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Pirate statue will return home on the mall

Staff Report

East Carolina University's pirate statue is set to return to its original location on main campus on today after it was vandalized during homecoming weekend.

In an ECU News Services press release, it was announced the pirate statue, located on the main campus mall across from Cotten Residence Hall, will return to its original place

with a commemoration of its reinstallation on today at noon.

Technicians in the ECU School of Art and Design used wood, fiberglass cloth and resin, epoxy putty, Bondo putty, paint, urethane and hardware to repair and reinforce the statue, the press release said. The statue also features a new earring and sword blade.

"The Pirate statue has stood as an iconic feature of the campus mall since 2008, when

it was donated to the university as part of a Greenville-Pitt County Chamber of Commerce fundraiser," the press release said.

Efe Mert Erdem was arrested on Oct. 3 and was charged for injury to real property to the statue and underage drinking. Erdem appeared in Pitt County District Court on Nov. 4 before Judge Daniel Entzminger. Erdem waived his right to a court-appointed lawyer and intends to hire his own attorney.

The case will continue on Jan. 25, 2022.

Students came together the night of Oct. 3 to hold a memorial for the Pirate statue. At the event, students left memorabilia where the statue once stood and honored the campus monument with a "celebration of life."

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The Jolly Roger, a recent addition to college student living options, is located on the corner of 14th Street and Charles Boulevard.

Jolly Roger issues continue

Mary Lofland FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Greenville, North Carolina's newest student-housing apartment complex, the Jolly Roger, located on the corner of Charles Boulevard and 14th Street, continues to cause issues for tenants.

CA Ventures Management, Jolly Roger's management company, said in an email statement that although the apartment complex experienced problems that needed additional attention, the issues raised have been met with attentiveness and a few others remain under close supervision.

The progress of the Jolly Roger's upkeep was handled in a safe and orderly fashion with the help of a team of contractors working to acknowledge concerns and meet the needs of residents, CA Ventures Management said in the statement. In response to a series of

power outages, a tripped main breaker was the root cause and has been repaired.

"Future tenants can expect a positive and exciting experience as part of a community where the genuine care and comfort of our tenants is recognized. The Jolly Roger will be an integral part of ECU and Greenville (North Carolina) communities, and we are looking forward to a great year," CA Ventures Management said.

Zyana Yepes, junior public health major, said she has had multiple issues with leaks and has had pieces of her ceiling and floor taken out as a result of water damage. Due to the leaks, Yepes said that she had to relocate units for a period of time.

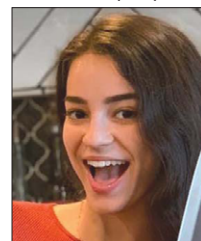
Yepes said she has faced nonstop issues with plumbing in her apartment unit since August. She said the Jolly Roger's maintenance came to fix the

issues everyday for two months as more

problems arised, which eventually led to her and her roommates relocation for the second time. When Yepes was allowed back into her original room, she said the toilet still remained unfixed.

"They wouldn't have the information correct. So they'd go to the wrong room, looking at the wrong toilet or looking at the wrong thing broken. And then we'd have maintenance men coming in like an hour later saying that they didn't know somebody checked on it," Yepes said.

Yepes said she felt like the apart-



Zyana Yepes

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Admission numbers see improvement

Breanna Sapp TEC STAFF

As in-person events such as orientation and campus tours return to normal after the COVID-19 pandemic, East Carolina University has seen success in potential student enrollment and spring 2022 admission numbers.

Stephanie Whaley, director of ECU's Undergraduate Admissions, said admissions has had a productive recruitment season for the spring and fall of 2022. She said an in-person fall open house brought impressive student turnout, with 820 students in attendance compared to the 639 students who participated in 2020's virtual open house.

The university's participation in North Carolina Countdown to College free application week brought great success to Undergraduate Admissions as well, Whaley said, with 7,086 total applications received from Oct. 18 to Oct. 22, with 477 of those applications being from potential transfer students.

"As far as an advantage (for admissions), for the second year in a row the UNC (University of North Carolina) System has allowed us to waive test scores for admissions purposes," Whaley said. "For high school students, that seems to be an advantage because many of our high school students get nervous about tests and worry about what they're going to make on it, and it just creates a lot of stress and anxiety."

In terms of the spring 2022 semester, Whaley said admissions is leading last year's numbers of applications from potential freshmen with 408 applications as of Nov. 12, approximately 100 applications more than for 2021. Though admissions has seen an increase with spring freshmen applications, Whaley said potential transfer student applications have experienced a slight drop of



Stephanie Whaley

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ECU Opera Theatre to make mainstage return

Dylan Woolard TEC STAFF

East Carolina University's Opera Theatre will return to the stage for the first time since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic to deliver the comedic and music-filled showing of "Pirates of Penzance."

The show will run Friday and 20 at 7:30 p.m. at Arts of the Pamlico's Historic Turnage Theatre, located at 150 W. Main Street, Washington, North Carolina. Director and assistant



Daniel Shirley

"I am overjoyed for ECU Opera to be making its return to the Historic Turnage Theater with this piece."

For those planning to attend the per-

formance, Shirley said they should expect a good time as "Pirates of Penzance" is full of technical performance vocals as well as comedic plot twists.

As far as returning to the stage goes, Shirley said they have all been waiting for this moment to come for a long time and thinks "Pirates of Penzance" offers elements of both the theatre and the opera that spectators will enjoy.

"Pirates (of Penzance)' has hilarious dialogue like you would find in a musical and show stopping arias like you would find in an Italian opera," Shirley said. "We have been waiting for this moment for a long time. It's difficult to put into words what a joy it will be to perform live opera for our community."

Zach Palma, a senior in ECU's music therapy program, will play the Modern Major-General and said he's excited for the role because it's one he believes he can have fun with. The role, Palma said, allows him to be goofy but requires a lot of hard work and determination to master.



ECU Opera Theatre members will present "Pirates of Penzance" at the Turnage Theatre in Washington, NC.

Palma said he is also excited to perform in front of a live audience as opposed to performing virtually.

"I am incredibly excited to perform in front of an audience," Palma said. "I cannot wait to be on stage giving the audience a fun night. I have really missed that during

COVID. Virtual performances are not the same."

With his parents and grandparents planning to attend, Palma said he hopes to make someone laugh and show how hard he and his

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BRIEFS

Native shop owner to discuss environment

Today, the Ledonia Wright Cultural Center and the Office for Equity and Diversity will host Native American Heritage Month Celebration featuring Brittany Turner virtually on Zoom at 6 p.m. Turner will discuss her journey to sustain an environmentally and socially conscious business.

G.O.L.D. Series to discuss global citizenship

Today, the Office of Global Affairs will host a virtual G.O.L.D. Series about the importance of becoming a global citizen on Webex at 7 p.m. The session will discuss the definition of global citizenship and its importance.

Transgender lives to be remembered

Tomorrow, the Dr. Jesse R. Peel LGBTQ Center, the Brody Sexual and Gender Diversity Organization and the Health Sciences Sexual and Gender Diversity Committee will host Transgender Day of Remembrance in the Grand Room of the Health Sciences Campus Student Center at noon and in the Peel Center at 5:30 p.m. The event is to remember and honor transgender people who lost their lives due to anti-transgender violence.

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Members of the ECU community gather around the fire pit by the Main Campus Student Center during the Indigenous Land Acknowledgement on Nov. 9.

ECU honors Indigenous cultures

Native American Heritage Month recognized throughout campus

Breanna Sapp
TEC STAFF

As Native American Heritage Month continues throughout the month of November, East Carolina University has increased efforts to acknowledge and honor Native and Indigenous cultures and students, faculty and staff on campus.

Advisor of the East Carolina Native American Organization (ECNAO) and member of the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina Aleshia



Aleshia Hunt

Hunt said once an undergraduate student at the university, there were not many Indigenous faculty and staff at ECU. She said this ultimately led to her efforts to advocate for an inclusive space for Indigenous students on campus.

"From there those conversations continued, just working with our Indigenous populations here at ECU. It's not my day-to-day job but it's an extra hat that we wear that we wear passionately, because we were once an Indigenous undergraduate student," Hunt said. "And so just, working and advocating, making sure it's a better place when we leave it."

Native American Heritage Month is not just

a month-long celebration of the Indigenous community, Hunt said, and it has advocated for Indigenous spaces and education throughout the years. She said programming for the month has increased over the years through both the university and student-led organizations.

ECU has supported ideas and programs promoted by Indigenous voices on campus, Hunt said, including the recent invocation of the Indigenous Land Acknowledgement space in the Main Campus Student Center, the first space to acknowledge Indigenous history and culture on campus.

The celebration of Indigenous spaces at the university has had an impact on the community here in Pitt County, Hunt said, as many community members have not been exposed to Indigenous cultures and ways of life up until now.

"We take that moment and educate people and think about how they can educate the person after them and so on and so forth," Hunt said. "It's definitely a trickling effect in everything that we do, we're always thinking about the next generation in everything that we do."

President of Epsilon Chi Nu fraternity and the Multicultural Greek Council Justice Beverly, who is also a member of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma and Monacan Nation of

Virginia, said it was difficult to find Indigenous students like him during his freshman year since it's a small population on campus. Getting to know people during his involvement in the fraternity and the Multicultural Greek Council gave Beverly the pedestal of being part of both the Indigenous and Greenville communities.

