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Student runs for NC house



MICHAEL SEEGARS | THE EAST CAROLINIAN

ECU senior, Uriah Ward, is campaigning around Greenville with hopes of winning the upcoming November North Carolina House of Representatives election.

Student competes against District 9 Republican for the North Carolina House of Rep. election

Kelsey Padgett
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

An East Carolina University student is putting his name on the ballot as the Democratic Nominee for the North Carolina House of Representatives election in November.

Uriah Ward, a senior and political science

major, will be running against the current District 9 representative Republican Brian Brown.

A Greenville native who has played an active role in the community since his time at J. H. Rose High School, he made the decision to represent his community after he saw the way the General Assembly was choosing to handle

Public Education.

Ward has also taken a stand for the Medicaid Expansion.

"The Medicaid Expansion would have brought billions of dollars to our county and

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Campus sets new record

Emily Schultz
TEC STAFF

ECU welcomed its largest group of undergraduate students in history to campus this fall, reaching an enrollment of 22,252 students.

Dr. John Fletcher, Associate Provost for Enrollment Services, said that total enrollment, including undergraduates, graduates and students at the medical campus, is now at 27,511. However, these numbers are only preliminary.

"In North Carolina, we actually submit our enrollment information to the general administration in the University of North Carolina system, so until that is actually approved, these numbers are preliminary...The numbers may eventually change a little bit, but it's not likely they change dramatically," said Fletcher.

According to ECU's website, enrollment in fall of 2013 was 26,887 including both on-campus and distance education students. The increase in enrollment is up 2.32 percent from last year.

Fletcher believes that over the past 10 years, ECU has become

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Latino festival returns

Destiny Edwards
TEC STAFF

National Hispanic Heritage Month started last week and the City of Greenville is celebrating on Saturday with its Latino Festival at the Town Common.

Executive Director Juvencio Rocha-Peralta said the Association of Mexicans in North Carolina (AMEXCAN) has hosted the festival for about a decade and that its purpose was to showcase the different aspects of the Latino culture.

"The Latino Festival is to promote Latin American culture," said Rocha-Peralta. "It's just to share the different cultures that we bring into the community."

Rocha-Peralta also said that AMEXCAN puts on the event so that people of different cultures can get to know each other and so that local companies can expand their customer base.

"[It's] an opportunity for the general public to engage with the



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Flan and other traditional dishes will be served at the Latino festival.

growing Latino population in this region," said Rocha-Peralta. "We also use it as a platform to allow a number of different agencies and business to reach out to the Latino market."

Rocha-Peralta said that originally the festival was created to help fulfill one of the core goals of AMEXCAN.

"One of the objectives of the organization is to promote culture, so this is one of the initiatives," said Rocha-Peralta. "But also, it's part of the Hispanic heritage celebration that we do every year."

National Hispanic Heritage Month started in 1968 as Hispanic Heritage Week, before it was expanded to cover the time from Sept. 15 to Oct. 15 by then-President Ronald Reagan. According to its official website, Sept. 15 was chosen as the observance's start date because it was the independence day of several Latin American countries. In addition, Mexico celebrated its independence on Sept. 16 and Chile on Sept. 18. Columbus Day, which is referred to as Día de Raza—or Day of the Race—in Latin American countries, also falls during this period.

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Chipotle is here

Altavia Lowery
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

For all the Pirates who love Chipotle, the wait is finally over. Chipotle Mexican Grill will make its grand opening on Monday off of Greenville Blvd, only a few miles away from ECU's campus.

"We saw a tremendous amount of community support and requests for a Chipotle to be located here in the Greenville market and anticipated they will have much success," said Project Coordinator Jeriann Sexton.

Many citizens in the past have expressed their love for the restaurant and even made fan pages. On the Facebook Chipotle fan page, there are multiple comments from Greenville citizens begging for an expansion in Greenville. Fernando Huber's comment reads, "Open a Chipotle here in Greenville, I don't like having to drive an hour and a half to get my fix." ECU student Marissa Rae Vlaming comment reads, "Bring Chipotle to Greenville. Pirates love burritos."

On December 5, 2011 a group of ECU students put together a report

on why Chipotle should be brought to Greenville. One part of the report highlighted the increasing student population as a reason why the restaurant should be brought to the area.

De'Ja Cook-Brown, a sophomore communication major, has been missing her Chipotle fix.

"I have been craving a burrito bowl for the longest," said Cook-Brown. "I'm from Charlotte and there are a couple of Chipotle's there. Coming to a place with no Chipotle is devastating."

Paige Smith, a sophomore English major, is coming from the opposite perspective.

"I've never had Chipotle before, but all I hear are raving reviews," said Paige Smith, sophomore English major. "There isn't one back home where I live so I cannot wait to finally try it."

Chipotle first opened its doors in 1993 and focuses on sourcing all natural ingredients. Chipotle Mexican Grill will be located at 610 S.E.

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BRIEFS

Center donates to support nursing home teaching project

Golden Living Center donated \$123,000 to the Brody School of Medicine to support a nursing home teaching project.

The money will be used to support the instruction of resident physicians and geriatric fellows, faculty salaries and teaching materials. Golden Living Center is a senior health care company where medical, pharmacy and physician assistant students go for clinical learning.

Joyner Library hosts Read Out night to recognize Banned Books Week

Joyner Library and the department of English will be holding a Read Out Thursday night beginning at 4:30 p.m. outside to recognize Banned Books Week. Those who attend are encouraged to bring their own banned books.

There will be books available at the event. A program on book burning is scheduled to follow at 5:30 p.m. in Joyner Library room 2409.

Rec Center holds spooky workouts in honor of Halloween approaching

In honor of Halloween approaching, the Rec Center is hosting "Frightfully Fit Group Fitness Classes" from Oct. 27-31. Group fitness instructors will be teaching "Spooky Workouts" to get participants in "Scary Shape!"

The entry for a single class is \$5 and the price for unlimited classes during the Fall 2014 season is \$50.



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SGA reacts to hate crimes

SGA releases resolution addressing anti-Semitic hate crimes occurring on and near ECU's campus

Charles Canaday
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

In an official reaction to recent anti-Semitic hate crimes, the Student Government Association has released a resolution condemning all forms of bigotry, prejudice and racism on behalf of the student body.

