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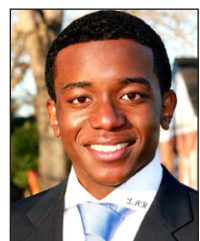
Panel to give opportunity for discourse

Mary Katherine Karcher
TEC STAFF

East Carolina University will host the first Cupola Conversations of the 2017-18 academic year today with a focus on the events that took place in Charlottesville, Virginia.

On Aug. 12, a white supremacist rally took place in Charlottesville that led to the death of three people. Two Virginia State Police troopers were killed in a helicopter crash after the protests. Heather Heyer, a 32-year-old counter protester was struck and killed when a car plowed into a crowd.

The discussion will take place in Mendenhall 244 at 6 p.m. The panel will include Student Body President La'Quon Rogers, sociology chair Bob Edwards, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Virginia Hardy and Deputy Chief Jason Sugg with the ECU Police Department.



La'Quon Rogers

Cupola Conversations is a program that was designed last year by the Division of Student Affairs to provide students with a medium once a month to participate in civil discourse.

Each panelist at the event will provide their input on the subject and will also be available for questions as the event continues.

Rogers, as the representative of the whole student body, said ECU needs to address what happened and students should be involved in the civil discourse.

"What are the implications if we don't talk about what happened in Charlottesville?" Rogers said. "Then it happens here. We need to break down barriers and the way we do that is through civil discourse."

Rogers said Cupola Conversations is a way to come to terms with the reality of current events.

"How does the ECU campus respond to these kind of instances and how do we make sure that doesn't happen here?" Rogers said.

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MINSHEW SECURES STARTING ROLE

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After 14 grueling practices and two scrimmages in the heat and humidity of August, the East Carolina University football team's quarterback competition came to an end, as Gardner MinsheW was officially named the starter Tuesday by Head Coach Scottie Montgomery.

MinsheW didn't appear to spend any time reveling in his victory in the quarterback competition however. The starting quarterback said he thanked Thomas Sirk for the grace he showed in handling the situation and quickly turned his attention to ECU's first opponent of the season.

"I'm excited, but mostly for the fact to get that behind us and get ready for James Madison because that's been something that's been on our minds for a long time," MinsheW said. "We're just ready to play ball, I think the whole team is."

While Montgomery was complimentary of Sirk and how he performed in fall camp, the second-year head coach said MinsheW was a little bit ahead of him. Montgomery pointed to MinsheW's comfort level with the team's personnel and offensive system as what helped give him the edge.

"We're really proud of [MinsheW]. Also very proud of the way that Thomas Sirk came in and competed and pushed Gardner to a high level," Montgomery said. "Both of them

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Gardner MinsheW throws a pass during pregame last season. MinsheW was named starter Tuesday by Head Coach Montgomery.

Artist Jackie Lee to front annual Watermelon fest

Lauren Sura
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Before summer turns to fall, and the smell of pumpkin-spice and apple pie replaces that of fresh cut grass and watermelon, Winterville and Greenville residents celebrate the last bastion of summer with the annual Watermelon Festival and the country stylings of popular country music singer Jackie Lee, beginning today and continuing through Saturday.

The multi-day Watermelon Festival features activities the whole family can enjoy, such as carnival rides, a flea market and the popular Watermelon Parade through town.

Lee will perform Saturday at 8 p.m., alongside other musical acts such as Charles June Karatem, The Liberty Boys Quartet, Dakota Blue, Kasey Tyndall and LOCASH.

Festival organizers, wanting to bring Nashville flare to Greenville, lined up Lee, who grew up in east Tennessee, to perform.

"Music is very rich over there," Lee said. "My favorite singer, Miss Dolly Parton, she's from there, and my dad is a huge country music fan and loves country music."

Lee grew up listening to country music, which he said greatly influenced his musical style, but added his mom's

music style also comes into play concerning his sound.

"Until [my dad] met my mom... my dad had never listened to anything but country and then, you know, he meets my mom and she's like an 80's pop girl," Lee said. "So this helped create the style of music I feel I do now because obviously it's country but it's still got a little bit of pop and a little bit of rock."

Lee added he brings some soul into his music with influence from the gospel genre.

"My dad's also a pastor, so I grew up

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Country artist Jackie Lee is scheduled to perform at the annual Watermelon Festival this Saturday in Winterville, North Carolina.

Donations bring ECU \$48 million

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East Carolina University raised more than \$48 million in donations this past fiscal year.

"As former students, those who are alumni, and those who are business founders, owners, investing in an ECU student, (they are) really investing in the future of North Carolina and our country," Chris Dyba, vice chancellor for university advancement at ECU, said.

Dyba said \$48 million is double the amount of money the school earned four years ago and is a good representation of the way the university is headed in terms of competing with other schools.

"We've been on a great upward trajectory," Dyba said. "Back in November at the Board of Trustee's meeting we officially launched our comprehensive fundraising campaign."

The new campaign ECU launched focuses on a more hands-on approach at collecting donations. Dyba, along with Staton and other members of the Alumni Association, have been touring the country visiting alumni as part of this process.

Hank Bowman, associate vice chancellor for alumni association, said throughout his job he has been able to see the efforts of ECU's alumni.

"The best part of my job is witnessing the overwhelming support that this institution receives from our alumni and friends each and every day," Bowman said. "Many Pirates

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ECU Recreational Therapy program to host Splash Bash

The East Carolina University Recreational Therapy program will host Splash Bash 2017 this weekend to help individuals with disabilities learn a number of watersports.

Splash Bash 2017 is meant to take ECU students in the recreational therapy program and educate individuals with disabilities in a variety of skills including water skiing, tubing, boating and jet skiing.

The event will cost \$5 for participants. The Roanoke Christian Camp in Washington, North Carolina will host the event from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday.

ECU students in recreational therapy, physical therapy, kinesiology and recreation and park management will serve as volunteers during the event.

ECU Board of Trustees to meet Friday

The East Carolina University Board of Trustees will hold a special meeting Friday to hear updates and take related actions on a number of topics.

The meeting will take place in the Spilman Building on the main campus of ECU at 9 a.m.

BOT is expected move into a closed session to consider private personnel information.

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Locals stand against statue

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Emotions ran high Monday as Greenville locals gathered at the Board of Commissioners meeting to discuss the possible removal of the confederate soldier monument in front of the Pitt County Courthouse.

The statue in front of the courthouse was created in 1914 and reads, "Erected by the people of Pitt County in grateful remembrance of the courage & fortitude of her Confederate Soldiers."

The controversy over the statue first arose from a petition on Change.org that Kristoffer Rixon, a senior psychology major at East Carolina University, created following the events in Charlottesville, Virginia on Aug. 12.

Charlottesville was the center of protests between white supremacists and counter-protesters over the Robert E. Lee statue in one of the city's parks. The protests became violent after a car drove through a crowd of counter-protesters, killing one woman.

"I believe that the monument celebrates an act of treason against the United States of America at a cause of which to tear this nation at its seams," Rixon said.

The commissioners auditorium was filled to capacity Monday, resulting in people being turned away from the meeting. However, that did not stop people in attendance from speaking for the majority.

