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SGA prepares for 2022-2023 election seats

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As filing for Student Government Association (SGA) positions begins next Monday, SGA has begun efforts to recruit students to fill the organization's seats.

SGA President Chandler Ward said deadlines to apply have been posted and he is pleased with how structured the election process is.

"Once the (presidential) candidate is elected I help them through that transition process," Ward said. "But the actual elections process itself I do not directly contribute to."

Being SGA President has given him the opportunity to explore various communities within the university, Ward said.

Given the presence of COVID-19, Ward said this upcoming year has given the selected candidates a chance to interact with the campus.

"For me, it was always exciting to meet another student, faculty member, university partner, or whoever it may have been, and see them get excited about something, and that gets me excited to come to work," Ward said.

Tori Anderson, SGA Elections Commission chair, said she and other members ensure the elections are held fairly, monitor the candidate pool and get the word out about elections.

Anderson said there are different positions open for individuals to represent their respective organizations on ECU's campus.

"We are kind of like a separate entity from the Student Government just to maintain that impartial bias," Anderson said.

SGA Advisor Justin Janak said SGA talks to various student leaders to get the word out to their members.

Janak said there will be interest meetings held the week of Jan. 17 and elections will be held from Feb. 23 through Feb. 25.

"Once you win and you're in assembly, it's just an outstanding experience to be a part of. It's just one leadership position that gets you embedded into campus," Janak said.

According to ECU's Student Government Association website, available positions include Student Body President, Student Body Vice President and Student Assembly Representatives.



Chandler Ward



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East Carolina University community members jump into the outdoor pool at the Eakin Student Recreation Center in 2020.

Polar Bear Plunge returns

Emily Bronson
TEC STAFF

In an effort to encourage students to explore the Eakin Student Recreation Center (ESRC), East Carolina University Campus Recreation and Wellness (CRW) staff prepare for the annual Polar Bear Plunge held tomorrow at 6:30 p.m.

Jenny Gregory, assistant director of communications and promotions for CRW, said the annual campus tradition is expected to attract many students. The first Polar Plunge since 2021's amended event will welcome students to jump into the outdoor pool at the ESRC with free food and merchandise.

"I think our students still love this event and want to come out for it," Gregory said.

Due to COVID-19, last year's Polar Plunge didn't receive the turnout seen in previous years, Gregory said. She said the ESRC was still able to host the event with limited numbers and registered participants last year.

Registration for students is open before and up to the time of the event, though not required, Gregory said. He said wearing masks will be enforced.

"We (ESRC) were excited to even have the event, and we were the first and only on-campus event to happen," Gregory said.

Events like the Polar Plunge are designed to attract students to resources at the ESRC, Gregory said.

It's important for students to be exposed to academic opportunities, Gregory said, and sometimes students need a break from their school work.

"Sometimes you just want to offer an outlet for students to have fun," Gregory said.

Lexi Karaivanova, a freshman political science major, said she plans to attend the event this year as a first-time participant.

Although COVID-19 is still prevalent, Karaivanova said, she is excited to see what the Polar Plunge is a staple to ECU's culture.

"I'm pretty excited, but then I was having a conversation with someone this morning and I forgot about COVID(-19) for a second," Karaivanova said. "And I don't really know what their (the ESRC) precautions are and what precautions they are taking

with that because it's just a giant pool with people jumping into it."

Adrian Sanchez, a junior criminal justice major, said tomorrow will not be the first time he's plunged into the cold water. He attended the event as a freshman in 2020 before the pandemic began.

COVID-19 put a damper on last year's Polar Bear Plunge, but Sanchez said he is excited for the event to return with a sense of normalcy. He said last time he participated, he didn't go all the way under the water due to how cold it was.

"I did not jump all the way in, I did not think we had to go all the way in," Sanchez said. "I jumped from the waist down, and called it a day."

Sanchez said he has encouraged his friends to join him on Thursday for yet another cold but exhilarating time. He also said he looks forward to a new souvenir T-shirt that will prove that he took the plunge.

"The Polar Plunge isn't something you'd want to do, but once you've done it, it's not that bad," Sanchez said.

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Winterfest to begin activities Friday



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A Greenville, North Carolina, resident fishes at Wildwood Park, where Winterfest will be held this weekend.

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Wildwood Park in Greenville, North Carolina, will hold its first Winterfest event from Friday through Sunday at 3450 Blue Heron Dr. and will feature an ice skating rink, a Polar Bear Plunge Run, a beer and wine garden and opportunities for the East Carolina University and community members to roast s'mores and participate in other various activities.

Special Events Supervisor for the City of Greenville Megan Howard, also an ECU alumna, said her recent focus is on the new addition of Wildwood Park and planning the Winterfest event for this weekend.

"A lot of people are indoors during this time because it's cold, so I wanted to draw people outside to enjoy our new park, Wildwood," Howard said.

The event coordinators, Howard and Brent Harpe, specialized recreation supervisor of Wildwood Park, will put an ice skating rink under one of the shelters Wildwood Park has, Howard said. While skating, she said, individuals are able to look over the Clarks Hill Lake.

