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BLACK HISTORY MONTH



The East Carolina University Black Student Union volunteers at the Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service event hosted by Pirate Gives.

Events commemorate culture

Breanna Sapp
TEC STAFF

In an effort to honor Black History Month and commemorate the struggles and celebrations of Black students, faculty and staff, East Carolina University community members discussed the importance of the month and upcoming events throughout.

Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Virginia Hardy said Black History Month will bring a number of activities and programs from university facilities as well as a variety of student organizations around campus. Hardy said Black History Month is an opportunity for the university to “intentionally celebrate” the contributions and advancements of Black Americans.

Various programs will be held throughout the month of February including but not limited to: Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day from noon to 2 p.m. on Feb. 7 at the Ledonia Wright Cultural Center, emeritus Professor of History David Dennard’s

lecture, “Making the Case for Black History Month in 2022 and Beyond” at 4 p.m. on Feb. 16 in Faulkner Gallery and the College of Nursing’s (CON) “Black Farmers Planting Seeds of Opportunity” from 10:30 to 11:45 a.m. on Feb. 24 in room 1100 of the CON.

“It (Black History Month) is also an opportunity, I believe, for an engagement around what are some of the social ills that still plague our beautiful country,” Hardy said. “And how do we engage in a healthy dialogue about some of those?”

Tyrell Govan, president of the Black Student Union (BSU) and senior marketing major, said the BSU plans to commemorate Black History Month through daily social media posts and programming such as minority business tabling in the Main Campus Student Center, a Black ECU Family Feud event in partnership with other minority organizations and weekly BSU meetings discussing the culture and contributions of Black Americans.

Students of all races should seek to educate themselves on Black history and the current state of racism, Govan said, and the discussion shouldn’t only take place in February. Reaching out to minority organizations is a great way to support peers of color, he said, and student organizations are encouraged to collaborate with groups like BSU year round.

It’s important to note that the monthlong celebration should be conducted with sincerity, Govan said, not disingenuity.

“I do believe Black History Month, what it means to me is just a time of looking back into your history, educating yourself, and I feel like it’s a month of celebration for everything our people and our ancestors have accomplished thus far,” Govan said. “So I look at it as a time to kind of, you know, come together, and just celebrate everything that we have worked for and look into the future.”

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Diversity in art, music recognized by community

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With the month of February in full swing, East Carolina University and Greenville, North Carolina, community members take time to discuss the importance of Black art and music.

Sarah Lazure, marketing and exhibits coordinator for Emerge Gallery and Art Center, located in Uptown Greenville, said it is crucial for Black art to be represented.

“It’s (Black art in the community) an integral part,” Lazure said. “Often, our history books don’t include all of the participants, so it’s really important to recognize and give representation to all of the artists, performers, actors, musicians who have contributed to our community culture.”



Carroll Dashiell

Lazure said for the past six years, Emerge has held the “African American Music Series,” an event directed by ECU Professor Carroll Dashiell, who has been a professor at ECU for 40 years. Dashiell said being a Black person on staff has had its struggles, but has helped improve his diligence and self-efficiency.

“The whole premise is showcasing artists that have ties to eastern North Carolina, but also teaching the history of the arts and African Americans’ contributions to the arts,” Dashiell said.

Tiana Robinson, ECU alumni and graphic design artist, said they graduated in May 2021 with a bachelor’s degree in fine arts and a concentration in graphic design. They said it’s important for people of color to be represented.

Robinson said it was difficult to be an African American in the School of Art and Design (SoAD). They said being able to see people like them in this field has motivated them to become a better and more confident artist.

“I feel like we don’t see enough of ourselves in the media portrayed beautifully or portrayed in a good light,” Robinson said. “Most of the time in the media we always see, you know with the Black Lives Matter movement, people who look like us are being killed by police or random citizens.”

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Crypto, Compute North

What it means for Greenville, NC

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Within the past few months, Compute North and crypto mining concerns have been prominent topics of conversation among Greenville, North Carolina, community members and city officials.

Eastern North Carolina (ENC) Alliance has been working with a high-tech computing company, Compute North, for the past six months, during which time they began exploring development in Greenville. Compute North facilities can conduct many kinds of computing tasks including crypto mining.

ENC Alliance began working with the Greenville City Council in June 2021 to update the city’s zoning codes to better define where a facility, like those Compute North would operate, would be allowed to be located. ENC Alliance proposed an ordinance that would amend Title 9, Chapter 4 of the city code to define “data processing facility” and “modular data processing center” as two new and separate uses with two different zoning requirements.

The Greenville City Council voted on Jan.

24 to approve the text amendment defining the new land uses and their associated zonings which paves the way for Compute North and ENC alliance to move forward with their plans to bring a facility to Greenville.

Prior to this text amendment, there was no direct guidance within the city code for a high-tech computing facility like the one Compute North endeavors to bring to the city. Now, Compute North’s facility can only be located in an industrial zone and has additional site standards imposed on it.

What is Compute North?

Compute North Site Development Manager Patty Vara wrote in an emailed statement that Compute North is a company for data center infrastructure that focuses on the development and operations of cost-effective and sustainable facilities. She said Compute North builds and operates data centers to host customer equipment.

Vara said the Title 9, Chapter 4 text amendment request, initiated by ENC Alliance,

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Recently, data center infrastructure company Compute North has sparked concerns among Greenville officials and community members surrounding cryptocurrency mining within the city limits.

