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Police chase arises after apartment complex shooting

Staff Report

After a 19-year-old male was shot in the 2100 block of Copper Beech Apartments Sunday morning, a police chase followed involving suspected individuals, the Greenville Police Department (GPD) and the Pitt County Sheriff's Office, according to a press release from GPD.

GPD officers responded to reports of

shots fired at the complex shortly after 3 a.m., and when they arrived, cars began fleeing the area, the release wrote.

"Officers attempted to stop a car exiting the complex but the driver of the car failed to stop," the release wrote. "One individual jumped out of the suspect vehicle in the area of 14th Street and Charles Boulevard and was subsequently apprehended on foot

a short time later."

According to the release, the vehicle in question was stopped near West Arlington Blvd. and Meridian Dr., where GPD officers took three remaining occupants into custody and questioning.

The gunshot victim was taken to ECU Health and has "non-life-threatening injuries," the release wrote, however, multiple

apartments and vehicles in the area were damaged during the incident.

At this time no additional injuries have been reported and the investigation is still active, the release wrote. Further information is said to be released at a later time, according to the press release.

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Freshmen Jared Wallace, Cameron Britton, Roman Barshow and Trace Fernandez pose next to the Pee Dee the Pirate statue.

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Pirates return for fall 2022 semester

Kristin Outland TEC STAFF

East Carolina University staff and faculty discuss preparations for the fall 2022 semester and opportunities for incoming and returning students.

John Mountz, director of Student Engagement, said Student Engagement oversees all student organizations on campus. He said they also oversee fraternity and sororities, and are in charge of events such as Pirate Palooza, homecoming and encouraging students to join in all activities.

"In terms of first day of class and new students coming in here, the things we are hoping that we do is that

they take advantage of all the activities that are happening," Mountz said.

Student Engagement partners with other organizations on campus, Mountz said, and students can look forward to events such as the Student Activities Board (SAB) movie on the lawn, new student convocation photo, Raid the Rec at the Eakin Recreation Student Center and a new event for students to learn about Greek Fest, where students can learn about fraternity and sorority life.

Mountz said these events were part of "The Pirate Experience" and are great opportunities to take advantage of, especially for first year or transfer

students who are new to ECU.

"We really see those as great entry points, particularly for incoming first year and transfer students who are new to ECU's campus, those are the things we hope you stop by, attend, grab a shirt, grab some food, meet some people, and start your journey here at ECU," Mountz said.

Hank Bowen, senior associate director for Student Organizations in Student Engagement, said there are about 300 student organizations on campus. He said there are about 40 to 50 new student organizations.

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ECU provides academic help to students

Kristin Outland TEC STAFF

East Carolina University staff and faculty discuss opportunities and available resources that students can utilize on campus to assist them in academic studies and endeavors.

Lauren Thorn, associate dean in the Dean of Students office, said a student can connect with the Dean of Students office through virtual appointments, and staff will discuss the wide variety of support services available to them on campus.

The Pirate Academic Student Success Center (PASC) provides general tutoring or academic support skills, in which workshops are offered on studying tips, note taking and more, Thorn said. She said the University Writing Center (UWC) also provides resources and services for students, and the Dean of Students office works closely with many academic advisors.

"So a lot of times our staff is knowledgeable and can pull up information about a student related to their academic transcript, which allows us to make recommendations or suggestions of who to talk to next depending on what's going on and get them connected with their academic advisor," Thorn said.

Stigma around students asking for help is still widely present, Thorn said, and it's important for students to under-

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ECU football wraps up pre-season training camp

Chris Long TEC STAFF

East Carolina University football training camp has wrapped up, and the team is ready to tackle the regular season full steam ahead.

The training camp was the finishing point of the team's offseason, concluding with a scrimmage that consisted of scripted plays and involved every level of the program's depth chart. The scrimmage included offense, defense and special teams with every unit performing up to speed.

"I was really pleased with how this week went," head coach Mike Houston said, according to ECU Pirates.com. "Very pleased with the live work we did this week. I was pleased with what our ones and twos did this morning in our last scrimmage. Now it's a chance for them to kind of catch their breath and unplug from football a little bit. They'll get ready to start class on Monday and then we're going to start game prep for NC State."



Mike Houston

The preseason started Aug. 3 and continued through Saturday. The team went through the regular phases of training camp on schedule, moving from non-contact to padded contact and helmet shells before advancing to full contact shelled scrimmage.

The training camp was the first opportunity that the full roster has had to play together, and has given the public the first glimpse of the year to come.

One of the biggest training camp standouts is sophomore running back Keaton Mitchell. The speedy runner finished the 2021 season with 174 rushing attempts for 1,132 yards gained with nine rushing touchdowns to pair. Along with his production rushing, Mitchell also caught 22 passes for 253 yards and a touchdown. The 10 total touchdowns accounted for nearly one fourth of the teams total 41 scores on the season.

"I think everybody recognizes his speed on game day and it's pretty elite," Coach Houston said according to ECU Pirates.com. "He's done a great job with his body over the offseason, putting on some muscle which allows him to be a lot sturdier this year than



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Redshirt freshman running back Joseph McKay runs the ball in Saturdays offseason scrimmage.

maybe he was last year."

Along with familiar faces, the Pirates have brought in some new players through the transfer portal and recruiting that got their first chance to acclimate over the course of training camp. Most prominently, graduate student wide receiver Isaiah Winstead was signed to the Pirates after three seasons with the University of Toledo.

The conclusion of training camp formally ends the offseason. The first game of the season will be against North Carolina State University on Sep. 3 in Greenville, North Carolina. The home opening rivalry game is one that the Pirates are looking forward to and will likely set the tone for the season to come.

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Board of Commissioners plans for monthly meeting

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Career Services to host Part-time job fair

Tomorrow, beginning at 1 p.m., ECU Career Services will host a part-time job fair in the Main Campus Student Center ballrooms. Students will have the opportunity to find on and off campus jobs. Students should have their 1 card and class schedule available when attending the event.

Sorority recruitment process to begin soon

Wednesday to next Tuesday, East Carolina University's Panhellenic sorority recruitment process will begin to conclude the work week that happened prior. Registration for recruitment closes Wednesday.

CORRECTIONS & CLARIFICATIONS

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At East Carolina University, emergency blue light poles spaced out around campus that individuals can use to alert authorities in case of emergencies.

A guide to safety resources for students

Ashley Wolfe
TEC STAFF

East Carolina University provides students with a variety of resources for their safety and wellbeing available in different ways on campus, in different locations and on a regular basis.

Ingeborg Van As, a senior education major at Hogeschool Arnhem Nijmegen (HAN) University of Applied Sciences located in the Netherlands, wrote in an email statement that she felt safe when she had advice from friends and knew where the emergency poles on campus were located.

"As a female, I always carried pepper spray with me wherever I went," Van As wrote. "Besides that, I was made aware of the emergency 'poles' that were scattered around campus and downtown Greenville," Van As wrote.

Van As wrote that she learned of several shootings happening in Greenville and saw the footage of a shooting. She learned to be safe at ECU by listening to her American friends who gave her advice, she wrote.

Field Operations Captain for the ECU Police Department (ECUPD) Chris Sutton

wrote in an email statement that there are three elements needed for any crime to be committed. Two of those elements are not controllable because you can not control a person's intent to commit a crime or their knowledge of it, Sutton wrote. The third is that the opportunity to commit a crime must exist.

"Larceny is always going to be the most reported crime on any campus," Sutton wrote. "It is a crime of opportunity. Most times it is a crime that can be prevented."

Sutton's advice for student's ability to stay safe at ECU is to make wise choices when they have the opportunity to control their outcomes. He wrote that students should also not walk alone at night, but they should have someone with them or to catch a ride. If a student is by themselves they may have little opportunity to control the outcome, so all students should use the LIVESAFE app.