On Saturday, there will be a Polar Bear Plunge Run, in which participants will get to run on one of Wildwood's many trails to then jump into the lake, Howard said. The fee varies per person, she said, but part of the money

made throughout the event will be donated to the Pitt County Special Olympics to help its basketball team go down to Orlando, Florida, in the summer of 2022 to compete in the USA Special Olympic Games.

Since Winterfest is a ticketed event, Howard said people have the option to purchase their tickets through pre-registration at a reduced cost. Tickets for children 12 years and under cost \$20 while adults 13 years and up cost \$25 per ticket. Howard said individuals will also have the opportunity to get tickets for Winterfest after the pre-registration period is over.

"We really want to use this park to draw people into the Greenville area and give them a reason to stay," Howard said. "This Winterfest weekend is for everybody. This is a come one, come all type of event."

Harpe and Howard teamed up to create Winterfest and is hopeful it will be a great way to bring the community together.

"Getting out there and showing everyone what type of awesome parks we have is important," Harpe said.

Don Octigan, the director of the Greenville Recreation and Parks, said Winterfest will be the second big event the park has held, the first one being the grand opening back in October 2021. He said the goal of the city is to



Megan Howard

use Wildwood Park as an additional amenity for community members. Winterfest is just one of several events which will take place at Wildwood, according to Octigan.

Octigan said the Greenville Recreation and Parks department plays an important role in Greenville in terms of economic development, providing activities and entertainment opportunities for families and helping draw others to Greenville.

"Winterfest is a very unique event. It's very exciting. There is a lot of excitement surrounding the event," Octigan said.

Greenville Recreation and Parks hopes to make Winterfest an annual event if it is received well by the community, Octigan said. Therefore, he said there will be various opportunities every few months in order to bring community members closer.

Since Winterfest is an outdoor event, there will be fire pits, hot chocolate and apple cider in order to keep people warm and entertained, Octigan said.

"Our goal is to provide activities, either outdoor or indoor or a variety of both, for the families in Greenville. That way it helps our county and our city succeed," Octigan said. "Our recreational parks play a large role in basically, improving the quality of life for the citizens of Greenville."

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BRIEFS

MGC to host Cultural Greeks Invitational

Today, the East Carolina University Multicultural Greek Council (MGC) will present their Greek-lettered organizations to interested students from 6 to 7 p.m. in the Blackbox Theater of the Main Campus Student Center. Interested students are encouraged to attend in business casual attire to learn more about the values, purpose and structure of each fraternity and sorority.

SGA to meet in public assembly

Today, the East Carolina University Student Government Association (SGA) will hold a public assembly meeting from 6 to 8 p.m. in the Hendrix Theater of Mendenhall. The meeting is open to the public to allow students the opportunity to express thoughts and concerns to SGA representatives. Members of the public are encouraged to attend either in person or virtually through Twitch.

CLCE to celebrate MLK with film screening

Today, the East Carolina University Center for Leadership and Civil Engagement (CLCE) will present a film screening of the 2021 PBS documentary Tulsa: The Fire and Forgotten from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in Room 253 of the Main Campus Student Center. In celebration of Martin Luther King Jr. (MLK) Week, the screening is part of the Trending Topics Film Series, is open to the public and free for attendees. The screening will provide free snacks, popcorn and drinks and will follow with a discussion of the historic Tulsa Race Massacre.

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The Alpha Delta Pi sorority house, located next to the Chi Omega sorority house, sits on Tenth Street across from East Carolina University's campus.

Fraternity and Sorority Life plans for spring

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East Carolina University's Fraternity and Sorority Life continues preparation for the spring 2022 semester with continuous open bidding and recruitment.

John Mountz, director of Student Engagement and Fraternity and Sorority Life, oversees more than 400 student organizations. Mountz said he has researched national studies that said students who join a fraternity or sorority report more engagement with campus life than their peers.



"There are fraternity and sorority members in many of the student organizations on campus and in a lot of cases, a leadership role," Mountz said.

There are four fraternity and sorority councils at ECU: Interfraternity Council (IFC), Multicultural Greek Council (MGC), National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC) and Panhellenic Association (PA).

In regards to the Theta Chi fraternity's participation in recruitment this semester,

Mountz said in an interview yesterday that the fraternity's cease and desist order was extended for 30 more days on Jan. 7.

"So I'm going to answer this very specifically, their (Theta Chi's) cease and desist restricts their activities to chapter meetings only," Mountz said when asked if Theta Chi will participate in recruitment activities this semester.

The cease and desist is strictly an interim measure taken while an investigation by the Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities is ongoing, Mountz said.

Connor McLamb, junior business management major and IFC president, said the council is planning spring rush from Jan. 24 through Jan. 28. He said the recruitment process will consist of two formal rounds, an open invite, a preference night and will end with bid day.

There are now 16 fraternities at ECU with the return of Tau Kappa Epsilon, McLamb said. He said because of the pandemic, recruitment has changed in many ways, but remains a place for someone to find where they belong with people that support them throughout the week.

"The possibilities to meet people are almost endless, in my opinion, in being in a fraternity or Greek life in general," McLamb said.