Kayla Anderson addressed the commissioners at the meeting as a concerned citizen who has lived in Greenville since she was 8 years old.

She said one detail many people do not realize about the statue is the fact it was not built directly after the Civil War, but it was actually built 45 years later. Anderson said the statues were given by Gov. Loche Craig, a man, she said, was well known for his work against the Civil Rights Movement.

"These statues were mass produced during two periods of time, during the Jim Crow era and during the Civil Rights Movement," she said. "They were erected specifically to remind black people of their place in society."



David Buchanan speaks during Monday's Board of Commissioners meeting about the Confederate statue.

Anderson said these statues in no way represent "heroes of the Civil War."

"If you want to claim that those statues commemorate heroes of the Civil War, why are there no statues of Nat Turner, why are there no statues of Harriet Tubman," she said. "Why are there no statues of the people who actually fought to free others, not the people who fought to keep them in bondage?"

With a majority of the attendees who showed up for the meeting in favor of removing the statue, there were only around five people in attendance who openly opposed the idea.

One of these people was longtime Greenville native Nancy Colville. She said to her the statue is not a matter of racism, but a matter of history.

"The fact of the matter is the Civil War was not about slavery," Colville said. "The Civil War was about money and power."

Colville, who is Hispanic, said getting rid of the statue would not erase the past or make up for the discrimination happening in the world. She said people should "take a step back" and acknowledge all parts of history, even the bad.

"I know there is discrimination, I live it... but it doesn't bother me, because I know who I am and I'm proud of my heritage," Colville said. "I respect everything in this country, and I mean every statue, because it is the history of

this country from the beginning to the end... parts of it are very ugly I will tell you that, but they need to be recognized because when things happen that are wrong we take that and we start making it right."

Rixon was at the meeting and spoke to the commissioners about the issue. He said many people do not understand what the statue signifies when it comes to people of color.

"To the people of color in our community, having that statue stand at the grounds of the courthouse is unfair, and it is not just," Rixon said.

David Buchanan, an education major at ECU, also showed his support for the removal of the statue. He said it was ironic and contradictory for the statue to be at a place that stands for justice.

Buchanan said he hopes the people who spoke make a difference regarding the statue, and he encouraged other students to get involved as well.

"Generationally speaking, it is extremely important for anyone who is attempting to make a place for themselves in this world to understand the world they are in," he said. "The only thing I know is if enough people say enough of the same thing people listen."

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invest significant amounts of time and energy to move ECU forward."

One department which has seen a sudden increase in financial support is ECU's study abroad program. Dyba said the new fundraising campaign focuses on providing more students with international opportunities based on Staton's own history with study abroad.

"Having the opportunity to study abroad multiple times really changed his [Staton's] perspective on the world," Dyba said.

Staton and his wife Catherine recently agreed to give \$100,000 to ECU as part of a study abroad scholarship endowment earlier this year.

"Catherine and I are excited to financially support this great institution by creating an endowment to fund one of our top priorities — global awareness and understanding," Staton said in a statement released to the media back in March.

Dyba noted the Athletics Department's role in contributing to the \$48 million. Last year, the Pirate Club earned over \$27 million in donations for the renovations in progress at Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium.

He added, the university will be working on a new goal this year for fundraising, which will help bring even more revenue to the campus.

"Our ultimate goal is to cross 500 million dollars...we would love to raise 55 or 60 million this year," Dyba said. "The pace at which someone gives is not always up to us. Things have to align correctly in the business world or in the stock market."

Bowman said maintaining these goals and ensuring financial resources for the university will be imperative when it comes to the vision Staton has planned for ECU.

"I believe that this university and its alumni are up to the challenge," he said. "With nearly 175,000 Pirate alumni around the world, anything is possible."

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LiveSafe app encouraged by ECU Police

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The East Carolina University Police Department is personalizing the university's version of the LiveSafe app to provide students with the necessary information on dealing with campus crime.

The LiveSafe app has been available for download in the app store for about a year and a half now, ECUPD Deputy Chief Jason Sugg said.

"Every year, new students seem to have become more technologically inclined," Sugg said. "We try to reach to these people on a platform that they are familiar with, even if it makes us a little uncomfortable because we are older and are not as familiar with it."

Sugg believes with the app's features, including a map of an individual's exact location on campus, emergency phone numbers and tips on how to report non-emergencies, LiveSafe is a resource all students should have access to.

"We do want to make sure people are being safe and we do try to provide all these resources, especially to the freshman and people who are maybe not as familiar with ECU and its resources," Sugg said.

Sugg said ECUPD has been working to increase its presence not only on campus, but also on social media as well.

"I do see a trend for us as an agency just to continue to increase our social media presence," Sugg said.

Another aspect of LiveSafe that provides safety reassurance for students is SafeWalk. According to the app, a student can invite a friend to virtually walk with them through a GPS enabled map, if they are ever feeling unsafe.

"As a freshman, I'm getting all of this information thrown at me all at once, it's hard to remember specific things that I could utilize for my safety," said freshman business major, Tristan Walker.

With the goal of trying to be a social-media resource as well as a campus one, LiveSafe and social media make it easier for a student to remain anonymous when reporting a crime, Sugg said.

"LiveSafe does have a lot of sources that we typically and traditionally have provided in person," Sugg said. "It doesn't necessarily have to be a crime problem, it could be a safety issue, but they can call us and even remain anonymous if they wish to do that."

Along with the transition to social media, ECUPD is also welcoming a new chief, Jon Barnwell, within the next few weeks.

"I do think that Chief Barnwell is going to bring in some fresh ideas and maybe some new perspectives to actually help us generate new ideas and new plans moving forward," Sugg said.

Seeing a trend as an agency for ECUPD to continue to increase its social media presence, Sugg said he hopes students

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Locals on a street in South Korea. South Korea is one of many study abroad options.

Study abroad students talk new perspectives

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Some East Carolina University students are coming back this fall with new experiences and memories in tow from their summer break overseas. Nearly 437 students had the chance to try exotic foods, speak in another language and find their way around a foreign city with ECU's study abroad program, according to the Office of Global Affairs.

ECU's Office of Global Affairs offered more than 30 faculty-led programs and 24 programs offered through program providers such as International Student Exchange Program (ISEP) this summer to students.

Jon Cockerham, a junior communication and political science major, said his experience with his study abroad to La Rochelle, France was a "metamorphosis".

"It was honestly life changing to see a culture so similar yet so different at the time - it was very beautiful," Cockerham said.

For a two-and-half weeks study abroad trip to Australia and New Zealand through the kinesiology department, Temple Dahn, a junior exercise physiology major, recalled the relaxing days as "eye-opening."

"The most memorable moment was relaxing in the natural hot springs in the middle of the forest of Coromandel, New Zealand," Dahn said. "It was winter in New Zealand and the water was so hot."

For students who are seeking more opportunities and events related to the adventure of studying abroad, the ECU Office of Global Affairs and ECU

Career Services are offering a returnee event. Whitney Morris, coordinator of summer study abroad, said the event is for students who studied abroad during the 2016-17 academic year, including the summer.

