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Pirate fan's filled up Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium last Thursday night for ECU's "Night in the Boneyard" game against Southern Methodist University, ECU will host back to back home games when UNCC arrives for homecoming. JAYLIN ROBERTS | THE EAST CAROLINIAN



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The Pirates defense collapses on the ball against SMU on Oct. 12. An ECU defensive player tackles a SMU player on Oct. 12 at Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium. Sophomore quarterback Mason Garcia throws it to the sideline.

## Pirates look to win on homecoming against Charlotte

Trevon McGlone  
TEC STAFF

The East Carolina University football team (1-5, 0-2 AAC) will play the University of North Carolina at Charlotte (1-5, 0-2 AAC) on Saturday at Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium in Greenville, North Carolina, for ECU's annual homecoming game.

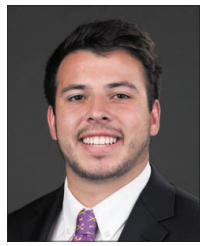
The Pirates will look to end their two game losing streak after defeats against the University of Rice (3-3, 1-1 AAC) and Southern Methodist University (4-2, 2-0 AAC).

The Pirates offense experimented with their two quarterback system once again against their last opponent, with ECU redshirt junior quarterback Alex Flinn and ECU sophomore quarterback Mason Garcia both getting into the game. Garcia replaced Flinn early in the first quarter, but then got replaced in the late third by Flinn.

Both quarterbacks combined for 193-passing yards. The run game for the

Pirates averaged 2.6 yards per carry for a total of 97-rushing yards, the lowest mark of the season.

Charlotte has given up over 161 yards rushing per game on the year prior to this game, statistically giving the Pirates rushing game a chance to bounce back. ECU had averaged 100 rushing yards or more in every game except two this year.



Alex Flinn

A win over Charlotte would give the Pirates their first win in conference play this year. This is the longest ECU has gone without a conference win to start a season since 2019, when they only won one of their eight conference play games. The Pirates finished that season with a record of 4-9.

Both teams will meet for the first time

ever, despite being in the same state. Charlotte's football program is still less than 10 years old, with Charlotte first fielding a football team back in 2013. ECU and Charlotte are scheduled to also meet in 2024 and 2025 after this year.

Both sides have given up their most points to opponents in the fourth quarter of games. ECU's offense has struggled to score in the third quarter the most, while Charlotte has had a hard time scoring in the first quarter of their games played this year.

After six games, Flinn has passed for 689 yards, one passing touchdown and six interceptions. Garcia has passed for 389 yards, one touchdown and two interceptions.

ECU junior running back Rahjai Harris still leads the rushing attack with 250-rushing yards and five total touchdowns. ECU freshman running back Javaious Bond is behind him with 187-rushing yards and a touchdown. Bond also averages 6.7 yards per carry, the best average among runners with more than one carry.

ECU freshman wide receiver Chase Sowell and senior wide receiver Jaylen Johnson both lead the Pirates passing game with 22 catches on the year. Sowell has 263-receiving yards, while Johnson has 213.

The Pirates defense has forced at least a turnover in four of their six games played this year, while Charlotte's starting quarterback has thrown four interceptions in his last four games.

Despite a 1-5 start, the Pirates have won their only game of the season at Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium. At home, ECU averages over 22 points per game compared to the 16 they averaged on the road. Charlotte averages 14 points per game on the road.

Following this game, ECU will head away to take on the University of Texas in San Antonio, Texas, (3-3, 2-0 AAC) on Oct. 28 at 3:30 p.m. with the game being broadcasted on ESPN+.

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## Greenville appoints new city manager

Pel Law  
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

The Greenville City Council announced on Oct. 9 Michael Cowin, the current Deputy City Manager for Greenville, will succeed Ann Wall to take over as City Manager starting in November.

Brock Letchworth, Communications Manager of the City of Greenville, said the City Manager's responsibility is to oversee the day-to-day operations of the city and if anyone is qualified for the role, it's Cowin.

"Michael has now been with the city for about eight years," Letchworth said. "He has been responsible for working with every department within the city at various times so he's quite familiar with all of that."

The position became available after Greenville's current City Manager, Ann Wall, announced retirement from local government in North Carolina, Letchworth said. Wall has had more than 30 years of experience working in local government, he said, and she plans to return to her home state of Virginia and has accepted a position as a county leader there.

Letchworth said during her time as City Manager, Wall was instrumental in establishing the Greenville-Eastern North Carolina Alliance and the development of Wildwood Park.

"I think that we're all certainly gonna miss Ann," Letchworth said. "She's been very good at establish-

ing partnerships with other organizations throughout Greenville."

Cowin interviewed with the City Council in early October, Letchworth said and his experience and demonstration of leadership skills convinced the City Council to offer him the position of City Manager.

Letchworth said while Cowin isn't a Greenville native, he understands the importance of the city as a cultural and economic center for eastern North Carolina. Cowin will be able to continue much of Wall's outstanding work, Letchworth said and will establish himself along the way as an effective manager with some of his own accomplishments.

"This is a guy that's very passionate about Greenville," Letchworth said. "I think that experience and knowing the area so well and being the strong leader that he is, I think people can take comfort in knowing that the city management is in good hands."

Michael Cowin, Deputy City Manager of Greenville, said becoming City Manager was a dream come true and he intends to continue his passion of making Greenville a great place to live and work.

It's important to protect the community, Cowin said,

which is why public safety and infrastructure are two of his top priorities as City Manager. Cowin said he also plans to strengthen ties with East Carolina University, where he received his Bachelor of Science and Master of Business Administration degrees.

