesses to create a unique community of running and biking, she said, providing low-impact cross training and strengthening for their customers.

These three businesses have created a special running and biking community in Greenville, Craft said, a space where people can begin and end their fitness journey.

"It has been amazing, just working with Chris and Kendra, their emphasis is service to the community, service to our customers, just sharing that love of locals with all the non profits we partner with," Craft said.

Before the pandemic, Owner of Fleet Feet, Cycleologie and Brewcycle Chris Loignon said he saw a need for a place that offered indoor cycling studio classes with individualized instructors. Fleet Feet focuses on running and Cycleologie offers cycling classes, he said, all under one roof.

Brewcycle started off as a beverage bike, with an attached cooler packed with beer or coffee that can be ridden during runs hosted by Fleet Feet, Loignon said. But, he said it now includes a location for people to buy drinks as well as other coffee merchandise.

All net profits from Brewcycle go directly to the monthly community partner to donate back to the community, Loignon said.

"When the Fleet Feet store is open 10 (a.m.) to 7 (p.m.) during the week, the doors to the coffee shop basically open up. And I would say in the last few weeks, especially more this week, we've had more and more customers going over there, grabbing a cup of coffee," Loignon said.

A weekend-long party for the grand opening of the new location was held last weekend, Loignon said,

which included a ribbon cutting ceremony attended by the City of Greenville's Department of Commerce, as well as a three and five mile coffee run and free Cycleologie classes.

The two moved from Winston Salem, NC, hoping to become business owners, Loignon said, and decided to open their first startup, Fleet Feet, in Greenville. He said they opened the Fleet Feet franchise in 2015.

"When we sat down and wanted to open up a franchise, we pretty much put a list together of cities we wanted to be in. You know, it was a very short list. But at the top of the list was Greenville, that was truly number one," Loignon said.

Erin Ruyle, director of Tourism and Development for the City of Washington, said she is an avid runner who joined Fleet Feet for the running and training programs two years ago and recently decided to try the cycling classes at Cycleologie.

The space is much bigger, she said, and is a great location to run to and from, especially with its easy access to the nearby Greenville Greenway. She said she signed up for the Summer Speed Series and is getting to know the running community in Greenville.

"I came in for a Monday morning class. I think this is week four. I like it. Great instructors. Great energy. Great studio. Great music. It's fun. I am a runner by heart and it's a great way to cross train and do something a little different," Ruyle said.

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A cycling studio is now located at 207 E. Arlington Blvd in the new local startup Brewcycle and Cycleologie, where a beverage bar, the ability to order coffee and cycling classes are now available.

ONLINE

» Check out our website for stories, photo galleries and more.

» Check out our website for a poll about the "Where the Crawdads Sing" book.

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BRIEFS

Committee to discuss affordable housing loans

Today, the City of Greenville's Affordable Housing Loan Committee will meet at 4 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall. The committee's duties are to approve loans for first-time homebuyers, mortgages, and elderly homeowner loans, as well as make recommendations to the Greenville City Council regarding the use of land and funding for affordable housing development.

CET to present college information

Friday, East Carolina University's College of Engineering and Technology will host a college luncheon and presentation from 12 to 2:30 p.m. in the first floor atrium of the Life Sciences and Biotechnology Building. Students can learn about the college's programs in computer science, construction management, engineering and technology systems. A tour of the college's lab facilities will also be given to attendees.

ECU Health to provide virtual childbirth classes

Monday, East Carolina University's Health Medical Center will provide virtual childbirth classes to the public from 6 to 9 p.m. in an effort to offer instruction on the labor and delivery process. The session will include topics on the labor process, hospital birth plans, breathing techniques, medication, methods of childbirth and more. Those interested can register through email or by phone.

CORRECTIONS & CLARIFICATIONS

If you feel there are any factual errors in this newspaper, please contact Emily Peek at editor@theeastcarolinian.com.

CRIME LOGS

Editor's Note: The East Carolinian Crime Logs are derived from East Carolina University Police Department's (ECU PD) public crime logs accessible to all individuals. Crime Logs are done within the partnership of ECU PD and The East Carolinian, as this publication is meant to act as an additional resource for Pirate Nation. Below are listings of criminal activity that has occurred on or within proximity of main campus.

July 8, 2022

Violation of a Domestic Violence Protective Order was cleared by arrest at the Pediatric Outpatient Center at 12:58 p.m.

Warrant Service for Other Agency (x2) was cleared by arrest at Fourth street and Reade Street at 11:38 p.m.

July 10, 2022

An open investigation is being conducted and pending juvenile petitions are being obtained for an Unauthorized Use of Motor Vehicle and First Degree Trespassing at Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium at 1:13 p.m.

An open investigation is being conducted and pending juvenile petitions are being obtained for Motor Vehicle Theft (x5) at Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium at 1:13 p.m.



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Multiple people seek out ways to give back to animal charities beyond donating. Animal volunteering opportunities can replace donating money.

Giving back to pets and rescues

Nicole Forsyth, The Mercury News
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICES

Looking for ways to contribute to your favorite animal charity, beyond making a cash donation? Here are some generous alternatives to consider when you want to support a nonprofit cause you love.

Bequests for wills or trusts

Bequests are simple to implement and easy to change. You maintain the use, benefit, enjoyment, and control of your assets for as long as you need them, for as long as you live. You can include a bequest provision in your will or living trust that specifies an amount or percentage of your estate that you wish for a charity to receive. Here are some benefits:

- You can make adjustments to your will or trust if circumstances change.
- It does not affect you financially during your lifetime.
- Loved ones will not be overlooked — you can specify the amount given to each party.
- Both are deductible for federal estate tax purposes. There is no limit on the deduction your estate can claim, and the gift may be exempt from state inheritance taxes.