PA president and junior management infor-

mation systems major Jenna Mallberg said the PA's plans for the spring are to connect members to educational resources on ECU's campus.

Mallberg said she plans to bring in a panel with university officials to address issues like bystander and suicide prevention to create a safe place for women in these sororities.

"We are really pushing resources, training diversity and inclusion," Mellberg said. "We would love to kind of rebrand our image so we are focusing on core values and not just pretty girls in a filter."

Caitlin Mcallister, senior communications major and director of Continuous Open Bidding (COB) for the Alpha Omicron Pi sorority, said her sorority is currently planning events for the spring semester.

For anyone who goes through recruitment, Mcallister said to not base their choice on the popularity of chapters but based on the relationships made with all of the members and what philanthropy means the most to them.

"That's what I felt when I joined AOPi, I felt immediately welcomed and included by all of the girls in it and that's what made me want to stay," Mcallister said.

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OUR VIEW

Students lack COVID-19 compliance

As the first week back to campus for the spring 2022 semester wrapped up on Jan. 14 with an increase in positive COVID-19 cases, East Carolina University students lack resilience when following university protocols.

As of date of publication, there have been 1,116 total new positive cases, according to ECU’s COVID-19 dashboard. Students have been observed wearing masks incorrectly, gathering in large group settings and visiting campus while sick.

Members of the ECU community should continue to refrain from visiting campus with symptoms of any kind, even when testing negative for COVID-19, and those who are unvaccinated should continue to be subject to weekly testing.

We, the editorial staff of The East Carolinian, have observed misuses of masks and large gatherings across campus and are not confident in the compliance of students when following university protocols. Some members of the ECU community may feel comfortable enough to go against certain protocols, it’s important to remember they are still in place for a reason.

Wearing a mask above the nose and remaining socially distanced from others when possible are some of the safest ways to keep oneself and others safe throughout the pandemic, as well as to prevent another shift to virtual instruction.

The presence of the omicron variant should encourage students, faculty and staff to correctly mask up and social distance.

PIRATE RANTS

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Just an alumna stopping by to say hi. Glad to see Pirate Rants are back! Stay safe out there, Pirates! - Class of 2015

This weekend is gonna make or break ECU’s ability to have in person classes this semester

Is it wrong that I bring glass jars and bottles from home to recycle on campus since Greenville doesn’t recycle glass anymore?

Come to the Main Campus Rec Center COVID superspreader - half the students don’t even wear a mask.

Having the Joyner column music back on gives me hope. Campus is healing.

The 3rd floor of Joyner is called the *quiet* floor for a reason y’all. Please pipe down or go to one of the SEVERAL other places nearby to gossip with your friend.

Why does it feel like half this campus has a staring problem? Some of y’all can’t go 2 seconds without looking at someone minding their own business like there’s something wrong with them

Questions regarding Pirate Rants can be directed to Giana Williams at opinion@theeastcarolinian.com.

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COVID GUIDANCE

Racism extends into academics

Rachana Charla
GUEST COLUMNIST

When I was a kid, my favorite childhood stories were the infamous Aesop’s Fables, the most well known being the story of “The Tortoise and The Hare.” So the story goes that the hare was calling the tortoise slow and to prove the hare wrong the tortoise said he could beat the hare in a race. So the race starts, the hare sprints and is in a significant lead then gets cocky and takes a nap. The tortoise crosses the finish line and beats the hare.

Now, as a kid, the story never made sense to me because the hare was definitely a rabbit and I didn’t even know what a tortoise was. Despite the usage of off-brand animals, I still understood that slow and steady wins the race.

This slow and steady mentality is applied to many different areas in society. It’s been applied to finance, where making steady investments and working hard over a long period of time can result in significant rewards. It’s been applied to scientific research as it takes years for scientists to prove their groundbreaking



COURTESY OF GLOBALSTOCK 1 UNSPLASH
Society should be aware of the institutionalized racism that is exhibited in public school settings.

theories exist. It has also been applied to equality, by making small changes in legislation that very slowly lead to progress.

However, this application of the slow and steady mentality to our idea of racial equality is hindering our nation’s ability to adequately address disparities based on race, socioeconomic status and identity.

As a society, the small achievements in racial equality have created more bumps in the road, ending in a current system that

is more segregated than ever before. And while segregation may not actually exist in the form of Jim Crow Laws, our lack of awareness of institutionalized racism has now become more subverted and more subconscious. Now, our most racist institutions are public hospitals, public schools and the justice system.

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Letter to the editor

Housing policy needs inclusivity

The University of North Carolina (UNC) System consists of 16 universities across North Carolina, including East Carolina University. Due to the UNC System’s housing policy, ECU does not have gender-inclusive housing, which affects LGBTQ students. UNC System Policy 700.8.1 states that its institutions cannot assign members of the opposite sex to the same dorm, suite, or campus-owned apartment. Despite the UNC System Policy, a university can still make an effort to have gender-inclusive housing options, but ECU has no such options.

ECU’s current housing policies prevent its students from being their true selves, as they are not supported in identifying with their preferred gender or sexuality. It’s not fair for these students to pay thousands of dollars to live in an environment that is not welcoming or inclusive for all students. This is something other colleges and universities have acknowledged.