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BRIEFS

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 Theatre of Mendenhall. Open to the general public, the meeting gives the ECU community the opportunity to express thoughts and concerns to SGA representatives. Those interested are encouraged to attend either in person or virtually through Twitch.

CHHP to showcase short film and photovoice exhibit

Tomorrow, the East Carolina University College of Health and Human Performance (CHHP) will host a film screening of “I WISH YOU KNEW: A Deeper Dive into Racial Trauma” and photovoice exhibit from 6 to 8:30 p.m. in the Hendrix Theater of Mendenhall. As part of the Resilient Pirate Nation Initiative, the short film and exhibit will discuss the effects of trauma and racial injustice on African American students in a school setting. Interested attendees can RSVP on ECU’s Engage.

LWCC to celebrate Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day

Monday, the East Carolina University Ledonia Wright Cultural Center (LWCC) will celebrate Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day by providing free and confidential HIV tests and information from noon to 2 p.m. in Suite 100 of the Main Campus Student Center. In an effort to educate and involve the ECU community in HIV and AIDS prevention, all students, faculty and staff are welcomed to the event.

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CRIME LOGS

Editor’s Note: The East Carolinian Crime Logs are derived from East Carolina University Police Department’s (ECU PD) public crime logs accessible to all individuals. Crime Logs are not done within the partnership of ECU PD and The East Carolinian, as this publication is meant to act as an additional resource for Pirate Nation. Below are listings of criminal activity that has occurred on or within proximity of main campus.

Jan. 28, 2022

Two citations were cleared by citation for two possessions of marijuana and two possessions of marijuana paraphernalia at 10th & Founders Dr. at 11:56 p.m.

Jan. 29, 2022

An open investigation is being conducted for an injury to real property in Clement Hall at 8:15 a.m.

A warrant service for other agency was cleared by arrest and a possession of marijuana was cleared by citation at Charles Blvd. near Curry Court at 12:50 p.m.

A warrant service for other agency was cleared by arrest at Employees’ Credit Union PVA near 1st St. at 3:05 p.m.

A second degree trespassing and consumption of alcohol by person <21 was cleared by arrest in Fletcher Hall at 10:14 p.m.

“ Environmental justice has got to be elevated in terms of our priorities both here locally, statewide and nationally. ”

- Chad Carwein, concerned citizen

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updated standards in the city code, enabling data center operations. She said the approval of the request will allow for Compute North to establish operations in Greenville.

“So, while there is no tie, so to speak, between Compute North and the text amendment, we recognize that there are currently 16 providers and 24 data centers in North Carolina, and none are located within the Greenville area. We agree with the ENC Alliance that the text amendment was necessary to define standards for modern data centers,” Vara said.

Compute North plans to bring an ATIER 0™ data center to Greenville, Vara said, which is used for compute-intensive and purpose-built applications, as well as image rendering and machine learning. Certain specialized equipment are dedicated to cryptocurrency mining, Vara said.

Compute North’s facilities fall into the modular data processing center category of the Title 9, Chapter 4 amendment to the city code, and will utilize a series of smaller containers to house computing units rather than one large enclosed facility.

The newly-defined land use guidelines for modular data processing centers include restrictions on building height, dimensions and placements of signs, distance from property lines and maximum sound thresholds.

How will it impact Greenville?

Vice President of Business Development at ENC Alliance and project manager on the recently passed text amendment Uconda Dunn said the amendment will expand the company’s ability to recruit and market industries within a varying sector. She said the type of computing that Compute North plans to perform is more efficient than what she has seen in the past.

“Oftentimes what we’re seeing now is that data processing is not done solely inside of a brick and mortar building,” Dunn said. “They are using containers to be able to do this type of computing which is more efficient.”

Dunn said ENC Alliance’s next steps with Compute North include continuing the process of evaluating potential sites within Greenville, securing a location, releasing that information to the public and breaking ground on the site.

ENC Alliance has been working with the Greenville City Council since June of 2021, Dunn said, and Greenville was chosen for the location of the facility because of the city’s utilities, as one of Greenville’s major assets is its abundance of utility resources.

Vara said the company will use natural and engineered source mitigation to ensure compliance with city ordinances. She said their facilities have no chemicals, emissions or coolants, and will use acoustic walls and/or silencers to limit noise. She said the company is committed to 24-hour monitoring of the site’s noise.

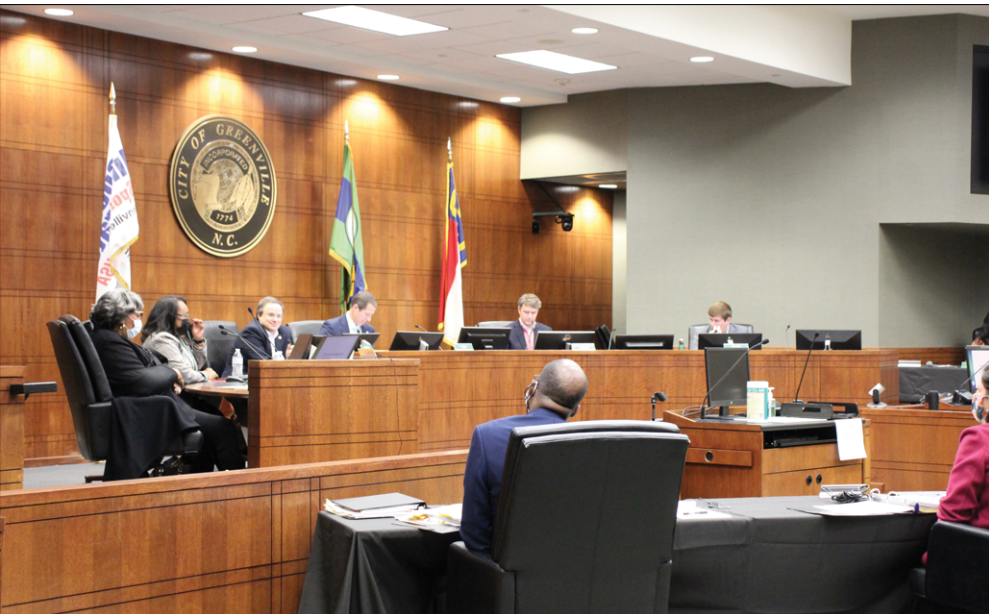
Once Compute North establishes its facility in Greenville, the company will begin to draw its power from Greenville Utilities Commission (GUC).