The LIVESAFE app is a free mobile phone app for ECU students, faculty, and staff. Students are encouraged to use the app to communicate with the ECU PD about issues,

concerns or questions regarding campus safety and security, Sutton wrote.

"The ECU Police Department, located in the Blount House, provides the same level of service offered by a municipal police department, as well as other services unique to an academic institution," Sutton wrote.

Junior History Education major Thomas Halvas believes that ECU's campus and the parts of Greenville which surround the campus, are generally a safe environment.

"I would say that the downtown area is pretty safe because it's right near the school," Halvas said. "But, you know, it's just part of everyday society that there's people who are gonna follow the law and there's gonna be people that break it."

Halvas suggests for students to stay safe with resources on campus, such as the ECU PD, the Greenville Police Department and the Greenville Fire Department.

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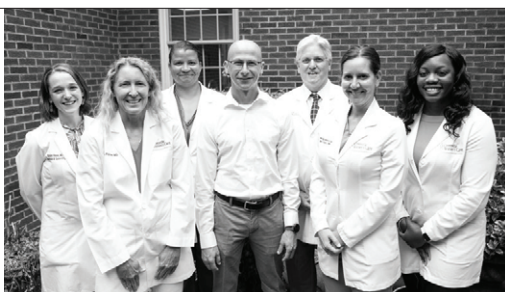
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Student organizations can be based culturally, religiously, by major or other factors, Bowen said, and factors of events are chosen by students at ECU.

"But those things are chosen by students and so, like tonight (Aug. 18), there's a movie on the lawn," Bowen said. "It's a free movie at 7 o'clock. It's the new Doctor Strange movie, and students picked that movie."

ECU does a "really great" job at taking ECU's large community of 29,000 people and turning its large community into smaller groups, Bowen said. He said organizations are one of the best opportunities to give students a sense of community and belonging, and that there are groups for everyone's interest.

The Get a Clue Organization Fair on Aug. 31 will allow students to speak with various people from about 50 local businesses to discuss community services, and there will also be 100 student organizations on the mall.

"That's really your best chance to meet and see those folks, see what clubs we have to offer, put your name down, get some free stuff and just go out and see," Bowen said.

Ajala Baker, graduate assistant of SAB, said she recommends all students, including graduate students, to get involved with campus organizations. She said many organizations are looking for new members and there will be multiple opportunities and interactive activities in person this semester.

The SAB hosts bigger events on campus, such as Barefoot on the Mall, but they also host

smaller activities as well, Baker said. She said there are three various committees, including speciality, arts and entertainment. Students who are interested in applying for SAB, they can do so by going to organizations under the Engage website.

"Everybody is welcome, anybody can bring their awesome ideas to whatever committee that they want to join, and everything is free that we do, so if students just want to come out and meet some new people, they're more than welcome to come to our free events," Baker said.

Students shouldn't be shy to join clubs or get involved with events that occur on campus, Baker said, and another great way to meet people is to simply walk up to them.

Students interested in athletics, Baker said, can join intramural or club sports at the Campus Recreation and Wellness center (CRW). She said there are also various departments, which have organizations for students to join based on their major.

"If you want to get more involved with your (major's) department, your department will definitely have smaller organizations within each department," Baker said.

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stand that everyone may experience challenges at times. She said everyone goes through a stage where they may need additional support and guidance through their academic career.

Thorn said she believes the usage of current students for offices and support services may allow students to get a better understanding of success resources and how to utilize them.

"A lot of times students can hear something from a professional staff member like myself, and it doesn't necessarily hit the same way that it would coming from a peer," Thorn said.

Elizabeth Coghill, director of the PASC, said the center is a learning area primarily for undergraduate students. She said the center offers peer tutoring to students from upperclassmen who earned an A in the course as well as receiving a faculty recommendation.

"We have a Canvas site devoted to our Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) courses that students can have access to," Coghill said.

Academic coaching and success services are also provided, which helps students build necessary skills and manage study time for a difficult class, Coghill said.

Many students take difficult courses, Coghill said, and just need additional support to earn a higher grade in the class.

"What I find mostly is students are using us (PASC) not because they're failing a class, they're really using us because maybe independently they're getting a B, and they'd like to see that

grade higher," Coghill said.

Appointments for tutoring can be made by phone call, in person, and with the new online system, Accudemia, Coghill said. She said students can make appointments for tutoring services, academic coaching and have the option to choose online or face to face services.

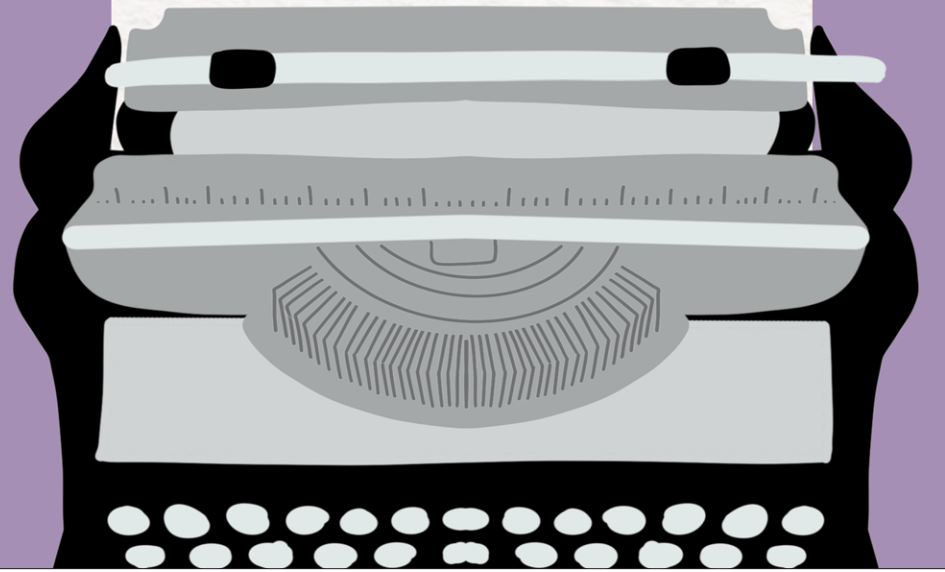
"A student can also go on it and pull their record of appointments with a particular class, and they can show that to their faculty members and so I think that's really important, that they're going to be in a position at any point to pull it," Coghill said.

Rebecca Johnson, assistant director of the UWC, said the center offers student appointments to work on their writing skills. She said there are both face to face and online services for all types of writing, including lab reports or English papers.

The services provide assistance in all stages of the writing process, Johnson said, and if students are stuck or even don't have anything written, staff members of the of the UWC can assist them in the writing process.

"Even if someone is getting started on a paper and they just don't know what to write, and they don't have anything written yet, they can still come to the (University) Writing Center, and we can help with brainstorming, because that's part of the writing process," Johnson said.

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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.

Aug. 16, 2022

A prosecution was secured and referral issued declined at White Hall at 12:45 a.m. when underage drinking was found possession of a fraudulent ID

Aug. 16, 2022

An open investigation is being conducted for larceny at Big Lot on College Hill Drive between 9 a.m. and 4:09 p.m.

Aug. 17, 2022

Unfound person in injury to personal property crime took place at Smith Williams Center between 7:40 and 11:50 a.m.

Aug. 18, 2022

Aggravated misdemeanor, possession of marijuana and possession of marijuana paraphernalia were all cleared by citation at 10th St. & Elm St. at 1:24 a.m.

Aug. 18, 2022

An open investigation is being conducted on simple assault at Chico's on Cotanche Street & Reade Circle between 10:20 and 10:35 p.m.



The Center for Counseling and Student Development located in the bottom story of Unstead Residence Hall is open for students Monday through Friday.

A guide to mental health resources

Ashley Wolfe
TEC STAFF

Students at East Carolina University have the resources to receive help if they struggle with their mental health, which they can access in a variety of locations and at any time.