According to campuspride.org, some North Carolina colleges and universities have gender-inclusive housing that allows students to choose a roommate from any gender they identify as, including Duke University, Guilford College and Warren Wilson College, which are not a part of the UNC System. However, one university that is a part of the UNC System that has gender-inclusive housing options is Appalachian State University.

Appalachian State University’s housing website shows the different accommodations they make for its students, having gender consideration as one of them. They have several housing options that are gender-inclusive “...to ensure that University Housing is a supportive space for residents of all gender identities and gender expressions,” according to Appalachian’s University Housing accommodations website. App State has a Gender Consideration Form for LGBTQ students to have the option of gender-inclusive housing.

Given the fact that App State is a part of the UNC System and still has gender-inclusive housing options for their students, why can’t ECU housing develop the same or a similar housing policy that is gender-inclusive? As students at ECU, we believe that this policy should be adopted in order to provide a more inclusive environment for all students.

It is not fair that many of our fellow ECU peers have no choice in the matter of living in an environment where they feel uncomfortable or unsafe. ECU’s housing department is not currently meeting the part of the university’s mission statement saying, “Discover[s] new knowledge and innovations to support a thriving future for eastern North Carolina and beyond,” according to ECU’s mission.

ECU is not allowing its students to discover who they are if they are preventing a specific group, members of the LGBTQ community on campus, from embracing their true identity while getting their education. How can someone thrive in the future and make an impact within North Carolina, and the world for that matter, if someone is telling them they cannot be themselves? The current housing policy is bringing students more harm than success, so why is our university allowing it to continue? Let your voice be heard and help create a change within our ECU community, and sign our petition.

Rachel Stephens, Meghan Stello, JoAnna Latham, Amir Floyd and Shawn Johns

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

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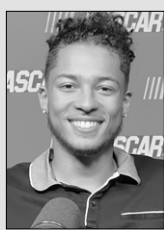
**ECU vs Houston
on Saturday, Jan. 22
Score Prediction?**
ECU Wins 71-75
Why? The Pirates
have held their

weight in the conference so far and coming off of a big win against Memphis shows that ECU is a force to be reckoned with. Although Houston's record is better as of right now, I think the Pirates will go in there with something to prove and pull through in the end.

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**ECU vs Houston
on Saturday, Jan. 22
Score Prediction?**
ECU wins 78-75
Why? ECU will be
facing the highest

level of competition so far this season against No. 10 Houston. If the Pirates continue to prove that they can rise up to each challenge, then Houston may have to pull all the stops to beat this young team. ECU showed it can rise to the occasion against Memphis. The determining factor will be when the Cougars decide to wake up and smell the upset.

Max Lukas

News and Sports Reporter with
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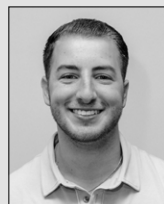


**ECU vs Houston
on Saturday, Jan. 22
Score Prediction?**
Houston wins 83-67
Why? Being away
from home and with

the talent that Houston has, it will be difficult for a young ECU team to win on the road. Expect ECU to try and open up opportunities for big shots to swing momentum. ECU will show fight and be within striking distance the majority of the game, but in the end, it won't be enough to top No. 10 Houston.

Anthony Bove

Host of Inside the Lines with
WZMB



**ECU vs Houston
on Saturday, Jan. 22
Score Prediction?**
Houston wins 86-76
Why? This will be a
test for ECU playing

on the road. I think the team will be in this game but it will depend on if the Pirates really finish or not. Playing on the road will be a difficult task for ECU and something to worry about playing away from Minges.



COURTESY OF ECU ATHLETICS

Sophomore hurdler for the ECU track & field team Asa Simmons competes in the 110m high hurdle event at the Bill Carson Invitational meet in 2021.

ECU will begin track & field

Reyna Crooms

TEC STAFF

East Carolina University track & field will open up its 2022 season as the team heads to Columbia, South Carolina, to participate in the Gamecock Opener at the University of South Carolina on Saturday. The meet will take place all day as ECU will compete in all indoor events.

New and old faces will compete for the Pirates over the weekend in Columbia. A couple of seniors who have made a name for themselves at ECU and who will compete in the Gamecock Opener are pole vaulter Sommer Knight, who placed third in the country at the Outdoor Track and Field National Championships in June 2021, jumper Brooke Stith, and multi-eventer Mackenzie Whitaker.

Director of men's and women's track & field/cross country Curt Kraft said the team is excited and ready to compete. He said a few more stand-out athletes to watch would be sophomore sprinter Melicia Mouzzon, who set a program record in the 60-meter dash in the 2020 season and sophomore jumper Niejel Wilkins who finished third in the American Athletic Conference Indoor Championships in 2020.

ECU track & field has 13 freshmen on the team this season. Kraft said he has especially high expectations for the men's team. Sophomore sprinter Royal Burris ran the 10th fastest 60-meter dash in school history in 2020. Kraft said they have some great hurdlers in sophomores Terence Booth, Asa Simmons and thrower Logan Carroll who

are scheduled to compete in the opener.

