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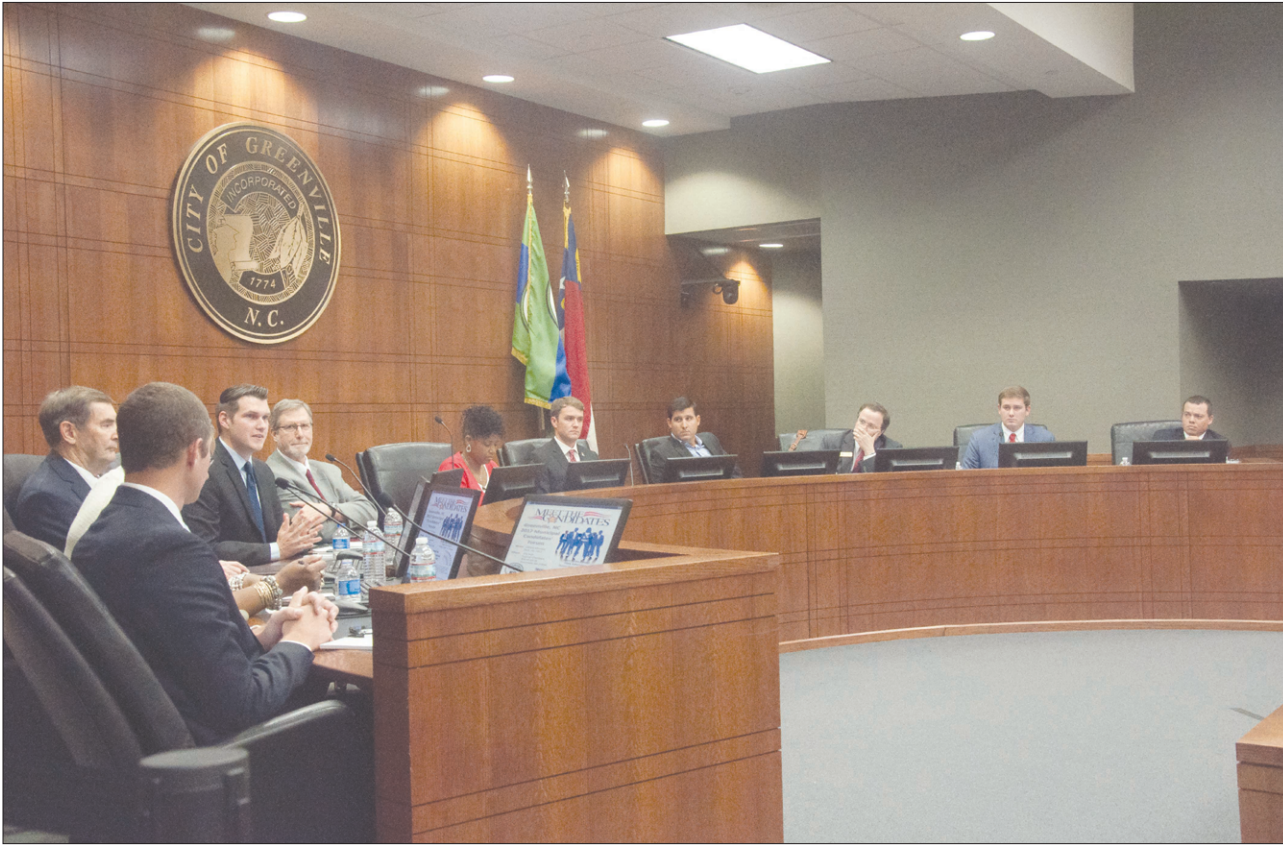


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City council candidates answer questions from the public during last night's forum at City Hall. The election will be held Nov. 7.

Forum introduces candidates Council, mayoral races previewed ahead of election

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Residents of Greenville gathered at City Hall last night to hear from several of the candidates up for election this year debate on issues at the 2017 Municipal Candidates' Forum, including the controversy surrounding the Confederate statue in front of the Pitt County Courthouse as well as others.