Stock gifts

Donating appreciated stock is one of the easiest ways to give more to causes you care about. Giving stock often results in a larger donation to the organization, as the gift is tax-deductible and there are no capital gains taxes to pay.

Life insurance policy donation

You may also consider naming a charity as a beneficiary in your current life insurance policy. Alternatively, you can donate your paid-up policy directly to the charity, or you can even start a new policy naming your charity as the owner and beneficiary. Some benefits:

- There could be potential income tax deductions if you transfer the policy to your charity.
- It does not affect you financially during your lifetime.
- Estate taxes can be reduced if a charity is named as a beneficiary.

Employer match program

Ask your employer if they would consider creating a donation match program and including your chosen nonprofit. When an employee makes a donation to a nonprofit, they can request that their employer “matches” their donation. Retirement plan gifts

You can name your favorite nonprofit as a beneficiary of your IRA, 401K, or other qualified retirement plan. There are multiple benefits:

- Avoids income tax and estate tax levied on the residue left in your retirement account by leaving it to the nonprofit.
- Preserve the value of your retirement account by giving the most-taxed asset in your estate to your charity, and leave more favorably taxed property to heirs.
- Continue withdrawals during your lifetime.
- You have the ability to change the beneficiary if your circumstances change.

Wish lists

Many animal welfare organizations have a “wishlist” for their needs. Often they’ll share weblinks to items on their wish lists so you can purchase exactly what they need through an online retailer such as Amazon or Chewy. Common donation requests include items like towels, blankets, newspaper, collars, leashes, food and water bowls, unopened treats or pet food, toys, litter boxes, scoopers, beds and more.

Make sure to check your nonprofit’s wish

list for their specific needs before you donate. Participate in a charity walk/run

How about fueling your passion for a cause and getting a workout in at the same time? You can sign up for a charity walk/run event to support your favorite nonprofit. It is a fun and healthy way to give back and help raise awareness for a cause dear to your heart.

The gift of time

As mentioned in our April column, volunteering is another way that you can give to your favorite animal charity. There are plenty of volunteer opportunities that you can choose from, including administrative roles, tasks that involve animal handling, helping out with events, and so much more.

Birthday fundraiser

In lieu of birthday gifts, you can also organize an online fundraiser and ask friends and family to make birthday donations on your behalf.

As you can see, there are plenty of ways to make an impact for your favorite charity. We hope you find one that works for you.

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Pedestrians walk by the Uptown Parking Deck located off Fourth Street.

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ville can receive a \$20 monthly permit for unlimited access to Uptown parking.

Throughout planning, Cowin said the city has received both positive and negative feedback, but the plan is overall cost-effective, consistent and easy to understand. Many urban areas have paid parking in their downtown areas, he said, and Greenville has had to accommodate for this as the city continues to grow.

Though the parking plan will begin in January of 2023, Cowin said enforcement will be phased through community engagement and communication. He said there will be a time period of a few months where warning tickets will be given out until the public is fully aware of the new policy.

“Our goal here is not to be punitive to the general public, we want the public to come Uptown, we want them to enjoy Uptown, we just don’t want it to be a place where everybody just dumps their cars for free and utilizes our spaces in Uptown for non-Uptown purposes,” Cowin said.

A current employee at Uptown Greenville’s Starlight Cafe and

Farm, junior art education major Jana Palmiter said she and other employees often park at the surface lot across from Starlight Cafe off Fifth Street. She said none of the employees at Starlight were hired under the impression that they would have to pay hourly or receive a monthly permit to park at work.

The city hopes the new plan will create more turnover for parking, Palmiter said, though neither employees nor customers of Starlight have made complaints of a lack of parking availability in the area.

In addition to employees having to pay for parking, Palmiter said she believes local businesses may also be negatively affected by patrons being forced to pay for parking in the Uptown area as well.

“Our fear is that it (the 2022 Proposed Uptown Greenville Parking Plan) will push people away from coming downtown in general, because I personally wouldn’t want to pay additional money when I’m going out for an additional expense already, when they can go somewhere else,” Palmiter said.

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professionals looking to stay in Greenville and those who must find housing in Greenville for residency, medical school and other career opportunities.

“It’s just that, not everyone is looking to settle permanently in Greenville and Pitt County. And so we want to provide really exceptional housing opportunities and communities for them, in an area that, you know, has plenty of amenities,” Taft said.

Aileen Peacock, director of talent and events for the Pitt County Chamber of Commerce and former member of the board for the Young Professionals committee, said young professionals in Greenville are looking for places to live in the city that are attractive and dynamic. She said Greenville is a growing city that needs housing opportunities to match.

Compared to other NC cities such as Raleigh, Charlotte and Winston-Salem, Greenville can feel like a smaller city, Peacock said. Even still, she said the area attracts those who are looking for opportunities in a job market focused on investment in Greenville and Pitt County.

“There’s plenty of housing opportunities for college-age students, whether it be on the grid or the college apartment complex. There’s plenty of suburban neighborhoods and apartment complexes for the family dynamic. But there’s nothing in between your early and late 20s or even early 30s as I am. So what they’re developing on Dickinson Avenue is extremely important because it can attract people to stay somewhere, with that downtown feeling,” Peacock said.

Greenville is a great area for young professionals to settle down

in, Peacock said, and the city has a growing job market with companies like ECU Health, Thermofisher, Grover Gaming and more. She said the city also has a much lower cost of living compared to other places in the state, but still has drivable proximity to Raleigh and NC beaches.