"They've practiced very hard, all the men and women across the board. They've just worked really hard to prepare themselves for this first meet. They are conditioning and the weight room plays a big part in it, they lift two to three days a week. They have committed to what they're doing, I think they are ready to compete," Kraft said.

Over the last couple of weeks, ECU track & field has practiced despite the constant ups and downs with the weather. Kraft said the team members have been "warriors" despite the challenges faced so far.

The weather has not been the only concern for the team this season; they, like many other athletic teams, have had to deal with setbacks due to COVID-19. Kraft said the team as a whole has not competed since 2020. Only certain individuals competed last year but a majority of the team did not, so the team environment will be different at this weekend's opener.

"Collectively as a group, it's going to be nice to have them support one another, see each other and have us compete in all of the events. I think that's one thing they are looking forward to is just being able to support one another as teammates supporting teammates," Kraft said.

ECU track & field had no 2020 outdoor season and in 2021 the team faced

the opposite issue with an outdoor season but no indoor season. Kraft said the team has had no continuity and a lack of consistency, and hopes to gain that back this year in 2022.

Meets are currently scheduled up until June 8 when the National Collegiate Athletic Association Outdoor Championships begin. The team will use the Gamecock Opener as a starting point to kick off the rest of the season.

"The goal is to obviously peak at the end, get kids qualified for the national meet, you want conference champions both individually and team-wise, so the goals are sporadic; they are all different across the board. At the end of the day, you just want them to reach their potential, you want them to be as competitive as they can be at the conference meet," Kraft said.

Up next, the Pirates will return to Columbia to partake in the Carolina Challenge from Jan. 28 to Jan. 29. After the two meets in South Carolina, ECU will head to Virginia Beach, Virginia, on Feb. 4 and Feb. 5 for the Virginia Beach Invitational at the University of Virginia.

ECU participated in an abbreviated meet the last time the team used the home track in 2021. This year, the Pirates are scheduled to host the Bill Carson Invitational on April 1 and April 2 in Greenville, North Carolina, in the Bate Foundation Track & Field Facility.

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Men's basketball heads to face No. 10 Houston

Abbie Clavijo

TEC STAFF

The East Carolina University men's basketball team (11-5, 2-2 American Athletic Conference) gears up to face No. 10 University of Houston (15-2, 4-0 AAC) with hopes of gaining another conference win at 6 p.m. on Saturday in Houston, Texas.

ECU cut its recent losing streak short with a win over the University of Memphis (9-7, 3-3 AAC) on Jan. 15. The nail-biting matchup between the Pirates and the Tigers appeared to be in favor of Memphis for the majority of the game.

The Pirates trailed by at least 10 points well into the second half. ECU was not done fighting and managed to tie up the game. With just one second on the clock, the Pirates trailed by 1 but were in possession of the ball. A 2-pointer was made by sophomore forward Brandon Suggs at the buzzer, allowing the Pirates to take the win and remain undefeated at home.

"We had multiple guys back cut, and it was a heck of a catch by Brandon," head coach Joe Dooley said, according to ECUPirates. "There was no doubt that shot got off in time."

Five Pirates put up double-digit scores in their contest against Memphis. Senior forward Vance Jackson and Suggs led the team with each putting up 17 points. Not far behind were sophomore guard Tristan Newton, junior guard Tremont Robinson-White and junior forward Alonzo Frink who each put up 11 points for the Pirates.

Houston also recently gained a close conference win. On Jan. 15, the Cougars faced the University of Tulsa (6-9, 0-4 AAC) in Oklahoma. The 66-64 win gave the Cougars their fourth conference win, leaving them undefeated in the AAC so far this season.

The Cougars went into halftime leading by 17 points and continued their lead into the second half. As the game neared its end, Tulsa rallied, scrambling to catch up. Though they were able to close in on Houston, their efforts were not enough to take the lead in the end. Houston stayed on top by 2 as the clock ran down to its final second.

Senior guard Kyler Edwards put up more than half of Houston's points against Tulsa, racking up a total of 39 points. Edwards



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Sophomore guard Tristen Newton dribbles the ball up the court on Jan. 16.

put up career highs in both scoring and in 3-point shots. Senior forward Reggie Chaney also put up double-digit points for the cougars, contributing 10 of Houston's 66 points.

The Pirates are currently averaging over 73 points, over 35 rebounds and more than 16 assists per game as of Monday. While the Pirates lead Houston in scoring and assists this season, the Cougars lead in rebounds. As of Monday, Houston is averaging more than 39 rebounds per game.

Like ECU, Houston remains undefeated on its home court this season. For both teams, 10 of their wins

have taken place at home. A road win for the Pirates would not only give them a winning in-conference record but it also could strip the Cougars of their at-home win streak.

As of Monday, Houston sits at the top of the AAC standings, while the Pirates are ranked 7th in the conference. The Pirates will fight to gain another conference win and to strip Houston of their win streak on Saturday. The game, which will take place in Houston at the Fertitta Center, is scheduled to tip off at 6 p.m.