"I look at myself as a public servant, somebody that has grown up in eastern North Carolina, who loves Pitt county, who loves the city of Greenville," Cowin said. "I understand just how important ECU is to not only Greenville and Pitt County but to our local economy."

Both students of ECU and Pitt Community College are important to the city, Cowin said, planning to offer opportunities for professionals to contribute to the betterment of eastern North Carolina.

Cowin said he plans to work closely with both the Downtown Greenville Partnership organization and the Pitt County Arts Council at Emerge to not only bring more events to the area but also to beautify and create a lively community that people want to be a part of.

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The city manager of the City of Greenville, Michael Cowin.

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## BRIEFS

**Joyner Library to host Game Night**

Brief Tonight from 5 to 9 p.m. students, staff, faculty and 'community friends' can stop by the first floor of Joyner Library to join Game Night. The library will offer prizes to all participants, and there will also be free pizza to eat. People can contact Student Engagement and Outreach Specialist Eryn Staib for more information.

**OFE recognize Courtney Caiola**

The Office for Faculty Excellence gives the ECU Scholar Teacher Award to professors who incorporate research and other creative activities into their teaching. On Friday from 9 to 10 a.m., nursing assistant professor Courtney Caiola will speak virtually about what she does inside and outside the classroom. Registration is required.

**Ragsdale Hall hosts centennial celebration**

On Friday from 3 to 6 p.m., Ragsdale Hall is open to all for Ragsdale Hall's 100-year anniversary. Attendees can gain information about East Carolina University's graduate programs and socialize with other prospective students, alumni, staff and faculty. The event will have free food and drinks.

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**ECU, Duke, NCCU join to aid schools in N.C.**

Trisha Rangaraju  
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

A partnership between East Carolina University, Duke University and North Carolina Central University has been formed to assist certain public schools around North Carolina, and these universities have a variety of resources that can be utilized to aid the community.

Calleen Herbert, Director of NCCU's Office of Community Engagement and Service said with this partnership, these resources will be driven towards public schools to provide continuous support in many areas, including health-related issues, hunger and any other needs the community has.

"Our students have the opportunity to participate in an innovative community-engaged participatory research program, be part of the exciting trends within Durham's community schools, connect their classroom instruction with neighborhood issues, engage in the difficult work of advancing democratic practices and become a part of a state-wide coalition that will prepare North Carolina public-school students for entry into universities," Herbert said.

According to the Southeast Regional Coalition for University-Assisted

Community Schools (UACS) website, these three universities were chosen by the Netter Center for Community Partnerships at the University of Pennsylvania. They will operate under the UACS model, according to the website, and under this model, universities will provide support and resources for public schools that provide services tailored to the needs of their neighborhoods.

UACS' function in correspondence to four main ideals: Engaged communities and families, collaborative leadership, enriched and extended learning experiences as well as integrated student health support, according to the website, and the chosen universities will provide continuous support to their communities in these four areas.

Teaching Assistant Professor Amy Swain said ECU has formed a UAC at P.W. Moore Elementary in Elizabeth City. Swain said a substantial amount of change has already been implemented through this partnership proving the potency of the UAC model.

"At P.W. Moore, our primary focus this first year of the grant is to increase parent and community participation in the school while also addressing sustainability," Swain said.

"We have established partnerships with local civic groups, municipal government agencies, the Elizabeth City-Pasquotank Public Schools' district administration, Sentara Healthcare, and more than 50 local businesses." Cory Bowman, Associate Director of the Netter Center for Community Partnerships, said the three uni-

versity's hope to inspire other universities to join the UAC model and educate them to follow what they are doing to create widespread change and heighten their impact.

Bowman said the more the universities that join, the more advancement and change that can occur throughout communities in North Carolina and the United States.

"This is the first regional center anchored by not one but three higher eds," Bowman said. "We look forward to learning with and from the regional University-Assisted Community Schools network that this team is building."

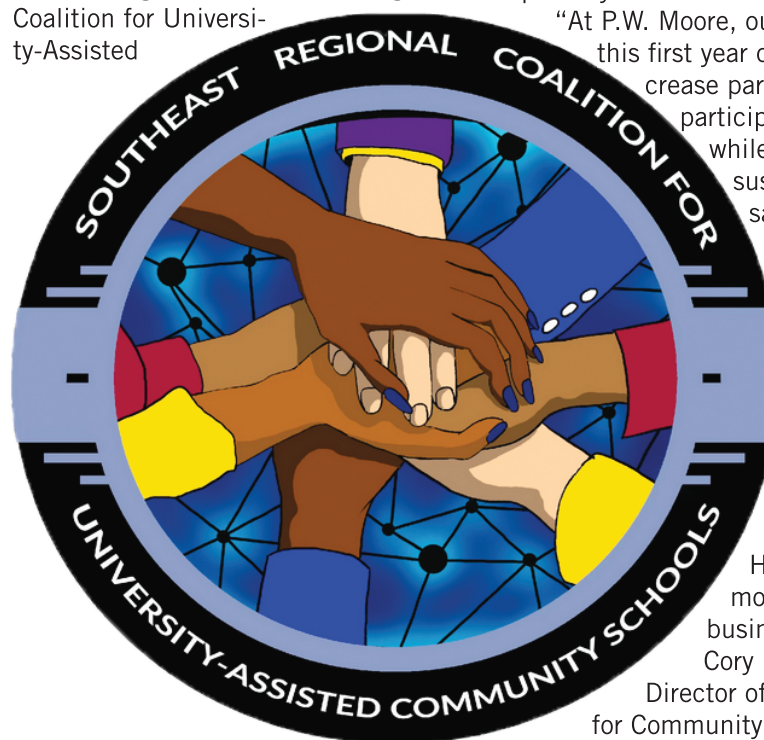
Sophomore nursing major and Greenville native, Nora McCunney said that Greenville is an area that could use a lot of help resource-wise and this program would benefit the area greatly.