Amanda Sines, ECU's education abroad advisor, said during the returnee event students will get a wide variety of resources including how to deal with reverse culture shock and how to put study abroad experiences in their resume.

"There are other opportunities such as an annual photo contest that is open to study abroad participants, a peer advising program called Global Ambassadors and students can become 'First Friends' with international students at ECU," Morris said.

According to the ECU calendar, two events are planned for students in the next coming weeks.

A study abroad fair will be held on Sept. 13 from 11-2 p.m., outside of Mendenhall Student Center for students seeking more information about upcoming programs.

In addition, the ECU International House will also holding information sessions every Tuesday and Wednesday at 4 p.m. Students can learn about the types of programs offered and how to get started.

"I hope that these (returning) students learned from the opportunity and were able to see their host culture through an academic lens, but also take their experiences and personal growth with them as they continue their studies at ECU," Morris said.

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OUR VIEW

University branding needs repeal

Earlier this week, East Carolina University announced a change to its branding with the hope of attracting more attention to the institution in markets farther away from Greenville. This rebranding included a new logo and a new school slogan: "Capture your Horizon."

When the logo was announced, ECU Chancellor Cecil Staton said he wanted to raise the institution's profile in hopes of making it America's next great university.

However, when the new logo debuted to mixed reviews from members of the ECU community. While there were people who approve of the new logo and slogan, there were many students, faculty and alumni who didn't like the new branding.

We, the editorial staff of The East Carolinian, believe rebranding the university's logo won't raise the profile of the institution. Hard work and dedication from the administration to the success of the faculty, students and staff are smarter alternatives than creating a new, fancy brand.

While some research was done by ECU to test the new logo, it was not enough. If more ground work had been laid by ECU to survey students, faculty and alumni, the university would have been able to tell how negative some of the reaction would have been. Not to mention, perhaps someone would have noticed how similar the font is to the logo of East Central University in Oklahoma.

All in all, ECU's attempts at rebranding are befuddled. A sleek outline of the Cupola may look nice on paper, but if it doesn't capture the essence of your school, it doesn't matter. "Capture your Horizon" is nice, but like chasing a rainbow, it's not an achievable goal.

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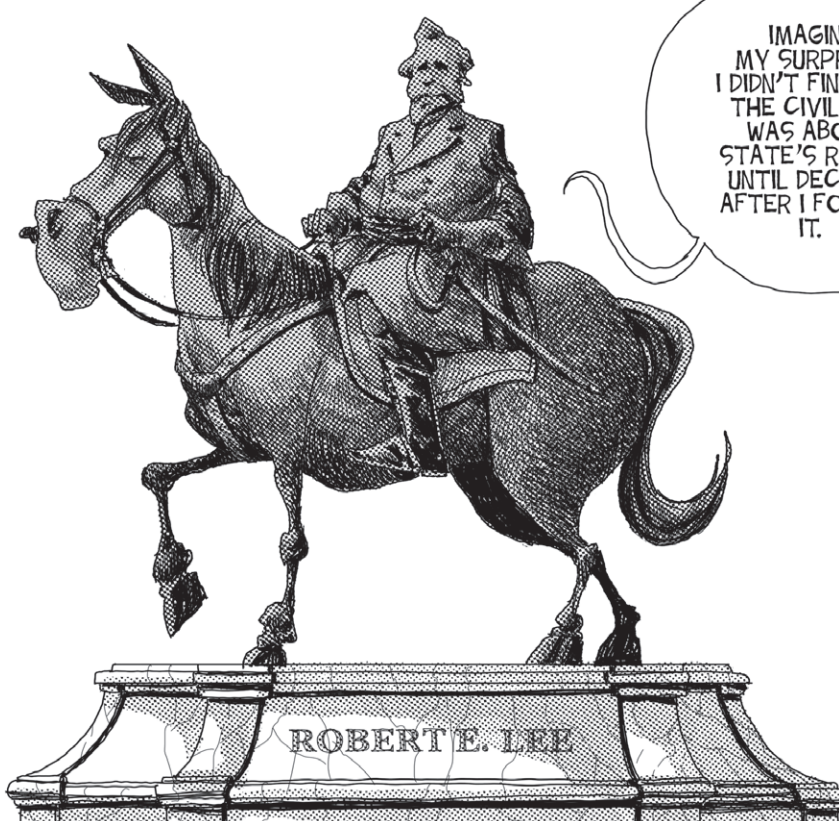
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Take a second to look at race

America must acknowledge, address racial inequality



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Don't Mind Matt

In the story of America, the discussion of race is not just a chapter- it is intrinsically tied to every word. From the time the nation was founded, to the Civil War, Reconstruction, the Civil Rights movement and now, it has surfaced to the mainstream again.

Each time our nation has had the opportunity to step forward in reconciling our difference of skin, our politicians, civil leaders and fellow citizens have dropped the torch of social progress.

Our Founding Fathers decided to endorse the system of slavery, instead of outlawing it. After the Civil War, blacks were emancipated, but the federal government dragged its feet for 90 years before the Civil Rights movement forced the nation to reconsider its beliefs.

Even after the Civil Rights movement, racism and oppression continued, but in a much more subtle manner. Instead of making blacks plow cotton fields, our current nation refuses to reform the criminal justice system to remove the factor of race from criminal sentencing.

As a nation, we don't lynch blacks. We just do everything possible to make sure college, jobs and the American

Dream aren't obtainable for them.

In recent weeks, after white supremacists crawled out of whatever hiding place they found for the last 50 years, the conversation of Confederate monuments have dominated the American airwaves and dinner tables.

The debate amongst America right now is how do we reconcile our Confederate monuments? Do they stand for slavery or is it a permanent stain on America's past?

Instead of debating monuments and whether they represent slavery and racism, we, as a collective group of Americans, should sit together to finally discuss our diversity.

The amount of melanin coloring our skin has justified the enslavement of millions and the death of too many innocent Americans. Expunging that horror from our history won't be solved by taking down some statues or erecting more to tell our complete story.

The debate over Confederate statues is interesting, but represents a convenient distraction so we, as a nation, can avoid having the needed debate over diversity.

We, as Americans, need to talk about how minorities are treated. Passing lackluster laws that look good on legacies or make for cute photo-ops, but sometimes one person must sacrifice their political career for the betterment of a nation.

We can't wait to have this debate any

longer. Kicking the rock down the road isn't a permanent solution, it just postpones the inevitable. Eventually that road will end and the rock will tumble off a cliff.

It won't take guns, ropes, threats or even harsh words to finally carry the torch of social progress forward. We, as a nation, have to admit there is a problem. That blacks have a harder path to the promise land than whites. We have to come to terms that racism has defined our history, but it doesn't have to be part of our future.

Skin is skin. It keep germs on our exterior and blood on the interior. It water-proofs our bodies, but somehow, unlike intelligence, social skills or the ability to learn skills, our skin defines the path in life we can take.

Whites have life easier. A white, Christian male could be dumb as dirt, but still have a better chance of getting into college than a black male who works hard every day of his life. How is that fair?