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HOROSCOPES

Aries (March 21-April 19) — Today is an 8 — You're getting creative. Lucrative opportunities are hiding in plain sight. Put in the work to realize dreamy results. Luck is on your side.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) — Today is an 8 — Invent, build and grow a dreamy professional possibility. Luck shines on disciplined efforts. Put your heart into it. You can find what you need.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Today is an 8 — Prioritize physical health and fitness. Nurture yourself. Practice your moves for growing strength, endurance and ease. Keep doing what's working. Get your heart pumping.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) — Today is a 9 — Something you've been dreaming for is open and available. A disciplined push is required. Aim for love, fun and happiness. Good fortune follows personal initiative.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Today is a 9 — Seminars, classes and webinars provide valuable skills. Concentrate intensely. Optimism, confidence and luck grow along with your understanding. Studies and research get fruitful.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Today is a 9 — You're especially lucky in love. Romance sparks in conversation. Connect with your own creativity and passion. True your course to your heart.

Gemini (May 21-June 20) — Today is a 6 — Have faith in your own imagination. Encourage it with privacy and peaceful conditions. Revise plans and invent new possibilities. Put away the past. Look ahead.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Today is an 8 — Collaborate to realize a shared dream. You can find the resources you need. Use what you're learning to cut waste. Together, you're especially lucky.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Today is a 7 — Stick close to home. Domestic projects satisfy a craving. Repair something that's been bothering you. Relax and enjoy familiar surroundings. Bake something fragrant.

Cancer (June 21-July 22) — Today is an 8 — You can find what you're looking for, with a little help from your friends. Connect and share what you're up to. Advance a team dream.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Today is an 8 — Exchange kindnesses. Share the load. Support your partner and be supported. Fortune follows dedicated efforts. Work together for what you love. Celebrate results.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) — Today is an 8 — Apply intellect, experience and creativity to solve a puzzle. Think outside the box. Listen to dreams or subconscious clues. The shower muses serenade you.

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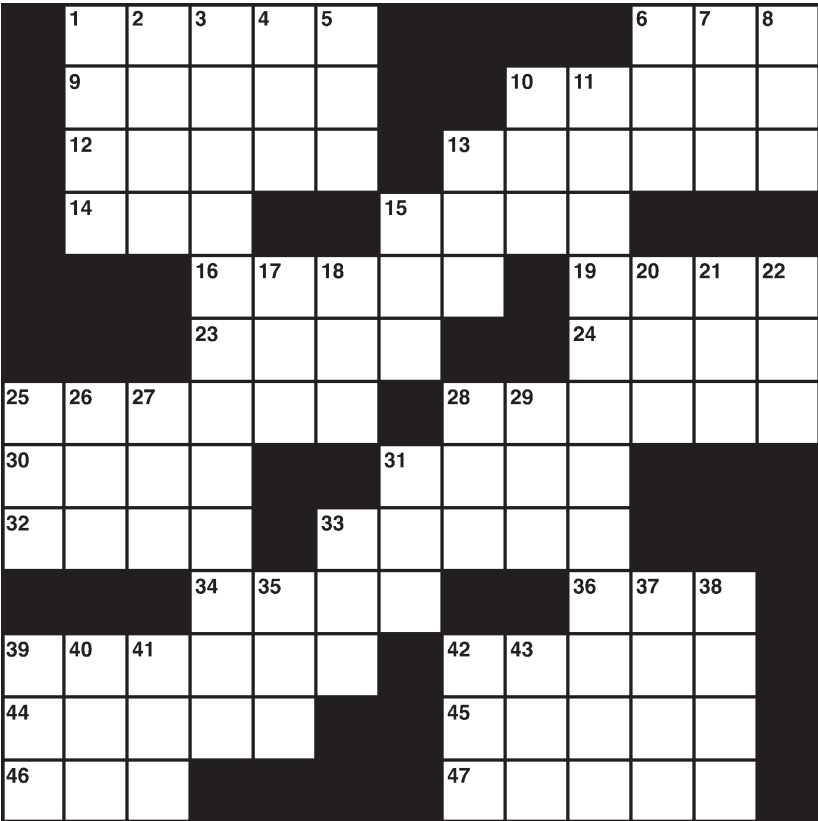
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Ritter or Alexander
 - 6 “__ and a Half Men”
 - 9 “Home __”; Macaulay Culkin film
 - 10 Mountain road
 - 12 __ out; annihilated
 - 13 “__ the Horn”; ESPN series
 - 14 “Be quiet!”
 - 15 Bric-a-__
 - 16 Nincompoop
 - 19 Berry & Olin
 - 23 __ Sher of “The Middle”
 - 24 __ DaCosta of “Chicago Med”
 - 25 “Life in __”
 - 28 “I’ve Got a __”
 - 30 Norway’s capital
 - 31 Actress Chase
 - 32 El __, Texas
 - 33 Star of “Hunter”
 - 34 Overall of “Empty Nest”
 - 36 Role on “The Big Bang Theory”
 - 39 Series for Ted Danson
 - 42 “That’s __”; Dean Martin’s signature song

- 44 Classic board game
- 45 Actress Burke
- 46 “Leah Remini: __ All Relative”
- 47 Burstyn or Pompeo