Recently, two instances of anti-Semitic drawings and phrases were said to have been connected to students from ECU. One instance involved a drawing of a Swastika on an apartment door, which was followed by the discovery of hateful messages directed at the Jewish religion.

The hate-speech deeply concerned and offended members of the student body as well as the staff, prompting many campus officials, including the SGA, to give a response.

“ to condemn the acts of hatred, bigotry, and insensitivity that have been recently committed in the East Carolina University Community ”

-Resolution SR04

Known as Resolution SR04 within SGA, it is a full condemnation of all hateful language and crimes, not just those of an anti-Semitic nature. It's official decree is "to condemn the acts

of hatred, bigotry, and insensitivity that have been recently committed in the East Carolina University Community and to urge a response by the Student Government Association.”

Originating from Senate Speaker Tyler Moore, his resolve to put the Resolution into writing came from his personal experiences in the aftermath of the hate crime. Shortly after an emergency meeting with other heads of campus, Moore was left with a great deal of information about ECU's problems with hate crimes but did not feel right that his own organization had made no official response on them.

Moore took up the responsibility of drafting a resolution, and SR04 was completed and made into the official stance of both the SGA and their student bodies on hate crimes.



Tyler Moore



Michael King

Michael King, president of SGA, released his own email personally expressing concern over criminal anti-Semitic activity.

Despite previous reactions to the crimes, the SGA felt it was necessary to make a more official resolution that reflected the concerns of the student



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Racist phrase was found in restroom stall.

body that had elected them. Should more criminal activities come to light, their responses will continue to involve resolutions condemning any criminal or hateful behavior that offends or threatens their student body.

Concerning further action and the effect this resolution will have on campus, the condemnation will not carry any force of law or provide for countermeasures against the perpetrators, but will hopefully be the first of many steps in bringing tolerance to students and staff. In the near future, SGA officials hope to bring guest speakers and other events to ECU that will inspire students to refrain from bigotry.

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Grill thanks local teachers

Taylor Norris
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

East Coast Wings and Grill is celebrating teachers by offering them a free entree every Tuesday throughout the month of September.

“Any and all teachers or teacher assistants with a photo ID are able to receive a free meal for up to a \$9 value,” said manager Dave Aleo. “It’s just a great way to give back to the teachers.”

Aleo is currently the manager at the East Coast Wings and Grill located on East 10th Street. He has been the manager there for seven months, but with East Coast Wings and Grill for a total of two years.

East Coast Wings and Grill was first opened in 1995 and is known to be a family friendly establishment. They are open from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily.

The promotion begins at 4 p.m. and lasts until 10 p.m and Aleo anticipates it to get busy.

“I wouldn’t recommend going after five in the afternoon,” said Aleo.

Beginning in October, East Coast Wings and Grill is continuing its appreciation of teachers by offering them a 10 percent discount throughout the rest of the school year. Any teachers or teacher assistants can receive this discount. All they have to show is a photo ID.

“This promotion is not just for the Greenville area,” Aleo said. “It is corporation wide and extensively accepted. It’s a big success so far.”

While they do not have a set discount for students, they have provided numerous resources for students to save on a meal. Coupon books have been distributed on campus.

“Since school has started back, it has been a record number,” said Aleo.

Students and teachers from all over have been going there to eat.

“Teachers, not just from East Carolina University, but from all schools in town. Some have even came from Washington and Grifton,” said Aleo.

Monday will be the last Tuesday of the month in which teachers are able to take advantage of this special promotion.

“Lots of teachers really appreciate it and this is just our way to thank them for all the things they do,” said Aleo.

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Hazing Prevention Week starts

ECU takes part in National Hazing Prevention Week to educate Greek life

Micah Molinas
TEC STAFF

National Hazing Prevention Week (NHPW) is giving universities, such as ECU, the opportunity to raise awareness among their students which began Monday and will continue until tomorrow.

According to *The National Study of Student Hazing*, 55 percent of college students taking part in teams, clubs and organizations have experienced hazing. However, only one student out of every ten who has experienced hazing during college considers himself or herself to be a victim. This is something that Keith Tingley, director of Greek Life at ECU, believes can be solved through education.

“Education is key without a doubt as far as prevention,” said Tingley. “On this campus, we’ve seen instances where students are doing hazing and not even realizing that they are doing it.”

Through ongoing education, ECU and other universities working to address hazing are able to share with students the knowledge to recognize hazing, the consequences of hazing and how to find alternatives to hazing. By doing this, Tingley believes that universities will be able to eliminate the level of hierarchy that is common among student organizations.

“You take in new members and unfortunately there is this level of hierarchy within student organizations and you don’t want that to be in place,” he said. “When you invite someone to join and become a part of an organization, you accept them as a member and you don’t do anything that is going to harm them or prevent them from learning.”

Tingley acknowledges that the issue of hazing is commonly viewed to be a part of life as a member of a Greek organization. He also acknowledges that despite the work done in the past, there are still issues of hazing in Greek organizations across the country.

“When you hear the word hazing, Greeks are the first thing people think of,” said Tingley. “People don’t think of bands, people don’t think of collegiate sports teams, they don’t think of those, but unfortunately you see that across the country.”

Unfortunately, the steps taken by the universities to prevent these events from occurring and the resources that they offer are not being utilized. The National Study of Student Hazing states that 95 percent of students who experience hazing do not report the event to the proper authorities.

The ECU Student Code of Conduct currently maintains a no tolerance stance on



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Jasmine Flores, senior Hispanic Studies major, gives a anti-hazing presentation at a Lambda Theta Alpha Latin Sorority Inc. event.

hazing in compliance with North Carolina law, which states that it is “unlawful for any student in attendance at any university, college, or school in this State to engage in hazing, or to aid or abet any other student in the commission of this offense.”

Persons found guilty of hazing will receive a punishment that ranges from a one year disciplinary probation to a permanent ban from the university. Organizations found guilty of hazing face a minimum suspension of one year to the immediate disbandment of the group. These punishments are accompanied by a Class 2 misdemeanor.

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Protestors continue to fight for sorority and fraternity hazing on campuses to be put to a stop.