Our Founding Fathers created a nation to harbor the oppressed of lands oceans away, but in our modern America, more than 200 years later we still can't acknowledge that whites have it better than blacks.

The check engine light is flashing. It's time to pop the hood, dig into the engine and replace the broken parts.

"Houston, we have a problem."

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Diversity needs to be embraced



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Your Daily Mel

She was strong. She was young— only 32 years of age, her life tragically cut short in an event fueled with hatred. Her red hair and brown eyes alluring, her passion transcending. She died fighting. She died standing up for what she believed in, a concept most people would have trouble committing to.

Her name is Heather Heyer, and she is an image the world cannot forget, an image of all the hate and intolerance alive in this country.

This young woman gave her life peacefully protesting-- peacefully, without malice, without violence. She should not have been a target that day. No one should have. Standing up for beliefs shouldn't be something that leads to potential harm. It should not be something people are scared of doing. It should be something people strive to do.

Former President John F. Kennedy once said, "If we cannot now end our differences, at least we can help make the world safe for diversity."

Unfortunately, here we are 54 years later, in a world that is still proving to be dangerous when it comes to embracing diversity.

Diversity was not safe in Charlottesville during that protest, and it is not safe for anyone if society continues to remain the same way that it is now.

The world cannot afford to wait another 54 years to discover that the



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A memorial site in Charlottesville, Virginia for Heather Heyer, one of the weekend's three victims.

status quo is still not good enough. Change must happen now.

No one is asking anyone to compromise their beliefs. Just be respectful of everyone's beliefs. Embrace diversity, do not fight it.

Now is the time. Heather may not get a chance to continue to stand up for her beliefs, but the rest of the world does. America cannot waste this opportunity to be unified, yet still unique.

I am tired of people hiding who they really are out of fear of rejection or disapproval, and I have decided to do something about it.

As of next week, I am starting a blog on

The East Carolinian's website called "Views From the Melting Pot." Similar to the well known blog, Humans of New York, this blog will feature a different student every week.

The blog post will include a picture of the person and a short excerpt, whether a quote or a brief interview, that will show who this person is in a simple and beautiful way.

My hope is that people not only learn more about their peers and where they come from, but that students also realize these differences do not have to be divisive.

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MAP OUT YOUR WEEK

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Magic the Gathering
Blue Ox Games
1 p.m.

End of Summer Wine Tasting
Dickinson Avenue
Public House
5:30 p.m.

Wine Tasting
CPW's Fine Food & Spirits
6 p.m.

The Mantras live
Crossbones Tavern
9 p.m.

FRIDAY

Friday Night Party
Trollingwood Taproom & Brewery
8 p.m.

8-Track Minds live
Tavern On 4th
9 p.m.

Machine Gun live
TieBreakers Sports Bar
10 p.m.

Stairwell live
Buck Wild Tavern
10 p.m.

SATURDAY

Fluff and Puff
RuckerJohns
10 a.m.

Pokemon - Free League Play
Blue Ox Games
11 a.m.

Arson Daily // Bearfoot Monty live
Crossbones Tavern
9 p.m.

FRIDAY

Reggae Sunday featuring Natural Nate live
Trollingwood Taproom & Brewery
5 p.m.

Stephen Evans live
Christy's Euro Pub
8 p.m.

Film lovers find home in ECU student club

Angel De Jesus
TEC STAFF

East Carolina University's Film Club offers students passionate about movies an opportunity to dissect a variety of films with others who share the same interest in a fun and engaging way.

"We are here to give ECU students a place who love film," Jeremy Murray, club president, said. "And everyone is welcome."

The club was formed in the fall of 2015 as a place for students to discuss different films, especially ones that may not be as popular, Murray said.

"Membership of the club has fluctuated over the past semesters," Murray said. "We usually have anywhere from 10 to about 25 members in the past. All majors are welcome to join but we would eventually like to open the club to faculty, as well as alumni."

Murray said the club meets in Bate, in a room that will be announced, and talks about films members want to have showings for in the upcoming month.

"Usually... we will watch a film and then myself or another speaker will lead a loose discussion based on what we just saw," Murray said. "These discussions usually start out about the film then just sort of evolve into discussions about pop culture."

Murray said the club wants to show films that people may have not seen.

"For example, one film we showed was 'Old Boy,' which is a South Korean film," Murray said. "That was definitely one of the more interesting ones we watched."

Murray added there are all kinds of different personalities in the club.

"Some people will just stay to

watch the movie and leave, while others will stick around to either participate in the discussion or just to listen in," Murray said.

The ECU Film Club's biggest time of year is the month of October, Murray says. During this month, horror movies are the focus of showings.

"October is definitely our biggest turnout for showings," Murray said. "People just seem to love horror movies."

Still relatively new, the ECU Film Club is seeking to expand its membership through the campus.

"With the new student center being built, we want to possibly have our showings over at Hendrix," Murray said. "That will probably be something that happens when I am no longer here at ECU but I want to move the club in that direction."

Being a member of the ECU Film Club has been rewarding in a variety of ways for Murray.

"One of my favorite memories was explaining what slapstick was to some people," Murray said. "I had asked them if they knew who 'The Three Stooges' were and they had no idea. So I showed them who they were and explained that slapstick is a physical form of comedy. It was just interesting to show them something they were just not really aware of."

Freshman, Matthew Britton, is excited for the idea joining a film club because of his love to talk to other like-minded individuals.

"I would definitely be interested



Jeremy Murray

(in) a club that has discussions about film," said Britton. "I am not a person who is into things like club sports or whatever so knowing there is a club like this around here is exciting."

Murray said the club has something for everyone and wants to promote it among other like-minded people.

"I have been a part of this club for a while now, and now being a leader of the club, I feel as if I have a responsibility to keep this good thing going," Murray said. "With some of the new members we have now though, I feel like the club is going to be in good hands when I'm gone."

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Anderson Henderson and Jon Daniels drink at Sup Dogs, a local restaurant that serves alcohol.

Mimosas bless brunch after Bill 155 passed

Madison Lawson
TEC STAFF

Local restaurants are reaping benefits from Bill 155, the new "brunch bill," as customers now no longer have to wait to order their morning mimosas. At the end of June, Greenville City Council passed an ordinance allowing restaurants and retailers to sell alcohol at 10 a.m. on Sundays instead of noon.

"I don't think people should be denied the right to drink just because it's too early," junior exercise and physiology major Sarah Stone said.

With many local bars in town, the option to sell alcohol earlier on Sundays affects business owners and customers alike.

One local cafe in Uptown, The Scullery, hosts drag

brunches every second Sunday of the month for charity. Opening its doors at 11:30 a.m., the cafe didn't have to wait at its Aug. 13 show to serve customers alcoholic beverages with its eggs and hashbrowns.

"That time really makes a difference," Maddy Hines, a server at The Scullery,

said. "We are now able to serve people as soon as they walk in the door."

While Sup Dogs serves more lunch and dinner time dishes, owner Bret Oliverio said the recent influx of families in town has made him realize how easy business has been with the bill in place.