Beverly said understanding Native American Heritage Month at ECU is mostly cultural education. Beverly said not many people understand Indigenous perspectives in terms of topics such as cultural misappropriation.

Since he's part of two tribal nations outside of North Carolina, Beverly said he doesn't know how the heritage month is celebrated in the state but has heard that the Native American tribes take it deep to heart.

"I would think a lot of natives around here have that sense of pride knowing that the universities put that recognition up out there and their continued commitment," Beverly said. "I've spoken to older (Native) brothers of mine who have been fighting for years to get that recognition that they've discarded as, as I said, a sense of relief, and a sense of just overall euphoria."

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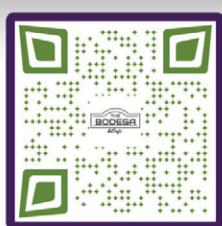


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ment complex's maintenance staff rushed to fix the problems in their unit and did not have the situation under control. She said she believes there may have been a lack of communication between the maintenance staff that prolonged the plumbing and leakage problems.

"I went to the office and told them that my room is what's on my lease so if they want me to move out then they're going to have to reimburse me for my first two months because that's not fair to have us relocate," Yepes said.

Junior English major Lukis Padu said he had to leave the Jolly Roger due to a power outage to study and do his homework on Sunday. Padu said that it had been the third power outage within three days that first occurred on Nov. 10.

Padu said when the power outages occurred, the power had been out for about two hours and caused some food in his refrigerator to go bad.

"I can't even do my work (during the power outages). Like I literally go to the library or come here (Main Campus Student Center) to do my work. I can't even do my own schoolwork in my own room. It's definitely affecting me for sure," Padu said.

Padu said overall his stay at the Jolly Roger hasn't been ideal but he understands a project like the Jolly Roger will have its ups and downs. Padu said that he will resign for next year in hopes the apartment will be up to date on maintenance problems.

Carmen Ortiz, a sophomore public health major, said the Jolly Roger should have waited until the complex was completely finished to move residents in because of the partial amenities. She said she would advise people to wait on signing a lease with the complex until conditions improve.

Ortiz said she was bothered that the Jolly Roger advertised a two-story gym full of equipment and when she moved in there were only weights and dumbbells, but not any treadmills. She said she is glad they're finalizing the gym now after an entire semester.

"I like to workout almost everyday. And that was one of the biggest things about me moving to the Jolly Roger," Ortiz said. "When I first moved in, I was very bummed out. I had to go to the rec center."

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about 100 applications with 897 current spring transfer applications.

As of Nov. 12, Whaley said there are currently 512 total applications from potential transfer students and 14,140 from potential freshman students. Due to the NC Countdown to College free application week's shorter duration this year, there are about 1,000 less freshmen applications compared to last year's numbers.

Nontraditional and out-of-state student initiatives have also been successful, Whaley said, and admissions has expanded in-person efforts into Virginia and other states throughout the northeast.

"ECU has a lot of different options. We have so many different programs to choose from and then we have options as to being in the classroom or in-person or being at home in the online classroom," Whaley said. "So, we really have a lot to offer. Those are kind of the strategies and some of the new things we've been doing, and so far so good."

Director of the Office of Student Financial Aid Julie Poorman said the university will not be working with students regarding financial aid for fall 2022 until March 2022. She said the office communicates with students as they enter ECU for the spring and distributes awards based on the 2021-2022 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

As of Nov. 10, Poorman said the university has made about 26,000 financial aid offers in loans, grants, scholarships and work study awards for the 2021-2022 academic year. She said the university has also dispersed about 12 to 13 million dollars to students this fall through the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund. To apply for ECU scholarships, Poorman said students should file a FAFSA and apply through the ECU Award Scholarship Portal by Jan. 15.

"Financial aid is important to helping students finance not just their tuition and fees, but also for things like having a place to sleep, food to eat, books to study with," Poorman said. "So, financial aid does take that into account. It's not just tuition and fees to go to college, it's also housing and food and books and supplies."

Associate Director for Transfer Recruitment within Undergraduate Admissions Erica Hoyt was unavailable to conduct an interview with The East Carolinian as of date of publication.

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OUR VIEW

Graduation plans lack timeliness

As Fall 2021 Commencement approaches, final ceremonial details were released too late to the Pirate community resulting in uncertainty for preparations, graduate necessities and the disappointment of a lack of individual department ceremonies.

Past graduations, prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, have included individual ceremonies where each department's graduates are celebrated separately. The individual ceremonies are important for students to celebrate their hard work and accomplishments on a more personal level.

With uncertain times due to COVID-19, commencements have been one of the various events changed and altered to accommodate students and families. However, the individual ceremonies remain missed and even sometimes preferred over the large university ceremony.

The Dowdy Student Store is where graduates are supposed to pick up stoles and other materials for graduation. Dowdy has only recently received stoles, as many soon-to-be graduates have been worried that they would not receive them on time. The lack of information provided about the timeline of these orders was disappointing and more initiative should have been taken to inform fall graduates of the order status.

We, the editorial staff of The East Carolinian, feel that information regarding Fall 2021 Commencement has not been delivered in a timely manner. For students with families further away from Greenville, North Carolina, final time frames and specific details should be announced months in advance for preparation.

PIRATE RANTS

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

Sororities are nothing but a boot camp for girls and frats are a poisonous environment of toxic masculinity.

How come faculty, staff and students have to wear face masks inside all campus buildings but not the Board of Trustees??

Why did they hike the parking fee for everyone except those vice chancellors and deans who can afford it? I make \$30K a year compared to \$100K.

Why does the vice chancellor of admissions get a \$25K bonus when we are down in numbers? Can I have a raise for underperformance as well?

ECU is the only school that doesn't offer free parking after 5 p.m. They try to push extracurriculars, staying healthy/going to the gym and staying active on campus, but how can I do this if they won't even let me park here?

If I see one more person let their dog s--t on the mall and then not clean it up I think I'm going to lose my mind.

The parking deck is so dirty that I have a higher chance of getting sick from it than I do coronavirus.

Why is Theta Chi still here?

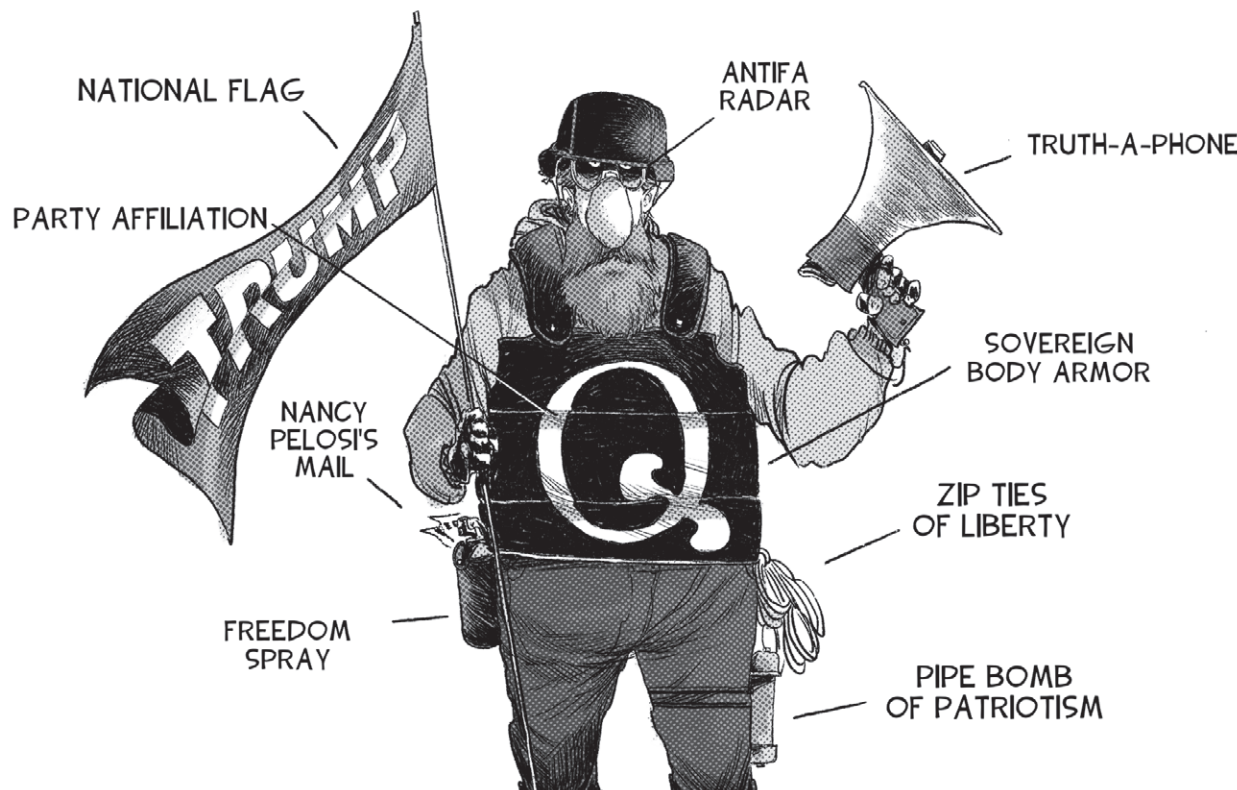
Questions regarding Pirate Rants can be directed to Jennifer Sieg at opinion@theeastcarolinian.com.