The Director of ECU's Center for Counseling Center and Student Development (CCSD), Valerie Kisler-van Reede, said she provides oversight for the center's operations.

Some of the most common reasons why students seek out the CCSD is for relief from issues such as substance abuse, anxiety, depression, trauma and relationship concerns, Kisler-van Reede said. In particular, anxiety and depression are the two most common reasons students seek counseling from the center, she said. The business hours for the CCSD are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

"There are lots of options available for students, particularly when they are feeling uncomfortable about maybe meeting with a counselor," Kisler-van Reede said. "We also have screenings, so they can take mental health screenings, and get some information about whether or not it is suggested they talk with a professional."

Psychiatrists only work at Student Health Services (SHS) and not the CCSD, but there are counselors, social workers and licensed clinical addiction specialists at the CCSD. The staff is a multidisciplinary team made up of professionals who can help students in a number of areas, such as substance abuse for example. The professionals at the center are a group of individuals who come together to address students' needs,

Kisler-van Reede said.

The CCSD often hears students say it is better for them to talk to somebody they don't know, Kisler-van Reede said. The student's reasoning for this is usually because they don't want to burden their family and friends, she said. The other reason is that they have gotten the perspective of their family and friends on their struggles, and now they want somebody with an objective viewpoint, she said.

"We also have a new program that will be available later this month," Kisler-van Reede said. "It is a service that's paid for by the university, so it extends counseling options to students so they can have the service that is brief online therapy."

The teletherapy option is paid for by ECU, where students can meet with counselors over video or phone, she said.

"I would suggest for a student to find a place where they feel the most comfortable to get started to get some support, and then make decisions later on if they feel like they need a higher level of care," Kisler-van Reede said.

Nurse Director at SHS, Ellen Goldberg, said the SHS is a primary care clinic which means students can visit for all types of ailments, including mental health issues. SHS has a pharmacy that students can visit if they need to buy medication. The pharmacy offers prescription as well as non-prescription drugs for students, she said.

There is a large SHS clinic on Main Campus next to Joyner Library, and a satellite SHS clinic on the Health Sciences Campus, Goldberg said. The clinic on Main Campus is a larger facility and it can offer a lot to students, Goldberg said.

Some services it provides include lab work, medication refills, COVID testing, psychiatric visits, X-rays, ultrasounds, nutrition and gender-affirming care.

"Oftentimes, we see students that are on medications that need refills for those medications," Goldberg said. "We do have a psychiatry here as a service that is a referral-based service, so students would either start with one of our providers or if they have a referral from an outside provider to see a psychiatrist."

Goldberg said there is no limit on the number of appointments a student can make, and all appointments are free, but only if that student is already paying for tuition. She said students can be charged for buying medications, and students who are distance education students may have to pay for visits in addition to medications at SHS.

Steven Trotter, director of well-being at the Campus Recreation and Wellness Center (CRW), wrote in an email statement that the center offers various programs and tools for students to improve their general well-being.

Through the CRW, students can participate in engaging workshops on topics such as mental health, stress management and healthy relationships, Trotter wrote. These workshops are free of cost for students, he wrote.

Most resources from CRW are covered under student fees, Trotter wrote, and there are a few services such as personal training and some outdoor trips which are offered at a discounted rate for students.

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Freshman nursing major Navaya Zales and freshman health fitness major Sean Manning take the new micro-mobility electric Wheels Bikes for a ride through main campus mall yesterday.

ECU brings "Wheels" electronic bikes to campus

Ashley Wolfe
TEC STAFF

This fall, East Carolina University has partnered with "Wheels," a micro-mobility rental program, to bring 300 electronic bikes to campus and surrounding areas for students and community members to ride.

ECU's Sustainability Manager Chad Carwein said he worked with Lime Bike in 2018, which was more of a traditional pedal bike. He said ECU and Lime Bike couldn't agree on certain conditions, which is why Wheels partnered with ECU instead. Around 2018, ride-sharing programs such as Wheels and Lime Bike became popular, he said, but ECU has been opposed to electric scooters on campus.

"You are not using your energy to generate momentum so they are just purely electric," Carwein said. "You can pretty much get from one end of campus to the other in two minutes or less."

The new bikes from Wheels will improve sustainability on ECU's campus because the bikes being electric will not add to carbon emissions, Carwein said. He said these bikes can be a way for students to get out and about in the Greenville area surrounding campus.

The Wheels app allows students to determine how close they are to an available Wheels e-bike parking hub and if there are any e-bikes available. Students will be required to park their bikes at a designated parking hub, rather than simply leaving them in a random spot somewhere, Carwein said.

"There are some parking hubs in the downtown area and there's a parking hub at the town common," Carwein

said. "We are in the process of working out partnerships with the apartment complexes that are near campus."

Junior chemistry major Logan Harrison said he is excited to see the electronic bikes on campus because of his continuous involvement with increasing sustainability on campus.

Harrison, who founded the rock-painting club at ECU, said part of their sustainability initiative is to advocate for a bike repair shop for non-electric bikes on campus. Harrison said he plans on using the new e-bikes this fall, and that they will make the campus more pedestrian-friendly, sustainable and more accessible overall.

"The ECU sustainability roundtable is a collection of all the sustainability clubs on campus which make decisions about how to increase sustainability on campus," Harrison said. "If you look at the unc system as a whole, ECU ranks very low in having sustainability measures and implementations on campus."

For students who don't have a car or who have a car and don't want to pay for a parking pass, this new program with Wheels will be a great help, he said.

Joshua Puckett, Enforcement Supervisor for Parking and Transportation, wrote in an email statement that the university acquired the new e-bikes free of charge, which is why Wheels was one of the mobility companies ECU was considering.

"After the separation with Lime Bike, we knew we needed to add another bicycle or alternative transportation program to campus," Puckett wrote. "We actually began this process before COVID-19 impacted our daily

lives and our campus operations."

The first in-person meeting to discuss the new bikes was scheduled for the day everything was shut down for COVID-19 back in 2020, Puckett wrote. Wheels was one of the few mobility companies that survived the pandemic, so ECU resumed this project once COVID-19 numbers declined on campus.

Although ECU will not charge students for the rental of the e-bikes, there is an associated cost the Wheels company will charge the user for, Puckett wrote. The price is one dollar to unlock the bikes and then 29 cents per minute to ride until the user ends their ride. The goal for bringing Wheels to campus is to have a positive contribution to the community on campus and off-campus.

"Our goal with bringing Wheels to campus is to provide a safe, fun, alternative transportation option, but also reducing the carbon footprint and traffic by hopefully reducing the number of cars on certain parts of campus," Puckett wrote. "With the popularity that Lime Bike experienced, we knew that the campus community needed another mobility/transportation option."

ECU and Wheels have agreed that once the program is fully operational to have 300 bicycles on Main Campus, the Health Sciences Campus and in other locations within the grid and off-campus student housing, according to Puckett's statement. Anyone on campus and in the greater community can download the app, create a profile and then use the e-bikes, he said.

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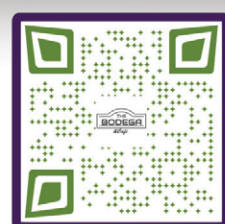
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OUR VIEW

Pirates must prepare for fall semester

As students return to campus today, East Carolina University students should continue to remain diligent in their studies while settling in on campus, exploring Greenville and focusing on having a great fall 2022 semester.

The return of students to ECU's campus invigorates the community with the bustle of college students heading to class, the hammocks and spikeball games on the lawn and, of course, a downtown filled with food and fun.