“No additional energy purchases are necessary to support Compute North’s operations. In fact, by more fully utilizing existing wholesale power agreements – and providing demand response services – it is likely that Compute North’s facility is adding revenue to GUC without adding significant costs. This should help stabilize GUC power costs in the mid to long term,” Vara said.

In a prior interview, Vara said while ENC Alliance’s text amendment request was not specific to Compute North, it updated the ordinance in order to be relevant to modern data. She said the update included enhanced requirements and regulations.

Compute North will continue to work with ENC Alliance to establish relationships with various Greenville businesses and seek out nonprofit organizations which will help them identify the needs of the community, Vara said. She said the two companies have a few industrial zoned locations in mind for the new facilities.

“There are two locations that we’re still



The Greenville City Council meets during one of its regular scheduled meetings in the City Hall.

evaluating,” Vara said. “One is definitely our favorite and we hope to be moving forward with that one.”

As the project is set to bring jobs to Greenville, Vara said there will be a “tremendous” and positive impact on the city economically. “Specific to Compute North, in addition to the 15 permanent jobs, there’ll be 20 to 30 construction jobs that are created,” Vara said. “Then there’s a whole ripple effect that happens as far as bringing those jobs to the community, other jobs, support jobs, that’ll be affected.”

Once the site location is picked and the project is able to break ground, Vara said she estimates a four month turnaround before total project completion.

City Council speaks on vote

Council Member Rick Smiley, representative of District 4 and the council member who motioned for the amendment, said it is crucial to understand that this amendment only establishes zoning restrictions and doesn’t mean that the council has the power to restrict companies like Compute North from operating out of Greenville.



Rick Smiley

Smiley said if the City Council did not pass the text amendment, Compute North and other similar companies would not be able to operate out of Greenville.

“City Council doesn’t approve business coming to town, we approve general land uses that any business can take advantage of,” Smiley said.

With the new restrictions, Compute North can now only build their facility on a minimum of 35 acres of land and at least a half mile away from any school building or residence, Smiley said.

“Noise is obviously an issue and council talked a lot about noise,” Smiley said. “I think if you look at the changes we made, by at least making it 35 acres we eliminated a lot of smaller industrial spots which are in the middle of the city.”

Council Member and District 1 Representative Monica Daniels said she voted against the text amendment because she knew it wasn’t what the citizens of Greenville wanted.

“As council members, we are the voice of the people,” Daniels said. “They elected us, they wanted us to speak on their behalf and we had received numerous emails (and) text messages, people had been on Facebook because they did not want it (Compute North’s facility).”

Although she doesn’t think the council should have approved the zoning request against the will of the citizens, Daniels said with the stability of the company she has a sense of hope for Compute North operating out of Greenville and she hopes residents will find relief in this.

Concerns of community members

Molly Holdeman, a Greenville community member, was involved in a community effort against a Compute North facility that was to be built next to her daughter’s school, Belvoir Elementary School. The request to Pitt County Commission-

ers would have allowed for a large data processing facility to be built near the school but was withdrawn in November of 2021.

Holdeman said the facilities have been specified to industrial area locations, but many people live close to industrial zoned properties.

Holdeman said the quality of life and the property values of people, businesses and farms in proximity to the industrial park will be harmed. She said she’s upset but not surprised by the City Council’s decision.

“While we were relieved that the City Council had enough prudence to strike permitted use for crypto mining in what was essentially all of Greenville, we are disheartened that they did not listen to their constituents and furthermore that their decision will so negatively affect our neighbors north of the river,” Holdeman said.

By a factor of 10, Compute North will become GUC’s biggest customer, Holdeman said, and crypto mining is an “enormous waste” of energy that Greenville cannot afford.

“But I have a concern that the City Council and business leaders are not making choices of businesses to bring into Greenville that align with the values of the citizens,” Holdeman said.

As a member of the protests outside of the Greenville City Hall on Jan. 13, Holdeman said she feels if she had not made her grievances known there could have been data processing centers all around Greenville.

Holdeman said aside from the City Council vote’s outcome being opposed to her beliefs, she does not regret attending the demonstrations to educate the community on her concerns.

“All of a sudden these companies come into these areas and they say they’re one thing and then they start running and there’s no way to shut them down,” Holdeman said.

ECU Sustainability Manager Chad Carwein said he felt the vote was rushed and he was disappointed with the City Council’s decision. He said while he thinks the project being limited to industrial locations is a small victory, Greenville has low-income neighborhoods and minority communities adjacent to industrial areas.