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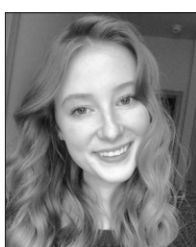


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Final goodbye from the EIC

Journalism, TEC sparks noise among the silence at ECU

Chloe's Convos



Chloe Easton
TEC COLUMNIST

I've thought about the moment I would be writing this column since I joined The East Carolinian (TEC) nearly three years ago. However, I didn't think it would be right on deadline, during my last production as

Editor-in-Chief surrounded by almost 200 issues of the newspaper that has offered me not only a remarkable undergraduate experience but a home away from home here at East Carolina University.

The moment I stepped into the Self Help building in Uptown Greenville, North Carolina, the fall semester of 2017, I thought I would never amount to the group of journalists that surrounded me; I had missed the tryout deadline for the Candidate Program and had no interest in journalism. I knew I wanted to write and I knew I wanted a platform to publish my writing on, what I didn't know is that I'd

soon find a passion for sharing the stories of those who might not otherwise have the ability to do so.

We aren't student journalists, we're journalists that just so happen to also be students. The balance of it all seems nearly impossible and for that, I am thankful I'm reaching closer and closer until I put on the purple gown hanging up in my closet. A balance that most will never come to understand, so before you underestimate the ability of these students behind the words on your screen I suggest you take a step back.

I've spent days standing on a crowded, wire-filled press box floor reporting on speeches from major state politicians, our former president, followed by a 15-hour-long production in the newsroom the next morning. I've investigated transparency concerns between higher administration, faculty and students. I've held important discussions around the relationship between the media and marginalized communities, led a staff of 30 people for two years, assisted students in finding their voice during elections, made mis-

takes and laughed with my editorial board in our office until tears were pouring down my face.

Don't get me wrong, they built a shiny brand new Main Campus Student Center, but forgot to make room for student media and stuck us in a campus dead zone. Other news outlets provided almost the exact same coverage on certain situations and only we received heat for it. My inbox was sometimes repeatedly spammed with unwelcoming emails around my choices as EIC and I mean hey, Pirate Rants returning hasn't been an issue has it now?

But, most importantly I have been able to find my light because without journalism I would be in the dark; without journalism, my world would be silent. So thank you, to my staff, to my advisors, professors, parents and readers, but especially to the newspaper, I will always hold close to my heart while navigating what my next steps as a Pirate will be.

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» SENIOR COLUMN

ECU, Greenville need refinement



George Martin
TEC COLUMNIST

While I'm sitting here, trying to write this, I want to make sure that I'm not coming off cheesy. I've had a great four years at ECU and have had a lot of opportunities that I will be forever grateful for, but there are also a lot of places where ECU and the Greenville community have let me down.

In high school, I always had a feeling that political journalism is what I wanted to do. Most mornings on the way to school I would listen to NPR, just enamored with their stories and commitment to the truth. This led me to join The East Carolinian (TEC) as a news reporter where I wanted to pursue this passion further.

While at TEC, I had the chance to report on Trump's 2020 campaign trail, Jill Biden's visit to Pitt County, the Black Lives Matter protests and the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic. These have all been major moments for the Greenville commu-

nity and I'm glad that I was able to be there and report on them and get this real-life experience with the world of journalism. These were great experiences and I felt like I was actually doing what I had set out to do when I came to college. It was honestly fulfilling for me to do this.

But, I don't want to pretend that the last four years have been perfect; ECU's community has shown its ugly side on multiple occasions. The Board of Trustees looking to set up Student Government elections, Greenville City Council changing the wording on a "Black Lives Matter" mural and all of the culture surrounding the 2020 election has left a bad taste in my mouth. It's easy to forget about all of these things with the speed that life moves at, but it builds up over time and eventually creates a nasty environment.

As I prepare to leave Greenville and ECU, I can't help but want the best for both. The pandemic shook the university and will have lasting impacts on its finances and campus culture and a predicted dip in enrollment due to the 2008

economic crash will even further this issue.

ECU's culture over the past four years and my involvement with it have only furthered my desire to be tapped into politics and what is going on in the world around me. Politics, for better or for worse, have an impact on every aspect of life, and being involved with it is a way that I can try and help people.

The media can definitely have negative impacts on society, but I genuinely do believe in the news' ability to give people knowledge about what is happening.

Like I said at the beginning of the story, I wanted to avoid being cheesy with this but it is hard when you're trying to take a step back and really think about your college experience. But, honestly, when I think about my college experience, it will also be associated with the pandemic, civil unrest and the community that had to deal with these ugly parts of life.

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Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) — Today is a 7 — Adapt with unexpected changes at work. Don't overextend. Stay in communication regarding deadlines and agreements. Keep everyone on the same page. Breathe deeply.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Today is a 7 — Take it easy. Don't push too hard or risk accidents. Finesse gets farther than force. Nurture your health, work and energy. Rest deeply.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) — Today is a 9 — Keep cool with a surprising development. Don't make assumptions. Take care of yourself. Enjoy peaceful relaxation with a good story. Help others later.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Today is a 7 — Learn new tricks with classes, seminars or expert gatherings. Discover the latest trends. Adapt with unexpected educational developments. Prioritize health, grace and ease.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Today is a 7 — Relax and have fun. Let go of unrealistic expectations. Adapt around unexpected plan changes. Keep your temper with someone who loses theirs. Love heals.

Gemini (May 21-June 20) — Today is a 6 — Play some good music and relax. Hide away from noise or chaos. Revise schedules for more breathing room. Review plans for later action.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Today is a 7 — Keep feeding long-term savings. A trickle adds up over time. Collaborate for shared gain. Gentle pressure works better than force. Encourage your partner.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Today is an 8 — Enjoy a practical domestic phase. Family matters have your attention. Support everyone to adapt with a new situation. Share something delicious. Relax together.

Cancer (June 21-July 22) — Today is an 8 — A challenge or change could catch you by surprise. Let people know what's needed. Connect with your network. Your team comes to the rescue.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Today is an 8 — Resume negotiations. Support your partner and be supported around unexpected developments. You get better results with honey than vinegar. Love is the answer.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) — Today is a 7 — Communication solves a puzzle. Connect with your networks and discover solutions. Heed constructive criticism while making your own decisions. Not everyone agrees. Listen and learn.

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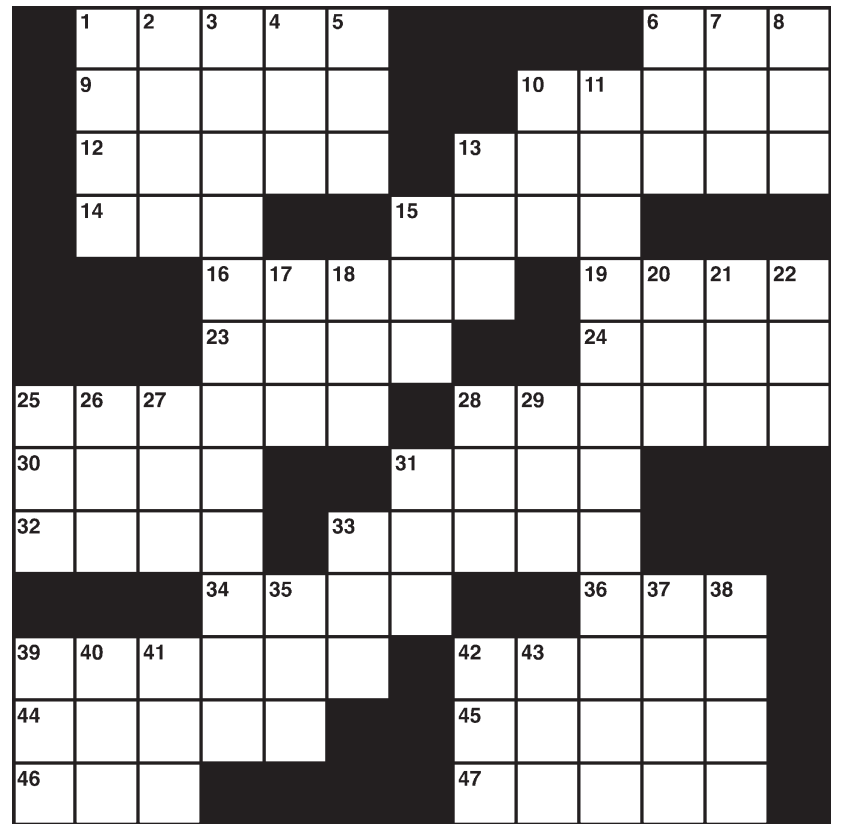
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 - 42 "According to ___"
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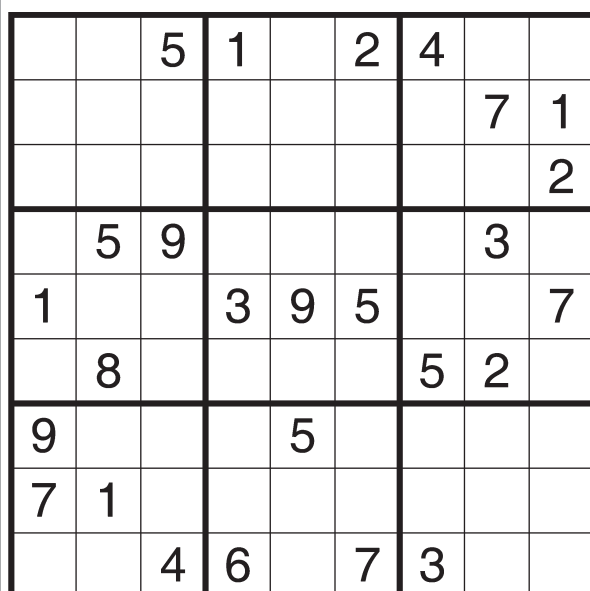
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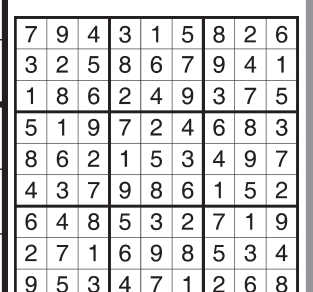
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In lieu of The East Carolinian's traditional Housing Guide, TEC is excited to present this year's special edition of what we hope will inform Pirate Nation on what living resources Greenville, North Carolina, and East Carolina University has to offer. Inside you will find content to help navigate you in your living decision, guide you around Uptown attractions and provide advice on how to independently reside on your own while at university. While you work to achieve your degree, it is important to keep in mind how your living space can impact your progress as a Pirate. The content of this guide aims to assist in providing additional resources to make your time spent off campus enjoyable.