Since ECU is abundant in its resources already, McCunney said, it only makes sense to share this with the rest of Greenville that is lacking the same amount of support.

"Large institutions such as ECU have such a considerable amount of influence, money and power, especially compared to the community around them," McCunney said. "Public schools around the area are deprived of these resources so this program would be incredibly beneficial in equalizing the support."

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-Cory Bowman



COURTESY OF SOUTHEAST REGIONAL COALITION FOR UACS  
**ECU, Duke and NCCU partner to support new UACS in the state.**

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## ECU Religious Studies Program 30th Distinguished Lecture on Religion and Culture

Featuring Dr. Leela Prasad presenting:  
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**Thursday, October 26, 2023  
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Dr. Prasad is an expert in several areas, including colonialism and decoloniality, Gandhi, religion and modernity, and the intersections of religion, anthropology, history, and literature. She authored *Poetics of Conduct: Narrative and Moral Being in a South Indian Town* (Columbia University Press, 2007), which was awarded the "Best First Book in the History of Religions Prize" by the American Academy of Religion. She also authored *The Audacious Raconteur: Sovereignty and Storytelling in Colonial India* (Cornell University Press, 2020). In 2019, Leela was awarded the Dean's Award for Excellence in Mentoring by Duke's Graduate School. She is Vice-President of the American Academy of Religion and will serve as its President in 2024-25.

Read more about her here: <https://scholars.duke.edu/person/leela>

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## OUR VIEW

### Israel War devastates the world

The world has been taken by storm due to the recent outbreak of the Israel-Hamas war. The brutal battle began on Oct. 17 and is still ongoing. As of now, thousands of lives have already been lost.

This is not only a crisis for the country of Israel and its community, but also a heartbreaking circumstance for people all over the world.

We, the editorial staff of The East Carolinian, give our condolences to the country of Israel and all of those affected by this devastation. It is hopeful this horrible war can be put to an end and both countries can find peace.

The war should be taken as a serious threat, and as an eye-opening realization of the dangers in the world around us. It is critical more so now than ever to have military defense prepared to stand with Israel amid conflict.

The killings of innocent people is cruel and unfair in every way.

We, the editorial staff of The East Carolinian, believe awareness should be a priority for this war, as it is very important that various countries are informed on the situation and have a plan in place to avoid future or similar situations.

We stand with the unfortunate losses experienced thus far, and will unfortunately most likely continue to experience.

Violence should not be the solution amidst disagreements, and people from all over the nation should come together to prevent these types of occurrences.

## PIRATE RANTS

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

I think it's absurd that the football team gets personal cooks and they're 1-5.

Some of y'all really need to stop blowing your nose in the dining hall, it's really gross, go to the bathroom.

The fact I saw a roach just crawling around campus is disgusting. I'm convinced all of Greenville is infested with roaches because I've never seen so many in one city.

I still love our Pirates, but man do I wish we could actually win some games.

The water fountains around campus are really convenient. It's so nice to be able to have several places to refill my water bottle.

Au Bon Pain's strawberry lemonade is some of the best lemonade around. Nothing makes my day more than ordering this drink.

It's the first day back on campus since fall break and the people on skateboards are already back to terrifying me.

Why does it end up raining each time we have a football game? At this point it's beyond a crazy coincidence that it rains at some point on a game day.

The wait times in the parking garage are actually insane. I have things to do and places to be! What's with the hold up?

Questions regarding Pirate Rants can be directed to Kiarra Crayton at editor@theeastcarolinian.com.

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



Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium, home of the East Carolina University Pirates. The facility opened in 1963, and can seat up to 50,000 people.

## Kirkpatrick should resign as OC



Christopher Long  
GUEST COLUMNIST

Coming off a season where East Carolina University's football program seemed to turn a corner, I was extremely optimistic about what this year's squad, led by the highest ranked recruit under center in school history, could do in an American Athletic Conference that is objectively less talented than years prior.

What has ensued since has been seven weeks of utter frustration and disappointment, baring one fluke against a bottom of the barrel Gardner-Webb squad. This program's offense is broken. Unfortunately, I believe this season it's too late and the offense is broken beyond repair.

What I've seen from this program has been nothing short of incompetence offensively. From designed runs up the gut on 3rd and 8 for a gain of one to two yards to designed quarterback runs that go absolutely nowhere, the play calling has been abysmal. Giving the quarterback

play the benefit of the doubt, there have been times more often than not where balls bounce off receivers chests and hands, but who is to blame for that?

Offensive coordinator Donnie Kirkpatrick has been in his role at ECU since 2019. Since then, he's been gifted with a plethora of talent such as Baltimore Ravens running back Keaton Mitchell, former wide receivers Tyler Snead and Isaiah Winstead and quarterback Holton Ahlers.

That level of gifted talent has only resulted in one bowl game win (putting aside the fact the 2021 Military Bowl was canceled).

We should have seen the writing on the wall realizing what a brilliant offensive mind could have done with that level of talent. Instead, what has resulted since 2019 is years of mediocrity culminating into a crescendo of one successful season. One successful season, mind you, which only supplemented a final record of 8 to 5.

Kirkpatrick isn't the only one to blame. Head coach Mike Houston deserves credit for the collapse of the program following what should have been a year to retool and

rebuild at worst. Instead, what we have is a lack of accountability.