The National Pan-Hellenic Council of Pitt County hosted the forum, along with Democracy NC, which took place at 7 p.m. in the council chambers of City Hall. The public meeting allowed the audience to submit questions about the candidates and their platforms.

Dennis Mitchell of NPHC served as the moderator for the event, reading off the questions which were sent in and made sure candidates did not go over time.

The panelists for the forum were 11 of the 15 candidates running for the Nov. 7 election, including current Mayor Kandie Smith, Mayor Pro-Tem Rose Glover, current City Council members Calvin Mercer, Rick Smiley and P.J. Connelly, along with East Carolina University senior William Bell, residents Uriah Ward, Brian Meyerhoeffer, Christopher Nunnally, William Litchfield, Tom Best

and Ernest Reeves. The four candidates who did not attend the forum were J.R. Reddick, Curtis Pulley, Darrell Hinnant and Micah Lockheart.

"The purpose of this forum is to give the candidates an opportunity to address a wide range of issues that affect our city," Denise Russell, president of NPHC, said. "By the end of this event, both sides, the candidates and the voters will have more ideas and concepts on how to make the city of Greenville better."

One of the main questions brought up at the forum was what each candidate believed regarding the removal of the Confederate statue outside of the Pitt County Courthouse.

Nunnally, who is running against Meyerhoeffer for the City Council At-Large seat, said he believes civil rights are both a city issue and a local issue.

"It is time that we as a body politics resolve to make sure that we're gonna be the city that all people look toward as a leader, not just in our state, but in our region," Nunnally said. "We live in the new South, it is time our courthouses reflect it, our police departments reflect it and our representation reflects it."

Smith agreed with Nunnally's statement, saying that it is not erasing history to relocate the statue, but simply moving forward with Greenville's history in a way that is positive for everyone.

"I am not trying to say that we are trying to erase anyone's history, because that's not what it's about, but I'm saying that we need to think about where that history is located," Smith said. "Why does it have to be located in the courthouse, when for many African Americans that is a place of oppression."

Being the first to speak for the night, Mayoral candidate Connelly shared his platform and hopes for the future of the city of Greenville.

"I'm looking forward to the opportunity to express my beliefs on the issues that are affecting the citizens," said Connelly. "I'm very much excited about the opportunity to speak to everybody and listen to your concerns tonight."

According to Smith, who is running for the District 1 seat on City Council, empowering the residents of Greenville to raise their voice is an important aspect of unifying the community.

"When you share with me your concerns I'll make sure those concerns are heard. I believe in speaking truth to power, and I don't believe in backing down," Smith said. "I want to make sure that I encourage each and every one of you, stay woke."

Ward, who is running for the District

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>> WHERE THERE'S SMOKE THERE'S FIRE

Chief Griffin: Tower truck lacks access

Matthew Prensky
TEC STAFF

In a sit-down interview with The East Carolinian Wednesday, Greenville Fire/Rescue Chief Eric Griffin said there are parts of East Carolina University's main campus where the department's tower truck can't get to in an emergency.

Griffin said because of how the university has adapted the physical design of the campus to benefit pedestrians, it has cut off certain parts from Tower 1.

"Since it's a larger truck, it's heavier," Griffin said. "Being over 70,000 pounds, that truck will be unsuitable and can not be placed in those locations. There are many locations, especially when we look at the ECU campus, when you talk about it being a walkable campus, that Tower 1 can not get close to the buildings."

Griffin said Tower 1 couldn't reach a building in, "Any area that doesn't have direct access from an improved surface that will hold 70,000 pounds."

During the interview with GFR and the city of Greenville, The East Carolinian asked Griffin how high Tower 1 could reach on Greene Residence Hall or White Residence Hall.



Eric Griffin

"If I understand your question correctly, you're talking about Greene and White dormitories and so those would be the dorms right there in what we call the hill," Griffin said. "So those buildings are over 10 stories and typically you're going to have between 10-15 feet per floor in most high rises. I said 10-15 because it does vary and the (Tower) truck (ladder) is a 100 feet. So I'm not trying to make you mad, I'm just saying that truck will not reach the top of the building."