Chad Carwein

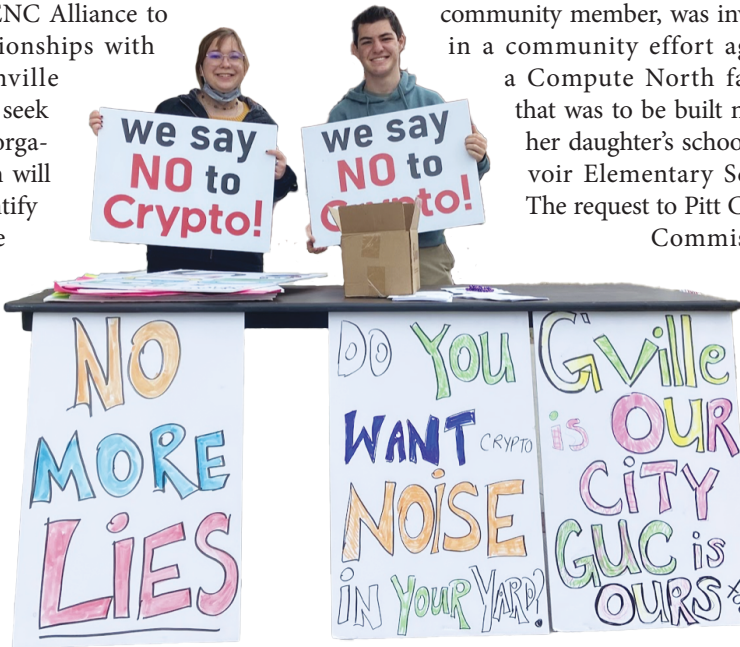
As Carwein attended a student-led protest on East Carolina University’s campus on Jan. 20 in opposition of the text amendment request, he said he feels as though the efforts of various protestors were still impactful.

“Anytime that people come together and unite against a cause that they believe in and that they’ve taken time to educate themselves about, the effort has to count for something,” Carwein said. “I think that this has opened up people’s eyes to an issue and hopefully inspired people.”

Carwein said everything he has expressed about the “crypto mining issue” and his involvement with the protest has been on behalf of his personal beliefs as a concerned citizen, not those of the university or his position as ECU’s sustainability manager.

Certain groups within the community will be disadvantaged by crypto mining being allowed in Greenville, Carwein said, which is a “tale as old as time.” He said establishments like power plants, landfills and now cryptocurrency mining facilities are usually placed next to minority and low-income communities.

“I just hope that people understand that we’re not fighting against economic development, jobs, growth in general. We’re advocating for smart growth, sustainable growth and just economic decisions,” Carwein said. “Environmental justice has got to be elevated in terms of our priorities both here locally, statewide and nationally.”



Erica Miller and Owen Bergquist at a student-led protest at ECU on Jan. 20.

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OUR VIEW

Students need to avoid usage of fake IDs

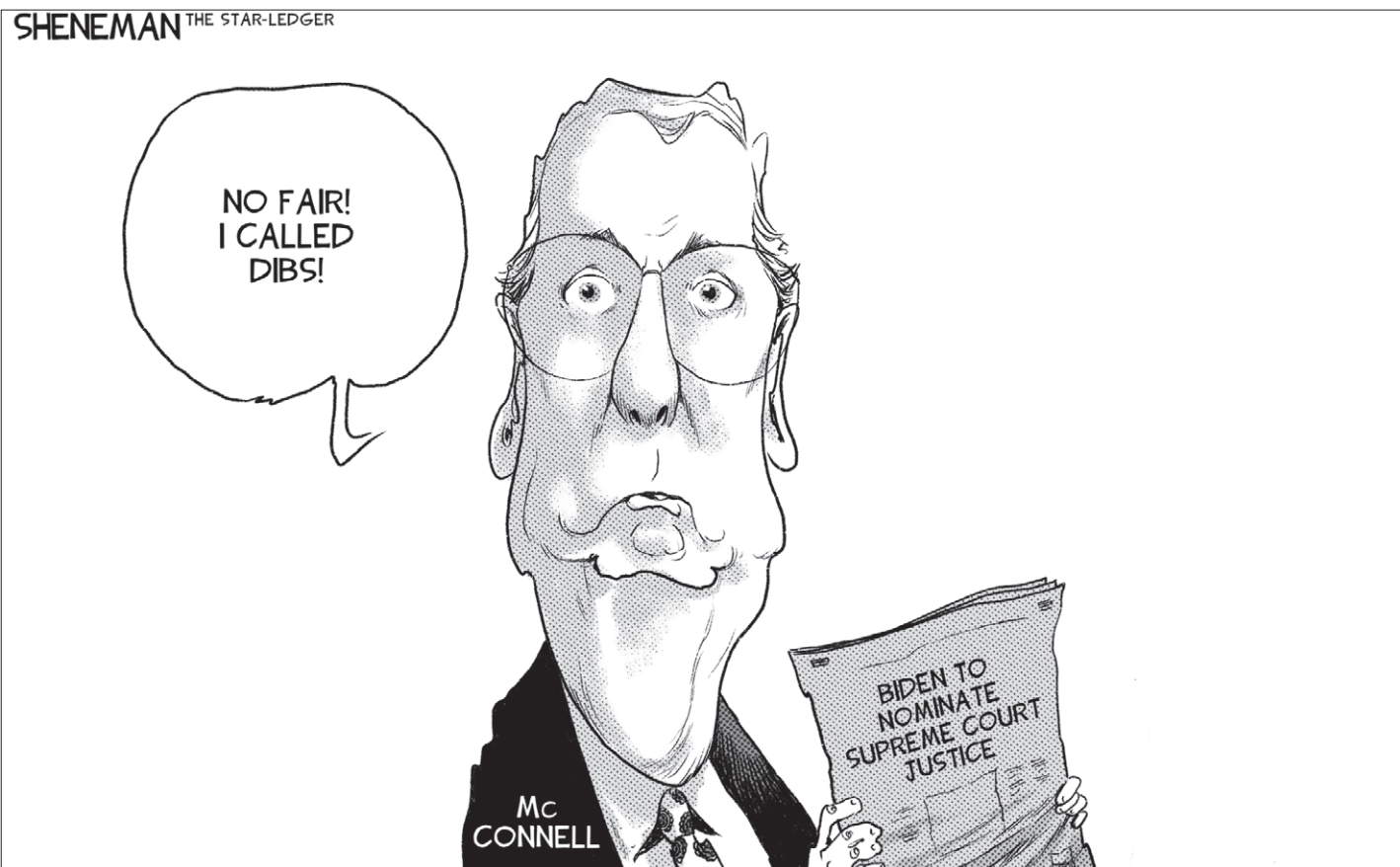
East Carolina University students and Greenville, North Carolina, community members need to ensure their safety when it comes to fake IDs in the Uptown area.