On-campus vs. off-campus living

Greenville provides variety of residential options around the emerald city

Markayla McInnis
TEC STAFF

East Carolina University students have a variety of options for living spaces around Greenville, North Carolina, from on-campus residence halls to apartments or houses near campus. Pirates have endless ways of finding living quarters around the emerald city.

ECU's campus has three different neighborhoods on campus, all of which offer different living locations and amenities. The Central neighborhood, the West End neighborhood and College Hill all spread evenly throughout the main campus.

Living on campus offers perks like meal plans, proximity to classes, no monthly bills such as rent or utilities and more. While some people enjoy the independence of off-campus living, others prefer the community that is made when living in residence halls. Some students feel a sense of community when living on campus, according to sophomore political science major Kayla Cornett.

"Campus living makes me feel like I am a part of a community like we are all going through the college experience together. I am close to everything, my classes, friends, the library, student center, everything," Cornett said. "Sometimes the inconsiderate people make it harder when it comes to laundry or quiet hours but I like living on campus."

Greenville also offers varied off-campus residences that range from apartments, townhomes or houses. When living off campus, students gain more responsibility and independence which comes with its perks but also hardships.

When living in a residence hall there are Resident Advisors (RA) that are there to help at all times but an apartment turns into true independent living. Although off-campus living is not controlled by ECU campus living, there are still rules that have to be followed, according to sophomore nursing major Frizelle Mumbua. There are also more responsibilities when it comes to food, rent and neighbors.

"The hardest was probably realizing that things won't be handed to me. There's not a dining hall that we can just walk downstairs to for food," Mumbua said. "There's a lot of responsibility when it comes to living in an apartment. You can't take advantage of the fact that you're in your own space. There's still rules that you have to follow."

Off-campus living does come with various other amenities that residence halls do not offer. Most apartments and homes offer students their own kitchens, laundry areas, living spaces and bathrooms.

When it comes to apartments, bathrooms are one of the many aspects students enjoy about apartments. According to Mumbua, having to clean her own bathroom was better than having to walk down hallways in robes and towels to get to her room like students must do in most on-campus residence halls.



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Gather Uptown Apartments face the edge of Uptown Greenville, North Carolina, one of the various living options for ECU students.

"Living in an apartment gave me more freedom and I didn't have to be insecure about anything," Mumbua said. "I am comfortable with going to use my own bathroom and not walking across the hall with just a towel on. I lived in a co-ed dorm so you can imagine the awkward moments I had."

On top of different amenities that students enjoy, depending on their living spaces, the price is also a factor that students take into consideration. Depending on the exact location, the prices are different for each residence hall. Housing expenses are due each semester for on-campus living. As of right now, residence halls range from \$5,520 to \$6,390 for suite-style dorms on top of other on-campus expenses like meal plans and tuition.

When signing a lease there are various aspects that are considered as well. Different places offer different amenities. Some locations have upfront prices that may include Wi-Fi, water bills or parking, according to junior nursing major Katie Austin.

"I decided to move into an apartment because it turned out to be cheaper for me," Austin said. Before signing a lease ask if there are utilities included and if so, is there a cap on those utilities? Be sure to ask if there are any random fees like for trash or parking that isn't ridiculed in the rent."

Another aspect of living off-campus is the location of the apartment. Around ECU's campus, there are apartments and homes across the street on The Grid, living spaces a few minutes from campus, places that ECU Transit will come to, but there are also further places which would mean commuting will become necessary.

This year parking has been a problem that commuters have faced when coming to campus. From parking garages being full, to commuter spots not being available, having to commute is one aspect of off-campus living that students should consider before making that change.

"Take into consideration location and price, so if you don't like commuting, like me, living across the street from campus is perfect," Austin said.

Depending on the person, campus living might be the choice, but for others, off-campus independent living works better for them. Students should not only keep in mind the variety of living options, but the responsibilities and factors that follow with independently living on their own for the first time while away at college.

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Uptown offers local attractions

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Uptown Greenville, North Carolina, has many different businesses and restaurants East Carolina University students can explore and enjoy. Whether one is looking for a night out, shopping, a bite to eat or something to drink, there are options for any occasion.

Stumpy's Hatchet House

Address: 816 Dickinson Ave

Hours: Sunday 2 to 8 p.m., Wednesday and Thursday 5 to 10 p.m., Friday 5 p.m. to midnight and Saturday 2 p.m. to midnight

Stumpy's Hatchet House offers patrons the opportunity to throw real throwing axes at targets for fun. Assistant manager Bryton Abrahams said in an email statement Stumpy's has had a location in Greenville for just over three years.

Abrahams said the owners loved the Uptown area of Greenville but noticed a gap in the entertainment offered. They brought Stumpy's to town to give students an exciting option for a night out.

"We provide a fun and laid back place for people to gather for what we call a 'social throwdown.' Whether it's a birthday, date night, or fun gathering out with friends, a night at Stumpy's is always entertaining and exciting," Abrahams said.

Once a month, Stumpy's holds a glow in the dark themed night. Abrahams said, at these "Throw N' Glow" events, the targets feature neon designs, the hatchets are covered in neon colors and black lights illuminate the pits so everything glows. He also said they offer college nights every Thursday at which college students can show their 1 Card for 50% off their throwing session.

Visitors should wear closed-toed shoes for safety reasons and first time throwers will be given a short lesson on throwing from the staff, according to Stumpy's website. Patrons are welcome to bring their own food, drinks and alcohol if they desire.

Abrahams said throwing axes can be described as "bowling on steroids." He said the experience one receives at Stumpy's is unique in Greenville and offers a casual entertainment option for the community.

"Axe throwing is unlike anything you've ever done before. It's a thrill that combines competition and entertainment. We hold safety as our highest priority as well as the fun you have," Abrahams said. "It's an unforgettable experience that will leave you with a smile on your face and excited for your next visit."

SAIN Kava + Tea Bar

Address: 110 E. 5th St.

Hours: Monday through Saturday 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

SAIN Kava + Tea Bar offers kava drinks and shots as well as herbal and boba teas. Owner Mike Wallace said in an email statement SAIN offers the Greenville community new beverage options not previously available nearby.

"SAIN was a passion project birthed out of creativity and innovation. All the way from herbal health fun and tasty flavored beverages," Wallace said. "It started with Kava which is an excellent alcohol substitute, given that it provides a wonderful feeling of euphoria without the negative side effects that come with alcohol use."

Wallace said SAIN's herbal teas can have positive effects on the body and their boba tea options are some of the most diverse offered anywhere. He said although there are numerous great coffee shops and breweries located nearby, there is no other establishment that carries the same products as SAIN.

Although kava can provide a similar feeling to alcohol, no ID is required to purchase kava drinks. Wallace said the atmosphere in SAIN reflects the character of their products.

"We offer a very eclectic vibe and positive atmosphere that is bursting with creativity and positivity. A lot of our products are personal creations that you will never find anywhere else. People come to hang out with friends in the courtyard and play games, some have business meetings in our place or just a place to unwind, relax and study. That's where the Kava helps," Wallace said.

In addition, Wallace said they have rented their facility out for parties and other events as there will be even more events to come for the community.



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A cafe employee pours a cup of tea at SAIN Kava + Tea Bar.



HALIE MILLER | THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Items displayed at Tailgate Classics draws in a retro crowd.

Tailgate Classics

Address: 304 Evans St.

Hours: Monday through Saturday 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Tailgate classics is a vintage retail clothing store that also has an online store. President and Founder of Tailgate Classics Cameron Higley said in an email statement he didn't set out to start his business himself, his customers came to him at first. Higley said his own personal wardrobe in 2015, when he was a freshman at ECU, included a small collection of vintage clothing items.

"As it turned out, a ton of people loved my style and I began to get offers to buy clothing I had on directly off of me," Higley said. "From there, I started an Instagram page and let people come browse my dorm room collection to make some side money. We then took the store online and developed a large following."

Higley said he opened his physical storefront location in April. He said the vibe in the store is representative of the type of clothes they sell, largely vintage clothing items from the 1980s and 1990s. He said they play '80s music and have decor throughout the store to give the feeling that one has gone back in time several decades.