Bill Koch, associate vice chancellor in the Office of Environmental Health and Safety at ECU said in an emailed statement to The East Carolinian that GFR and ECU work closely together.

"I mentioned previously that we have GFR involved in campus and building design to insure building access for fire response, including the proper location of fire department connections on the outside of the building," Koch said.

Koch added he wasn't aware of any areas of campus where GFR couldn't access in the event of an emergency.

"I am not aware of any buildings that GFR cannot access for fire or emergency response and they have strategies for responding to all of our buildings," Koch said. "The Tower 1 truck is another tool that increases GFR's firefighting capabilities and campus safety, so we feel ECU made a wise investment."

When the city of Greenville purchased the tower truck in 2011, ECU paid approximately 25 percent of the \$936,285 price tag, according to public records obtained by The East Carolinian.

ECU's financial contribution to Tower 1 amounted to \$234,071.25, which was paid in three incremental payments

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Monthly event to discuss DACA

Taylor Nishimoto
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

East Carolina University students will have the opportunity to speak up about the potential changes coming to the Deferred Action Childhood Arrival program during the second Cupola Conversations 5 p.m. on Wednesday in Mendenhall Student Center Room 244.

The event titled "Understanding DACA" is the second event of this year that is part of the monthly program, Cupola Conversations. The program was designed by ECU's Division of Student Affairs as a way to give students an opportunity to partake in civil discourse over current topics in the world.

The event will have a panel discussion, including Director of Immigration Services Brian Meyerhoeffer, Jr., ECU Sociology Professor Lee Maril, Executive Director AMEXCAN Juvencio Rocha-Peralta, and ECU Sophomore



Lauren Thorn

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Brother Ross returns as 'Saint Ross'



THOMAS WEYBRECHT | THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Yesterday, East Carolina University students gathered around the Cupola on main campus to observe Brother Ross, a controversial religious activist who has made previous appearances at the institution. ECU officials and police officers were on hand to make sure the event stayed safe. Brother Ross is currently slated to return to ECU's campus today for another demonstration.

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BRIEFS

Greenville City Council appoints new city attorney

The Greenville City Council unanimously voted to appoint Emanuel D. McGirt as the new city attorney last night in town hall.

After starting with a public comments portion, the city council meeting moved into a closed session to discuss the decision. The meeting then went back into open session, where current City Attorney David Holec made the recommendation to City Council.

McGirt is the senior assistant city attorney in Durham, North Carolina and has served as the assistant city attorney there for 20 years.

McGirt will start the position on Oct. 31 with a starting salary of \$156,633, according to Holec.

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Nicky Quinones. The panelist will be informing guests on the topic of DACA, sharing research, answering any questions, and will available after the event for questioning.

DACA, which was an American immigration policy President Barack Obama created, allows immigrants who entered the United States as children to be allotted a two-year deferred action period and be eligible for a work permit. This policy was enacted in June of 2012 and has recently been thrown into the media due to its possible removal recently presented by President Donald Trump.

Maril, who is one of the panelists for the event, has written a book on immigration called "The Fence: National Security, Public Safety, and Illegal Immigration Along the U.S.-Mexico Border." He will share research regarding immigration related topics and said he feels as though most people do not understand what DACA really is.

"The general media tends to simplify the situation rather than go into the complexity of the issue," Maril said.

Interim Associate Dean in the Dean of Students Office Lauren

Thorn also agrees that there has been confusion about DACA all throughout the media and this event will help further educate students on what is really going on.

"We really wanted to make sure that students have an opportunity to really learn from those who understand the process, can talk about personal experience with it, and speak knowledgeably, rather than just going off of what they hear from different sources that may not be as legitimate or have the accurate information," Thorn, who helped coordinate the event, said.

Thorn added DACA is very personal issue that affects ECU students and community and it's important to have students talk about it.