In addition to the financial benefits, Peacock said it’s important to get to know Greenville and the Pitt County community, especially the local shops, restaurants and businesses throughout the area.

“Between the shops and the restaurants and the activities and pub runs, not only are there places to go, but those places have provided activities and events for young professionals to get to know one another. I think a big part of attracting young professionals aside from just housing and a job, is socializing,” Peacock said.

Junior psychology major Jailah McPhaul said she currently lives at Carolina Creek Apartments and is not satisfied with her experience. She said would like to be closer to campus, with more affordable housing and access to shopping and dining.

Uptown Greenville is a great scene, McPhaul said, and a great place to meet people and gain some new experiences. She said living in a complex in the heart of the Dickinson Arts District can give residents a taste of a life in the city.

“I plan to attend graduate school so I will definitely still be here. I have definitely thought about moving into the Uptown area. I am more of an adventurous person. I really like new experiences and things that are going on in the community and I feel like that is the perfect place to be,” McPhaul said.

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EVENTS

TODAY

Umbrella Market
Five Points Plaza
500 Evans St.
5 to 8 p.m.
(252) 561-8400

FRIDAY

IV & the Strange Band with Tongues of Fire
The State Theatre
110 W. Fifth St.
8 to 11:30 p.m.
(919) 828-4444

Skosh at Nash Hot Chicken
Nash
114 E. Fifth St.
7 to 10 p.m.
(252) 999-5444

SATURDAY

Plant and See 46th Anniversary Celebration
Plant and See Nursery
4064 Old Tar Rd.
8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
(252) 756-0879

SUNDAY

Sunday in the Park: Rebekah Todd
Greenville Town Common
105 E. 1st St.
6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
(252) 329-4567

Family Fishing at River Park North
River Park North
1000 Mumford Rd.
8 to 10:30 a.m.
(252) 329-4560

BOOK REVIEW

REVIEW: Where the Crawdads Sing



Breanna Sapp
TEC STAFF

In an ode to the biodiversity of coastal North Carolina, author Delia Owens creates a coming-to-age fictional world of wilderness and survival that has taken its place on the bookshelves of readers throughout the country.

“Where the Crawdads Sing” narrates the controversial life of “marsh girl” Kya Clark, a young girl abandoned to the isolation of the marshes of North Carolina. The novel follows Kya as she adapts to a lonesome lifestyle in a shack on the edge of society, grappling with her transition into adulthood and her journey through the natural world.

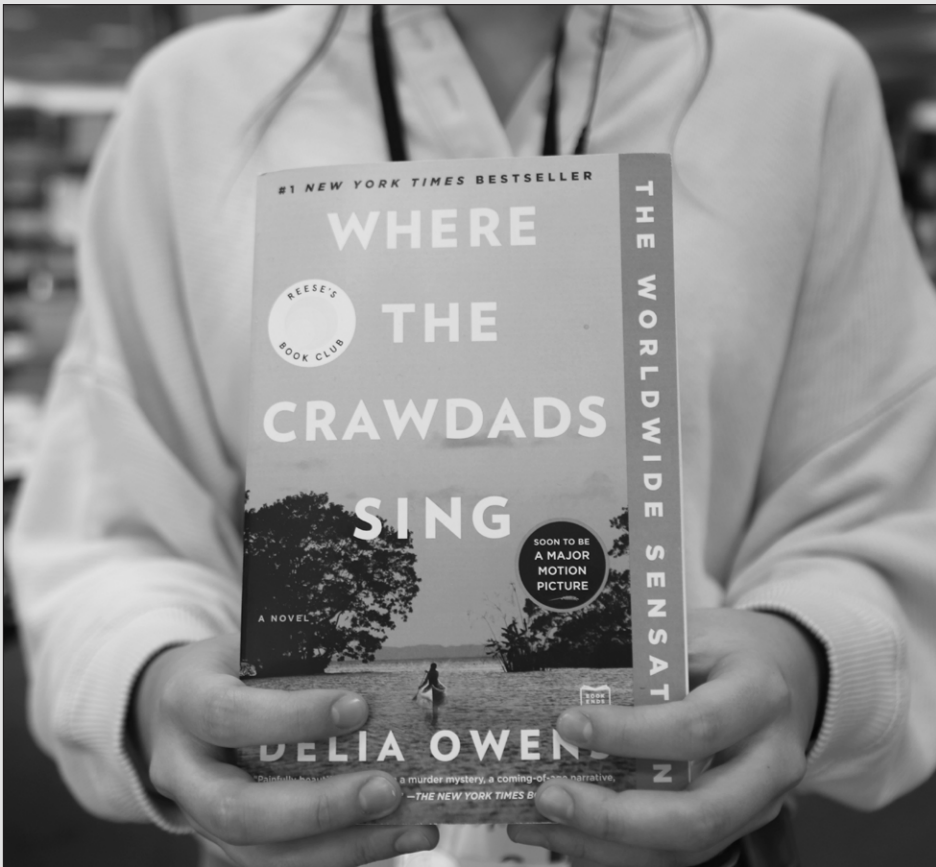
In a debut fictional novel by Owens, readers are given insight into the curiosities of the secret life found on North Carolina coastlines while following the riveting, heartfelt and eye-opening journey of a young child left to the outskirts of society.

With more than five million copies sold, the New York Times Best Seller will soon see a feature film adaptation produced by Reese Witherspoon later this month. The novel has been well-loved by readers everywhere with stellar reviews by The New York Times, People Magazine, Southern Living, Entertainment Weekly and fellow authors alike.