However, showing up to press conferences outfitted in anything other than the purple and gold while you're on the hot seat with your fanbase is tacky at best and reckless at worst. It begs the question, does he want this job? His play calling, the failure to develop some of the most talented players in the program's history and his lackadaisical approach to making adjustments to an offense that isn't working tell me everything I need to know.

It's time to make a change to spark an offense that, aside from the outlier game against Gardner-Webb, has failed to compete. If Jon Gilbert won't fire him, Kirkpatrick should do the right thing and resign. The boosters deserve better, the defense deserves better and most importantly, the fans deserve better. Addition by subtraction has a tendency to work.

Do the right thing, Donnie.

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## Reasons to visit Beaufort, North Carolina



Kristin Outland  
TEC COLUMNIST

The town bustles with shops, downtown dining, docks and a beautiful waterfront scenery.

The town has historic roots dating back to its initial establishment in the year 1713. There are a variety of activities and attractions for the community, visitors and tourists alike to enjoy.

Its convenient proximity to Atlantic Beach and Morehead City make it an ideal vacation spot for people traveling. Especially during the summer months, these locations are typically a common hotspot.

Beaufort itself is perfect for those who enjoy outdoor activities such as fishing, boating and going to the beach. I also believe it's a perfect family-friendly area for all due to all of the events and things to do there.

Aside from the beautiful blue water near the waterfront, another thing that may catch your eye is the wild horses

roaming around in the distance. For a higher chance of spotting these wild animals, people can tour the Rachel Carson Reserve, where other wildlife can also be observed.

The shops downtown are full of a variety of stores, including boutiques, beach shops, gift shops and much more. In addition, there are many restaurants and bars for people who are of age to enjoy live music and drinks.

One of my personal favorite

shops is the General Store, a downtown gift shop with souvenirs, clothing, and the best part - delicious ice cream and fudge. It's safe to say this is a must-stop for those who visit the area.

Ever since I was little, I have visited Beaufort several times each year to spend time with my family. In fact, I love it so much that I plan to hopefully move there one day in the near future after graduation.

There are several beach

accesses all throughout the surrounding areas of Beaufort, which are ideal for those who love the beach but not the large crowd aspects. I usually visit these when it's warm, as they are a lot of fun and crowding can be avoided.

Despite the fact that it's a small town, Beaufort offers a lot of opportunities for fun and education. For those interested in its historic roots, there are a few attractions to look forward to.

Although I have never personally been, the Beaufort Historic Site Old Burying Ground seems to be an interesting attraction for those who would like to learn more about Beaufort's past and history.

During Christmas time, there is the annual Crystal Coast Christmas Flotilla, in which boats decked in lights and decorations go by on the waterfront at nightfall. This is one of my favorite seasonal events, as all of the boats and lights are a gorgeous sight to see.

Overall, I absolutely recommend visiting Beaufort if you have the opportunity. Due to the wide variety of options for fun - there is so much to do, see and explore.

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The town clock located in the downtown area of Beaufort, North Carolina.

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## HOROSCOPES



**Aries** (March 21-April 19) — Today is a 7 — Slow to review plans. You can make your destination but may need a different route. Do laundry and reorganize. Research illuminates the best direction.



**Leo** (July 23-Aug. 22) — Today is a 7 — You can still have fun. Romantic fantasies fade to reveal unvarnished realities. Things may not be as they seem. Get creative. Connect and share.



**Sagittarius** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Today is a 9 — Follow a hunch. Gather information to advance your personal priorities. You can see what's not working. Nurture yourself with extra care. Dress for success.



**Taurus** (April 20-May 20) — Today is an 8 — Patiently coordinate financial matters with your partner. Strengthen foundational elements. Monitor income and expenses to sort fact from fantasy. Share the load. Discuss priorities.



**Virgo** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Today is a 7 — Resolve a domestic matter. Avoid fancy frills and stick with what works. Make the most of what you have. Communication unlocks doors. Coordinate solutions.



**Capricorn** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Today is a 6 — Consider options. Slow to review where you've been and plan for what's ahead. Realizing a dream can reveal the less glamorous side. Choose carefully.



**Gemini** (May 21-June 20) — Today is an 8 — Collaborate for practical objectives. Illusions dissipate. Watch for hidden dangers. Communication and action can propel your efforts beyond breakdowns or limitations. Work together.



**Libra** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Today is an 8 — Spin your tale. Inhibit romantic daydreaming. Write your message. Express your views. Edit for clarity. Simplify for greatest potency. Connect, network and share.



**Aquarius** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Today is a 7 — Develop team goals. Reinforce basic priorities. Upgrade your communication systems. Collaboration gets farther than individual action. Work together for common gain. Coordinate tasks.



**Cancer** (June 21-July 22) — Today is a 9 — Practice. Breathe deeply and stretch. Nurture your health, energy and work. You're under no illusions. Take simple, practical actions, one after another.



**Scorpio** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Today is a 9 — Apply words and actions for lucrative gain. Keep your customers satisfied. Generate positive cash flow despite chaos. Replenish your reserves. Share, barter and trade.