City brings funny back



The Nostalgia Newsstand (above) will host the event, led by David Tilley. The event was moved to benefit attendees, allowing tickets to be free.

Comic convention returns after several years to Greenville's City Hotel & Bistro this Saturday

Destiny Edwards
TEC STAFF

San Diego, New York, Atlanta and Charlotte are home to some of the most well-known comic conventions, and Greenville will throw its own hat into the ring on Saturday with the Greenville Comic Book Show.

Nostalgia Newsstand's David Tilley said this weekend's show wouldn't be the first in Greenville, but that it would be the first in a couple of years.

"Charles, the owner, used to do them twice a year, but then we went several years without having one," said Tilley. "We tried to do one every year, but we couldn't do one last year because we were in the process of moving."

Tilley said this would be the first show that he's run by himself, as a result of him asking Nostalgia's owner to bring the show back.

"He tried to teach me a lesson," Tilley said. "He said, 'You want to do one, you're going to do all the work.' But it's been fun trying to get people to come down. I would love to do more and bigger, but Greenville is a small area."

Tilley said that while the show won't have traditional panels, there will be dealers in attendance. Tilley also said there would be comic creators at the show.

"We have several guests coming down who have drawn

and written comics including Richard Case, who used to do 'Doom Patrol' for D.C., Jeremy Whitley, who has a really cool book of his own called 'Princeless' and he also does some 'My Little Pony' stuff, Micah Harris, who's local and does a book called 'Lorna: Relic Wrangler' and a graphic novel called 'Heaven's War,' Matt Wieringo, whose brother Mike passed away a few years ago, is going to have some of Mike's artwork for sale; and Chris Kemple, who graduated from ECU and has a book called 'Red Vengeance,' said Tilley.

Tilley said most of the guests reside in North Carolina.

"Being a smaller show, it was [decided by] local proximity," said Tilley. "People who lived in Durham and Raleigh—in that area—because, really, to get someone down here, it can get kind of expensive. But if you get someone local, they'll come and hawk their wares."

One of the Durham-area writers, Jeremy Whitley, said that he got involved with the show in June after meeting Tilley at Heroes Con in Charlotte.

"I love to have the opportunity to do shows closer to home as opposed doing them in shut-off convention centers where the only people who will find it will be people who are already tuned into what's going on," said Whitley.

Whitley writes the creator-

owned comic, "Princeless," which is about a princess who escapes from the tower her parents locked her in. With the help of her dragon and a half-dwarf blacksmith, she decides to save the other princesses. The book has been nominated for the Will Eisner Comic Industry Awards twice. Whitley said the series was created with his daughter in mind.

"Princeless' came from wanting to share comics with my daughter," said Whitley. "I went looking for comics that were appropriate to share with her and had a heroine that looked like her—a young woman of color. It didn't seem to exist, so I decided I needed to create it."

Whitley said he has a lot of projects coming up in the next few months. In addition to "Princeless," the next story arc of which will be called "The Pirate Princess," and the "My Little Pony" ongoing series for IDW, he is working on several original books. One of those comics, "Illegal," just finished a Kickstarter campaign. He and artist Heather Nunnelly received nearly \$10,000 from backers to help fund the science-fiction-inspired comic.

"Illegal' is about America in the near future. It's about a time in which all of the population is monitored my microchips that are implanted in them at birth," said Whitley. "The only cracks

in this system are undocumented immigrants, people who have no chips and no legal status in the country. They have become public enemy number one, but they may also be the only hope for the future."

Whitley said the best part of going to shows is meeting the fans.

"I love having people, especially young women, come up to my table and tell me that I wrote their first comic book," said Whitley. "It's a really amazing feeling."

Tilley said that he chose to host the show at the City Hotel and Bistro instead of the Greenville Convention Center for a few reasons. One, he said, was because it was less expensive. The other was as a benefit to attendees.

"We wanted free admission, and if we had it at the Hilton or Convention Center, we'd have to charge people to get in," said Tilley. "And if you have free admission, you can get more people into the door."

Tilley said that putting together a mini-convention has been a lot of work, but that it's been worth it.

"[I'm excited] for the work to be over with," said Tilley. "Honestly, I'm just looking forward to everyone coming out and having a good time."

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Thursday 25th

Cannon Ball Dance
7:00-9:00 p.m.
Greenville Convention Center

Banned Books Reading Event
4:30-5:30 p.m.
Joyner Library

Psylo Joe and Supatight
10:00 p.m.
Peasants Pub

Neighbors
9:30 p.m.
Hendrix Theatre

Friday 26th

Free Your Mind Open Mic Night
7:00 p.m.
Mendenhall 244

Latino Festival
11:00 a.m.
Town Commons

Circus Pages
4:30 & 7:30 p.m.
Greenville Convention Center

Rebekah Todd & The Odyssey
6:00 p.m.
Peasants Pub

Maleficent
7:00 p.m.
Hendrix Theatre

Neighbors
9:30 p.m.
Hendrix Theatre

Halfway to Saint Patrick's Day
9:00 p.m.
Fitzgerld's

The Mantras
11:00 p.m.
Peasants Pub

Saturday 27th

Prescription for Success
9:00 a.m.
Bate Building

Symphony Orchestra Concert
7:30 p.m.
Wright Auditorium

Jimkata & Yo Mamas Big Fat Booty
6:00 p.m.
Peasants Pub

Neighbors
7:00 p.m.
Hendrix Theatre

Maleficent
9:30 p.m.
Hendrix Theatre

Sunday 28th

Night of Musical Theatre
2:00 p.m.
Messick Theatre Arts Centre

Reader's Theatre
9:30 a.m.
Unitarian Universalist Congregation

Student Recital
5:00 p.m.
Fletcher Recital Hall

Joyner to host Banned Books

Kiera Huie
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

East Carolina University's first annual Banned Books Reading Event will be at Joyner's Sonic Plaza at 4:30 p.m.

Banned Books Week is an event that celebrates the freedom to read and demonstrate the importance of the first amendment. Students and faculty will be able to read books that have been banned for numerous reasons.

"It is important for students and faculty members to come out to support Banned Book Week because it is a very important event that encourages people to

celebrate their right of freedom of speech," said Margaret Earley-Thiele, instructor at the ECU Teaching Research Center.