It’s hard to pin “Where the Crawdads Sing” to a single genre, and readers can expect to follow Kya through an evocative plot full of psychological growth, wildlife, crime and friendship. It’s incredibly difficult to put the book down from beginning to end, and it’s guaranteed to make readers shed tears at one point or another.

For those of us from the coasts of North Carolina, the manner in which wildlife biologist Owens paints each scene is fascinatingly accurate. A vivid and lyrical narrative, “Where the Crawdads Sing” is impressive through both its language and plot.

The novel begins with then-child protagonist Kya not only learning survival in the unpredictable environment of our



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“Where the Crawdads Sing” was written by wildlife biologist and Georgia native Delia Owens.

state’s coastal marshes, but earning a trusted friendship with the secret wonders that can be found within. Kya finds herself growing alongside the gray seagulls, croaking bullfrogs and blinking fireflies.

As Kya grows, she finds friendship on the outskirts of society, adapts to the ins and outs of self-preservation and learns to break the normative barriers of the 1960’s. Though Kya makes do as what the townspeople call “swamp trash,” broken trust and possible murder end all that she once knew.

A murder mystery may seem like an unlikely path for the novel to take, but Owens takes care to thread each plotline in with another - just when the reader thinks they have it figured out, Owens is always one step ahead.

Outside of the plot, Owens’ artistic style makes it difficult to believe that this is her first fictional piece of literature: her use of dialect is careful and familiar to a fellow North Carolinian, her illustrative narrative

is powerful to readers of any skill level and her use of thematic imagery is diligent.

Though unique in both the novel’s style and language, her craftsmanship is an incredible example of the modern novel.

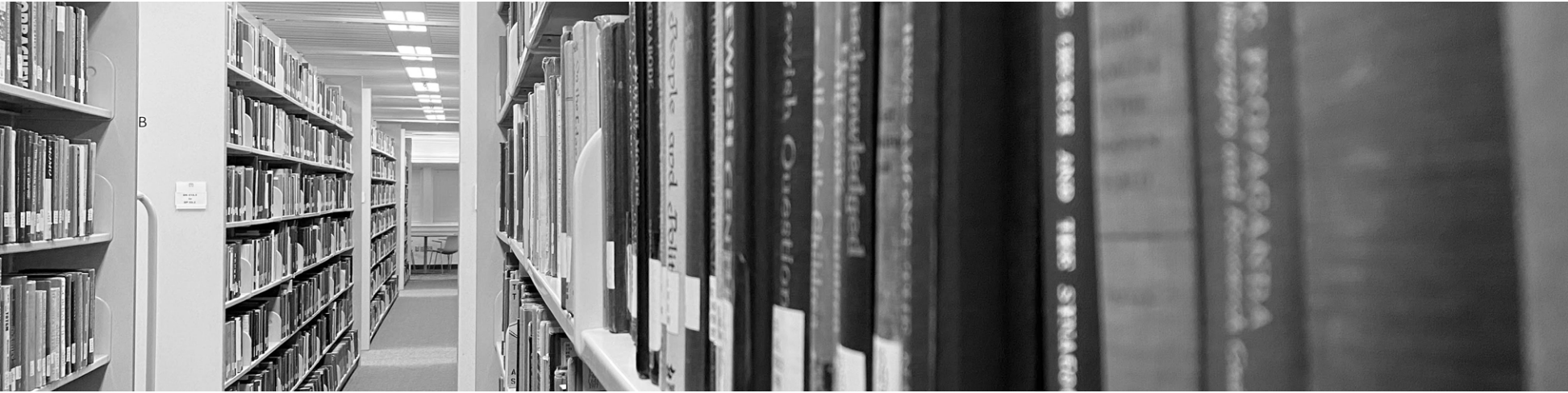
By the end of the novel, readers will have rejoiced, laughed, cried and grown such a fondness to Kya that it’s almost heartbreaking to see 368 pages go by so quickly. Whether you’re a lover of the wild or a stranger to the natural world, “Where the Crawdads Sing” will certainly evoke a number of emotions with its soul-stirring tale of a girl who is nothing to society and everything to her readers.

RATING:



5 out of 5

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Thousands of books line the shelves of Joyner Library, home to East Carolina University's main campus, in addition to a number of other resources including electronic books and online databases.

Community offers summer reading resources

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TEC STAFF

Staff from Joyner Library and Sheppard Memorial Library discuss the libraries’ summer reading and literary resources available to East Carolina University students and the Greenville community.

Ronnie Woodward, communications specialist for Joyner Library, said there is a section of scholastic books for young adults within the Teaching Resources Center in Joyner Library that students can look at any time throughout the summer.

Some books labeled under popular reading are strategically placed near the Starbucks in Joyner Library, Woodward said, in order to attract students who are walking into the library or grabbing a coffee. He said electronic textbooks, although not as popular during the summer, can be useful for many students on campus.

“That light reading or themes or popular or new books collection we just got in, we try to put in that area because we know there’s gonna be a lot of ECU students and maybe it will catch their eye and they’ll wanna check out one of those books,” Woodward said.

The checkout process at the circulation desk is made easy for students to utilize, Woodward said, and librarians and other staff members are willing to assist those who need further assistance or help checking out books.

Woodward said the close proximity of coastal North Carolina makes books that highlight a beach scene or calm setting a popular genre for college students during the summer.

“A lot of people like to read while on vacation or at the beach, so they might like to read books that connect them to that type of surrounding scene,” Woodward said. “Also, our new titles are fairly consistent in popularity throughout the year.”