Many of the students at ECU enjoy the Uptown region in the City of Greenville, some being underage with the use of fake IDs to get into the local bars and clubs. However, students should be aware of the consequences and law enforcement such as Alcohol Law Enforcement (ALE) officers who often visit bars and clubs. This is to make sure those who are drinking or being served alcoholic beverages are 21 years of age and older.

We, the editorial staff of The East Carolinian, believe individuals who are underage should refrain from the use of fake IDs when attending clubs and bars in Uptown. Using fake IDs is illegal in North Carolina, and individuals should be made aware of the consequences if they are caught using one.

The ECU and Greenville Police Departments and ALE are trying to protect all students and community members. Students need to be careful about where they go and with whom they interact, especially while they may be out drinking. We recommend people not use fake IDs since individuals can not only easily get caught and get in trouble with law enforcement and ALE, but also become a victim of predatory behavior.

People in Greenville need to make sure they are being safe when going to clubs and bars in Uptown. We encourage people to understand that ECU PD, GPD and ALE are looking out for everyone to prevent crime and underage drinking.



Esports deserve recognition

Competitive video games continue to require skill, dedication



Cade Kearney
GUEST COLUMNIST

With its popularity seemingly increasing every year, a topic that many have argued about is if esports should be considered an actual sport. Esports is a form of competition using video games, that often take the form of organized, multiplayer video game competitions, particularly between professional players, individually or as teams.

Now I would like to first preface this editorial and say that I am an avid gamer myself and have competed on a collegiate esports team in the past, but even with this, I can see both sides to the argument at hand. As mentioned, the esports scene has seen a drastic rise in popularity over the past few years, with bigger prize pools, larger audiences, and more and more games entering the scene.

Esports started early in the 1970s but

at that time it had very small competitions with only a few people competing for little to no prize money. Nowadays esports professionals can earn millions of dollars competing. While there aren't any hundreds of millions of dollars contracts like there are in the NBA, esports sees multimillion-dollar prize pools for tournaments.

The International 2021 Dota 2 tournament had a prize pool of over \$40 million with the winning team getting a little over \$18 million in winnings. This was the largest prize pool for an esports event to date. Even though this is the largest prize pool ever, the esports event that got the most mainstream media attention was the 2019 Fortnite world cup. This event had multiple competitions with the main event being the solo competition with a prize pool of over \$15 million. In this event, the winner, a 16-year-old who goes by the username of "Bugha," won \$3 million. This got the attention of many

news outlets because of the amount of money a young teenager was able to win from playing video games. I feel this was one of the main reasons esports rose in popularity and became more mainstream.

After seeing the young teen's amazing success, I'm sure many people thought it would be easy to just play video games and earn money, but these electronic athletes put in serious hours of training and practice. On average, esports players will put in a minimum of 50 hours of practice each week. Depending on the game that they are competing in, this can range from just hours playing the game, scrimmages against other pro players or teams, or even film sessions just like the ones an NFL team would have before the next big game. These teams also often have managers and coaches, just as a traditional sports team does.

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PIRATE RANTS

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

Parking and Transportation DO YOUR JOB AND TOW. We're tired of there being no spots in A lot

Petition for ECU to put speed bumps on the road that runs in between the mall and central dorms. loud cars zooming down that road at night ain't it.

I know the sidewalks have to be cleared, but I hate seeing the beautiful snowy campus turn into piles of icy mud. But also grateful I'm not busting my butt on snow and ice, so thank you for your work ECU grounds maintenance!

ECU is trying to be a tobacco-free campus however a majority of workers are tobacco users and have no "zone" with cigarette trays so there are cigarette butts everywhere near the student center and in the parking garage. Like I understand the motion but these workers should have a proper place to dispose their waste.

The workers that do the most for ECU never get enough credit or pay. A form of classism in modern society.

How are students still allowed to live in Scott and Legacy hall? I feel like that's a violation of human rights.

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

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



Exercise improves mental health

Sam Crawford
GUEST COLUMNIST

Unless somebody is so detached from reality, constantly contemplating human existence, life's fragility and the inevitable heat death of the universe, they probably feel some sort of stress about college.