Not only can patrons buy unique items from Tailgate Classics, but they can sell their own items to the shop and even make trades, Higley said. As the only retail vintage clothing store in town, Higley said patrons will not be disappointed if they come to check it out.

"If you're looking for unique clothing that few other people will have - this is place for you. The majority of our items are vintage 1/1 pieces of history, and as a bonus they won't set you back a ton of money."

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Multiple East Carolina University students have invested in at home security systems, such as a Ring Video Doorbell, for their off-campus residence as safety remains a concern for those around the area.

Off-campus living trails with safety concerns

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TEC STAFF

Students may experience their first time living alone during their time at college, and safety continues to remain a concern for individuals who choose to stay in off-campus locations around the East Carolina University area.

ECU Police Department (ECU PD) Captain Chris Sutton said in an email statement that safety should be a priority for everyone regardless of age and location such as work, home or school. It's critical for the college demographic to have a tactical focus toward safety, Sutton said, because it is the first time in students' lives where safety is the student's sole responsibility without a guardian looking out for them.

Sutton said because of the off-campus student population, ECU PD has a vested interest in the crime that occurs in off-campus locations. ECU PD patrols the grid more frequently at night when the crime rate may be higher.

"We (ECU PD) also patrol the area more frequently on weekends during the day and night. We collaborate with GPD (Greenville Police Department) and focused patrols of these areas in an effort to maintain a low crime rate," Sutton said.

The common incidents reported in The Grid neighborhood, Sutton said, range from suspicious persons, larceny, damage to property or breaking and entering a residence or automobile. Sutton said some of the less common but more violent incidents include strong-armed robbery which is robbery without a weapon where physical force is used.

Every ECU student should download the Live Safe app, Sutton said, which is purchased by the university and is accessible to the campus community. The app gives the individual instant connectivity with ECU PD and has tools students can use when they feel unsafe. Sutton said ECU PD hopes to begin offering a Rape Aggression Defense (RAD) training in the spring for students to increase more awareness for safety.

Students living alone or away from their parents for the first time should be aware of their environment and learn what looks normal in their neighborhood. If something is materialized that does not belong in the area, it will be easier to identify.

"Maintain contact with family and friends. It is easy to become isolated when living alone for the first time. Always check your doors and locks and refuse to become a victim," Sutton said.

Patricia Mera, junior business major, said she lives in The Grid with two roommates and is not scared about living in the area. She said she has heard stories about cars getting broken into or people getting robbed. Since she lives closer to campus, Mera said she does not see a lot of disturbances in her area.

Mera said she is part of the Safety Gals Facebook group and it helps her be more aware of her surroundings while in Greenville, North Carolina. She said being in the Facebook group helps other people be on the lookout for suspicious activities and be more cautious of their surroundings.

Students should research the area they wish to live in or ask other people about their experiences in certain areas in Greenville. Mera said the safest place for students to live is in an apartment because they can save money. Location can also play a role, Mera said, because it's important to be closer to class.

"It sucks walking a long way to class especially if it's like not good weather but in all honesty like, you can always tell right off the bat the walk isn't that bad," Mera said. "And always just like, let your like friends or people like that you live with know where you are because that'll be helpful in case something were to happen (to you)."

Alicia Peters, senior business and political science major, said during her time living at 33 East, she was roommates with a felon who brought illegal substances into the apartment and had squatters at one point. She said she would lock her

door whenever she would leave the apartment and hid her stuff in her room because items were getting stolen from her apartment such as kitchen utensils.

Peters said other incidents such as cars getting broken into or cars getting keyed had occurred while living at 33 East. She said in 2020, there was an active shooter at the apartment complex and had received a text to stay inside and lock her doors.

"It always felt like there was something going on (at 33 East). It always felt like every weekend there was a cop of some kind at our apartment," Peters said.

During the first week she moved to Riverwalk with her boyfriend, Peters said her boyfriend's car was broken into and money was stolen from his wallet. After the incident, she said they installed the Ring home security cameras outside the carport and door. She said installing the camera was a great thing to do and "made a world of difference."

Peters said students should always lock their doors and keep at least one light on outside their house or apartment so if people were to walk by they would think somebody is home. She said students should refrain from telling too many people when they're going out of town for a long period of time and to have a buddy system. She said she would have a friend inspect the house to check on her cat and make sure everything is OK.

"I'm a firm believer in if you're living with strangers, do a background check on them. Like do it for your own safety, do it for your own personal peace of mind," Peters said. "Because what if they (apartment complexes and landlords) haven't done it, you know, and they're just letting people in for money?"

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With pet ownership comes big responsibility and some university students may let the excitement factor get in the way of properly preparing their life for their new found furry best friend.

Pet ownership requires high responsibility

Students should not let excitement factor overpower proper animal care

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Owning a pet is a big responsibility and not all college students have the availability or resources to properly do so. However, with some knowledge beforehand, owning a pet can become a regular part of any student's routine and help ease the stressors of everyday school life.

Some students may let the excitement factor overpower the realities of owning a pet. Junior public health major Tatiana Jones recently decided to adopt a small kitten before the winter time and she said there are several things she wishes she knew before bringing her pet home.

"I wish I knew she wasn't potty trained," Jones said. "I wish I knew about her health issues. She has something wrong with her eye that we got (eye) drops for. She had fleas when we first got her, so I wish I knew about that too."

Jones said she wishes she looked more into her cat's diet and what foods are best for her as the right food choice for her kitten is something she is still trying to narrow down. Owners should take their animals to the vet to find out if there are any serious health issues or other minor issues that could potentially harm the animal later upon their retrieval of their new pet. Sometimes all it takes is a little observance to notice your animal's habits.

Just getting to know an animal is a big first step but it

makes the rest of the owner-pet relationship smoother. Jones said she's gotten used to when and how her cat meows so she knows when she needs to use the bathroom or when she just wants some attention.

It takes a lot of time and attention to give proper care for an animal, and sometimes, the class and social schedule of college students often does not yield the time necessary to be a responsible pet owner. It may take some adjusting, but dedicating consistent time to a pet should be a very high priority.

As a college student, it could be difficult to dedicate the proper amount of time toward a pet on a consistent basis. However, putting in consistent time is a key detail in proper pet care. Jones said she has a system with her roommates so her cat is constantly being taken care of at a young age while she isn't there.

"You have to be able to make time for it," Jones said. "It's a responsibility and sometimes it's hard, but you have to make the time."

College students should heavily consider their schedule when debating on adopting an animal. Young animals, and even adult animals, should not be locked up in a cage for the entire duration of a 1 p.m. to 9 p.m. work shift or a full day of classes.

Junior nursing major Pamela Paniagua said she's had to dog-sit for her neighbor on several occasions due to her busy work schedule.

"He's such a good dog," Paniagua said. "He just constantly

needs attention that she (her neighbor) sometimes can't give, but at least I get a cute dog to hang out with."

One of the biggest considerations when getting a pet is the expenses that will come as a result. Food, healthcare and living accommodations will be costly down the road, but getting a pet is a commitment and a responsibility. Junior sports studies major Trenton Matthews said he wishes he knew how expensive the little things are for a pet.

"My dog's food is like 50 bucks a bag," Matthews said. "I wish I had known that a while ago because it's not like you can't feed them."

Matthews mentioned other things like collars, bedding and toys as further expenses for his dog, but it's all a part of the responsibility that comes with animals.

Students should also consider their housing situations and whether or not pets are allowed in their homes based off of their leasing agreement. If they are, the next step should be to "pet-proof" the home to ensure pets are being adopted into safe environments. It will also keep fragile belongings from being broken by a hyperactive pet. Unfortunately, a few college students often find themselves ending up at the Humane Society of Eastern Carolina to give up their pet because they were not ready to take on the responsibility while trying to manage a full course or work load.

Even though it may sound like a lot, owning a pet can provide emotional support and a friend who's always there at home. Lifelong memories are made and the routine can create a sense of stability during the stressful schedule of a college student.

Once all things are considered and all boxes are checked, pet owning can be a great experience and create memories that last a lifetime. Being a responsible pet owner can positively affect both the pet and the owner and create a balance.



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A dog awaits his adoption at the Humane Society of Eastern Carolina.

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Uptown showcases best brews in town



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Peter Ramirez, an employee of Pitt Street Brewing Company, located at 630 S Pitt St., works to fill a beer for customers from the company's tap before a rush of patrons fill the lounge area.

Emily Peek
TEC STAFF

After a long week of studying and classes, beer lovers can visit Uptown Greenville, North Carolina, to unwind with craft brew and friends.

Pitt Street

Address: 630 S Pitt St.

Hours: Sunday 1 to 7 p.m., Monday-Wednesday 2 to 10 p.m., Thursday 2 to 11 p.m., Friday-Saturday 12 p.m. to 12 a.m.

Families and dog owners looking for a local favorite can visit Pitt Street Brewing Company, a micro-brewery in the heart of Uptown Greenville with numerous craft beers.

General Manager Brianna Long said in an email statement that Pitt Street brews craft beers on 15 or two barrel systems. The brewery also offers ciders, sparkling seltzers and wines.

"We have to go beer available in the form of growler or crowler fills," Long said. "Pitt Street logo merchandise is also available. We have non-alcoholic options as well."

Pitt Street features drinks for everyone to enjoy depending on their flavor preferences such as IPA's, ale's, lager's, sours, beers and non-alcoholic options, with most pours starting at \$6.