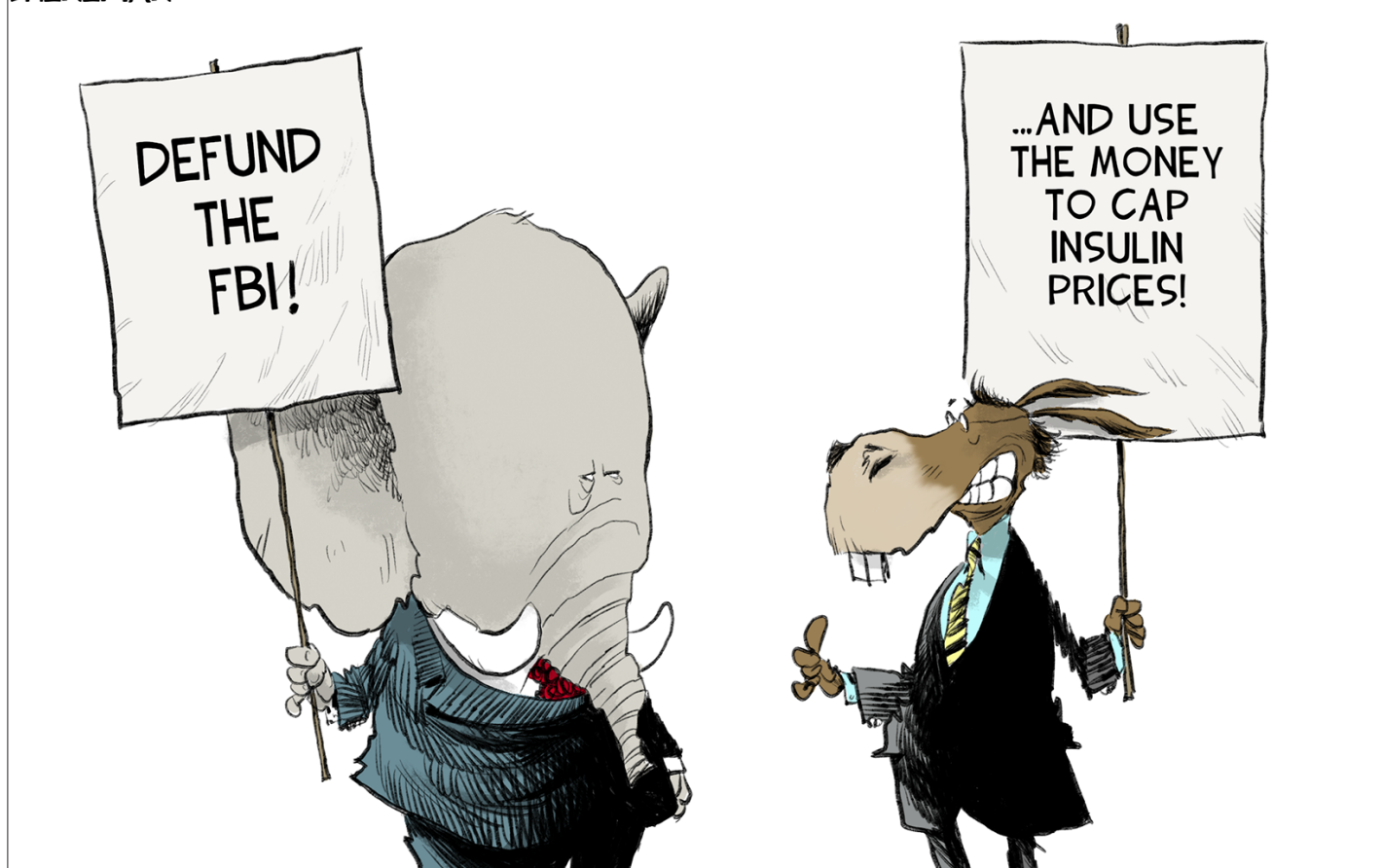
Students can find familiar on-campus hang out spots at the library and the Main Campus Student Center, or wander around finding campus hidden gems like the koi fish pond in the Old Cafeteria building and the perfect trees to read under near the Jenkins Fine Arts Center.

We, the editorial staff of The East Carolinian, wish our fellow students a safe semester and successful return to campus. To incoming students, do not be afraid to explore all that ECU has to offer and to returning students, breathe, relax and make some more wonderful memories as the school year kicks off.

Whether it is your first year as a Pirate or your last, this semester begins with a sense of normalcy while navigating campus and joining student organization. Students will network, roam the grounds, and connect in college as they meet professors and make new friends.

Remember to stay safe, prioritize your mental health and be present for every moment at ECU, because these college years are fleeting.

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Letter from Chancellor Rogers



Dear ECU Community,

I love the energy and enthusiasm associated with the start of the fall semester. I'm not sure anything compares to the first day of class.

All the new students on campus and activities kicking off the academic year make it an exciting time to be here.

I encourage our students – new and returning – to take advantage of all the clubs, organizations, research and academic opportunities to build your experience at ECU into one that prepares you for the future.

We strive to create a relationship rich culture at ECU. We encourage you to get to know your professors and talk to staff about your interests and career paths. Creating relationships and finding opportunities to become engaged will enrich your experience in many ways.

ECU offers the unique opportunity for undergraduates to be involved in meaningful research through the Course Based Undergraduate Research (CUREs). The RISE29 program gives students from all majors the chance to learn about entrepreneurship

“ Just as you take care of your academic and social needs, take care of your mental and physical health.”

- Dr. Philip Rogers

through hands-on experience, connecting students and small business ideas with regional needs. These are only two examples of what you will find here and there are many more.

Be sure to take care of yourself as well. Just as you take care of your academic and social needs, take care of your mental and physical health. Seek out help if needed and be a listening ear for friends.

You'll see me walking around campus talking to students, faculty and staff to find out how ECU's mission of student success, public service and regional transformation is directly influencing lives. I enjoy listening to first generation students talk about the pride they have in being the first in their family to attend college. I'm humbled by the stories of veterans integrating back into civilian life after a career of service. I'm amazed at the numerous stories I hear from students who have overcome various

challenges to get an education and follow their dreams.

Our core focus is student success, and we look forward to beginning that journey with you for the 2022-23 academic year.

I'm also excited to see Pirate traditions underway again. Convocation, Pirate Palooza, Raid the Rec and Get a Clue are great ways to learn about and incorporate the pride you have for your university. I hope to see you all at our athletic events. We have a great football season opener Labor Day weekend in Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium. I know the Boneyard will not disappoint.

Have a great year and I'll see you around campus.

Dr. Philip Rogers
Chancellor
East Carolina University

PIRATE RANTS

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

@Parking and Transportation, please lower prices of parking passes. We're broke. \$428 is ridiculous for an A lot pass, and \$314 for a D Lot that we have to MOVE for games is STUPID!!! PLEASE!!!!

I already hate the wheel bikes and the freshmen who use them.

This freshman class is about to have a 6% graduation rate.

Someone tell the freshman not to ride the wheels bikes down the grid at night please.

Almost died on the wheels bike. Please don't take them away though.

So ready for steak & shake.

Everyone and their family please leave campus already. I'm just trying to go to work...

Good luck this year everybody!

Super excited for school to start but I am just worried that ECU is not ready for a full campus with everyone back.

Ummm we are still in a pandemic so why is no one talking about basic COVID precautions.

I wish we had more on campus events from the university. I feel like compared to other school ECU should offer more fun merch, giveaways, food, and stuff.

If I see another freshman on the wheelie bikes I will throw hands.

Questions regarding Pirate Rants can be directed to Rachana Charla at opinion@theeastcarolinian.com.

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



The problem with the NCAA, NIL

Convictions with Chris



Chris Long
TEC COLUMNIST

NIL, on paper, is a wonderful opportunity for student athletes and partnering brands, but the agreement as it stands is not without its flaws.

The NCAA's name, image, likeness or NIL is the common term for the landmark court case NCAA v. Alston that empowers student athletes to profit off of their, as the name would suggest, name, likeness and image. Before the NIL was established, players who received scholarship dollars in any amount were ineligible to take money based off of athletics in any capacity outside of scholarships.