William Gee, head of Circulation and Interlibrary Loan in Joyner Library, said there is always a large collection of books available in Joyner, and many of them are featured throughout the year. He said the Circulation Department and the Teaching Resources Center display a variety of topics and genres, particularly each month.

The Circulation Department features staff picks, Gee said, which are random books recommended by Joyner Library

employees. He said there is a bookcase between the circulation desk and Starbucks that features books, as well as a standing new book display, where books that have recently arrived at the library are displayed.

“Also, in that reading room we have what we call the popular reading selection, which are a lot of books that are deemed to be kind of popular interest, they’re not the typical scholarly kind of books that we have in the rest of the library collection,” Gee said. “They’re more for just general reading.”

Gee said there isn’t a specific reading list for the summer, but many staff picks displayed during the summer months would be appropriate. He said students, faculty and staff can check out books for free from the library, and those in the community who are interested in using Joyner can pay an annual membership fee of \$40 for access.

The reading room also features a display of mental health books, Gee said, which are useful for college students, especially due to the negative impacts of COVID-19. He said the room offers a lounging area that features books on various topics, such as Native American History Month, Black History Month, Women’s History Month and more throughout the year.

“It’s just a space with some soft seating, some nice chairs and windows, and then all of those bookcases as well in that front space right beside the lobby entrance of the library,” Gee said.

Amber Winstead, librarian at Sheppard Memorial Library, a library located on Evans St. in Greenville, said Sheppard does not have a specific reading list, but graphic novels are typically popular during the summer.

Students or individuals from the community do not need an appointment to utilize resources through the library, Winstead said, and are welcome to walk in during library hours. She said the library provides resources such as the internet, computers and research materials.

“So there’s free internet for college students,” Winstead said. “There’s the computers and things like that. There’s a lot of research-based things that you can access through our website, like NCLive.”

Winstead said college students writing research papers and working on similar projects or assignments throughout



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An East Carolina University student reads a print novel in Joyner.

the summer can benefit greatly from these resources.

There is also a wide selection of fiction books, Winstead said, which tend to be popular with many college students and are used for leisure reading. During the academic semester, she said many ECU students, especially within the teaching field, utilize resources from the library.

“We have a lot of resources for them (students) when they’re looking for things for their classes. We’re able to help out a lot with that, we get that of course more during the academic year than during the summer,” Winstead said.

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OUR VIEW

Minorities
need mental
health support

The COVID-19 pandemic has brought light to mental health and wellness in the past two years and it is important to support the struggles that minority communities face with mental illness.

Though the month of July is National Minority Mental Health Awareness Month, these struggles should be acknowledged not only once a year, but in every effort made to address mental illness.

We, the editorial staff of The East Carolinian, encourage the East Carolina University community to educate one another and promote resources surrounding the mental health of underserved communities such as those of Black, Indigenous and People of Color (BIPOC).

According to Mental Health America, 17% of African Americans struggle with mental health conditions, 15% of Latinx or Hispanic Americans, 13% of Asian Americans, 23% of Native or Indigenous Americans, and 25% of those that identify as multiracial.

It's important to keep these numbers in mind as the community continues to encourage conversation surrounding mental health and wellness for minorities.

Because of mental health stigmas, access to resources and assistance can be limited to BIPOC communities among a number of other obstacles. These underserved communities are in desperate need of increased advocacy, destigmatization, funding and resources.

Many of our own peers face these unique struggles with mental health, and these disparities are important to note when promoting tools and resources, pushing for advocacy and breaking down barriers.

PIRATE RANTS

The East Carolinian does not endorse the statements made in Pirate Rants.

The parking garage has been free all summer. If that's the case, why can't it be free all year long??

McDonald's on 10th St. needs to worry a little less about putting those "Camp McDonald's" flyers in my bag and a little more about making sure I GET THE DIPPING SAUCE FOR MY NUG-GETSSS. >:(

Why isnt there any kind of priority for RAs to get parking passes? Also why is a parking pass so damn expensive? We're broke college kids, chill @ ECU!!!! Where am I supposed to park if I can't pay the \$400 on top of my books and classes? Excuse me??

To all the USA and Greenville haters, don't like it , leave, no one holds you back. Make your own fun - rollerblade the trail, puzzles, mini golf, ice skate, air u, etc.

Why do ECU's math professors try so hard? Like it's the summer give us easy work. We don't want to do it as much as you do.

The fact that we have to go back to school this August is mad.