"Revenue wise, it's always nice to be able to make a few extra bucks," Oliverio said. "For me, it's all about being able to serve that beer or that Sup Crush to the dad who ordered a burger at 11:45 a.m."

But for Oliverio, the greatest impact Bill 155 has made on his establishment is improving the overall customer experience.

"If an adult wants a drink before noon on Sundays they should be able to have it," Oliverio said.

Just recently turning 2-year-old, Stone said she is excited to take advantage of the new bill.

"I haven't had the chance to get a mimosa with my brunch yet, but when the opportunity arises I will no doubt get one," Stone said.

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Student artist shares passion through music

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TEC STAFF

Through a menagerie of detailed drawings, paintings, designs and music recordings, Jay Coachman uses his social media to show off his talents and passions.

Coachman, a fifth year student at East Carolina University, is not only a talented printmaker majoring in art, but is also a recording artist who makes hip-hop music. Coachman, who has always had a love for music, began to record his own songs as a sophomore in college.

Under his stage name JXY TRUE, Coachman released a debut album, "Creative Culture," earlier this year. Since then, it has earned thousands of listens on Soundcloud and the album's visual artwork is also grabbing people's attention on Youtube.

"I'm ready to have better quality and bigger push but it's all in due time," Coachman said in a phone interview.

When it comes to promotion, Coachman uses his website, coachman-creations.com, and social media to show off his original art and demonstrate how an up-and-coming artist should be promoting themselves.

Coachman produces a handful of his own songs, however he said without TRiP Musik he would not have as much success as he does today. TRiP Musik is an entertainment company that has a team of producers, writers and videographers that help artists produce their music.

"TRiP Musik is my family, support system and my biggest inspirations," Coachman said. "I paint, draw, tattoo, make clothing, merchandise, sing, rap and produce videos."

At ECU, Coachman is part of the organization WAVPlus. He also works for WZMB 91.3 as a radio personality where he goes by his stage name JXY TRUE. He had a show called "The Creative Culture Show" where he talked about art, music and culture. He said doing this has helped him blossom as an artist and a person.

"Once you accept who you are as a person, you don't care as much about other's opinions," Coachman said.

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Jay Coachman

TV REVIEW

'The Bold Type' gets characters right



Amanda Shea
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"The Bold Type," despite its exterior, carries more strength than the coming-of-age story it is painted to be. It has tackled storylines that similar shows have tried and missed the point on.

Characters

Characters that follow a trope, that are perfectly predictable, create a show where nothing is realistic. When shows do this, it creates a gap between the characters and the viewers, and it becomes unappealing, but Freeform's "The Bold Type" finds a happy medium between predictability and spontaneity. It centers around three young women working for a fictional magazine named "Scarlet." We see them grapple with cyberbullying, medical issues and racism.

The thing that's so intriguing about "The Bold Type" is that the characters are flawed. Yes, they have qualities that seem perfect, and they are always perfectly dressed, but they are written in a way that makes them real.

Jane Sloan, a journalist for Scarlet Magazine, has to become very open and willing to write about her sex life within the first episode. While this is becoming increasingly more standardized in our society, it's easy to forget that not every girl is comfortable talking about herself in that way and Jane's characterization brings these problems to light.

Sutton Brady, an assistant with big dreams, struggles to push herself out of



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Characters Jane Sloan and Alex in TV show "The Bold Type" which debuted on July 11, 2017.

logical mind-set and into a life that will make her dreams come true.

Kat Edison is the social media mogul. Her storyline goes through her budding relationship with another woman, and coming to terms with the fact she is bisexual. Her story doesn't focus on other people's hatred of her sexuality, or her having to make a grand gesture of coming out, but does showcase her bold personality and opinions.

Each of these women are portrayed as empowering in different ways. Jane's more reserved manner can sometimes clash with both Sutton and Kat's personalities, but the chemistry the actresses have on screen plays a big role in how well they work together. With clashing personalities, "The Bold Type" shows different ways each woman deals with life's everyday problems--whether Kat confronts someone without thinking or

Jane bottles up her feelings.

Freeform is getting everything right in an area almost every other show or movie has fallen flat in. Frequently, the character of Kat can be seen taking on tasks that have been the forefront of social issues in our own society. The most recent was her stance to 'free the nipple' and the show addresses the fact that women's bodies are censored in a way that men's are not.

However, there is still an air of predictability to the whole thing. You can tell which characters are going to be pushed into romances within the first few minutes. Yes, each relationship is fleshed out and well written, but it's easy to pull attention away from the main plot of the show with distracting romances. As soon as he is introduced, Jane Sloan's love interest becomes increasingly predictable--a rival journalist with opinions that seem to go

against her own. Their dynamic could be interesting, but the trope of rival lovers feels overused.

With most shows these days, it's too easy to distract from horrible writing by perfecting camera angles and lighting, but this is not one of those shows. They've built each character with flaws and loud emotions. They've created real characters.

All writing aside, the scenes flow easily, and the music feels as if it is hand-picked to match the feel of each scene and each emotion. Within the first couple minutes of the show, we're introduced to of Scarlet's Editor-In-Chief, Jacqueline Carlyle, and the way the music pairs up with her entrance instantly creates a powerful dynamic to who this character may be. Her entrance can be off-putting at first--an odd shot of her feet as she walks--but the way she speaks and the way she was written quickly outshines an otherwise awkward camera angle.

There are no 'gritty' or dark filters that have become popular in the last few years, so it's easy to keep your attention on the actual show. Its vibe almost mirrors 'Sex and the City,' for which it's been compared to ever since it was announced, but this show is so much more, and can continue to be if the showrunners continue down the path they're already on.

RATING:



4 out of 5

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singing in church," Lee said. "So I had this crazy melting pot of different genres of music... I kind of pulled from all over the place."

Music had been a constant in Lee's life while he grew up, but it wasn't until high school the thought of pursuing music as a career became a liable possibility.

"I was sitting in my Spanish class and Lord knows I wasn't doing my Spanish homework and I wrote my very first song," Lee said. "I kind of got bit by the bug and really wanted to pursue being a musician full time."

Lee's image and musical talent has become a prominent aspect in the country music scene, being given titles such as "Country music's sexiest new singer" by RARE Country and being named 2017 Artist to Watch by Billboard, Amazon, CMT, Huffington Post and Rolling Stone Country.

"My greatest achievement to this point in my life is being really thankful to get to travel and play music, that's all I've ever really wanted to do," Lee said. "Getting on my tour bus or getting on the airplane to travel and play music for my job and I've been able to do a lot of cool stuff and I've been able to make a lot of cool friends."

Lee has a few projects in the works,

including plenty of upcoming shows around the country and pushing his current single "Getting Over You."

"We're trying our best to get on a fall tour to be able to keep it going and to keep playing," Lee said. "The plan is to just go out there and play these shows and have the best time we can on stage and hopefully we will come to a city near all the people who want to hear me sing."

His single, "Getting Over You," has currently surpassed 17 million streams on Spotify.

Lee gave advice for individuals who aspire to be successful in the music industry.

"It's not something you can do half way... you got to completely immerse yourself and wanting to be successful because if you don't, you don't have a fighting chance," Lee said. "Don't give up."