A few customer favorites include any fruited sour as well as the "Code of Conduct Hazy IPA," and "Pactolus Light Lager," Long said.

Mpourium

Address: 814 Dickinson Ave

Hours: Monday through Thursday 3 to 10 p.m, Friday 2 p.m to midnight, Saturday noon to midnight, Sunday 1 to 7 p.m.

Those in search of a cheap beer can visit Mpourium, where customers only pay for what they self pour. Mpourium Owner Kristen Moss said in an email statement that the brewery has over seven beers ready on tap ranging from 40 cents an ounce up to \$1.

"(Mpourium is) a great place to try new things. It is self pour and we have 52 taps and you only pay for what you pour," Moss said.

Mpourium has beer, wine, cider, mead and kombucha on tap. Moss said the brewery also has a fully stocked bottle shop.

Moss said Mpourium rotates its taps to include a fair amount of beers from North Carolina. She said the unique aspect that Mpourium offers is the ability to not commit to buying a whole pint.

Customers can sample at their own pace without waiting in lines and experience beer that's not featured in other bars or restaurants in Greenville, Moss said.

The brewery has four new "funky" sours on tap as of Nov. 9 that include "Rainbow Sherbet by Prairie Artisan Ales," "Pinch of Salt by D9 Brewing Company," "Gose the Gozarian by New Sarum Brewing Company," and "Carnaval by D9 Brewing Company."

Customers have the option to order their beer online through the Facebook page, where Mpourium is rated five out of five stars.

Winslow's Deli, Tavern and Market

Address: 120 W 5th St.

Hours: Monday through Saturday 11 a.m. to 9 p.m., Sunday 10:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Those who are looking for a more relaxing environment to enjoy beer, wine and a large menu can visit Winslow's Deli, Tavern and Market, where 46 micro-brews and American craft beers are kept on tap ranging between \$5 and \$7 per pint.

The brewery offers an inviting atmosphere that can be enjoyed by the Greenville community, according to Winslow's website. On Sunday's the restaurant also offers a loaded brunch buffet for a price of \$14, which individuals can pair with a mimosa.

"We provide a timeless patio, great service and staff along with a relaxing atmosphere to enjoy alongside our fantastic beer and wine offerings," the website said. "Winslow's is proud to offer the area's largest selection of Fine Bourbons and Whiskeys as well as an incredible 22 wines by the glass."

Winslow's offers access to a 15-person mezzanine above its bar with no charge to customers who order something, as well as a 20-person mezzanine above its banquet hall that can account for 54 seats or a cocktail party of over 100 people. Besides a long list of brews on tap, Winslow's Deli also offers a mixture of classic salads, burgers and signature sandwiches ranging anywhere between \$8 to \$16 depending on the choice of entree.

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Lidl, located on 1800 E. Fire Tower Rd, in Greenville, North Carolina, acts as one of the many grocery getting options for students who look for meal plans on a low-cost budget while at university.

Experts give advice on meal strategies

Professors, student encourage low-cost stops for healthy meal options

Hannah Bolick
TEC STAFF

Moving off-campus comes with many challenges, one of which being the transition from eating on a meal plan to buying groceries and cooking for yourself.

Cheryl Johnson, an associate professor and program coordinator in family and consumer science education at ECU, said there are certain practices that can help students make the transition from a meal plan smoothly. She said assessing your current diet is a good place to start, as students often don't realize their unhealthy habits at first before taking a step back.

"The best way to plan is to first live your life like you already are right now and record what you do," Johnson said. "How often do you go out to eat? What kinds of foods do you eat most often? What foods do you think you would like to try? And then don't worry about price at first. Think about food."

After recording your food for a week, Johnson said to plan out a grocery list based on your findings. Then after that first week, she said to evaluate what you liked and what you threw away or ran out of. Then adapt the next week's list accordingly.

Some tips Johnson said could reduce cost are to eat in season, avoid individually packaged foods, and buy off-brand products. She said planning meals with roommates or freezing portions for later can help reduce waste. Johnson said

students should consider how they shop as well.

"You shop the perimeter of the store. If you go around the perimeter of the store you're going to get the milk, the eggs, the meat, the bread, the vegetables. If you go down every aisle you're going to see lots of packaged foods, canned foods, things that are not as healthy," Johnson said.

Aldi, Lidl and Food Lion are Johnson's go-to grocery stores. She said Aldi and Lidl have very low prices, but they don't have a rewards plan or as large of a selection as Food Lion. She said she suggests students try shopping at various stores to find the one that suits their needs.

Bernice Dodor, associate professor in the department of human development and family science, said for students to be sure they are not wasting food, they should look critically at what they are buying to ensure they will be able to use everything they purchase.

"If you're not going to cook the food, then don't waste your money buying it because it is just going to get rotten in your fridge and you will have to throw it away. And so students need to actually look at what they are buying," Dodor said. "Is it perishable? How long is it going to last in my fridge? And if you know you are not going to have the time to cook that meal, then don't buy that item until you need it."

When moving off-campus and beginning to cook, students also need to consider what cookware and utensils they will need. Dodor said that for beginners, gadgets like the Ninja Foodi and Instant Pot have many functions to aid

with cooking. She said she suggests shopping at Dollar Tree for cooking utensils and containers to save money.

Gianna Bonfiglio is a junior public health major and has an Instagram page dedicated to educating others on how to live a healthy lifestyle. She said cooking ahead for certain meals is a strategy she has found to eat well and avoid eating out too often despite a busy schedule.

"I started doing on the days I work, around two or three whenever I want to do it, I'll go ahead and make myself dinner at that time and I'll just throw it in the fridge, and then when I come back from work I can just pop it back in the oven or the microwave real quick so I can eat it real quick when I get home," Bonfiglio said.

Rather than meal prepping for the week, Bonfiglio said she plans a few meals she can make any day of the week rather than planning strictly. She said she plans her meals so components are used in multiple meals so she isn't wasteful but doesn't have to eat the same leftovers multiple times.

Bonfiglio said she uses Pinterest to find many of her recipes and said it also has a lot of cooking tutorials that might be useful to beginner cooks. She said overall, research and planning ahead are the most important things to consider when transitioning to cooking for yourself.

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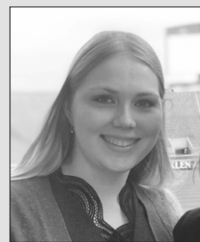
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ALBUM REVIEW

'Red (Taylor's Version)' album impresses



Hannah Bolick
TEC STAFF

Taylor Swift released her new "Red (Taylor's Version)" album on Nov. 12 on all major streaming platforms that features 30 songs, which are re-recordings of her original "Red" album from 2012, in addition to nine newly released tracks.

This most recently released album resembles the original "Red" album pretty closely and would appeal very greatly to anyone who enjoyed the original. Although the album is mainly composed of previously released songs, the reason for this phenomenon is just another reason why fans should stream "Red (Taylor's Version)" from now on, instead of the original.

As Swift writes all of her own songs, she retained the rights to the lyrics and music of each track, while her former record label, Big Machine Records, owned the master tracks, according to CNN, which were the physical recordings of each song in the original release.

Over the years, Big Machine Records has sold some of Swift's music, which was then sold again to yet another label, all without Swift's knowledge or approval. Re-recording her albums, starting with "Fearless," originally released in 2008 and re-released as "Fearless (Taylor's Version)," are Swift's attempt to reclaim her own work.

This is a genius plan by Swift to rely on her loyal fans to rally around her and their old favorites by the singer-songwriter. At first one may be confused as to why an old album is being released again, but once the whole story is revealed, people should be eager to stream the new album to support Swift, the true owner of the music.

Additionally, Swift's choice to include some as-yet unreleased songs on the album was a great choice to draw in new listeners as well as those who loved the original "Red." The songs, including "Better man," "Babe," "Message in a Bottle," "The Very First Night" and more, all fit the character of "Red."

One of those new additions is a 10 minute long version of "All Too Well," the 14 minute long music video for which, titled "All Too Well: The Short Film," is currently No. 1 trending for music on YouTube as of Nov. 15. The video shows two characters in a relationship more-or-less acting out the lyrics of the song as the relationship starts out sweet and loving and breaks apart over time. The song is interspersed with little sections of dialogue that compliment the song and extend its story line.

At the end of the video, Swift herself plays the grown-up version of the main female character played by Sadie Sink,



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Taylor Swift attends the "All Too Well" premiere on Friday, Nov. 12, 2021 in New York City.

sporting red hair to match that of Sink. The tie-in of the red hair with the album's title and the motif of the red scarf weaved throughout the song and the visuals serve to artfully unify the song, the album and the film together without being too on-the-nose.

The 10 minute version of the song honestly works really well as a standalone track. It isn't unreasonable to think that 10 minutes might be too long to work well as a single track on a larger album but with the story that flows through the song, the 10 minutes fly by as one is following the story.

The re-recorded songs are certainly nostalgic for the older era of Swift's music. However, the new maturity in Swift's voice is palpable among the re-recorded tracks. It is such a privilege to be able to enjoy her older music, which many people connected with in their teenage years, with Swift's developed vocals. It is a testament to the fact that Swift has not plateaued in her skill, but has continually improved despite already being a successful musician.