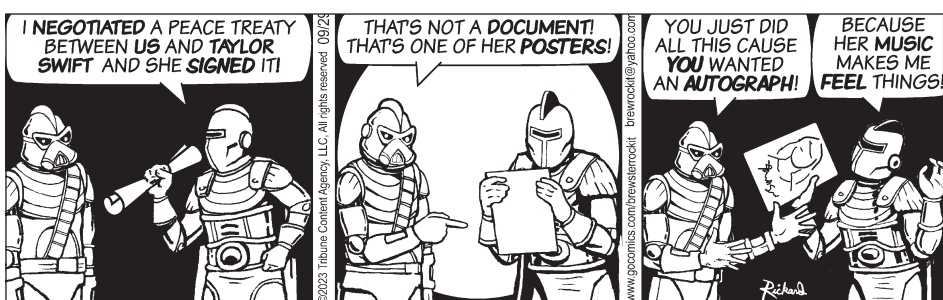


**Pisces** (Feb. 19-March 20) — Today is an 8 — Take care of business despite distractions or breakdowns. Resolve a professional challenge. Reinforce basic structures. Will power and communication prove effective. Forge ahead.

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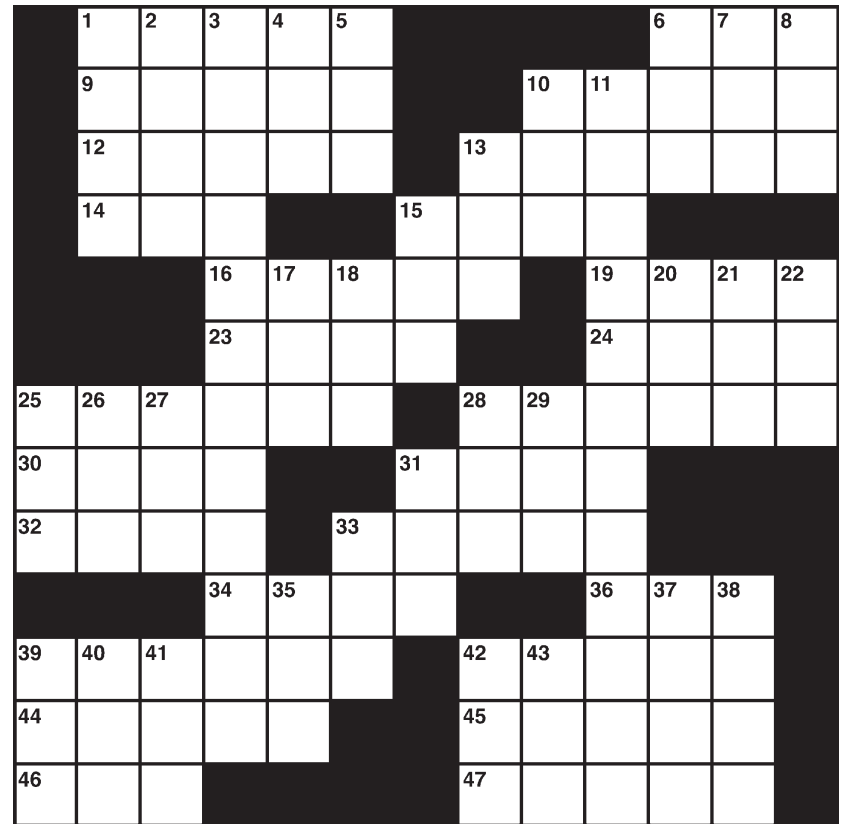
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#### ACROSS

- 1 Fonda or Falk
- 6 “\_\_ About You”
- 9 Got up
- 10 \_\_ O’Neil of “The Wonder Years”
- 12 Exhausted
- 13 Frasier & Niles
- 14 Enjoy a winter sport
- 15 Dad on “Little People, Big World”
- 16 Actor Ed \_\_
- 19 Gentile of “The Goldbergs”
- 23 “High \_\_”; Gary Cooper classic
- 24 “Beavis and Butt-\_\_”
- 25 “Little House on the Prairie” actor
- 28 “\_\_ of S.H.I.E.L.D.”
- 30 \_\_ vera; lotion ingredient
- 31 One-dish meal
- 32 Actress Teri
- 33 France’s dollar before the euro
- 34 Gilbert, for one
- 36 Letters before an alias
- 39 Cartoon dog
- 42 “Suddenly \_\_”

- 44 Cary or Hugh
- 45 “Tosca” or “Carmen”
- 46 Street paver’s goop
- 47 “Bad \_\_ Black Rock”; Spencer Tracy film

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- 1 Boone & Sajak
- 2 Actor Estrada
- 3 Actress on “NCIS: Hawaii”
- 4 Suffix for Nepal or Japan
- 5 “The \_\_ Skelton Hour”
- 6 “\_\_ with a Plan”
- 7 “The Kids \_\_ Alright”
- 8 Prefix for please or place
- 10 Mr. Linkletter
- 11 Recent “Chicago Fire” role
- 13 “\_\_ 54, Where Are You?”
- 15 “\_\_ in Trees”
- 17 Jack \_\_ of “Barney Miller”
- 18 Prefix for fat or sense
- 20 Stimp’s housemate
- 21 Granola bit
- 22 Football field divisions: abbr.
- 25 Fail to keep up
- 26 So. state
- 27 And not
- 28 “One Day \_\_ Time”
- 29 Highest army rank: abbr.
- 31 Mrs. in Madrid
- 33 Cook in oil
- 35 Isn’t \_\_ to; probably won’t
- 37 Killmer of “Chicago Fire”
- 38 Med. school course
- 39 “\_\_ Pepper’s Lonely Hearts Club Band”
- 40 Gun rights org.
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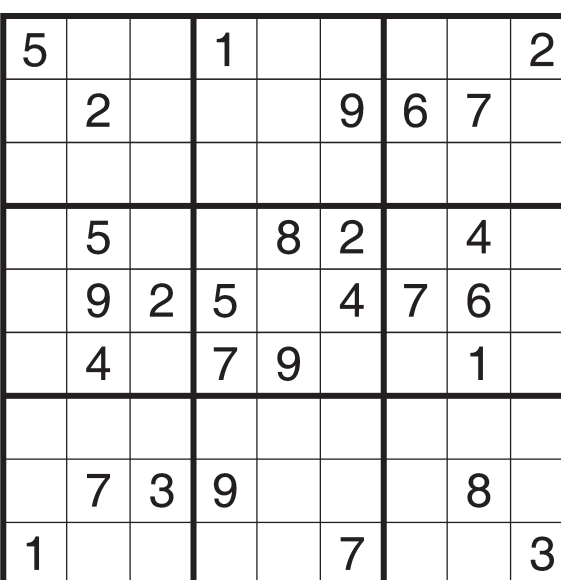
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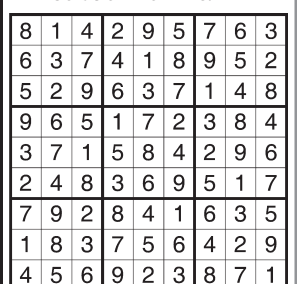
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Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, please visit [sudoku.org.uk](http://sudoku.org.uk)