The first steps of future careers are heavily influenced by the grades and experiences from the relatively brief time that is college. For some, high amounts of stress can produce drive and motivation, leading to outstanding achievement. But for many, stress negatively affects performance and mental health. Relieving the pressure of working towards a college degree is necessary, and exercise is an excellent way to find that relief.

Every clinician or doctor will tell patients to eat well and exercise. The benefits of exercise are far-ranging and useful to everyone. When looking at stress specifically, a 2013 analysis by the American College of Sports Medicine said "people report feeling calmer after a 20 to 30 minute bout of aerobic exercise, and the calming effect can last for several hours after exercise."

Exercise typically induces in a person a feeling of accomplishment, happiness and a sense of control. These sensations are caused by dopamine and endorphin



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College students who are overwhelmed should consider exercising to improve mental health.

release in the brain. When people are feeling a high amount of stress, often these chemicals are suppressed, causing one to feel overwhelmed. As students, being highly stressed or overwhelmed can easily happen. Using exercise to combat this feeling is a powerful tool that many should use.

People may argue against exercise because it takes up blocks of time that some students feel they do not have to lose. East Carolina University has accounted for that sentiment. Accredited gym courses at ECU are essentially graded workouts. There may be a couple of assignments over the course of the semester, but the workload is extremely low.

Outside of courses, if students live on or near the main campus, the Eakin

Student Recreation Center (ESRC) is open every day. The facilities there are better than most gyms found in the greater Greenville, North Carolina, area. The smaller, but still excellent, Health Sciences Campus Recreation Center has similar resources as the ESRC, just in a more compact package.

Finally, if students just do not want to go to gyms, going for a run can help break up the monotony of the books. There is no reason for students to not be practicing some form of exercise. The stress reduction benefits alone should be seriously considered by all students.

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CLASSIFIEDS

HELP WANTED

Greenville Little League is seeking baseball umpires for the 2022 season. No experience is necessary however it is helpful to have some baseball background. An informational meeting for prospective umpires will be held Sunday, February 6 from

5:30-6:30 at Elm Street Park (1055 South Elm Street). Questions may be directed to Brian Weingartz at baawein@aol.com or 252-341-5680.

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HOROSCOPES

Aries (March 21-April 19) — Today is a 7 — Review priorities and monitor conditions. A pathway to realizing a dream appears. Revise plans. Organize and coordinate. Prepare and plot. Grab a lucky opportunity.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) — Today is a 9 — Connect and collaborate with friends and allies. Teamwork can realize a shared dream. You're spurred to take action. Push to advance a bold possibility.

Gemini (May 21-June 20) — Today is a 9 — A professional project develops and expands. Do the preparation behind the scenes to facilitate success. Put love into your work. You're gaining respect.

Cancer (June 21-July 22) — Today is an 8 — Advance your educational exploration to the next level. Make long-distance connections. Investigate new perspectives and vantage points. Discover treasure hiding in plain sight.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) — Today is a 9 — Monitor budgets and financial details. Handle administrative tasks like legal matters or taxes. Collaborate for family prosperity. Save what you can. Grow shared accounts together.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Today is an 8 — Get farther with a partner. Empathy calms anxiety. Strategize together. Collaborate and share the rewards. You don't have to do everything. Support each other.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Today is a 9 — Profit from meticulous attention to detail. Put love into your work. Prioritize health. Practice to strengthen your physical performance. Exercise body, mind and spirit.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Today is an 8 — Enjoy time with someone beloved. Prioritize fun and relaxation. Savor favorite flavors. Listen to creative muses. Weave a delectable romantic enchantment. Share your heart.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Today is an 8 — Physical action gets results, especially with domestic projects. Fix something before it breaks. It's amazing what you can do with a coat of paint.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Today is a 9 — Words come easily. Capture your thoughts and ideas. Write and develop. Edit and refine. You can solve a challenging intellectual puzzle. Make powerful connections.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Today is a 9 — Completion leads to profits. Meet or beat deadlines and financial goals. Physical action gets lucrative results. Wheel and deal. Sign on the dotted line.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) — Today is a 9 — Love empowers you into action to go for what you truly want. Pursue your own passion. Listen to your heart. Dreams lie within reach.

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by Jacqueline E. Mathews

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 - 17 "Blood & ___"; Don Johnson film
 - 18 TV brand
 - 20 "___ Edition"; Kyle Chandler series
 - 22 "Family Feud" host
 - 26 Bank vaults
 - 27 Long-eared animal
 - 28 Hosp. employees
 - 29 Bart Simpson's "Grampa"
 - 32 Standing straight
 - 35 Actor on "FBI"
 - 39 "Unhappily Ever ___"
 - 40 Martin & Cain
 - 42 "What ___ to Wear"
 - 43 Actor Nick
 - 47 "Never ___ Me Go"; Carey Mulligan film