Allowing student athletes to build a brand for themselves is great, but it is not without its issues. The largest issue with the NIL is the means by which it came about to begin with.

The multi-billion dollar college sports engine has generated ridiculous amounts of revenue that has been redistributed to coaches and athletic directors off of the backs

of mostly poor, African-American males, who were unable to make a dime off of the billions that they generated for schools. That is, of course, taking into account that men's basketball and football accounts for the majority revenue of college sports. It took years and legal ruling for things to change.

In years past, players looked forward to the draft as a means of relief to rise above the system in which they were placed. Years of hard work for no compensation finally paid off. That is, for some people. However, what about the players that never heard their name on draft night? What about the junior that tore his achilles in the final game of the season and never got the opportunity at the next level? Where are they now? I do not know either.

I find it to be a hard pill to swallow that athletes who missed out on NIL have to live with the moniker of "sucks to suck".

On the opposite side of the spectrum, the NIL has transformed the transfer portal into a college free agency. The NIL has created a bidding war amongst schools for the top touted talent. The precedent largely began with former Pitt University wide receiver Jordan Addison. When his former quarter-

back, Kenny Picket declared for the draft, Addison decided to enter the transfer portal.

What ensued was a bidding war between schools for the talented wide out. The end result was a guaranteed \$3M price tag generated by the University of Southern California with no schools able to match the offer. As much as this creates excitement among fanbases, it also squashes parity within college sports.

Teams with the deepest pockets will continue to remain relevant, generating more revenue, which in turn deepens the team's pockets to continue to keep the team relevant. It is a vicious cycle and thus far the NCAA has yet to establish anti-tampering or bidding war rules. As it stands, there is no way to discipline the most attractive schools with the deepest pockets.

The NIL is a great thing for businesses and student athletes, but needs reform. The concept was not well thought out at launch and has led to issues within the system that have yet to be addressed by athletes, schools, or the association as a whole.

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Aries (March 21-April 19) — Today is an 8 — Balance work and health this month, with the Sun in Virgo. Exercise builds energy. Revise fitness goals and practices. Energize efforts for satisfying results.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) — Today is a 9 — You're on fire this month! Generate increasing cash flow under the Virgo Sun. Self-esteem rises with your account balances. Bring home the bacon.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Today is an 8 — Take charge at work under the Virgo Sun. A professional challenge takes focus over the next month. Step into greater leadership. Dress for success.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) — Today is a 9 — Have fun with the ones you love. You're especially lucky with love and romance this month under the Virgo Sun. Learn from children. Laugh together.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Today is a 9 — Take advantage of personal power, with the Sun in your sign this month. Take charge for what you really want. You can make things happen.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Today is a 9 — Explore new flavors and cultures. Get out into the world this month, with the Sun in Virgo. Study and investigate. Discover unimagined wonders.

Gemini (May 21-June 20) — Today is an 8 — Put your energy into domestic renovation, beautification and diversions this month, with the Sun in Virgo. Prioritize family matters. Nurture the ones you love.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Today is a 7 — You appreciate peace and quiet, with the Virgo Sun for a month. Clean, organize and review the past. Clear clutter. Create space for what's ahead.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Today is a 9 — Monitor finances for growth. You're especially good with numbers and accounts this month under the Virgo Sun. Organize and budget. Wheel and deal.

Cancer (June 21-July 22) — Today is an 8 — This month under the Virgo Sun favors communication projects. Write, record and express. Indulge your curiosity. Share what you're learning with growing networks.

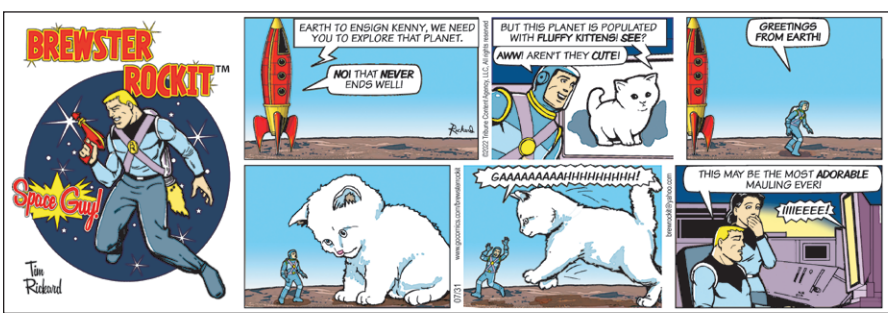
Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Today is an 8 — Community efforts thrive. Support your team, with the Sun in Virgo for the next month. Get into public relations and social participation. Network and collaborate.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) — Today is an 8 — Creative collaboration thrives. Take on the competition together. Your partnerships grow stronger, with the Sun in Virgo for a month. Spark some romance.

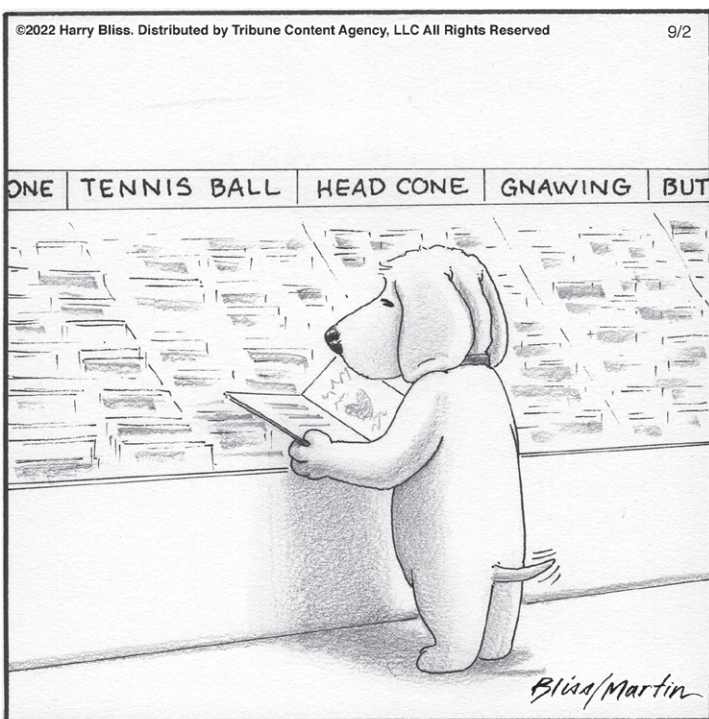
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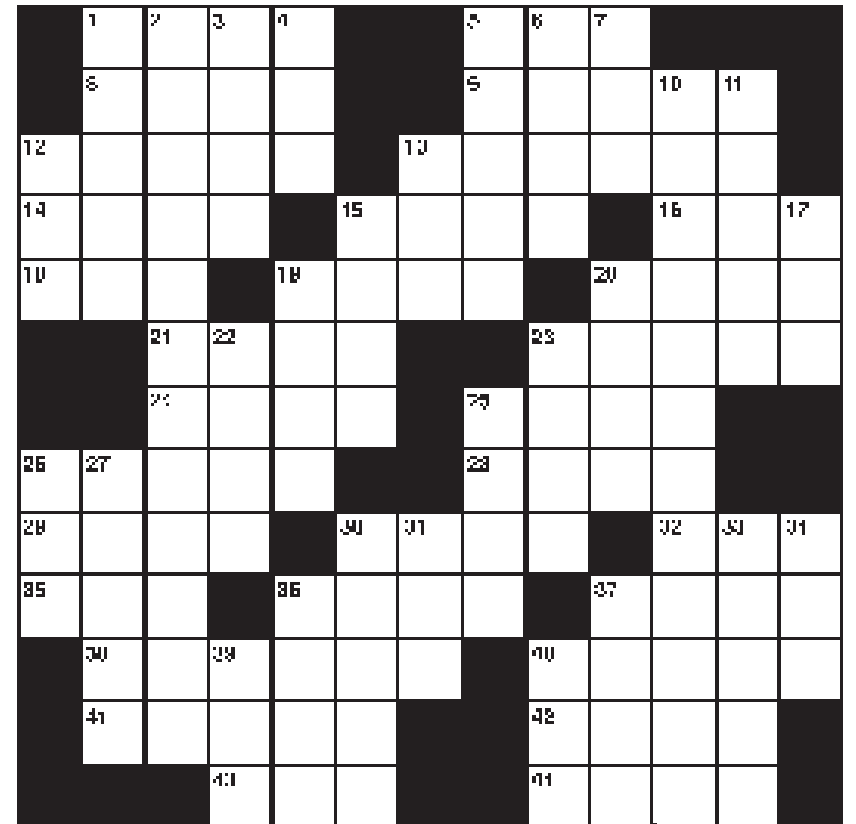
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- 9 Physical strength
- 12 Comes to shore
- 13 Occupation
- 14 Verdi opera
- 15 TV clown
- 16 "The __ King Cole Show"
- 18 "-Baby"; Johnny Depp movie
- 19 "Chicago __" (1994-2000)
- 20 Soft cheese
- 21 Caramel custard pie
- 23 Actor John __
- 24 Johnny Carson's successor
- 25 Robert __ of "A Man for All Seasons"
- 26 Actress Hilary
- 28 With 30 Down, Lucie's dad
- 29 Farm animals
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- 32 "Meet the Press" network
- 35 " __ in the Family"