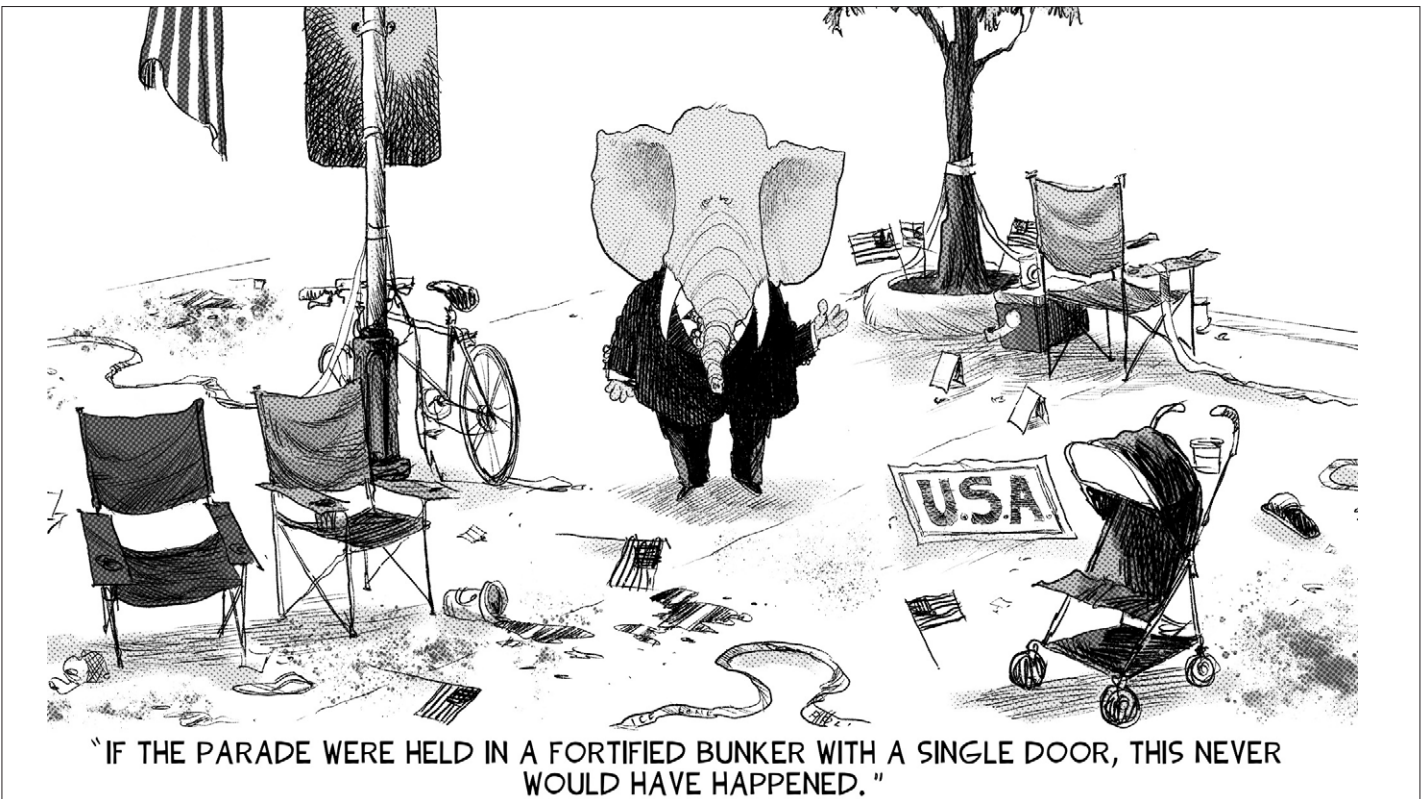
It's annoying telling people you go to ECU and they bring up partying right away.

ECU doesn't give minorities enough funding. Black frats don't even have houses?!?!

How we gonna have a whole bowling alley and not use it. Open up more student jobs.

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The ethics of true crime media
Content creators profit from victims, trauma



Jala Davis
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Over the last several years, the true crime industry has seen a huge increase in consumers across all media platforms. No matter the format, whether it be a Netflix or Hulu Documentary, YouTube true crime channels or Podcasts, people are consuming true crime media in massive amounts.

I would say that in recent years, I have consumed thousands upon thousands of hours of true crime media, mainly through YouTube. Without a doubt, I have loved learning about all of the true crime cases, from the most famous cases like Ted Bundy, John Wayne Gacy, cults, disappearances and more. But, I can't help but to think about the ethics of true crime media, even though that's most of the media that I consume.

For those who don't follow true crime either in large quantities or at all, you may be wondering why someone would want to watch so much gruesome content. As someone who spends most of their time watching true crime, I can speak for myself and maybe a few others when I say that I consume so much of it not only for entertainment, but for information and warning signs as well.

Recently, as someone who does consume so much true crime, I've started to think about the ethics behind true crime content creation. Content creation and social media is a steadily growing industry and there is a lot of money within it. With that being said, is true crime media and content creation ethical?

Content creators and social media influencers get paid for their work seeing as that at the end of the day, it is truly a job with all of the time and effort it takes to make content. As a content creator myself, I would understand. However, in the true crime market that line is blurred. True crime content creators are no different than any other type of content creator, they create the content and they get paid for it.

However, when you think about it, at the end of the day, the cases that these creators are covering are real, hence the name true crime. These are real people, real perpetrators, real victims and real families in these stories.

Some true crime content creators that I've seen take these cases very seriously while others make their content a little more lighthearted but at the end of the day they still remain respectful in most cases and tell the story in their own way, with relevant and factual information.

My issue with true crime doesn't come with the way that people make their content, it's the fact that people are making a living from the anguish that the victims and the families had to encounter, even the families of the perpetrator. Something about making money about the deaths, assaults and trauma that people go through doesn't sit right with me, even as a true crime media consumer.

I'm not saying that these creators should work for free because in reality no one should. But, it's a little conflicting when the money that is being made is solely based off the deaths and traumas of other people. It's not like lifestyle content creators who make money from doing their everyday routines. These are true stories that end in death in most cases and that to me doesn't seem right.

I have heard that a lot of these content creators don't make money from Youtube a lot of times due to demonitization based off of the graphic details of each case, but then most of these creators have sponsors who give them money to advertise their products and for these larger creators I'm sure it's no small fee.

There have also been a number of even my favorite true crime content creators who have said that creating said content takes a huge toll on both their mental and emotional health, due to the hours and hours of research that they have to do.

With that being said, I'm not advocating for these creators to not be paid for their work, be it through Youtube,

sponsors or both. All I'm saying is where do we draw the line? When does that line get crossed and truly how ethical is this type of content?