Solution from 1/26

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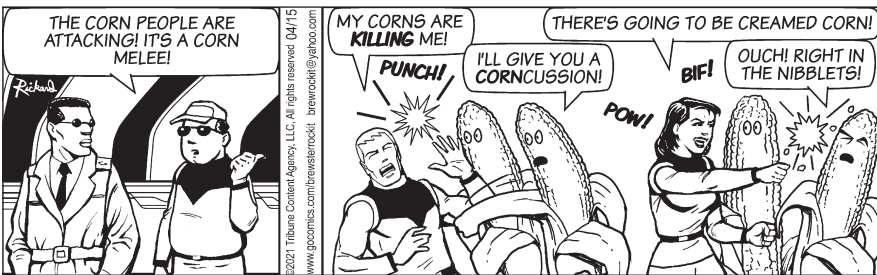
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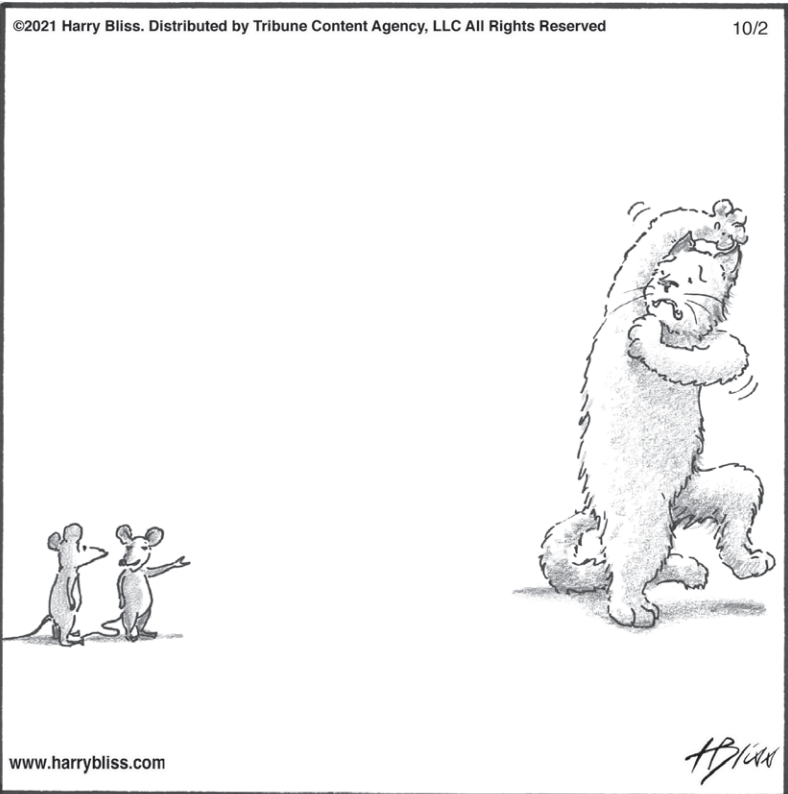
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931 Ormond Way
7:30 to 9 p.m.
(252) 328-6851

FRIDAY

Scholastic Art Awards Exhibition

Jenkins Fine Arts Center
2000 Cedar Ln.
10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
(252) 328-6665

SATURDAY

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Greenville Theatre Arts Center
629 Albemarle Ave.
7 to 11 p.m.
(252) 830-0963



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The outside of the Greenville Museum of Art in Uptown Greenville, North Carolina, which will host its annual GMoArcade event this Saturday.

Annual GMoArcade to return

Audrey Duke
TEC STAFF

The Greenville Museum of Art (GMoA) will have their annual GMoArcade event from 7 to 10 p.m. on Saturday at the GMoA, 802 South Evans St., which will include arcade games, trivia and an open bar for those who are 21 and older.

Sim Asher, communications and events coordinator at the GMoA, said the museum heavily relies on yearly events that act as fundraisers since the museum is a nonprofit organization. He said the GMoArcade is a two-part event, as the night will be for the older crowd above 21, and during the day there will be activities for younger kids.

"If you're looking for a variety of social things to do at night time, that doesn't include going out to dinner or the local brewery scene perhaps," Asher said.



Sim Asher

"There is definitely unique experience." For the members of the GMoA, a ticket costs \$15, and for a non-member, tickets cost \$20. All tickets can be purchased through the GMoA website. Whether a member of the museum or not, ticket prices are \$20 at the door.

Trista Porter, executive director of the

GMoA, said this is the third year the museum has put on the GMoArcade. She said it was the organization's hope to attract more college students since most of their events are focused more toward young professionals and families.

The GMoA has a few different gaming vendors that help out with events like GMoArcade, Porter said. Blue Ox Games, Well Played Games and Tar Heel Amusements all provide different types of gaming options, such as video game consoles, board games and card games, she said.

"I think it (GMoArcade) offers a fun activity for people to do and, also, on our part, it's a way to get people in that might not necessarily come into the museum because they might not consider themselves as someone who wants to look at art," Porter said.

There will be a raffle for the event, Porter said, and this raffle item will be geared more toward the 21 and up audience.

"It's a way to sort of open up the space and bring people in to engage with art in a different sort of, creative, fun way," Porter said. "More just like being able to take in all that in the space and also just having a fun time playing different games and things."

Blue Ox Games, a local comic and game store in Greenville, is one of the sponsors of the

GMoArcade event, and they work very closely with the Greenville community by also facilitating other events such as Pitt Street Brewing Company's weekly trivia nights.

Harry Frank, owner of Blue Ox Games, said the store will provide many different games for the GMoArcade event, such as board games, Pokemon, Dungeons and Dragons and video game consoles.

"There is so much to do in this area that people just don't often think about or go about, and it's great to be able to support a local art museum," Frank said. "There's so much art in this town and the Greenville museum has really cool exhibits."

Frank said it is great to be able to work with organizations and events like the GMoArcade, because it brings awareness to features of Greenville which new families or college students might not know about already.

"We're not just a game store for the people that come here, but we're a game store and a cool, geeky place for people all over so, being asked to bring some of that coolness and fun out then I think it's our responsibility to do so," Frank said.