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Leo

(June 21-July 22) -- Today is an 8 -- Home is where your heart is. Domestic surprises have your attention. Make repairs. You may need to make a mess to create something beautiful.



Sagittarius

(Nov. 22-Dec.21) -- Today is an 8 -- Watch where you're going to avoid crowds and traffic. Set your route in advance. Provide a soothing voice if someone gets heated. Diplomacy wins.



Taurus

(April 20-May 20) -- Today is a 9 -- Things are getting busy, and technical difficulties become apparent. Find creative solutions to get the job done for the least expense or stress. Prioritize health.



Virgo

(Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Today is a 9 -- You can make extra cash by discovering a hidden opportunity. A surprise creates market potential. Look for silver linings. Pay attention and move quickly to profit.



Capricorn

(Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Today is an 8 -- A surprise at work disrupts with confusion or chaos. Watch for bizarre requests. Patience keeps you cool; and that's important, as losing it would burn.



Gemini

(May 21-June 20) -- Today is an 8 -- Relax, and enjoy the view. Unexpected delays or mistakes could arise. Look for the humor in the situation. Give in to a physical attraction.



Libra

(Sept. 23-Oct. 22) -- Today is a 6 -- Advance your agenda carefully. Unexpected personal matters add a layer of confusion. Breathe deeply and slow down. Avoid automatic reactions. You can get what you need.



Aquarius

(Jan. 20-Feb. 18) -- Today is a 9 -- An investigation heats up. Study the clues and research behind the scene. Follow the threads where they lead. Reserve judgment. Solve a puzzle.



Cancer

(June 21-July 22) -- Today is an 8 -- Home is where your heart is. Domestic surprises have your attention. Make repairs. You may need to make a mess to create something beautiful.



Scorpio

(Oct. 23-Nov. 21) -- Today is a 6 -- Slow down and lay low to minimize fuss. Keep things simple and frugal. Relax in a peaceful setting. Get lost in good music or splendid silence.



Pisces

(Feb. 19-March 20) -- Today is a 9 -- Review your resources. Unplanned expenses could jam up the works. Work with your partner to find solutions. Together, you can get things moving.

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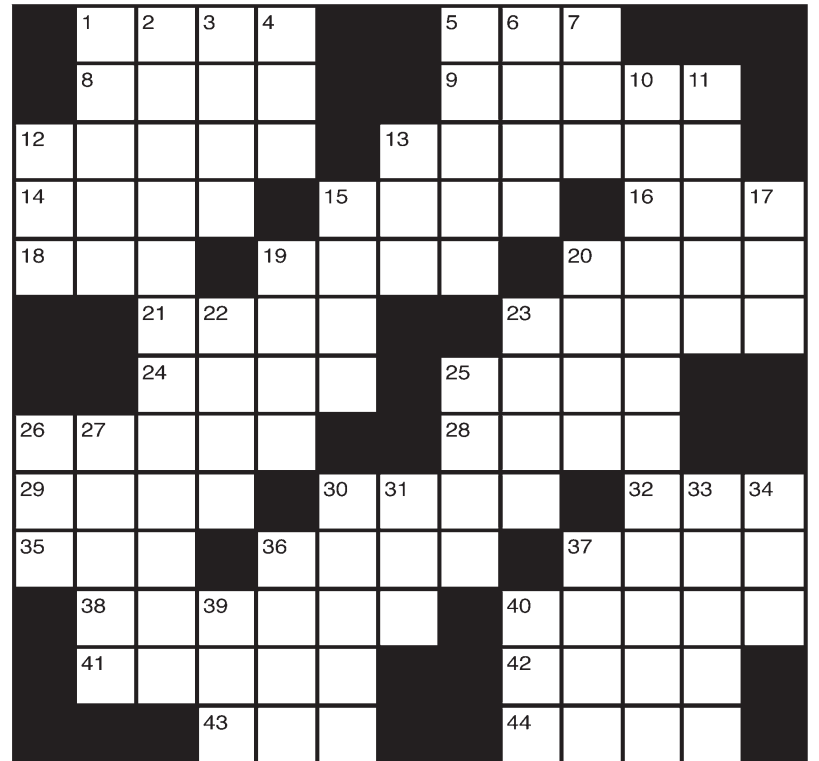
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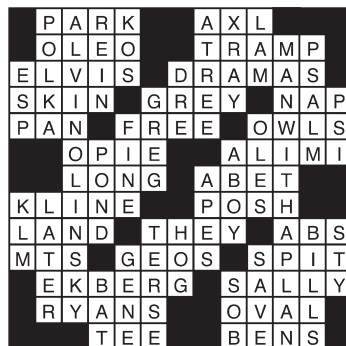
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- 15 Meredith ___; Ellen Pompeo's role
- 16 Short sleep
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- 19 "Born ___"; film about a lioness
- 20 Hooting birds
- 21 Mayberry resident
- 23 Ballad of "The Catch"
- 24 Shelley of "Cheers"
- 25 Assist in crime
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- 29 "Promised ___"
- 30 "___ Shoot Horses, Don't They?"
- 32 Stomach muscles, for short
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- 36 Metro, Prizm and Storm
- 37 Barbecue attachment
- 38 Actress Anita ___

- 40 Field or Struthers
- 41 "___ Hope"; daytime serial of old
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- 44 Stiller and Stein

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- 7 On the ___; fleeing
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- 11 ___ 23: "The Lord is my shepherd..."
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From left: Thomas Sirk and Gardner Minshew run drills during ECU's preseason workouts. Scottie Montgomery named Minshew the starter on Tuesday.

>>COLUMN

Quarterback controversy over ECU set to start with Minshew, but Sirk in position to take role



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Scottie Montgomery has excited East Carolina fans at times, disappointed them at others, but Tuesday afternoon, it was shock the second year coach instilled in Pirate Nation.

After the Tuesday practice, Montgomery opened his interview by announcing Gardner Minshew will be the starting quarterback opening up the season.

"We're really, really proud of him. Also very proud of the way Thomas Sirk came in, competed, and pushed Gardner to a high level," Montgomery said.

So, here marks the end of the quarterback controversy that's loomed over ECU since the final whistle of 2016 back in November. Finally, after months of wondering if Coach Montgomery would keep Minshew the starter or allow his former quarterback at Duke to leapfrog his way into the starting roll, it will be the experienced Pirate taking the snaps against James Madison University on Sept. 2.

While both quarterbacks have put forth admirable efforts during the offseason and both scrimmages, the two are expected to get plenty of snaps this season according to Montgomery and quarterback coach/offensive coordinator Tony Peterson. It has

been Minshew's ability to make game-breaking plays while still protecting the ball that propelled him into the starting roll. That big play ability was on display during Saturday's scrimmage when he and Jimmy Williams connected for a 55-yard pass during the first-and-10 segment of the scrimmage. Minshew ended Saturday completing 11-of-16 passes for 156 yards while Sirk completed 10-of-16 balls for 93 yards and an interception. Even though both scored touchdowns running the ball, it was clear that Minshew embodied what Montgomery has been looking for.