Guest artists Ed Sheeran, Chris Stapleton, Phoebe Bridgers and Gary Lightbody enhance the album greatly. These

tracks are all very well done with the guest vocals perfectly complimenting Swift's without overpowering her at all. The harmonies in each song are beautiful and accentuate Swift's vocal skill.

In true Swift style, each song is very personal and specific. This character of her music makes each song incredibly powerful and passionate and since this re-recording is a statement of Swift's autonomy as an artist, that passion shines through even brighter than in the original.

The "Red (Taylor's Version)" album is an admirable step for Swift in taking back ownership of her music in addition to being a well-rounded, fun and relatable album that marries her previously popular songs with her more mature vocals.

RATING:



5 out of 5

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peers worked on the production.

"I hope to put on display an enjoyable performance that makes someone laugh," Palma said. "So even someone who is having a bad day can watch my performance and forget about their worries for a little bit and just enjoy themselves. I also hope to put on display how hard the members of ECU Opera Theatre have worked to put on this production."

Palma said he is thankful for his friends and family who have supported him over the last couple of months and hopes the audience feels all the energy invested in the show.

Playing the role of Pirate Lieutenant Samuel is senior music therapy major Guy Divon. With this being the first time his boyfriend will see him perform live, Divon said he's excited for the opportunity to present the audience with his vocal growth and character portrayal.

"I want to show off my vocal growth over the last four years of school," Divon said. "As well as my ability to portray this hilarious character in a way that is funny to the audience."

Divon said he loves this character because of the hilarity it offers and the comic relief it brings to the show.

After being in an opera ensemble last fall and not performing a show, Divon said he missed performing in front of a live audience and the interaction between the stage and audience.

"The last time I was in an opera ensemble was last year in the fall and instead of doing a show we did character studies," Divon said. "That was fun, but I'm really ready to get back to performing in person and interacting with a live audience."

SoTD to fall 'Head Over Heels'

Dylan Woolard
TEC STAFF

East Carolina University School of Theatre and Dance will present its last musical of the semester, "Head Over Heels," which is set to premiere at 7:30 p.m. today in McGinnis Theatre.

The show is based on Sir Phillip Sydney's "The Arcadia" and is set to music by 2021 Rock and Roll Hall of Fame inductees The Go-Go's. Additional showings are scheduled for 7:30 p.m. tomorrow and Friday at 2 and 7:30 p.m. on Saturday and at 2 p.m. on Sunday.

Director of "Head Over Heels" and assistant professor of directing and acting Bryan Conger said the show is a romantic comedy first, but also offers elements that promote community and inclusivity.

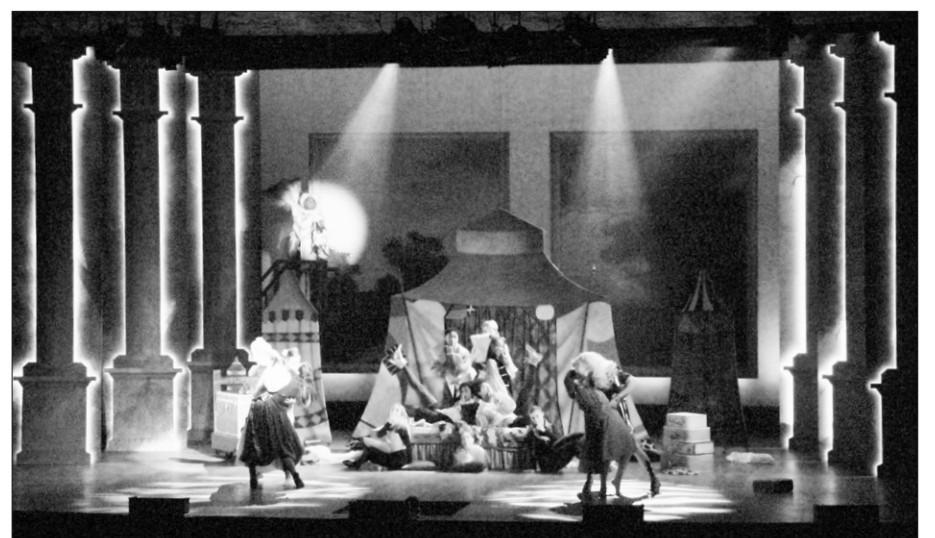
"It's about a community finding what makes it a community and how that community comes together," Conger said. "The play is a real celebration of inclusivity and of queerness. It's one of the first Broadway musicals to feature a written non-binary character in a principle role."



Bryan Conger

While spectators and stage crew are still expected to wear face masks, those onstage will appear without for the first time this year. This offers the audience a chance to see a show like they did before the COVID-19 pandemic, Conger said.

"This will be an opportunity for an audience to see theatre how they were used to seeing it before we were doing things on



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Members of the cast of "Head Over Heels" rehearse for the premiere of the show tomorrow.

zoom," Conger said. "Before we all had to wear masks and weren't allowed to have any sort of physical contact with each other. I hope that will bring an audience joy as well, seeing that happen again."

Playing the character Musidorus is Keagan Kermode, who said one of his favorite parts about the role is the naive and innocent nature of the character, as well as his comedic value.

"It's been a long time since I've played a light comedic role, so I'm appreciating that aspect of the role a lot," Kermode said. "My favorite part of the show currently is the comedy. It's been a long time since I've been able to be funny on stage."

Having not worked on a musical since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, Kermode said the experience that came along with "Head Over Heels" has been impactful thus far.

Playing the part of Gynecia, the queen of Arcadia, is Tenayah Hawkins who said she is excited about the journey her character takes while navigating motherhood and her title as queen.

With the show's debut approaching, Hawkins said she has one musical number on her mind that she has been particularly excited about performing.

"I would definitely say the number 'Heaven Is A Place On Earth' is my favorite part of the show right now, but you'll have to come and see why," Hawkins said.

Admittedly, Hawkins said she didn't know just how familiar she would be with the show's music until they began, but did recognize quite a few of the songs.

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Junior guard Tremont Robinson-White dribbles down the court against Western Carolina University in an attempt to extend the East Carolina University lead on Nov. 14. ECU won the game 95-79.

Pirates to face Oklahoma in Myrtle Beach

Abbie Clavijo
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

The East Carolina University men's basketball team (3-0, 0-0 American Athletic Conference) will face the University of Oklahoma (2-0, 0-0 Big 12 Conference) in their first away game of the season in Conway, South Carolina, tomorrow at 7 p.m.

The Pirates will come off a win against the Catamounts of Western Carolina University (2-1, 0-0 Southern Conference). On Nov. 14, the Pirates defeated the Catamounts 95-79, giving them their third consecutive win of the season.

"We got off to a good start shooting the ball," head coach Joe Dooley said, according to ECUPIrates. "Our defense was solid but we gave up too many second-chance points."



Sophomore guard Tristan Newton was the Pirates' lead scorer against WCU as he put up a career-high of 30 points. He also added six rebounds. Sophomore forward Brandon Suggs dominated offensively for the Pirates

as well, scoring 16 of ECU's 95 points. Not far behind was junior guard Tremont Robinson-White, who dropped 14 points. Defensively, the Pirates forced a total of 10 steals over the course of the game in comparison to the Catamounts' five.

The Pirates will head into their first game of the Myrtle Beach Invitational hoping to add another win to their record, continue their winning streak and give the Sooners their first season loss.

OU is coming off a victory against the University of Texas San Antonio (1-1, 0-0 Conference USA) on Nov. 12 that resulted in the Sooners taking a 54-point lead over UTSA. The 95-44 win against the Roadrunners gave OU its second win of the season.

Senior forward Tanner Groves led the Sooners in scoring, dropping 21 points against the Roadrunners, including two three-pointers. Offensively, the Sooners dominated in the second half scoring a total of 63 points in the half. Defensively, they forced a total of eight steals during the course of the game.

OU has averaged 10 three-pointers a game this season and as the Pirate's prepare to face the Big 12 team, OU's dominant

defense and three-point average are things that Dooley said the Pirates will have to keep in mind during tomorrow's game.

"They shoot a lot of threes too, but they also really defend. They only gave up 10 points in a half already this season. Guarding the three-point line is big, but we're excited to play a Big 12 opponent," Dooley said, according to ECUPIrates.

Tomorrow's contest between the Pirates and Sooners will kick off the full weekend invitational. Indiana State (2-1, 0-0 The Valley Conference) and Old Dominion University (1-1, 0-0 C-USA) face off in the second game of the tournament on Friday at 7:30 p.m. The winners of each game will then play each other in the final scheduled for Sunday, the time of this game has not yet been determined.

Both the Pirates and Sooners are heading into the opening round of this weekend's tournament with hopes of keeping their winning streak alive. The game is scheduled to tip off at 7 p.m. in Coastal Carolina University's HTC Center and will be broadcasted live on ESPNU.

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

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ECU vs Nvay on 11/20
Score Prediction? 42-28 ECU wins
Why? Some of the Navy's losses have

been pretty big. We know Navy is not doing amazing this year, they only have one win at home this season. I think the Pirates are coming in just excited to be in a bowl game.

Brendan Cavazos

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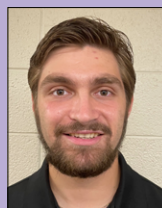


ECU vs Navy on 11/20
Score Prediction? 35-17 ECU wins
Why? Navy is somebody that's usually making hits

on big ranked teams. I think ECU is going to be able to take Navy at Navy. I think ECU is gonna come out on top. Hopefully, we can get in the endzone more than we did last game.