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Use of Hendrix Theatre declines as films relocate

Audrey Duke
TEC STAFF

Although Hendrix Theatre hasn't completely been retired as a movie screening location, most of the films shown by university organizations have been moved to various rooms in the Main Campus Student Center (MCSC). Since the opening of the MCSC, traffic in Mendenhall has slowed in general.

Rachel Anthony, director of the Financial Wellness Hub and interim director of Campus Activities and Events at ECU, said there have been movies shown in Mendenhall recently in October and November in 2021, such as the Rocky Horror Picture Show and a Spook Fest Movie Marathon.

"I think it's honestly just a combination of factors," Anthony said. "We have the new student center, so we're trying to use that building as much as possible, but then also, there have been maintenance issues with Mendenhall."

There have been renovations to Mendenhall, that included some roof repairs which happened right above the theater, so no movies were able to be shown during the time of construction, Anthony said.

Since Mendenhall has other uses, such as classrooms and a seating area, it becomes a more complicated process to rebuild what the Mendenhall movie theater used to be, Anthony said.



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The Hendrix Theatre in Mendenhall, located on East Carolina University's main campus.

"I think it's a great option to offer students, so they don't have to leave campus to try and find entertainment," Anthony said.

Amesha Lawrence, the Student Activities Board (SAB) president, said the organization has been playing movies, such as Dear Evan Hansen on Sept. 9 at the Hendrix Theater, however, more recently there are also movies at the MCSC.

Lawrence said throughout the fall 2021 semester, SAB played most of their movies in Mendenhall.

"I think having movies, it kind of brings the community together, it gives people the opportunity to look forward to going to the movie theater who don't have transportation, and it's also free," Lawrence said.

The setbacks from COVID-19 have been one of the main reasons for the pause of Hendrix Theatre movies but also, the development of the MCSC has caused a loss of popularity and need for Mendenhall, Lawrence said.

"Impact wise, I think that because of the

new student center, Mendenhall has been overlooked, a lot of people don't even know about it," Lawrence said.

Mallory Jenkins, a freshman nursing major, said she did not know about all of Mendenhall's amenities for a long time since nothing in there is really advertised. She said if she would have known about the movies played there, she would have looked further into going.

"I think it is important to display the usage and history of the building because it shows the students on campus how important it was for students and faculty back when it was operating as the student center," Jenkins said.

It will be really hard to catch up with all of the setbacks made from COVID-19 and construction, however, there are bound to be some aspects of campus that are sure to be left behind, Jenkins said.

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ECU Pirates baseball prepares for season

Abbie Clavijo
TEC STAFF

The first game of the 2022 season for the East Carolina University baseball team (0-0, 0-0 American Athletic Conference) is just 16 days away as the season is set to begin on Feb. 18.

As the season quickly approaches, ECU is making its way up in the National College Athletic Association (NCAA) baseball preseason rankings sitting at the No. 12 spot as of yesterday. However, head coach Cliff Godwin said the preseason polls aren't something the team should let define their attitude toward the upcoming season.

"I'd rather not be ranked because then they stay hungry," Godwin said during media day on Jan. 24.

Keeping the emotions of the athletes in check is something that Godwin said is very important to the way he coaches the team. The success of Pirate baseball in past



Cliff Godwin

seasons is something Godwin attributes to coaching not only the team's athletics but their minds as well.

The 2021 season was a successful one for the Pirates. The team ended the season with a loss in a super regional and had 44 total regular season wins. They also ended the season sitting at the No. 1 spot in the AAC standings.

The Pirates will kick off the new season with a three-game series against the Bulldogs of Bryant University (0-0, 0-0 Northeast Conference). Opening day will take place in Clark-LeClair Stadium at 4 p.m. on Feb. 18. The team will play out-of-conference opponents through February and March before they face their first AAC opponent.

Last season the Pirates went 20-8 in conference play. The Pirates are scheduled to play their first in-conference game of the season on April 1 in Ohio where ECU will face the University of Cincinnati Bearcats (0-0, 0-0 AAC) in a three-game series.

Pirate baseball heads into the 2022 season with a lot of new faces on the roster.

They're also short a few players that got snatched up by the Major League Baseball (MLB) draft like pitcher Gavin Williams who now plays for the Cleveland Indians and second baseman Connor Norby who was picked up by the Baltimore Orioles. Despite the changes in the roster, the upperclassmen are confident in the dynamic of the team.

"We bring the guys in during the summer before freshman fall," junior pitcher Ryder Giles said during the team's media day on Jan. 24. "You move to college and it's a lot coming at you at one point so I think using that summer is a good way to get the guys gelled. I think when we got back in the fall we just kind of jumped right into it and we didn't miss a beat."

The change in the dynamic means players have been stepping up to improve their skills in preparation for the season. Coming out of fall training, Godwin said



Ryder Giles

pitchers like sophomores Carson Whisenhunt and Josh Grosz, junior Garrett Saylor and seniors Jake Kuchmaner and Nick Logusch should be expected in the pitching rotation at the start of the season.

"We're as talented on the mound, if not more talented than we've ever been here," Godwin said about his pitchers. "At the end of the day we just need those guys to be the best version of themselves, and if they're that then we'll be fine."

Godwin also said that the group of catchers on the roster now is the deepest catching group ECU's baseball program has ever seen. Veterans like senior Ben Newton will be expected in the catching line-up. The baseball program is welcoming some new faces in the catcher position as well. Freshmen Ryan McCrystal and Ayden Edwards are also expected to take their place behind home plate this season.

"I'm really happy with where our team is at right now, they've been consistent, they've worked pretty hard," Godwin said.

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