I think Montgomery's decision puts the Pirates in the best position to win against JMU and early in the year. Minshew experienced pockets of success after taking over as starting quarterback for the Pirates in mid-november last season. In the seven games he played in last season, the junior-college transfer completed close to 60 percent of his passes for 1,347 yards, eight touchdowns, and four interceptions. Well, what about the big play ability that Montgomery has been talking about? Minshew showed he had it last season when he and Zay Jones hooked up for a 77-yard touchdown against Navy.

Now, before anyone gets their hopes too high, ECU did just name an extremely accomplished quarterback the backup to someone whose only FBS experience comes last season. In 2015, Duke finished the season

8-5 and won the New Era Bowl behind starting quarterback and bowl game co-MVP, Sirk. During his record breaking year, the then junior also started 12-of-13 games, missing his only one due to an injury, for the Blue Devils and completed nearly 60 percent of his passes for 2,625 yards, with 16 TDs and eight interceptions. The most impressive part of his season came on the ground, where he rushed for 803 yards and eight touchdowns. The Florida native made history as he became just one of four quarterback among Power 5 schools to lead their respective teams in both rushing and passing yardage. Sirk's big play ability? An 89-yard touchdown pass against N.C. Central and a 73-yard rush in its bowl game against Indiana.

Well, congratulations on recruiting two high-caliber quarterbacks Coach Montgomery. While Minshew has the opportunity to step back into an offense he played in last season, Sirk represents a complete quarterback that can make plays both through the air and on the run. Unfortunately, neither quarterback can showcase their full repertoire if the Pirates implement their dual-quarterback system that worked so well in 2015 and 2016. So, my only words of advice, don't let Minshew over-extend himself while all that potential is sitting on the bench.

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made it very hard on us to make the decision."

Despite losing the quarterback competition, Sirk remained upbeat. He said he will continue familiarizing himself with the offense and remaining focused in meetings.

Sirk, who suffered an achilles injury as the starter at Duke University and missed the entire 2016 season, knows how injuries can affect starting lineups. Due to that fact, Sirk said he will still prepare as if he was named the starter, knowing his number can be called at any given moment.

"I'm not going to let my head get down," Sirk said. "I'm not going to let it discourage me because I know how hard I have worked to get back to this point and I'll continue to work that hard moving forward."

Starting quarterback competitions can be contentious, with the losers often transferring to another school and fan bases divided over who should start. However, Minshew and Sirk have developed a friendship and used their competition to push themselves and each other to be better.



Gardner Minshew

"That's just what they do because they're great people. They're both professionals and they're great kids," Offensive Coordinator and

Quarterbacks Coach Tony Peterson said. "They're both good friends and they're going to support each other but they're also competing like crap against each other."

Even though Minshew and Sirk competed for the same position, they didn't view each other as rivals. They both said they were just trying to push themselves to the highest level possible and the team benefited from the two battling for the same starting position.

"You have to learn from each other. We're in the meeting room with each other every day and you can't have a hostile relationship with someone on your team," Sirk said. "We're just trying to make each other better and the outcome will play itself out in the end."

In the spring, it didn't appear as if there would be a quarterback controversy for ECU, after Minshew, a junior communications major, earned the role as starting quarterback. The combination of his play in two starts at the end of last season in relief of the injured Phillip Nelson, along with his strong showing in spring drills, gave the Pirates' coaching staff the confidence to name him the starter.

All that changed when the graduate transfer Sirk arrived on campus in May. The former Blue Devil started 12 of his 24 career games at Duke, spending two years under the tutelage of current Montgomery, who served as Duke's offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach.

Minshew said he was not sure what to think after first hearing Sirk was transferring to ECU, but he eventually saw it as a way to make the team better. Minshew, who describes himself as someone who loves competition, said he was excited to be a part of the position battle.

"I was confused at first," Minshew said. "But after talking to coaches I got excited because I know [Sirk] is going to come in here, he's going to help the team in whatever way that is."

While Minshew has more experience playing at ECU and in the Pirates' offensive system, it was not as if Sirk was at a total disadvantage. He pointed to his familiarity with Montgomery as not only the reason he's transitioning smoothly to being a Pirate, but also as playing a role in choosing to come to ECU over other schools.

Peterson is confident of the quarterback talent at the Pirates' disposal and even though Minshew won the starting position, the coach knows Sirk will be ready if called upon. Peterson said due to the physical nature of football, a team needs more than one quarterback.

"I have two great kids. They're very self-motivated and they're going to make each other better," Peterson said. "I'm fortunate to have what I think are two starting quarterbacks."

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From left: Natalie Montini and Madison Clark jump up for a block during practice. The Pirates open their tournament on Friday against William & Mary.

Pirates to host ECU Invitational

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TEC STAFF

East Carolina University volleyball team is looking to continue its non-conference success from last season with the start of its 2017 season Friday when the Pirates will host the ECU Invitational.

The team will open up against the College of William and Mary Friday before facing Georgia State University and Rutgers on Saturday. This beginning tournament is the first of 18 matches being held in Greenville this season.

The Pirates are coming off a 2016 season in which they went 10-0 during their non-conference schedule. The East Carolina Invitational will be a good chance for the Pirates to start their season on a high note just as they did the season before.

ECU will face William & Mary in its first game of the year, and will look to take

advantage of the Griffins, who went 8-21 last season, including just 1-10 on the road.

Pirates Head Coach Julie Torbett will have a great opportunity to see the new-look team get its feet wet with a new starting lineup which replaces I'Tiana Taylor, Ashley McRae, Sydney Darden and Sabrina Gonzalez, four starters from last year's team. The Pirates will have to prepare for sophomore outside hitter Casey Foote who led the team with 292 total kills last year as a freshman for William & Mary.

The Pirates face their toughest test of the weekend when they go up against Georgia State on Saturday. Georgia State went 10-18 last season, although only two of those wins came on the road. Unlike William & Mary, Georgia State lost its leader in kills (scoring plays) from last year to graduation, and must find a way to replace that production.

In their final game of the weekend, the Pirates will face the Rutgers Scarlet Knights, which fans will have free admission to. Rutgers who struggled mightily last season, going 4-29, including 0-10 in its own conference. This record may be misleading because Rutgers played in one of the toughest conferences in the country, the Big Ten, and faced ten top-25 opponents over the course of last season.

While ECU would love to win its first few games, Torbett says the real importance of these games is to prepare against conference opponents.

"I feel like the whole goal is for us to do well in the conference," Torbett said. "We try with the non-conference matches to prepare us, maybe give us some confidence going into those games, some momentum. We're also playing Rutgers, who's a Big Ten team, and we are playing

some better teams this year in the non-conference as well."

The Pirates come into the season having lost their top three players in kills to graduation. Taking on a big chunk of that responsibility will be senior middle hitter Natalie Montini, who was fourth on the team last year with 239 kills, as well as tied for first last season with 101 total blocks.

Montini said the Pirates should have the talent to finish in at least the top half of the conference this year, which is something this weekend could get them on track towards accomplishing.

"We definitely can get to the top half of the conference," Montini said. "We definitely want to just keep improving mentally, physically and we all want to be super positive this year, so it's really exciting."