As a consumer, content creator and someone who has a heart and compassion for others, I understand having to make money on the content creator side but I also can't help but to think about the families and friends of victims who constantly see the stories of their loved ones broadcasted on the internet all while someone else is getting paid to tell it however they want.

I have seen content creators that have taken the time to actually reach out to the families and have them speak about their loved ones and have even received money from these creators, which is great, but that's not every creator that you come across. Which leads me to the question, should this be a standard for true crime content creators?

There's a lot of questions and even more debates on the ethics of true crime and as a self-proclaimed true crime junkie, I find myself stuck in the middle of all sides. Will I still consume true crime? Of course. Will I still feel eerie about people making money from true crime? Yes. But what will we do as consumers to change this? Can we even change the structure of this industry?

I guess only time will tell.

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The rising consumption of true crime across media platforms raises questions of morality.

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Cancer (June 21-July 22) — Today is an 8 — Make adjustments together. Reach a Full Moon turning point with a partnership. Collaborate for shared commitments. Adapt for solutions. Love provides foundational strength.



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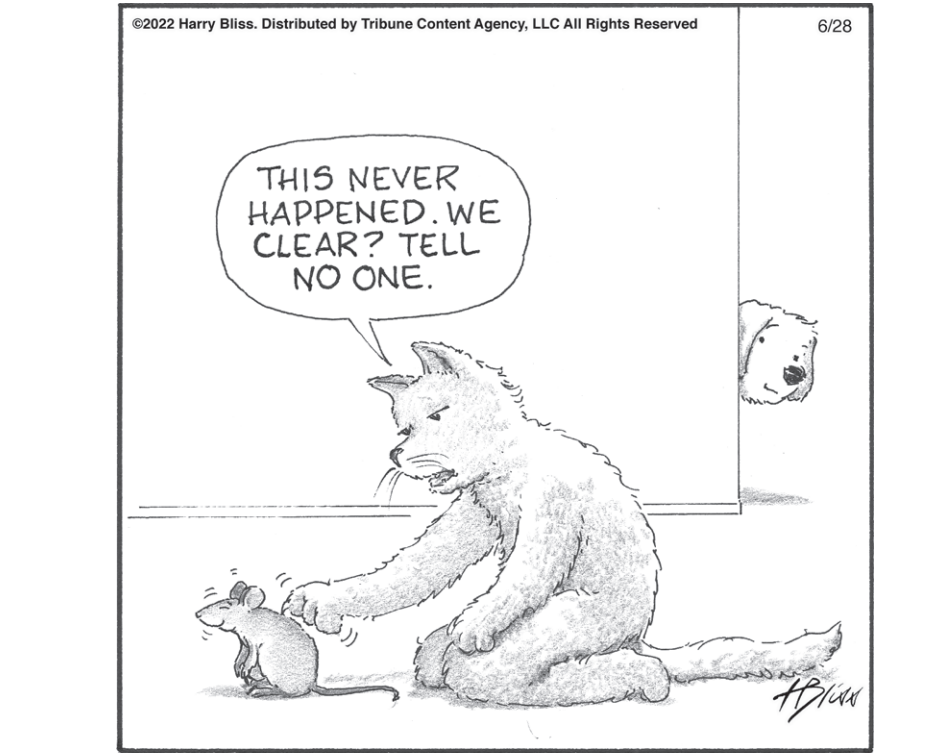
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The East Carolinian Sports experts predict this week's events

Chris Long

Sports Reporter



ECU 2022-2023 football season predictions
Season Prediction? 7-5, 3rd in AAC
Why? The direction of the season opener against NC State will determine the direction of the season as a whole, more than likely. With the end of the season being the toughest part of the year, I think the Pirates start off hot and fizzle from 6-1 or 7-0 to 7-5 or 6-6.

Brendan Cavazos

Sports Chief



ECU 2022-2023 football season predictions
Season Prediction? 8-4, 3rd in AAC
Why? With the exception of the University of Cincinnati and NC State, the Pirates will be a noticeably competitive team against the rest of their opponents. The AAC won't be up for grabs with Cincinnati still around so ECU will need consistency to string wins together.



Sophomore pitcher Carson Whisenhunt stares down the mound and winds up as he prepares to send a pitch to home plate inside Clark-LeClair Stadium. COURTESY OF ECUPIRATES

Pirate prospects in the MLB Draft

Chris Long
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The Major League Baseball (MLB) draft from Sunday through Tuesday is a time for young, talented prospects to take their skills to the next level of competition. East Carolina University baseball is coming off of yet another successful season led by the players that make it happen. When those players stand out, teams at the next level notice. It is more than likely that several Pirates will hear their name called across the 612 picks in the 20 rounds of selection. According to Prospectslive.com, five players from East Carolina who are in the top 600 draft prospects have the highest opportunity to hear their name called over the draft weekend. The highest touted Pirate is sophomore pitcher Carson Whisenhunt ranked No. 38 among the top 600 in the nation. Whisenhunt was suspended the entirety of the 2022 collegiate baseball season after failing a drug test before the season began. Several media outlets identify Whisenhunt as an ace, with six wins and two losses in the 2021 season in 13 games started. During the 2021 season, he allowed a batting average of .220 while on the mound and created 79 strike outs.