This event is part of the National Awareness Campaign that the American Library Association sponsors.

Books will be available at the event and students and faculty are also welcomed to bring their own banned books. The "Read Out" will begin in the Sonic Plaza, right outside the library and a presentation about the history of the banned books will be followed at 5:30 p.m. in Joyner Library.

"We have a display in the

Teaching Research Center that highlights the banned books from over the years," said Earley-Thiele.

Most of the books that have been banned are due to age inappropriateness, which is the largest complaint.

"The books that have been banned the most are childrens," said Earley-Thiele.

The most recent banned book was a 2005 children's book named "A Tango Makes Three."

The book is based on a true story of two male penguins that were given an egg to raise. It has won many awards, but has been controversial due to the same-sex marriage, adoption

and homosexuality in animals.

This is the first time Joyner Library has partnered up with the English Department to make this event happen. Joyner Library and the English Department are hoping that the audience will participate during the program and share some of their thoughts and ideas afterwards.

"We hope the audience will participate during the program, and afterwards continue to question our rights and responsibilities in a free society," said English professor Corinee Guy. "Let your voice be heard."

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PEASFEST

Peasants Pub to host event



The Mantras (above) of Greensboro are a collaborative rock band who are scheduled to perform Friday at 11 p.m.



Supatight (above) from Boone perform a mix of funk, reggae and rock.



Rebekah Todd (above) and her band The Odyssey will perform Friday night.

Peasfest returns for its second year

Jessica McGettigan and Kayte Ramagano
TEC STAFF

Peasants Pub will be hosting their 2nd Annual Peasfest on today, tomorrow and Saturday. This three-day music festival will take place both inside and outside of the pub and feature nine bands in total.

The event kicks off tomorrow with Psylo Joe and

wraps up with Supatight that night. Psylo Joe is a psychedelic funk rock band that has played all over North Carolina and has become a local favorite in Greenville. They play every other Tuesday at Peasants Pub and won Battle of the Bands last year.

“There is going to be a good variety of bands,” said manager and bartender Jordan Blythe. “One of our

biggest hits last year was Jimkata, it’s kind of an electric alternative.”

Jimkata will be playing on Saturday along with The Mantras and Yo Mama’s Big Fat Booty Band. Last year Jimkata brought in a packed house at Peasfest and was a student favorite from the weekend.

A couple of funk bands will also be playing at the event. Jonathon Scales

Fourchestra, a band from Asheville, will be playing on Friday. The three artists that make up this band have a very unique sound and people are looking forward to what is on their playlist for the event.

“They’re a very unconventional band, it’s a bassist, a steel drum, and just a drummer,” said Blythe.

Other bands playing

Friday at Peasfest include Big Daddy Love and Rebekah Todd. Both bands have previously played at Peasants Pub and draw in a big crowd.

The event will be very similar to last years Peasfest and most of the bands featured will be returning. The atmosphere last year was similar to any big event in Greenville, packed with hungry and thirsty students ready for a good time.

the go-to place for music downtown.

Barbeque sliders and other finger food will be on served at the outside section of Peasfest where the bands will be playing but people will be able to come in and order anything from the menu as well.

You can purchase the tickets online through Peasant’s Pub’s Facebook page in advance or pay at the door the day of the event. Ticket prices vary depending on the bands student wish to come hear play.

Students create fashion show

Arvanna Smart
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

On Saturday at the Mendenhall Student Center in the great rooms at 7 p.m. FAME modeling troupe and Yacht club will be hosting their first fashion show titled LiveLoveCulture. The show will consist of musicians, designers, poets, vendors, boutiques and small businesses.

Najee Brown is very involved on campus. She is on the E board of Aimo, a member of FAME modeling troupe and now one of the lead coordinators and event planners of LiveLoveCulture. Najee Brown describes FAME as a group of modeling performers.

“FAME is a mixture of dance and modeling,” said Najee Brown.

She has teamed up with Yacht club to put the fashion show together. Yacht club is one of the organizations here on campus that is responsible for many of the events that happen.

“Yacht club is making all the gears go right,” said Nina Talbert, Yacht club member.

Najee Brown, FAME member and event planner, explains that the event is to help others get their work out in the open. The idea came about as Najee Brown was thinking about her future. She wants to be an event planner and open her own boutique that sells urban wear.

“LiveLoveCulture is about supporting other Pirates. Helping them get their work out,” said Najee Brown. Talbert explains LiveLoveCulture as “Pirates helping Pirates.”

Fellow Pirates Janae Brown and Xavier Brodie will be in attendance at LiveLoveCulture. Janae Brown is involved in many activities here on campus including W.O.M. At the event, Janae Brown will be performing an original poem. Xavier Brodie is a budding rapper who will be showcas-

ing some of his recent music at LiveLoveCulture.

Other invited artists include those from Charlotte, Durham, Raleigh and Greenville. The acts from Charlotte include clothing lines such as Children of the Now and Family Matters and musicians such as Bankrollbird and YB. Coming from Durham is the clothing line WhyL. Greenville clothing lines are Catalog Connection, Qualities and Augmented.

LiveLoveCulture is a fashion show hosted by Pirates for Pirates. The event is meant to showcase the talents here on campus and in the surrounding areas. The event will be free at entrance. Najee Brown believes the event is meant to support other Pirates.

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Will someone explain to me why there is no "White Student Union"... I feel underrepresented...

Hey girl, I'm no weatherman but you can expect a few inches tonight.

There's only one Carolina that matters in this state and it's in the EAST.

Is National Hazing Prevention and Awareness Week coinciding with Meet the Greeks?

I wonder what the weather's like in Chapel Hill? It's 70 here.

Don't worry about that class scandal, UNC. You got all the schooling you needed on Saturday.

I like how the apartments downtown are being built faster than the bus stops.

The new bus stops make the buses stop on the new crosswalks on the hill. Can we fix this?

I know a bye week is good for the players, but a weekend without Pirate football just isn't a weekend at all. Go Pirates!!! Bring the heat to SMU on the fourth!!!

Alright, who were the people who voted on the last poll saying the Tarholes were going to win? You guys have no Pirate Pride.

I hate to hate on the marching band but come on guys play something from this decade and you may not put people to sleep!