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- 4 __ Plaines, Illinois
- 5 Flabbergast
- 6 Robert De __
- 7 "Men of a Certain __"
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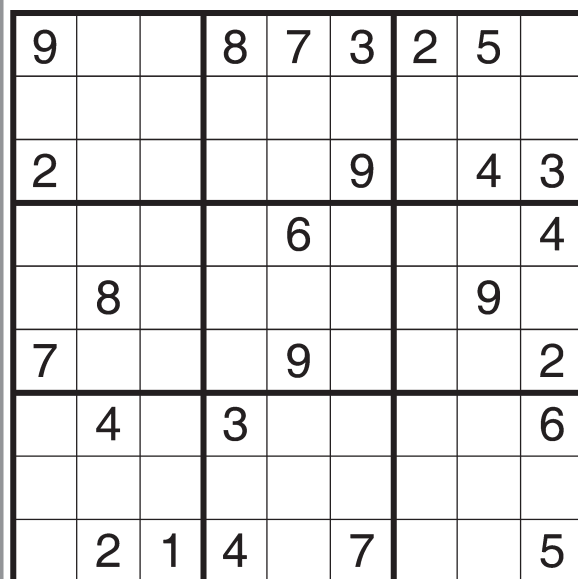
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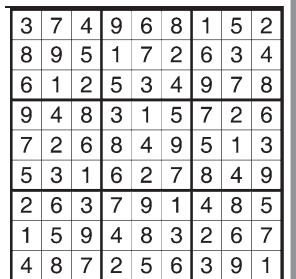
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Full Body Fit @ HSC-Preview Day

Health Science Campus XT Room
4:30 to 5:15 p.m.
(252) 328-5770

TOMORROW

Study Abroad 101 Information Session

International House
306 9th St.
4 to 5 p.m.
(252)-328-1935

Part-Time Job Fair

Main Campus Student Center Ballrooms
501 E 10th St.
1 to 4 p.m.
(252) 328-6050

WEDNESDAY

King of the Lawn

Main Campus Student Center Lawn
501 E 10th St.
4 to 7 p.m.
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THURSDAY

Therapeutic Thursdays

Well-being Hub at MCSC
501 E 10th St.
11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
(252)-328-4700

Title IX Hot Shot Challenge

Eakign Student Recreation Center Basketball Courts
4 to 7 p.m.
(252) 328-6387

FRIDAY

Fresh Food Friday

Well-being Hub at MCSC
501 E 10th St.
11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
(252)-328-4700

SATURDAY

Community Garden Workday

Greenville Community Garden
209 Stancill Dr.
8 to 11 a.m.

SUNDAY

Tubing Trip

ESRC Adventure Center
128 E 7th St.
12 to 3 p.m.
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East Carolina University students were able to utilize the two carnival rides features in the parking lot, the two rides were the Round-Up and Way-Out.



Students gather at the Main Campus Student Center to celebrate the annual Pirate Palooza which features various games, entertainment and free prizes.

ECU hosts annual Pirate Palooza

Shatiece Starks
TEC STAFF

East Carolina University's 21st annual Pirate Palooza took place on Saturday at the Main Campus Student Center (MCSC) with games, carnival rides, food and music.

At Pirate Palooza, students could choose from a variety of games and activities to participate in. Junior public health major Jeremiah Barbour attended the event and said his favorite activity was the ax-throwing game, and his favorite food was the mini-waffles being offered inside of the MCSC.

"Pirate Palooza is a great time to get to know the school better. It's also a good opportunity for new students to get affiliated with the school," Barbour said.

On the lawn of the student center, there were multiple mini-games set up such as Twister and Cornhole. There was an informational station for Just Egg, a plant-based egg alternative company, and a station for Jimmy John's. Students were also lined up to receive balloon animals and objects created by one of the Imagine Circus crew members.

Junior supply chain management major Eva Lamb said her favorite food at the event was from Papa John's pizza, and while she didn't have a favorite activity, she enjoyed being able to get free t-shirts. Lamb said her favorite thing about Pirate Palooza was meeting new people.

"There's lots of people to get to know," Lamb said.

As this was a carnival-themed event, the Round-Up ride and the Swing ride



One of the stilt walkers at the Palooza greets a child.

were carnival themed as well. Both lines for the rides were long throughout the afternoon. Aside from the inflatable ax-throwing game, students could also shoot hoops at the basketball game or play Connect 4, which was located near Sonic Plaza, one of the entrances of the event.

Sophomore and exercise physiology

major Madisyn Todd attended the 2021 Pirate Palooza and hoped the bull-riding activity would make a comeback this year. Although it didn't, Todd said she enjoyed the Round-Up ride. Overall, she said she had a great time.

"They had a lot of free food this year and free shirts and some music. I had a balloon animal for nine minutes but it popped very fast," Todd said.

Performances by the Imagine Circus crew included aerialist performances, LED hoop dancing and a stilt-walker. DJ Montero and DJ High Demand also attended the event and hyped up the crowd as they played a variety of well-known music to get people moving. Inside the MCSC students could receive free pizza, popcorn and samples from Just Egg.

Parked across from the MCSC lawn were three food trucks: Kona Ice, Billy's Hotdogs, and Starbucks, where students were able to grab items. While some were included in the event, other products were available to purchase.

By 9 p.m. many students had left, while the remainder of the students stayed crowded around the DJ until the performance and event was officially over.

The Pirate Palooza is part of ECU's "The Pirate Experience" Initiative. Prior to Saturday's event was the "Raid the Rec" event that took place Friday. Pirate Palooza was followed by Convocation which took place at Minges Coliseum for first year Pirates.

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This week's bestsellers from Publishers Weekly

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Here are the bestsellers for the week that ended Saturday, Aug. 13, compiled from data from independent and chain bookstores, book wholesalers and independent distributors nationwide, powered by NPD BookScan © 2022 NPD Group.