Solution from 10/12



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 6:30 to 9 p.m.

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**Magnolia Arts Center**  
 1703 E 14th St.,  
 Greenville, N.C. 27858  
 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.  
 1(888) 622 - 3868

**Karaoke**  
 Use to B's  
 9527 Hwy 903, Ayden,  
 N.C. 28513  
 7:30 to 11:30 p.m.

**Trivia**  
 5th Street Hardware  
 Restaurant and Taproom  
 120 W 5th St.,  
 Greenville, N.C.  
 7 to 9 p.m.

**Lakeside Live at Wildwood: Molasses Creek**  
 Wildwood Park  
 3450 Blue Heron Dr.,  
 Greenville, N.C. 27858  
 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.  
 (252) 329 - 9453

### TOMORROW

**Freeboot Friday**  
 Five Points Plaza  
 5th and Evans St.,  
 Greenville, N.C. 27858  
 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.

**Sake Tasting**  
 Aji  
 801 Dickinson Ave.,  
 Greenville, N.C. 27834

**Nash After Hours**  
**Nash Hot Chicken**  
 114 E 5th St.,  
 Greenville, N.C. 27858  
 8 to 11:30 p.m.

### SATURDAY

**The Wannabees**  
 AJ McMurphy's  
 1914 Turnbury Dr.,  
 Greenville, N.C.  
 8 to 11 p.m.  
 (252) 355 - 7956

**Pop In Pop workshop**  
 Emerge Art Gallery and  
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 404 S Evans St.,  
 Greenville, N.C. 27858  
 1 to 3 p.m.  
 (252) 551 - 6947



A scene from "Queen of New York," directed by Emma Fidel. Marti Gould Cummings is a part of the drag community as identifies as nonbinary.

## Doc follows NYC nonbinary councilmember

**Muri Assunção**

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW YORK — All hail the Queen of New York.

Drag artist Marti Gould Cummings' historic run to become the first openly nonbinary New York City Council member is the subject of the new documentary "Queen of New York," whose world premiere is one of the highlights of the 35th annual New York LGBTQ+ Film Festival.

Directed by Emmy-nominated filmmaker Emma Fidel, this delightfully inspiring and eye-opening documentary follows the political journey of Cummings, who uses they/them pronouns, in their 2021 quest to represent Manhattan's seventh district.

If victorious, Cummings would have become the first drag queen elected to office on the East Coast and the second in the country, following the election of Maebe A. Girl to the Silver Lake Neighborhood Council in Los Angeles in 2019. Cummings wasn't — but that's beside the point.

While their campaign didn't result in a historic shift at City Hall, it nevertheless inspired New Yorkers to unapologetically embrace who they are, the 33-year-old director told the Daily News.

"I've seen how Marti inspires people around them to be their true selves, stand up for others, and get involved in politics — all essential steps for moving our country's policies and culture forward," said Fidel, who moved from Brooklyn

to Hamilton Heights for six months during filming so she "could immerse [herself] in District 7."

When shooting began in early 2020, the Connecticut-born filmmaker was often asked what she planned to do if Cummings didn't win the election.

"Is there still a film? Is there still a story," she recalls being asked. "And to be honest, for the longest time, I wasn't sure. Because people like happy endings."

But it wasn't long until she realized that a happy ending for the film didn't necessarily mean a seat on the city council — and that victory could come in many forms.

Before announcing they would seek public office, Cummings was already a veteran public servant and fierce LGBTQ+ rights advocate.

Besides delighting audiences as a hilarious performer who sings "sometimes on key, often not," the 36-year-old Maryland native also volunteered their time by working to protect LGBTQ+ youth and fighting for progressive causes as one of the founders of the community group Hell's Kitchen Democrats.

Cummings, who was recently hired as an ambassador for Equality New York, also became the first drag queen to interview a presidential candidate in 2019. They led a TED Talk on the power and joy of drag after they were attacked by conservatives following a viral video in which they sang "Baby Shark" to a toddler, and were even invited to the White House for the signing

of the Respect for Marriage Act.

But Cummings' decision to take their advocacy a step further came in 2015, following the now-infamous scene of a then-reality TV star coming down the escalators of a Midtown Manhattan building to announce he would run for president.

"Like a lot of people, when we saw Trump coming down that escalator — and he spewed a ton of vile, awful, bigoted things — (we thought) 'Oh, wow, this is a really interesting moment in American politics,'" Cummings said, adding that it was "a real kind of wake-up call" for them.