Whenever I'm standing at the front, I feel like the bus is my ship and I'm it's captain. Hard to starboard ye scurvy dogs!

Hey, geniuses, you put the pedestrian crosswalk right in the middle of the bus stop on the hill. Freakin brilliant! Reason for emergency room visit? Pedestrian vs. Bus (Hint: the bus always wins).

If you are able to talk junk about your roommate while you're working out, you aren't working out hard enough. Go home please, no one wants to hear that.

Dear ECU, only giving us four allotted drops in four years after just a seven day period is unacceptable. One or two classes is not enough time to gauge its workload. Sincerely, a stressed student.

Dear frat pledges: it's going to take more than those suits to look professional when you fill the quiet floor of Joyner with your insipid chatter and the ceaseless plinking of your tobacco spit.

Dear tall people, if you see a short individual sliding around, dangling from a bus strap for dear life, do the right thing and give up your seat to the less fortunate, yeah?

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Our view

Football rankings prove to be fickle

As a result of ECU's 70-4 thumping of North Carolina Saturday, the Pirates were slotted No. 23 in the AP polls, which marks the first time since 2008 they have been ranked. But what took so long?

After all, ECU (3-1) had beaten Virginia Tech on the road and its only loss is a respectable 33-23 result at South Carolina. Meanwhile, the team ranked one spot ahead of ECU at No. 22 is Ohio State (2-1), who was handed a home loss by the Hokies.

Prior to that loss, the Buckeyes were the nation's fifth-ranked team in the preseason poll until they lost their Heisman-hopeful quarterback, Braxton Miller.

Also, let's not forget UNC was ranked No. 23 on that same preseason poll.

It's just the latest example of why there is little to no purpose to having preseason polls or really no sort of rankings until the calendar at least hits October. They have done nothing more but induce pressure on players and coaches far before any of it is necessary.

We as an editorial staff believe that these rankings have proven to be nothing more than a popularity contest early on in the season, which makes it more difficult for teams outside of the "Power Five" conferences to join the party.

Letters to the Editor

Hate crimes not given a place in Greenville or ECU life

To our community at East Carolina University and Greenville:

Religious intimidation and hate have no place here.

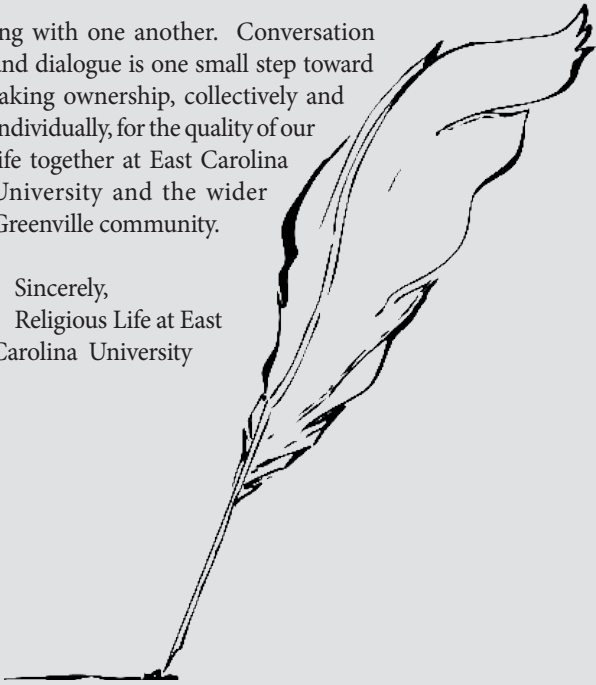
As the organization composed of leaders of various religious student organizations at East Carolina University, Religious Life is both saddened and deeply alarmed by the events occurring the morning of Sept.1 at The Landing student apartment complex involving the spray painting of a large white swastika. Religious Life deplores and condemns this behavior that damages our shared life together as a community. These actions represent far more than mere vandalism and property damage but reflect a deeper disease in our community—that of religious intolerance and hate.

Religiously motivated intimidation and hate seeks to undermine and destroy our life together, as students, faculty, staff, and members of the greater Greenville community. This sort of behavior attempts to transform our religious diversity from a means of fostering meaningful shared experiences of growth and learning at college into a tool of division and violence. Because civility and respect for one another's religious beliefs are the necessary building blocks of a healthy community, these actions have no place in our life together.

As a means to begin healing in our University and city, we encourage patience as ongoing investigations take their course as well as conversation and dialogue together for the sake of deeply listening, educating and shar-

ing with one another. Conversation and dialogue is one small step toward taking ownership, collectively and individually, for the quality of our life together at East Carolina University and the wider Greenville community.

Sincerely,
Religious Life at East Carolina University



Censoring is contemptible



William Franklin
TEC COLUMNIST

This week is banned books week—which celebrates all of the books that have been banned over time. This week, though it hasn't been given a lot of fanfare, is immensely important because it raises questions about censorship and expression. Books have been banned for as long as they've existed, and none of those bans have been good.

Censorship and book banning are the epitome of what it means to live in an ignorant society. When a book is banned it is done out of fear, done to prevent the impact of ideas and concepts that are embodied in that book. What could be more wrong than the prevention of information and art to a society?

One of the most famous cases of censorship occurred in 1989 when an Anglo-Indian writer named Sir Salman Rushdie published a novel called "The Satanic Verses." The novel makes use of the "satanic verses" in the "Quran," which allowed Muslims to make intercessory prayers to three Pagan goddesses. After its publication, it didn't sit well with the Supreme Leader of Iran Ruhollah Khomeini. Khomeini issued a fatwah, which called for the death of Rushdie. All he did was publish a novel. Many people in the international community called for Rushdie to apologize for what he had written, but he had nothing to apologize for because he had done nothing wrong.

Rushdie's experience gives an interesting example of the reasons why books are banned—which has to do with books causing offence to something (in Rushdie's case religion, but it doesn't have to be limited to that it could extend to politics for example). All of which is to say



Just a small collection of books that have been banned in the 20th century.

banning books is never justified. It is never okay to censor the ideas of someone else in an effort to repress and lower them. This may seem like common sense to many, but censoring still widely occurs...it only takes one bad apple. Consider what you could be missing out on next time that you hear a book has been banned—and the wonderful stories and ideas contained that would have never had a chance to come up if people weren't willing to fight for them.