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Pirates Swimming and Diving reshuffles new coaching roster

Daniel Roberts
TEC STAFF

The East Carolina University athletic department announced Monday that Jesse Lyman and John Newell have joined the Swimming and Diving coaching staff while Kate Moore and Kevin Woodhull-Smith have been promoted to new positions on the staff, according to a release issued by ECU Athletics.

Lyman will become ECU's new diving coach, while Newell will be one of the assistant swimming coaches. Prior to becoming a diving coach, Lyman was a diver at Louisiana State University, where he was a two-time NCAA Regional qualifier.

Lyman was the diving coach at Rowan University after graduating from LSU for the past three seasons. He oversaw the Top Spin Diving Club program at Rowan while being named the Metropolitan Championships Coach-of-the-Year each season during his tenure there. He coached two-time NCAA Division III All-American diver John Morris, who earned All-American honorable mentions three times at the NCAA Championships.

Newell, who is a native of Charlotte, North Carolina, spent the past two years coaching with the YOTA, the YMCA Swim team of the Triangle Area, in Raleigh.

Newell was a four-year letterman at NC State where he earned All-American honors as a member of the 400-medley relay team and led the Wolfpack to its

first Atlantic Coastal Conference title in 23 years. He graduated in the school's top-10 in the 50-yard freestyle as well as the 100 and 200-yard butterfly events. He competed in the 200-yard butterfly in the 2012 Olympic Trials in Omaha before completing his bachelor degree requirements in sport management in 2015.



Kevin Woodhull-Smith

Moore has been named associate head coach after serving as head assistant coach, a position now occupied by Woodhull-Smith.

Moore is now in her 10th year as part of the ECU coaching staff and was a four-year letterman for the Pirates from 2003 to 2007. As a member of the staff, Moore has helped lead the Pirates to three conference titles.

"Kate has been instrumental in recruiting, and her work both on deck and behind the scenes is second to none," Jabs said. "She has played such an important role with this program both as a student-athlete and coach. I am really excited to work with her in this new role."

Woodhull-Smith is in his fifth season as a member of the ECU coaching staff where he will serve as the head assistant coach. He has helped coach a trio of NCAA Championship participants, while

"I am very excited to welcome these two young coaches to my staff," Jabs said. "They will fit in great, and I look forward to seeing the hard work and energy they bring to the pool each day."

Moore has been named associate head coach after serving as head assistant coach, a position now occupied by Woodhull-Smith.

Moore is now in her 10th year as part of the ECU coaching staff and was a four-year letterman for the Pirates from 2003 to 2007. As a member of the staff, Moore has helped lead the Pirates to three conference titles.

"Kate has been instrumental in recruiting, and her work both on deck and behind the scenes is second to none," Jabs said. "She has played such an important role with this program both as a student-athlete and coach. I am really excited to work with her in this new role."

Woodhull-Smith is in his fifth season as a member of the ECU coaching staff where he will serve as the head assistant coach. He has helped coach a trio of NCAA Championship participants, while

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-Matthew Jabs

also leading the swim team win three consecutive American Athletic Conference championships.

"Kevin is one of the best on-deck coaches I have had the chance to work with," Jabs said. "His attention to detail, and his ability to get the best out of his athletes is second to none. I am looking forward to his growth in his new role as head assistant coach."

With the additions of Lyman and Newell to the coaching staff, and Moore and Woodhull-Smith moving to new positions on the coaching staff, along with Jabs being named the new head swim coach, the question will be if the swim team can pull off the unthinkable and win its fourth straight conference championship this upcoming season.

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TAKEAWAYS

FOOTBALL

"Meet the Pirates" is a free event Saturday from 5-7 p.m. inside Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium.

SOCCER

The women's soccer team faces off at Davidson at 7 p.m. Friday and returns home Sunday to face Towson at 1 p.m.

VOLLEYBALL

The ECU Invitational begins Friday against William & Mary at 7 p.m. in Williams Arena. The Pirates will conclude Saturday with a pair of matches against Georgia State at 10 a.m. and Rutgers at 7 p.m.

TENNIS

This week the tennis program named Dan Ruyle as the new assistant coach of the team.

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Ciaccia, Sullivan lead ECU Cross Country

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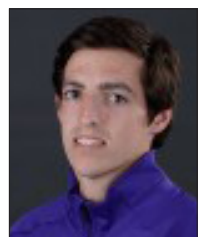
East Carolina University's cross country teams have brought most of their athletes back and added some new athletes for fall 2017. The men's and women's teams are hungry to compete and are looking to improving their ranks in the American Athletic Conference.



Josey Weaver

Coach Josey Weaver is starting his second year as the head cross country coach and has helped to make sure his student athletes have been preparing with a structured routine. Weaver said he's proud to see where his athletes are this early in the season after having had one official team practice. The athletes on both teams remained healthy over the off-season, giving some of the hurt players a chance to rehabilitate previous injuries.

"They did a good job of putting in the work they are supposed to be doing in the summer which is the hectic part because in the summer time I'm not there," Weaver said. "But we've got pretty dedicated athletes so I'm excited about that and we are pretty young."



Nick Ciaccia

Having only graduated one athlete on the women's team and losing two on the men's team, most of the athletes are coming back this year. Two of the returning athletes are juniors Grace Sullivan and Nick Ciaccia, both of whom helped lead their respective teams last year. Sullivan and Ciaccia both have high outlooks for this season.

"This year my goal is definitely to be in the top-15 in the conference and to move up in the region," Ciaccia said.

Sullivan sees the potential for this women's team and is ready for the season to get underway.

"Even at our first practice, we all came together really quickly so I'm excited,"

Sullivan said. "Definitely want to improve from our finish last year at conference and



Grace Sullivan

just progress throughout the season just as a team, knock down sometimes and just be positive and work together, this is a good group." Weaver knows that Sullivan and Ciaccia are leaders and he looks to them to continue leading their teammates. However, ECU brought in one older transfer for each of the two teams. The women's team added Sarah Hamon from the University of North Carolina at Wilmington and the men's added Bakri Abushouk from North Carolina State University, older brother of Dean Abushouk, who was already on the Pirates' cross country team. Both of these transfers bring more experience and potential to their teams.

Bakri is already making an impact on his new team. Weaver wants to see him continue the positive impact for his teammates and the program as a whole. Along with Weaver noticing Bakri's impact, Ciaccia also has noted the impact Bakri will have personally on him and on the team.

"Bakri is a workhorse and I'm just riding off the back of him and working as much as I can with him," Ciaccia said. "Already he is a great guy. We had our first practice and he is motivating all the younger guys and not counting anyone out and just wants to help everyone he can."

Overall the athletes have high expectations as far as making it to regionals and improving their rank there, but Weaver has a more timely goal and wants his athletes to stay focused on the task at hand each week.

"I always preach conference first, we want to go represent there and we are in a unique situation where not a single team from our conference is in our region," Weaver said. "So for us, conference is the most important, and when we look at regionals (they are) bragging rights. That's where we get to show where we are ranked in our region."

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