That watershed moment gave way to Cummings' history-making political campaign, which is now captured on film.

"Queen of New York" premieres as the New York Centerpiece film of the NY LGBTQ+ Film Festival on Monday at 7:30 p.m. at the SVA Theatre in Manhattan. Audiences across the U.S. can watch the film virtually through Oct. 24.

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Assorted peppers together, the Carolina Reaper pepper was the worlds hottest pepper since August 2017 before the creation of the Pepper X.

## Pepper X dethrones Carolina Reaper

**Zach Mentz**

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Move on over, Carolina Reaper. There's a new world's hottest pepper — Pepper X.

A new pepper named Pepper X is now the world's hottest chili pepper, according to Guinness World Records, surpassing the Carolina Reaper pepper, which held the record since August of 2017.

Pepper X has an average rating of 2.693 million Scoville Heat Units, the official metric used to measure a pepper's spiciness or heat. A Carolina Reaper pepper, meanwhile, measures at an average rating of 1.64 million SHU. A jalapeño, for additional context, is on average between 3,000 and 8,000 SHU.

The record-breaking and tongue-scorching Pepper X was grown by Ed Currie, founder of PuckerButt Pepper Company, a pepper producer based in Fort Mill, South Carolina. Currie is also the creator of the Carolina Reaper pepper, according to Guinness, meaning he broke his own record for world's hottest pepper.

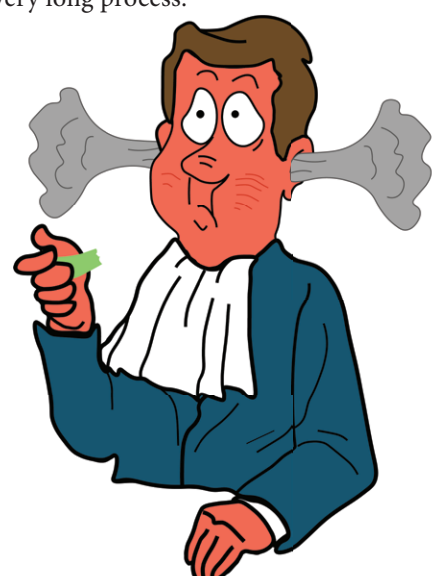
Currie cultivated Pepper X on his farm over a 10-year period, cross-breeding the pepper with some of his hottest peppers to increase its capsaicin content, the active component of chili peppers. He cross-breeds more than 100 peppers each year, hoping just one or two will

make it through the 10-year cultivation and development cycle, according to Guinness.

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With Pepper X and Carolina Reaper as Currie's claims to fame, he's already working on creating a pepper even hotter than those two, per Guinness.

"If we get desirable traits, like high indices of capsaicinoids we're looking for, then we'll keep on going on the cross," Currie told Wired. "If it doesn't work, then we gotta start all over again, and it's a very time-consuming, very long process."



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## TEC 'spertZ

The East Carolinian Sports experts predict this week's events

### Trevon McGlone

TEC Staff



**Charlotte VS. ECU Score Prediction?**  
20-13 ECU

**Why?** Charlotte's offense has done little all year, averaging 15

points per game. ECU's defense should force a turnover or two and keep the Pirates in the lead throughout the game. It'll be a defensive battle just like the first half against SMU, but the Pirates will get their second win of the season.

### Nick Bailey

Sports Editor



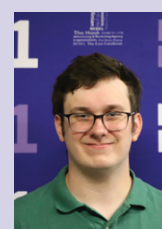
**Charlotte VS. ECU Score Prediction?**  
17-6 ECU

**Why?** The Pirates will be looking in the mirror in this matchup, as

both teams average a little more than 300 yards of total offense per game, so expect a low scoring game. ECU gains an advantage on the defensive side of the ball, which is where I think they will succeed and hopefully be able to walk away with their first win against a division one opponent this year.

### Eli Baine

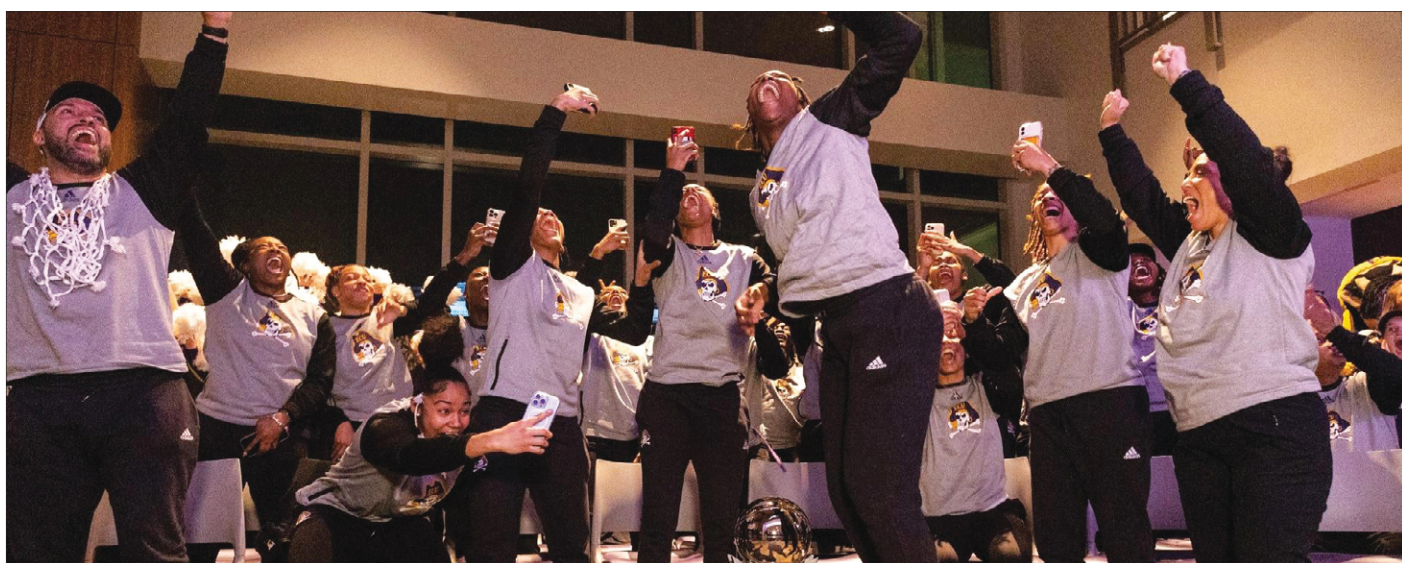
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**Charlotte VS. ECU Score Prediction?**  
20-10 ECU