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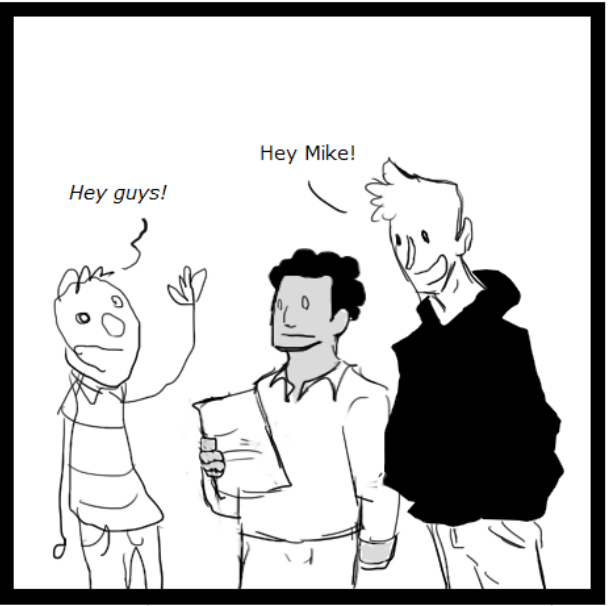
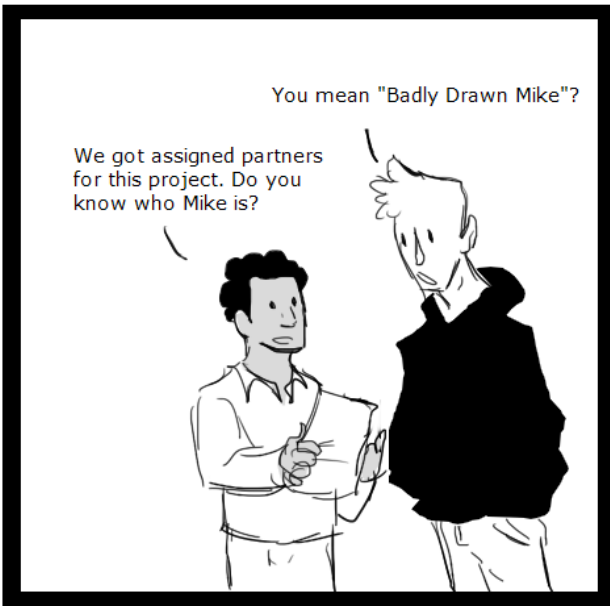
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SOLUTION TO TUESDAY'S PUZZLE

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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, visit www.sudoku.org.uk

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Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

- ACROSS**
- 1 Stick on the ground
- 5 "Notes on a Scandal" Best Actress nominee
- 10 Legal suspension
- 14 "How awful!"
- 15 Villa on the Volga
- 16 After the bell
- 17 *Hobby shop purchase
- 19 Rte. 66 goes through it
- 20 African capital with a metro
- 21 *World Wildlife Fund symbol
- 23 Health care org.
- 24 Matter, in law
- 26 Burning sign
- 27 "Anthony Bourdain: Parts Unknown" channel
- 28 Glittery strand
- 30 Utter
- 32 Sweet and sour
- 36 Extremely dry
- 37 Common sports injuries ... and a hint to hidden words that span both parts of the answers to starred clues
- 41 Die down
- 42 Kenyan's neighbor
- 43 John of England
- 45 Spurred
- 49 Showy wrap
- 50 Yale alum
- 53 Batteries for mice
- 54 Something to grind
- 55 *Florida city with over 400 miles of canals
- 58 Lets up
- 60 European range
- 61 *"Movin' Out" choreographer
- 63 Flight unit
- 64 Movie toy in a cereal box, e.g.
- 65 Inner: Pref.
- 66 Hoopla
- 67 Early stage

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By C.C. Burnikel

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- 68 Sauna phenomenon

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- 2 End of many a riddle
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- 4 Movie trailer?
- 5 Banned pesticide
- 6 Notable Old West brothers
- 7 Sweet Sixteen org.
- 8 Holiday dishes?
- 9 Ones working around the clock?
- 10 Disorderly sort
- 11 "Be well!"
- 12 Its 2011 landing marked the end of the Space Shuttle program
- 13 Pined
- 18 "Because we're worth it" sloganeer
- 22 Relaxed remarks
- 25 "Anything ___?"
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- 31 Actress Shire

TUESDAY'S PUZZLE SOLVED

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Breon Allen's (25) eyes light up as he finds one of many holes in the UNC defense on Saturday. The senior torched the Tarheels for 211 rushing yards and 2 TD's.

ECU up and running

Ground game excelling in pass-happy offense

Jesse Deal
TEC STAFF

While the Pirates' passing game has been rightfully celebrated, it's about time for the running backs to get the recognition they deserve.

Senior Breon Allen is coming off a career game against North Carolina in which he ran 18 times for 211 yards and two touchdowns, which was the school's best rushing performance in seven years. Even former standout Vintavious Cooper, ECU's leading rusher in 2012 and 2013, never attained 200 rushing yards in a single game.

"He had obviously his best game since he's been here at East Carolina," said running back Coach Kirk Doll. "We saw that same type of performance when he was a leading rusher in junior college football."

Allen's 346 yards in 2014 already exceed the 311 he gained last season. The former Snow College star has solidified himself as ECU's premier threat in the backfield. His 9.9 yards per carry—on 35 rush attempts—is the highest average among American Athletic Conference running backs and

the fourth-highest average in the country. Along with quarterback Shane Carden, he leads the team with three rushing touchdowns.

With conference play beginning Oct. 4 against Southern Methodist, Allen made it clear that the Pirates are treating every game like it's their most important game.

"We don't have the egos on this team," said Allen. "We're not going to overlook anybody."

Allen isn't the only running back that has found success in the first quarter of the season. Two other Pirates, redshirt freshman Marquez Grayson and junior Chris Hairston, have picked up at least nine yards a carry from each of their 14 attempts. Grayson has 134 rushing yards while Hairston garnered 126 yards, including a 10-yard dash to the end zone in South Carolina.