HARDCOVER FICTION

- "Heat 2" by Michael Mann and Meg Gardiner (Morrow) Last week: —
- "The 6:20 Man" by David Baldacci (Grand Central) Last week: 1
- "The Family Remains: A Novel" by Lisa Jewell (Atria) Last week: —
- "Portrait of an Unknown Woman: A Novel" by Daniel Silva (Harper) Last week: 2



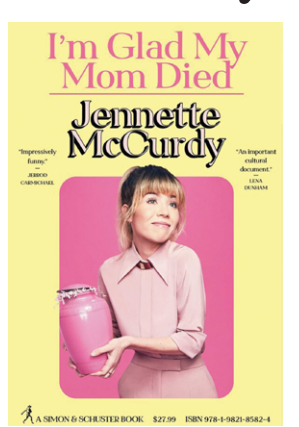
- "The Hotel Nantucket" by Elin Hilderbrand (Little, Brown) Last week: 4
- "Shattered" by James Patterson and James O. Born (Little, Brown) Last week: 5
- "Wrong Place Wrong Time: A Novel" by Gillian McAllister (Morrow) Last week: 3
- "Sparring Partners" by John Grisham (Doubleday) Last week: 9
- "The It Girl" by Ruth Ware (Scout) Last week: 6
- "Lessons in Chemistry: A Novel" by Bonnie Garmus (Doubleday) Last week: 13

HARDCOVER NONFICTION

- "I'm Glad My Mom Died" by Jennette McCurdy (Simon & Schuster) Last week: —
- "Unlock Your Potential: The Ultimate Guide for Creating Your Dream Life in the Modern World" by Jeff Lerner (Benbella/Holt) Last week: 1
- "Path Lit by Lightning: The Life of Jim Thorpe" by David Maraniss (Simon & Schuster) Last week: —
- "The Uncanny X-Men Trading Cards: The Complete Series" by Jim Lee, Edward Piskor and Bob Budiansky (Abrams) Last week: —
- "Atlas of the Heart: Mapping Meaningful

Connection and the Language of Human Experience" by Brené Brown (Random House) Last week: 3

- "Swerve or Die: Life at My Speed in the First Family of NASCAR Racing" by Kyle Petty and Ellis Henican (St. Martin's) Last week: —
- "Life on the Mississippi: An Epic American Adventure" by Rinker Buck Avid Reader Last week: —
- "The Destructionists: The Twenty-Five Year Crack-Up of the Republican Party" by Dana Milbank (Doubleday) Last week: —
- "The Return: Trump's Big 2024 Comeback" by David Morris (Humanix) Last week: 13
- "Battle for the American Mind: Uprooting a Century of Miseducation" by Pete Hegseth (Broadside) Last week: 5



The No.1 nonfiction bestseller.



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East Carolina University volleyball senior middle blocker Shaylynn Hall celebrates with her fellow teammates following a play on their home court at Williams Arena in Minges Coliseum.

ECU volleyball to host the Pirate Invitational

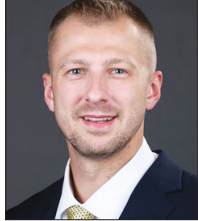
Kiarra Crayton
TEC STAFF

The East Carolina University volleyball team will start their season by hosting the annual Pirate Invitational Friday through Saturday in Greenville, North Carolina, at Williams Arena in Minges Coliseum.

Norfolk State University (0-0, 0-0 Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference), Furman University (0-0, 0-0 Southern Conference) and Towson University (0-0, 0-0 Colonial Athletic Association) along with ECU will compete against each other over the two day span.

The first game in the tournament will be against Norfolk State and Towson on Friday at 11 a.m., to be followed by the Pirates' first game of the tourney against Furman at 1:30 p.m. The Pirates will have another game Friday at 7:30 p.m. against Towson and then ECU will close out the invitational Saturday at 4 p.m. against Norfolk State.

Friday will serve as student Pirate Club night for East Carolina, which is focused on engaging students with ECU athletics throughout the year.



Steven Zarzycki

ECU volleyball is entering its third season under head coach Adler Augustin. Last season, Augustin led the team to a 9-20 regular season record and during the shortened 2020 season, he led them to 4-8 record. The Pirates have added assistant coach Steven Zarzycki from the University of Syracuse to their roster as well as seven new players in order to add more wins to this season's

record. Augustin spoke highly of Zarzycki as he joins the roster. "I am very excited to add Steven to our coaching staff,"



Adler Augustin

Augustin said, according to ECU Pirates. "He is hardworking and brings a great attitude to the gym. As a former player himself, he can relate to our student-athletes and help guide them through their careers. He will be a great addition to our coaching staff."

The last time East Carolina and Furman met was Sept. 17, 2010, when the Pirates fell to the Paladins 3-0. The only other time the teams played each other was Friday, 2010 when ECU lost 3-1 against Furman. The Paladins were 9-20, 2-14 in the Southern Conference during the last season.

This will be the first time East Carolina and Towson will play each other. The Tigers had a 26-5, 12-4 in the CAA record during the 2021 season compared to the Pirates 9-20, 5-15 in the AAC last season.

Norfolk State and East Carolina last met Sept. 14, 2019 when ECU won 3-0. The teams have played each other a total of three times and in all three games the Pirates shut out the Spartans. The other two matches occurred Sept. 5, 2009 and Sept. 5, 2014.

The Spartans had a 8-18, 4-10 in their conference record last season. The standout team during the tournament based off of last season is Towson because of their winning record during last season.

During the 2021 season, the Pirates lost five out of nine

pre-conference games excluding a match that was canceled against Liberty University (0-0, 0-0 Big East Conference) and an exhibition match that started the season against University of North Carolina at Greensboro (0-0, 0-0 SoCon) on Aug. 20, 2021. The Pirates had a tough last half of the season and ended the 2021 season with a loss streak of seven games.

The conference season will start Sept. 23 at 8 p.m. for ECU, as the team will head to Tulsa, Oklahoma, to compete against Tulsa University (0-0, 0-0 American Athletic Conference).

The Pirates will head to Durham, North Carolina, to compete in the Duke Invitational Sept. 2 through Sept. 3 to compete against Northeastern University (0-0, 0-0 Colonial Athletic Association), East Tennessee State University (0-0, 0-0 Southern Conference) and Duke University (0-0, 0-0 Atlantic Coast Conference) in the Cameron Indoor Stadium.

ECU will be in two more tournaments before starting their conference games. East Carolina will play in the Quest for the Crown hosted in Norfolk, Virginia, from Sept. 9 through Sept. 10. There the team will play Notre Dame (0-0, 0-0 ACC), Navy (0-0, 0-0 Patriot League) and Old Dominion University (0-0, 0-0 Sun Belt Conference).

Then, the Pirates will then compete in the Jefferson Cup from Sept. 16 through Sept. 17 in Charlottesville, Virginia. ECU will play the University of Virginia (0-0, 0-0 ACC), the University of Maryland (0-0, 0-0 Big Ten Conference) and Mercer University (0-0, 0-0 SoCon).

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VOLLEYBALL'S PIRATE INVITATIONAL SCHEDULE

Friday, Aug. 26 through Saturday, Aug. 27

FRIDAY



Norfolk State vs. Towson
Aug. 26 at 11:00 a.m.



ECU vs. Furman
Aug. 26 at 1:30 p.m.



Furman vs. Norfolk State
Aug. 26 at 5:00 p.m.



ECU vs. Towson
Aug. 26 at 7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY



Towson vs. Furman
Aug. 27 at 1:00 p.m.



ECU vs. Norfolk State
Aug. 27 at 4:00 p.m.

TEC 'spertZ

The East Carolinian Sports experts predict this week's events

Chris Long
Sports Chief



Volleyball Pirate Invitational Score Prediction? Pirates win 3-0
Why? It's a huge advantage for ECU

to have the home crowd behind them as they open the season with the Pirate Invitational, and with no one substantial standing in the way, the path should be clear for the Pirates to cushion their season with a 3-0 start.

Brendan Cavazos
Sports Editor



Volleyball Pirate Invitational Score Prediction? Pirates win 2-1
Why? ECU will face Furman, Towson and

Norfolk State over the weekend. It seems unlikely the team will escape from the invitational unscathed. The Pirates will likely drop the first game to Furman but can follow with back to back wins.



Redshirt junior defender Sierra Lowery winds up to kick the ball inbounds on the Pirates' home field of Johnson Stadium in Greenville, North Carolina.