**Why?** The Pirates offense has continually struggled

throughout this season, but from what I have heard about the coaching direction and the arguably poor defense of Charlotte, I believe ECU will come out on top in a low-scoring game.



The East Carolina University women's basketball team celebrates their post season rankings last season when they got the chance to play in March Madness. COURTESY OF ECUPIRATES

## Conference media day wins Pirates awards

Diego Lerma  
TEC STAFF

East Carolina University basketball season is right around the corner, with both teams first games of the season scheduled to play Nov. 6, here is a recap of the American Athletic Conference (AAC) media days for both the men's and women's teams.

Awards were given out to players and teams. All voting was made by each of the 14 of the league's head coaches, but they were not allowed to vote for their own team or players.

Starting off with the men's team, junior guard RJ Felton was named to the AAC Pre-season Second Team. Felton is coming off a strong sophomore season with the Pirates. Some of his accolades last season included scoring a career high of 27 points, averaging being named to the AAC Honor Roll twice, leading the team with 166 field goals and 64 three pointers.

The Pirates were ranked the number five team in the AAC Preseason poll, which is the highest they have been ranked in over seven years.

The ECU women's basketball team was ranked second place in the AAC preseason poll even after winning the AAC tournament last season. During last year's preseason poll, the Pirates were ranked in last place

The graduate student guard Danae McNeal was chosen as the leagues Preseason Player of the Year and she was a Preseason All-Conference Team selection alongside sophomore forward Amiya Joyner.

Some of McNeal's accomplishments last season included being named First-Team All Conference and AAC Defensive Player of the Year.



Junior guard RJ Felton isolates a University of South Florida defender last season in Mingos Coliseum. COURTESY OF ECUPIRATES

During Joyner's break out freshman season she earned many accolades which included eight AAC Freshman of the Week honor, 13 double-doubles, AAC All-Tournament Team and AAC Third-Team.

### Rankings from AAC Coaches

#### Men's Preseason Poll

1. Florida Atlantic
2. Memphis
3. Tulane
4. UAB
5. East Carolina
6. North Carolina
7. SMU
8. Wichita State
9. South Florida
10. Tulsa
11. Rice
12. Temple
13. Charlotte
14. UTSA

### Women's Preseason Poll

1. South Florida
2. East Carolina
3. Rice
4. SMU
5. Memphis
6. Tulane
7. Tulsa
8. UTSA
9. Temple
10. Charlotte
11. Wichita State
12. North Texas
13. UAB
14. Florida Atlantic

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Freshman running back Javious Bond rallies his way past defenders into the endzone in the Pirates 44-0 win against Gardner-Webb University. COURTESY OF ECUPIRATES

## Mid-season analysis for Football

Nick Bailey  
TEC STAFF

The East Carolina University football team (1-5, 0-2 American Athletic Conference) has crawled their way to the halfway point of the 2023 season with no wins against division one opponents and no wins against American Athletic Conference foes.

ECU's record stands right now from losing to some notable opponents like the University of Michigan (7-0, 4-0 Big Ten Conference) and Marshall University (4-2, 1-1 Sun Belt Conference), while also failing to perform against statistically sub-par teams like Rice University (3-3, 1-1 AAC) and Appalachian State University (3-3, 1-1 Sun Belt Conference)

From what was an 8-5 squad and a bowl winning team last season, the Pirates have fallen far from that fairytale ending from last season. This is the second time in Head Coach Mike Houston's era that an ECU football team has begun 1-5 in their first six games, following the 2020 team, which started 1-5 before completing 3-6 in their shortened season.

Not being able to close out games in the fourth quarter has been a big down-point for ECU this season, and Houston said in a weekly press conference on Oct. 17 that the experience

in last game situations comes with reps.

"I think there's a lot that goes into guys being comfortable and being able to perform at a high level in those pressure situations," Houston said. "The only way they're going to get there is by being in those pressure situations. I think that the more we're in those situations, the more comfortable some of our guys are going to get. We've played six games now and been in those situations a lot so I'm hoping that starting with this weekend we're going to play much better."

The new offense for the Pirates has had to go through some learning curves with many guys fighting for starting positions week in and week out, and the quarterback position has seen some of the most flexibility.

Sophomore quarterback Mason Garcia was given the reins in ECU's first two games of the season, but has now lost significant playing time to junior quarterback Alex Flinn.

"Coach Kirkpatrick and I have talked about that. I think when Mason is relaxed and composed, he has done some really, really good things. I think he gets excited. He's very motivated to be great and to help our team. Certainly, the other night coming off the bench he was very effective."

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