Freshman Anthony Scott is second on the team in total rush attempts. He was limited to only four combined carries against South Carolina and Virginia Tech but rushed 12 times for 42 yards last week.

"We've been able to run it against some pretty

good teams that we struggled to run it on in the past," said ECU offensive coordinator Lincoln Riley. "In the past, we struggled to run the ball early in the season and we've gotten a lot better as we went."

Looking ahead to 2015, the future seems bright for the Pirates' backfield, thanks to the early progression of Grayson and Scott and recently announced transfer Chris Mangus.

Fifth-year head coach Ruffin McNeill confirmed Mangus, a red-shirt sophomore, had transferred from Virginia Tech to ECU Tuesday and will sit out this season due to NCAA transfer rules. The Raleigh native saw action in a dozen games last season, rushing 26 carries for 141 yards and hauling in nine receptions for 72 yards.

"We look forward to having him on the team," said Coach Doll. "I know the running backs are excited about having some more guys in the room that are athletic and good players."

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Volleyball debuts in American

Corey Kennan
TEC STAFF

After jumping out to a 6-2 record in non-conference play, the Lady Pirates volleyball team will kick off their inaugural American Athletic Conference season this weekend with UConn and Temple.

The Pirates were chosen by many to finish last in the conference rankings. Sophomore outside hitter Sydney Darden said her teammates are ready and willing to turn heads with their play.

"We were very taken back that we were picked to finish last in the American Conference," said Darden. "Coming out in our first game, we want to push as hard as we can and show people that even though we're the underdog, we're still going to come out really strong."

Head Coach Julie Torbett and her Pirates are coming off of a 2-2 weekend at Penn State where they notched wins against Eastern Illinois and DePaul. They suffered their first setback of the season against Illinois-Chicago before dropping consecutive sets against Penn State.

Beginning their in-conference

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Lady Pirates begin home stand



Sandra Baron (0) is a force in the net.

Rev Blancquicet
TEC STAFF

The East Carolina University Women's Soccer Team (6-2-1) begins its first season of American Athletic Conference play with a three-game home stretch against University of Connecticut (7-2-1), Temple University (7-2) and the University of Cincinnati (6-2-2) all at home.

The Lady Pirates represent the first ECU sport to start its slate in the new conference.

"Coming into a new conference raises the stakes for us as a team," said Head Coach Rob Don-

nenwirth. "Finishing up our non-conference games has elevated our game and our goal is always a championship."

The Lady Pirates finished their non-conference schedule 2-2 at home, both losses coming from top ranked teams: No. 5 South Carolina (8-1) and No. 2 Virginia Tech (10-0). On the road ECU was almost perfect going 4-0-1.

The team's success so far has come from a lot of hard work on defense. This season the Lady Pirates have shut out seven of their nine opponents. The last time the Pirates kept seven teams scoreless

was in 2008.

Redshirt junior, goalkeeper, Sandra Baron has been responsible for six of those shutouts. Baron has now kept opponents scoreless for her last 615 minutes.

"Good defending has always been at the heart of ECU soccer," said Donnenwirth. "Now we need to make adjustments, and improve on attacking."

Offensively, the team has been focusing on scoring more goals.

"We want to score two goals every game because, when you do that, your winning percentage goes up greatly," said Don-

nenwirth. The Lady Pirates have only scored more than two goals in three games so far this season.

As far as preparation goes, the Lady Pirates won't be doing anything different for the inaugural American Athletic Conference match today at 7 p.m. against the UConn Huskies.

"I really like the attitude of this team," said Donnenwirth. "We've got a bunch of good kids who work hard, stay attentive and are always ready to play."

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All day	All day	10 a.m.		
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TAKEAWAYS

GOLF

The Pirates finished 2nd in the seventh annual Rees Jones Collegiate Invitational.

WOMEN'S GOLF

The Lady Pirates finished 10th at the Lady Paladin Invitational. The final round was Tuesday.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Coach Macy's team welcomes three new players to the program: Felecity Havens, Jasmine Phillips and Derreyal Youngblood.

WOMEN'S SOCCER

After Sunday's match, East Carolina officially dedicated the name, "Stewart Johnson Soccer Stadium" to the facility.

FOOTBALL

Following its 70-41 defeat of UNC, ECU is in a bye week. The Pirates resume at home next Saturday against SMU.

CAROLINA PANTHERS

The Panthers lost their first game of the year to the Steelers, 37-19 on Monday. Carolina is 2-1.

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Football Report Card

Brian Wudkywych
TEC STAFF

POSITION	GRADE	REPORT
QUARTERBACK	A	Shane Carden has started the season the way everyone had expected him to. He has 11 touchdown passes to just three interceptions and has also found the end zone three times rushing. Carden has also amassed 1,469 yards through the air and been tabbed as a dark horse for the Heisman Trophy.
RUNNING BACKS	B+	The running-back-by-committee approach used by Offensive Coordinator Lincoln Riley has worked wonders for the Pirates. While they only rank No. 47 in the nation in the rushing department, Breon Allen, Marquez Grayson, Chris Hairston and Anthony Scott have all managed to rack up big runs when they have the opportunity. Allen, Hairston and Grayson all average nine yards or more per attempt. They are, however, given the luxury of playing alongside one of the best passing offenses in the nation, which opens up gaps for big runs. They find other ways to get involved in the offense as well, being targets for screens and blocking in the passing game. Breon Allen may have grasped the role of feature back after his last performance.
WIDE RECEIVERS	A	The wide receiver position is full of talent from top to bottom. Inside receivers Justin Hardy and Isaiah Jones each has 29 receptions and over 300 yards with a combined five touchdowns. On the outside, the senior-freshman tandem of Cam Worthy and Trevon Brown at outside receiver was matchup nightmare for opposing defenses. Despite being suspended for the North Carolina game, Worthy has 302 yards receiving, good for third on the team, and announced himself as a potent deep threat against Virginia Tech when he hauled in six receptions for 224 yards. Brown's coming out party was just this past weekend against UNC when he caught
OFFENSIVE LINE	B-	Nobody gets less credit for the offense's success that the Pirates are enjoying than the offensive line. They have matched up against three power-five teams and have more than held their own. They have allowed just seven sacks so far, which is on pace to be a season-low with Carden under center, and have been active in blocking screens. There is room to improve for this bunch, as they are inexperienced in a few spots, but they're off to a good start.
DEFENSIVE LINE	B-	Opponents are averaging just 3.4 yards per rush against the front three of Johnathon White, Chrishon Rose and Fred Presely. On top of that, they are backed by senior Terry Williams, who has been great since returning from injury against Virginia Tech. Altogether the group has accounted for 50 tackles. Despite their ability to stop the run, the group has only totaled just 2.5 sacks. An increased pass rush is definitely something that this group would welcome.
LINEBACKERS	A	The line backing core, which consists of Montese Overton, Zeek Bigger, Brandon Williams and Maurice Falls have far and away been the best layer of the Pirates' defense. Bigger and Williams lead the team in tackles—54 and 36 respectively—while Overton and Falls lead the team in sacks. This bunch has the speed to cover well and the size to stuff the run game. So far, they have been able to make their presence felt
DEFENSIVE BACKFIELD	B	There was a lot of turnover in the ECU secondary this offseason with Domonique Lennon and Lamar Ivey stepping into starting roles. Flanking them on the outside are corners Detric Allen and Josh Hawkins, who have been outstanding. Hawkins has been the star of the group with his two interception performance against Virginia Tech and three interceptions overall. ECU has allowed seven passing touchdowns through the first four games and has done a decent job at defending the deep ball.