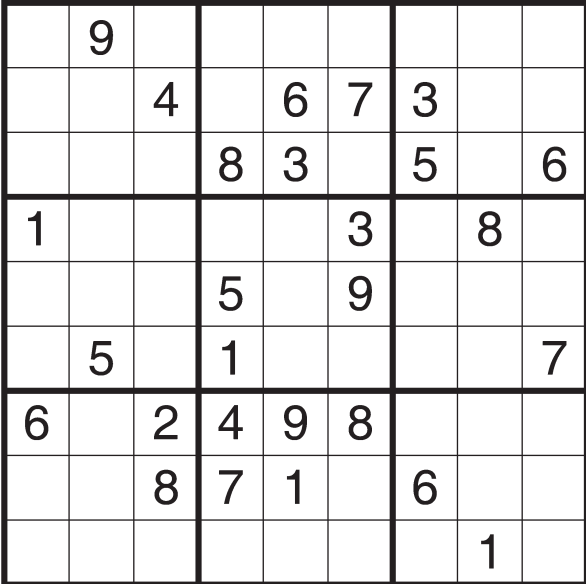
- DOWN**
- 1 Highest-grossing film of 1975
 - 2 MacGraw & Larter
 - 3 Role on “Single Parents”
 - 4 “__ Tree Hill”
 - 5 “__ and Stacey”
 - 6 Plato’s “T”
 - 7 “__, Lose or Draw”
 - 8 “Ask This __ House”
 - 10 Refrain syllable
 - 11 Actor on “NCIS”
 - 13 Mr. Linkletter
 - 15 Jon __ Jovi
 - 17 ...FDR, HST, __, JFK, LBJ...
 - 18 Suffix for book or cook
 - 20 Cochlea’s place
 - 21 “Bill __, the Science Guy”
 - 22 Night we watched “The Golden Girls”: abbr.
 - 25 Herman Munster, to Eddie
 - 26 “Love __ Many Splendored Thing”
 - 27 Golfer Ernie
 - 28 Devious
 - 29 __ out a living; get by
 - 31 Annoy
 - 33 Kildare & Quinn: abbr.
 - 35 Suffix for honor or second
 - 37 Johnson of “Laugh-In”
 - 38 Stapleton or Smart
 - 39 Series for George Eads
 - 40 “__ in Cleveland”
 - 41 Trauma ctrs.
 - 42 Ending for lemon or lime
 - 43 Alice’s boss



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Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, please visit sudoku.org.uk

Solution from 11/17

6	4	5	2	3	9	8	7	1
9	7	3	8	1	4	2	6	5
1	8	2	5	7	6	3	9	4
7	5	4	3	9	8	6	1	2
3	9	6	1	2	7	4	5	8
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TODAY

DownEast Indoor Sculpture Exhibit 2022

Emerge Gallery and Art Center
404 Evans St.
10 a.m. to 11:45 p.m.
(252) 551-6947

Expressions of Exavia Art Exhibition

The Art Lab
729 Dickinson Ave.
5 to 8 p.m.
(252) 511-6947

The Fire and the Forgotten Film Screening & Discussion

ECU Main Campus Student Center
501 E. 10th St.
7 to 8:30 p.m.
(252) 328-6495

TOMORROW

Leroy James Farmers' Market

Leroy James Farmers' Market
4560 County Home Rd.
8 a.m. to 1 p.m.
(252) 902-1724

FRIDAY

Enameled Jewelry Workshop

Emerge Gallery and Art Center
404 Evans St.
6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
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Dan Whitaker at Uptown Brewing Company

Uptown Brewing Company
418 Evans St.
Noon to 8 p.m.
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The Sonic Gates, located between Joyner Library and the Joyner East building at East Carolina University, has undergone repair and is fully functioning once more.

Sonic Gates return to university

Audrey Duke
TEC STAFF

Since Jan. 10, students, faculty and staff at East Carolina University have heard musical notes return between Joyner Library and the Joyner East building, part of the Sonic Plaza, after a long awaited period due to several setbacks and interruptions.

As the university community walks through the musical portion of the Sonic Plaza, called the Sonic Gates, classical instruments, such as the violin, begin to play. Christopher Janney, an artist with a focus on architecture and music, designed the Sonic Plaza with four art designs that were put in place in 1997.

Carl Twarog, a former ECU professor for the School of Art and Design, worked on the maintenance of the art installation until his death in 2018. From that time to recently, there hadn't been any other maintenance or support on the installation.

William McClung, an instructor in the College of Engineering and Technology, has worked on the Sonic Gates with his students and he said it has been an excitement to be a part of since he is an engineer and not an artist.

"With my students, we examined all of the systems, and the Sonic Plaza columns is a pretty compact and simple system," McClung said.



William McClung

In the future, McClung said it will take a substantial amount of funding to properly repair the systems in the different pieces of the Sonic Plaza. One aspect of the plaza that will need to be eventually fixed, he said, is the piping behind the Percussion Water Wall, which will be expensive for the university to fix.

McClung said he and his students thought the first day of classes for the spring 2022 semester was the right time to get the Sonic Gates running again. He said he did not realize how many individuals at the university enjoyed this campus feature until he got involved with the project.