Max Lukas

News and sports reporter with WZMB



ECU vs Navy on 11/20
Score Prediction? 42-24 ECU wins
Why? Navy seems like an up and

down team a little bit, they seem like they come out play pretty good in some games and are completely wiped out in others. Navy does look like they have improved throughout the entire season, obviously with beating Univeresity of Central Florida and putting up solid performances against Southern Methodist University and Tulsa, but the team is still coming off a pretty big loss against Notre Dame.



Junior quarterback Holton Ahlers looks to handoff the ball to freshman running back Keaton Mitchell against the University of Memphis.

Football aims to sink Navy

Pirates will remain on the road after third win in a row

Chris Long
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

East Carolina University football (6-4-0, 4-2-0 American Athletic Conference) is set to face the United States Naval Academy (2-7-0, 2-4-0 AAC) to wrap up their end of season road trip.

The game is set to kick off at 3:30 p.m. on Saturday at the Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium in Annapolis, Maryland. The game will be available to view on CBSN and will be available to listen to on 107.9 WNCT-FM.

Navy comes into the matchup following a loss to the No. 6 ranked Notre Dame (8-1-0, 0-0-0 Independent). In the 34-6 loss, the Midshipmen were unable to convert a touchdown and settled for two field goals in the game.

For the Pirates, this game completed the season goal of six wins, securing a win against Memphis (5-5-0, 2-4-0 AAC) which enabled the Pirates to be bowl game eligible. The battle between the two teams went into overtime,

where a failed two-point conversion for the Tigers sealed the win for the Pirates.

"It's euphoric," ECU head coach Mike Houston said, according to Hoist The Colours. "That locker room was as good as there's ever been. This is a big next step in the program and big picture wise and this was one of the long-term goals



Mike Houston

I made when I took the job, and I kind of put a time and date on it, and this was the season. I'm kinda glad the kids helped me make sure I didn't miss on that one. It's just the work they've put in, the way they played today."

The two teams have met one another eight times in their programs' histories. The only time that the Pirates have defeated the Midshipmen came on Oct. 22, 2011, when

ECU took a 38-35 victory against Navy. The two teams have met five times since that game. The Pirates have never beaten the Midshipmen at home and haven't beaten them away in a decade.

The Pirates will fight to snap a decade long losing streak against Navy and improve their record to put them into better bowl standings. For Navy, this matchup will serve to improve the team's conference record.

After facing Navy, the Pirates will wrap up their season at home to face the No. 3 ranked school nationally in Cincinnati University (10-0-0, 6-0-0 AAC) at home. The game will kick off at 3:30 p.m. in Greenville, North Carolina. The final game will be televised on ABC and will be available to listen to at 107.9 WNCT-FM.

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Volleyball prepares for Tulsa

Reyna Crooms
TEC STAFF

East Carolina University volleyball (9-16, 5-11 American Athletic Conference) will play against the University of Tulsa (13-12, 8-8 AAC) Friday at 6 p.m. in Greenville, North Carolina.

ECU volleyball will be back at home after a couple of games away on the road in Houston, Texas, and New Orleans, Louisiana. The game will take place in Williams Arena at Minges Coliseum as the team continues on with its conference season. Fans in attendance will be dressed in black in honor of East Carolina's "Paint It Black" night.

The Pirates last took on Tulsa earlier this season on Oct. 17 in Tulsa, Oklahoma. ECU lost 1-3 in the four-set game, managing to win in the second set of the game. The final scores came to be 25-19, 25-22, 25-27 and 21-25. Although the Pirates made a season-high number of kills, at the moment it was not enough to beat out Tulsa.

ECU was able to walk away from the game with a total of 61 kills, 58 assists and a .235 hitting percentage. In the end, the Golden Hurricanes and the purple and gold tied with the number of kills and

assists, however, Tulsa managed to outthit the Pirates with an average of .264.

Senior outside hitter Sydney Kleinman reached 1,000 kills and digs and made 22 kills in the game against Tulsa, and senior right-side Bri Wood made 17 kills.

Senior outside hitter Natalie Tyson made nine kills and freshman middle blocker Amelia Davis made five. For Tulsa, Sydney Kleinman junior outside hitter Kayley Cassaday made 21 kills and three blocks while her teammate graduate student middle blocker Maggie Hembreen made 12 kills.

Tulsa most recently played against Temple University (5-22,1-15 AAC) and won 3-0 on Nov. 14. Before Tulsa's win against Temple, the Golden Hurricanes lost three straight conference games against Tulane University (16-22,9-7 AAC), the University of Houston (23-5, 13-3 AAC) and Wichita State University (17-8, 11-5 AAC) earlier this month.

Cassaday came in with 19 kills for her team and senior setter Roosa Rautio made 43 assists. Junior outside hitter Aysu

Dalogullari made 10 kills with one block and freshman outside hitter Bailey Rowe made eight kills. According to Tulsahurricane, the game was a close call in the second set but Tulsa was ultimately able to come out on top in each set.

ECU volleyball will have three more scheduled games of the conference season. The games will be against Wichita State on Nov. 21, the University of Cincinnati (15-9,10-6 AAC) on Nov. 24 and Temple University on Nov. 27. The games will be broadcasted on ESPN+.

East Carolina will enter the Tulsa game on a loss after losing 3-1 to Tulane University on Nov. 14. ECU has lost its last three conference games, two of the games 0-3 against the University of Central Florida (22-6, 15-1 AAC) and the University of Houston.

Oct. 1, 2017, was the last time the Pirates won against Tulsa. The final score of the game came out to be 3-1 and took place in Greenville. Before the win 2017, the Pirates had not won against Tulsa for over 10 years with the first win back in October of 2005, 3-1 also in Greenville.

After the Friday game against Tulsa, ECU volleyball will have three more scheduled games of the conference season. The games will be against Wichita State on Nov. 21, the University of Cincinnati (15-9,10-6 AAC) on Nov. 24 and Temple University on Nov. 27. The games will be broadcasted on ESPN+.

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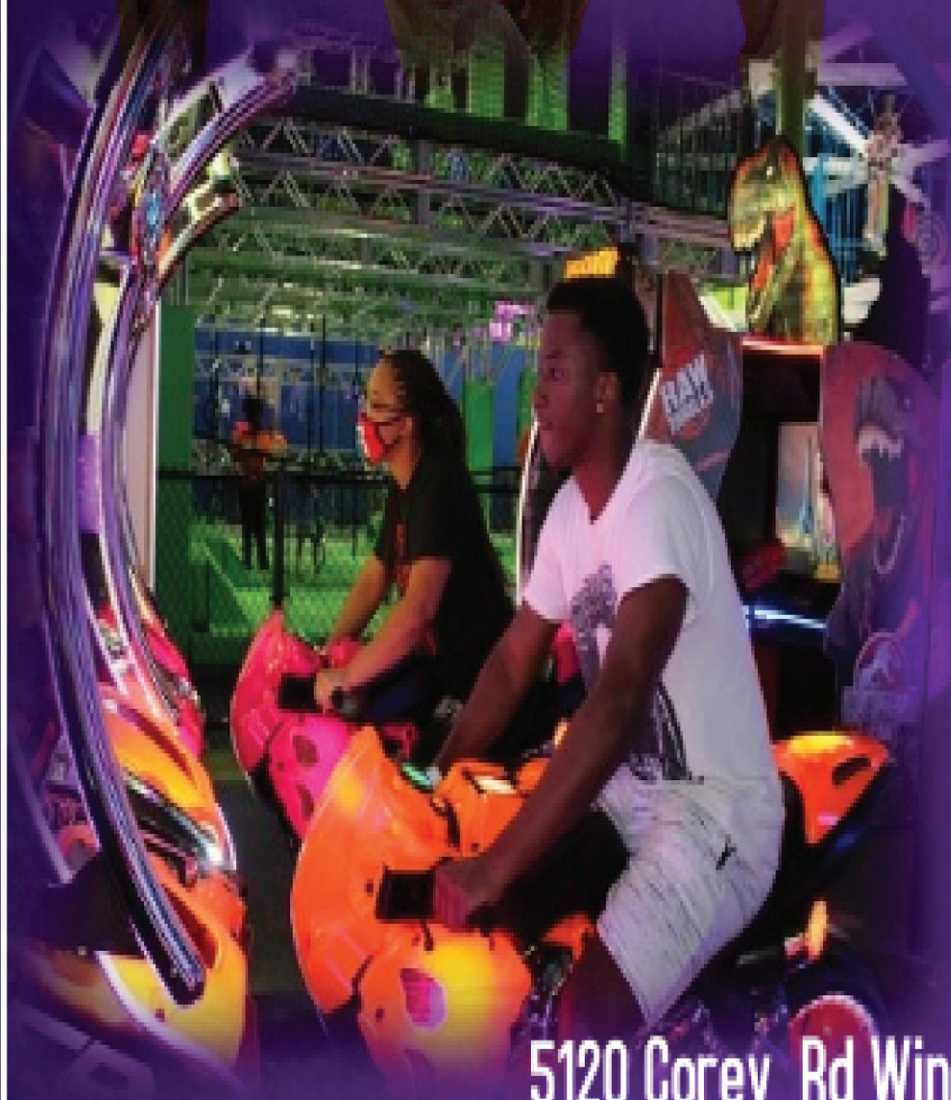
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