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schedule at home is a bonus for the Pirates and something they hope to take advantage of.

Torbett said the eight non-conference matches her team played have set a solid foundation for what will be a tough conference schedule.

“We feel that we have played enough matches that we have a perspective of where we are as a team,” said Torbett. “We know that we will have to continue to work really hard because we’re not by any means at the top of the conference... so every match that we win in conference is more than anyone else thought we could do. But we believe in ourselves and we believe in each other.”

First year outside hitters Darden and Ashton Mares have made an immediate impact and will continue to play a major part of the Pirates’ offensive attack.

Kierra Lee-Dunson is a junior middle hitter and has improved her game that has made her another viable option to attack with. Lee-Dunson recorded 20 kills against Eastern Illinois last weekend and will likely continue to emerge as conference play begins.

Lauren Bewick, a junior defensive specialist, is a first year Pirate and holds the second most digs on the team (77). Zarah Cecich is the team’s lone senior and serves as the setter and leader of the team, her 252 assists are the most on the team.

UConn will come to Minges following its first AAC match up with Temple on Wednesday. The Huskies sit at 7-4 win notable wins over Cornell, Columbia and Bryant. This will serve as an early tough test for Torbett’s Pirates.

Temple has kicked off its season with a 9-3 record and may be a tougher task for the Pirates than UConn. The Owls are coming off a weekend sweep over fellow Philadelphia-based schools La Salle, Villanova and Penn in which they did not drop a set. Despite being selected to finish ninth in conference pre-season, Temple will be a team to watch.

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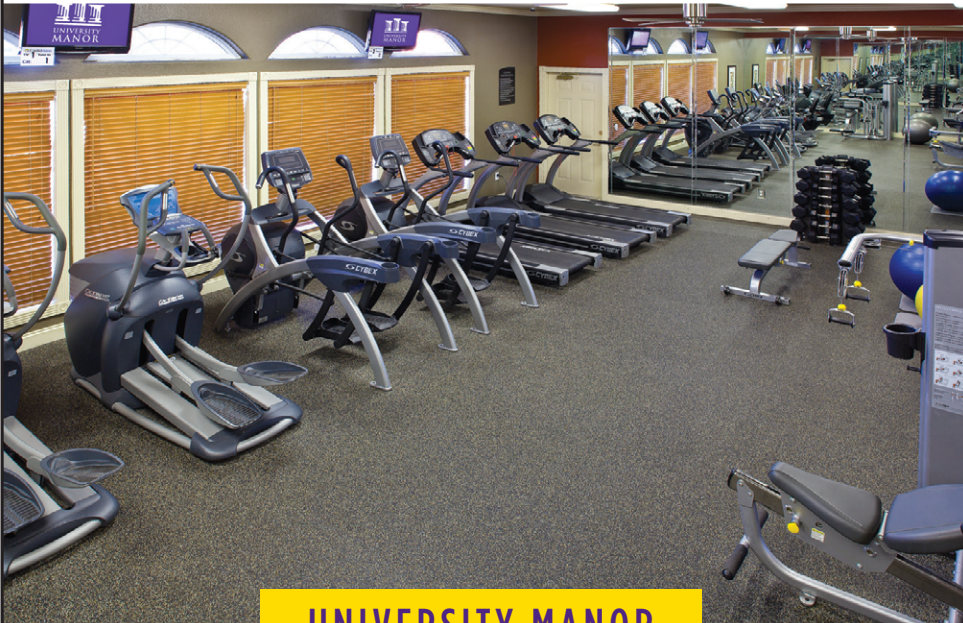
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September 25 • 7:00pm • Greenville Convention Center

Inaugural American Athletic Conference ECU Soccer Game

September 25 • 7:00pm • Soccer Stadium

Inaugural American Athletic Conference ECU Volleyball Game

September 26 • 7:00pm • Minges Coliseum

Prescription for Success

September 27 • 9:00am • Bate Building

Homecoming Banner Competition

September 29 • Judging at 12:00pm • MSC Brickyard

October

Major Discovery Series – Active and Environmental Fields

October 1 • 3:00pm • MSC Room 244

Homecoming Lawn Competition

October 1 • 3:00pm • ECU Campus

Homecoming Skit Competition

October 1 • 9:00pm • Minges Coliseum

Homecoming Canned Food Drive

October 2 • 12:00-3:00pm • The Food Bank

Homecoming Concert with Future

October 2 • 7:00pm • Minges Coliseum

Homecoming Pep Rally

October 3 • 5:00pm • Uptown Greenville

NPHC Homecoming Step Show

October 3 • 6:30pm • Wright Auditorium

Homecoming Parade

October 9 • 9:00am • Fifth Street

ECU Football

October 4 • Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium

Paint it Pink Breast Cancer Awareness Dinner

October 9 • 4:30pm • Todd Dining Hall

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