ECU soccer kicks off 2022 season

Kiarra Crayton
TEC STAFF

As the East Carolina University soccer (0-1, 0-0 American Athletic Conference) season started Aug. 10 and has played one official game as well as two exhibition matches, the team will prepare to face High Point University (0-0-1, 0-0 Big South Conference) Thursday at 7 p.m. in Greenville, North Carolina, at Johnson Stadium.

The Pirates first game of the season was an exhibition match against Liberty University (0-0-1, 0-0 Big East Conference) on Aug. 10 where East Carolina lost 0-2. For the second game of the season, ECU played against Longwood University (1-0, 0-0 Big South Conference) on Aug. 13 and tied 1-1 in another exhibition match held in Johnson Stadium.

Pirates' graduate student forward Carsen Parker scored the goal for ECU in the first half. Lancer senior midfielder Catherine Forst scored off a penalty kick during the second half of the game. East Carolina had 14 shots and six shots on goal during the entirety of the exhibition match while Longwood only had three with two being on goal. The Lancers had five saves, four more than the Pirates, which only occurred in the second half.

During the game against Duke University (1-0, 0-0 Atlantic Coast Conference) on Aug. 18 in Johnson Stadium, the Pirates experienced a record breaking crowd of 1,335, which was 48 more than the previous record that happened in 2015 against Western Carolina University (0-0-1, 0-0 Southern Conference) that accounted for 1,287 people in attendance.

Although the Pirates lost 0-1, the defense kept the Blue Devils to a margin of one even with 15 shots and seven being on goal. ECU junior goalkeeper Maeve English had six saves with five being in the second half.

East Carolina was only able to get one shot during the game and it wasn't on goal. The Pirates did earn three corner kicks with two being in the second half. ECU junior mid-



Brooke Burzynski

fielder Brooke Burzynski was given a precautionary yellow card for unsporting during the second half of the game. Burzynski created the one attempted shot during the game for East Carolina. The first and only goal for Duke was made in the first six minutes of the game.

The Pirates played against the University of South Carolina (0-0-1, 0-0 Southeastern Conference) yesterday at 2 p.m. in Columbia, South Carolina, at the Gamecock Soccer Complex. The last time the teams played each other was Aug. 26, 2021, when the Pirates lost 3-1 at Johnson Stadium. ECU has yet to win against South Carolina in the six games played against each other since 2008.

ECU will compete against High Point University Thursday at 7 p.m. in Johnson Stadium. During the latest matchup on Aug. 29, 2021, the Pirates beat High Point 2-1. Out of the four times the teams have faced each other, East Carolina has won three of those games. The earliest game between the teams was Aug. 31, 2007 in which ECU won by two goals with a score of 3-1. The Pirates have a favorable home record of 2-0 against the Panthers.

Following the game against High Point, the Pirates will face Old Dominion University (0-1, 0-0 Sun Belt Conference) Sunday at 5 p.m. in Johnson Stadium. The conference games for the Pirates will begin Sept. 15 with a scheduled start of 8 p.m. against Southern Methodist University (1-0, 0-0 AAC).

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» ANALYSIS

Men's basketball out of conference schedule



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East Carolina University men's basketball (American Athletic Conference) recently had its out of conference schedule revealed and with the team under new leadership, the first half of the season for the Pirates looks optimistic.

Basketball season tips off on Nov. 8, at Minges Coliseum in Greenville, North Carolina, against Mercer University (Southern Conference). Last season, Mercer faced a losing season with a weaker strength of schedule than the Pirates.

Mercer made it to the second round of their conference tournament, defeating Western Carolina University (SOCON) 81-53 in round one on March 4, 2022. The team met their end of the season when the conference's No. 2 seed Furman University (SOCON) defeated the squad 80-66 after dominating the first half's scoring.

Four days after facing Mercer, the Pirates will remain at home to compete against Presbyterian College (Big South Conference) on Nov. 12. PC's 12-20 season last year was one

full of narrow games with plenty of blowouts. In the game against Truett-McConnell University (Appalachian Athletic Conference), Presbyterian dominated the outmatched TMU team by a score of 91-49. TMU's final score was equivalent to Presbyterian's first half score.

The first two games of the season should swing much the way that early home games did for the Pirates last season. Through the first ten home games for ECU last season, the team was undefeated. Though the team has many questions to answer, ECU could see their home slate of out of conference games for the 2022-2023 season fall much the same way.

Following the game against Presbyterian, the Pirates will continue the home stretch against Hampton University (Colonial Athletic Association) on Wednesday, Nov. 16. Hampton was another out of conference opponent that faced a losing record last season, going 9-19 on the year. After the three game home stand, the Pirates will travel to compete in the Gulf Coast Showcase. Their first opponent will be Indiana State University (The Valley Conference) with the second and third opponents to be determined. The Sycamores finished last season

with an 11-20 record, ending the season on six consecutive losses.

Following the Gulf Coast Showcase, the Pirates will travel for the first away game of the season against Old Dominion University (ODU) on Nov. 26 in Norfolk, Virginia. ODU also faced a losing record last season, finishing 13-19 on the year. The Monarchs met up with the Pirates during the Myrtle Beach Invitational last season on Nov. 19, 2021. The Pirates won that game, the only game of the Myrtle Beach Invitational that the Pirates won, by a score of 73-60.

ECU will return home following the game against ODU for back to back games against South Carolina State University (Mideastern Athletic Conference) on Nov. 29 and Campbell on Dec. 2. The Pirates faced South Carolina State to open the 2021-2022 season at home, defeating the team 70-62 for the first win of the season. The Camels are the first team to have a winning record from the previous season, finishing 16-13.

The final four games of ECU's out of conference schedule from Dec. 6 to Dec. 21 bounce back and forth from home to away.

The Pirates will travel to Wilmington, North Carolina, to face the University of

North Carolina Wilmington (CAA) before returning home to play the familiar Coppin State University (MEAC). After which, ECU will once again hit the road to face the University of South Carolina (SEC) and then finally returning home to face High Point University (Big South Conference).

The sky is the limit for ECU's out of conference schedule, especially under the leadership of new head coach Michael Schwartz. This season will be the first in a rebuild for the program, which can lead to variance in team success. Keeping the season prior in mind, should most schools perform similarly to the 2021-2022, the Pirates could enter conference play 13-0.

Less optimistically, the Pirates could struggle to pull things together at the season's start. Under new leadership and with new players and play styles coming together, it could take time for ECU's identity to mesh together. Only time will tell. The Pirates face a realistic floor of 4-9. If the wheels completely fall off of the bus, things could fall even shorter. However, that outcome seems unlikely.

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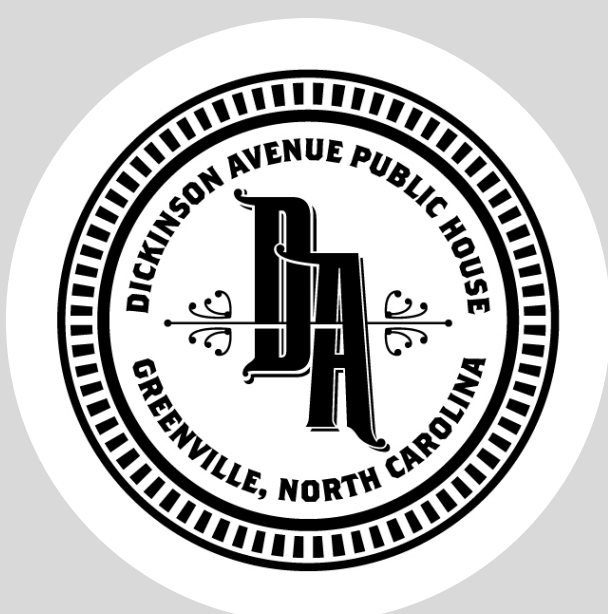
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