Carson Whisenhunt

The next highest ranked Pirate is the statistical leader of the 2022 ECU baseball team, junior infielder Zach Agnos. Ranked at No. 206 of 600, the do-it-all Agnos led the Pirates to the Greenville Super Regional, which ended in a 2-1 loss against the University of Texas. Agnos' breakout season was the result of an improvement in nearly every statistical category. He spent the season atop ECU's batting order, while also producing plays both inside the infield and on the mound. Following the standout 2022 season, Agnos was given a laundry list of accolades to pin to his collegiate career, as he was selected to two All-American honors. First, he was named to the D1Baseball second-team selection listed as a utility player then Agnos was named to Baseball America's second-team. Agnos was also named to the second-team American Baseball Coaches Association All-Regional honors. He was then selected to the 2022 Collegiate National Team roster. The next ECU player mentioned is senior outfielder Bryson Worrell at No. 383. The fifth year player and standout slugger improved statistically every year at ECU. In the 2022 season, Worrell had 88 hits and 61 runs, nearly doubling his production in each category from the year prior. Worrell was also able to bat in 62 runners, also nearly doubling the season prior. He was able to steal 10 bases, never getting caught which was an improvement from the four times getting caught on nine attempts a season prior. Though he played eight extra games from the year prior, Worrell only struck out twice more than the season before. Across 67 games played, he only struck out 57 times for a batting average of .335 at 263 at bats. Worrell took the biggest role of his career this season and it resulted in being the 18th highest prospect from the American Athletic Conference as well as the 58th best outfielder in the nation. Junior pitcher C.J. Mayhue was next on the list for ECU at No. 432. Mayhue posted six wins and a single loss in 31 games played. Of those 31 games played, Mayhue started 12 and created a run average of 3.73 across nine innings. His 72 innings pitched were the most of a single season in his career. With the larger role, Mayhue produced a save and held opposing batters to only 53 hits for a batting average of .203 on the season. His production on both sides of the field put his head just above water in the top 600, finishing off the Pirates selected. The multi-day drafting event will be televised on the MLB Network. The first round will be broadcast on ESPN with later rounds streamed at MLB.com.

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A sunset fills the sky over a fan-filled Dowdy-Ficklen stadium with the East Carolina University Pirates in action to defend their home field in front of the home-town fans of Pirate Nation. COURTESY OF ECUPIRATES

Upcoming schedule for ECU fall athletics

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Soccer

The 2022-2023 athletics schedule for East Carolina University will kick off in the upcoming month starting with soccer in the second week of August, followed by volleyball in late August and football season not far behind starting in early September.

The ECU soccer team will have their first game Aug. 10 in Lynchburg, Virginia, at 5 p.m. against Liberty University in an exhibition game. East Carolina's first home game will be Aug. 13 at 1 p.m. in Greenville, North Carolina, at Johnson Stadium against Longwood University. The only other time these teams have met was August 18, 2005, when ECU beat Longwood 3-1 at home.

The Pirates first American Athletic Conference (AAC) game will be Sept. 15 in Dallas, Texas, at 8 p.m. against Southern Methodist University at the Washburne Soccer and Track Stadium. Last season the Pirates fell to the Mustangs with a 1-2 record for the season. In the latest matchup of the teams together on Oct. 31, 2021, East Carolina lost 1-2 in Dallas, Texas.

The Pirates will wrap up their season with a home game against the University of Cincinnati Oct. 27 at 7 p.m. in Johnson Stadium which will also be the ECU soccer team's senior day. The last time the teams met was Sept. 30, 2021 and the teams tied 1-1.

Volleyball

The ECU volleyball team will start their season Aug. 26 at 1:30 p.m. against Furman University in the Pirate Invitational which will be hosted in Greenville, North Carolina, in Williams Arena at Minges Coliseum. The Pirates lost to the Paladins 0-3 in their last matchup on Sept. 17, 2010. The first time the teams met, East Carolina came up with the loss with a final score of 1-3. The Pirates will have another game during the Pirate Invitational against Towson University.

The volleyball team's first conference game will be Sept. 23 at 8 p.m. against the University of Tulsa in Tulsa, Oklahoma, in the Reynolds Center. ECU is on a six-game losing streak against Tulsa that started Oct. 26, 2017 and continues looking into next season. In their last game, Nov. 19, 2021 the Pirates fell short to the Tulsa team with a final score of 2-3 in Greenville, North Carolina.

East Carolina's volleyball team will have their senior day Nov. 23 at 2 p.m. against Temple University in Williams Arena at Minges. The team will finish up their season against the University of Cincinnati on Nov. 25 in Cincinnati, Ohio, in the Fifth Third Arena. The time is to be determined.

The last time the teams faced each other, the Bearcats took the victory with a 3-0 win against the Pirates. East Carolina currently has a eight-game loss streak against Cincinnati that started Nov. 23, 2014 on the road in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Football

The ECU football team's first game will be Sept. 3 at noon in Greenville, North Carolina, in Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium against North Carolina State University (NC State). In the last game between the teams on Aug. 31, 2019, NC State won 34-6 against East Carolina. The Pirates have a two-game loss streak against the Wolfpack that started Sept. 10, 2016. After the last ten matchups, the record between the teams is 5-5.

The Pirates first conference game is scheduled for Sept. 24 against the United States Naval Academy in Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium. The time is to be determined. This game will also serve as ECU military appreciation day. East Carolina football will have their senior day Nov. 19 against the University of Houston in Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium. The time is to be determined.

East Carolina football will have their last regular season game Nov. 26 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, against Temple University at Lincoln Financial Field, the time is to be determined. The Pirates will have a chance to compete in the AAC football championship if they are high enough in seeding after the regular season.

Cross Country

As of date of publication, the ECU cross country team's schedule has not yet been released.

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