Claire Cahall, a freshman marketing major, said music playing while she walks to classes or the library is a great addition to the campus. The music, she said, helps to ease stress and makes the walk on campus more enjoyable.

Having not been a student at ECU when the Sonic Plaza was fully functioning, Cahall said she was excited to experience the music for the first time this spring 2022 semester.

"It was a surprise to me when I was walking to my classes on the first day, to hear violins playing in the air, but once I realized where it was coming from I really enjoyed it," Cahall said.

The Sonic Plaza should be a great asset to the campus, because it gives an extra ambiance to the mall area of campus, Cahall said.

Being able to hear music while walking through the columns on campus, Cahall said

brings a fun aspect to the university.

"Obviously since I'm a freshman, I have never had a second semester of college yet so it was a nice surprise to hear the music playing, it kind of eased my nerves a little bit," Cahall said.

Kathryn Frizzle, a freshman pre-medical major, said what drew her to ECU was the architecture and beauty of the campus, so the Sonic Plaza played a big part in her decision to come to the university. She said when she came to ECU for the first time, she knew it was the right school for her, because of not only the academics, but also the overall ambiance.

"When I was walking to my first class of the second semester, I had an 8 a.m. class, so obviously I wasn't in the best mood, but hearing the violins and music from the Sonic Plaza made me feel better about class that day," Frizzle said.

The Sonic Plaza will hopefully become a feature on campus that will attract more individuals in the future, Frizzle said.

"I am super happy that this is a feature on our campus, because it really just brings campus to life," Frizzle said.



Kathryn Frizzle

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Faculty featured in Emerge's January Exhibition

Noelle Edwards
TEC STAFF

The Emerge Gallery and Art Center, located at 404 Evans St. in Greenville, North Carolina, has opened its January Exhibition to the public, which features East Carolina University faculty members Hanna Jubran and Liz Stiener.

The exhibition opened on Jan. 7 and will continue to be available for viewing until Jan. 27. Guests can visit from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday and from 1 to 4 p.m. on Sunday.

Marketing and Exhibits Coordinator for the Emerge Gallery and Art Center Sarah Lazure said the organization welcomes everybody to come see the artwork being displayed throughout the month of January.

"Our exhibitions and our galleries are open to the public. We don't have an admission fee," Lazure said. "Emerge is also the Pitt County Arts Council, so a part of our mission is making art accessible to everyone as well as promoting and finding opportunities for our local artists."

The art center will host a new art exhibit each month throughout 2022, Lazure said. She said the organization, however, will not have monthly exhibitions throughout the time they have summer camp and during an ECU student exhibition, which will occur during the months of June, July and August.

Applications to apply to be in an exhibit, she said, are available on Emerge's website

and are open to anyone who is 18 years old or older.

Throughout January, the two members of ECU's faculty who will be showcased in the January Exhibition include Jubran, who teaches sculpture classes and Stiener, who currently teaches metal design survey and metal design studio 1.

Stiener said she chose ECU after meeting some of the university's metal faculty at a conference she attended. She said she has been a multidimensional artist for the majority of her life, but primarily focuses on jewelry at this current time.

"I bought my first wire-working kit when I was sixteen with my birthday money, and then went to school (at ECU) for jewelry," Stiener said.

The pieces Stiener has created in the current January Exhibition at Emerge took around six months to create. She said it's a combination of new and old pieces but it is primarily new material.

Stiener said she often uses materials from vintage books to get inspiration and once she begins to arrange everything, something usually "sparks and the rest of the piece will fall into place."

In this exhibition at Emerge, Stiener said her artwork has different meanings, but each piece has a cohesive purpose. She said the pieces in the January Exhibition are inspired by the landscape of eastern North Carolina.

"It's really kind of my love letter to



Sarah Lazure



Liz Stiener



JAYLIN ROBERTS | THE EAST CAROLINIAN

The Emerge Gallery and Art Center in Greenville, North Carolina, is hosting its January Exhibition until Jan 27.

Greenville, my love letter to eastern North Carolina," Stiener said.

The second artist, Jubran, mainly focuses on sculpture. He has gained a Master of Fine Arts from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, according to the ECU faculty website.

Jubran said he started his focus on sculpture because he had an interest in two-dimensional outdoor work. He said his father was a construction contractor and that's where some of his inspiration comes from today.

"I also came to like sculpture because just viewing two dimensionally and working with my hands can promote that," Jubran said. "I also used to carve wood and stone with a knife, so you know soft stone and that's what triggered the initial three-dimensional work."

Jubran said he primarily uses wood, granite, steel, iron and bronze. He said he likes

to work with these kinds of materials since they are long lasting and are good for outdoor work due to their durability.

The message throughout all the pieces of art he creates remains similar, according to Jubran. He said his main subject is always earthly, such as trees, the moon and the universe, but when he uses different materials, such as

steel versus bronze that's when a new message can be portrayed.

"I am always open to different processes and techniques to convey the concept that I am after," Jubran said. "I use color as well in most of my work. Color always adds another element and the interaction between the textural surfaces, the smooth surfaces and the form help to provoke my concept."

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