"DACA has a personal connection for a lot of people," Thorn said. "We want to give them a place where they can discuss and express that and hopefully hear from others whose opinions may be different than theirs, but see it as an opportunity to learn from one another."

Maril said he hopes students come to this event with an open mind and that other participants will be able to share their knowledge freely.

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RYAN CUMMINGS | THE EAST CAROLINIAN

The Cupola on the mall of East Carolina University's main campus.



KI COLEMAN | THE EAST CAROLINIAN

City Council Member Calvin Mercer speaks during last night's debate. Mercer is running for mayor.

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3 seat near East Carolina University's main campus, believes that his background both as a lifelong resident of Greenville and a public school teacher has given him the traits necessary to be successful in this position.

"I currently work as a middle school teacher at Chocowinity Middle School, and I believe that working as a middle school teacher makes me uniquely qualified to deal with some of the behavior that we see in city hall," Ward said.

Ward said since announcing his candidacy in April, he has knocked on every voter's door in his district twice now, as a way of getting to know the residents and hear their concerns.

One of the first official questions of the evening was directed to mayoral candidates Mercer and Connelly regarding a letter

Mercer posted in the Daily Reflector about Connelly's support of President Donald Trump.

Mercer said the argument was not a matter of Trump, but simply a matter of "what kind of mayor my opponent would be."

"Connelly has openly and enthusiastically supported Donald Trump and I think he (Trump) has been divisive for the country," Mercer said. "A mayor must unite people behind initiatives which take us into the future."

In response, Connelly said he would like to "set the record straight."

"I did attend his rally, there is no if, and's or but's about that," Connelly said. "I did not contribute to his campaign, I was not on stage as was stated, I did not go in and put Facebook comments about Trump for him, I did not buy any of his merchandise."

Connelly said the city needs a representative that will take the divisiveness out

of politics and public service.

Meyerhoeffer, who is running for the City Council At-Large seat, said he feels as though he has "one of the most unique and diverse backgrounds" out of the group.

"I grew up a military brat," Meyerhoeffer said. "I've called about 50 places home. I've lived in two countries, six states and the District of Columbia."

As the Director of Immigration Services at ECU, Meyerhoeffer said he has had the opportunity to assist people from all different backgrounds.

"I have worked with and represented people across all cultures, races, religions, sexes and sexualities," he said.

ECU students and Greenville residents will have the chance to vote for their local elections on Nov. 7.

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to the city starting on Oct. 24, 2011, according to an emailed statement to The East Carolinian from ECU News Services in July.

Koch also mentioned in his statement the university has invested millions of dollars into safety systems to protect students.

"ECU also invested millions of dollars in sprinkler systems and fire resistant building materials that keep fire from spreading from their point of origin so all occupants can safely evacuate the building through protected corridors and stairwells," Koch said. "Sprinkler systems were an added safety feature ECU installed a number of years ago in our high rise residence halls - a feature that was not required when these buildings were constructed in the late 1960s and early 1970s."

However, Tony Smart, a former battalion chief at GFR, said while fire-resistant construction and sprinkler systems are

important, firefighters should always be prepared for the worst-case scenario.

"I always tell folks in my classes, you plan for the worst and hope for the best," Smart said.

Smart said working in some of the tight spaces on ECU's campus was difficult because it limited some of the options he had for handling the emergency.

"We always had just enough room to get the truck through and when you have just enough then you don't have any options when it comes to flexibility," Smart said.

Smart said it was always difficult for the incident commander to maneuver fire trucks around ECU's campus in the event of an emergency, but they did the best they could do.

"It's a hard enough job if you got plenty of room," Smart said. "When you don't have a lot of room, it makes it more of a challenge, but that's why you train, pre-plan and talk about things on the front end."

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OUR VIEW

Brother Ross represents right to free speech

On East Carolina University's campus, students get to enjoy the many luxuries that a public institution offers such as the freedom of speech. However, with free speech comes the possibility that individuals with offensive comments can feel free to spew out of their mouths.

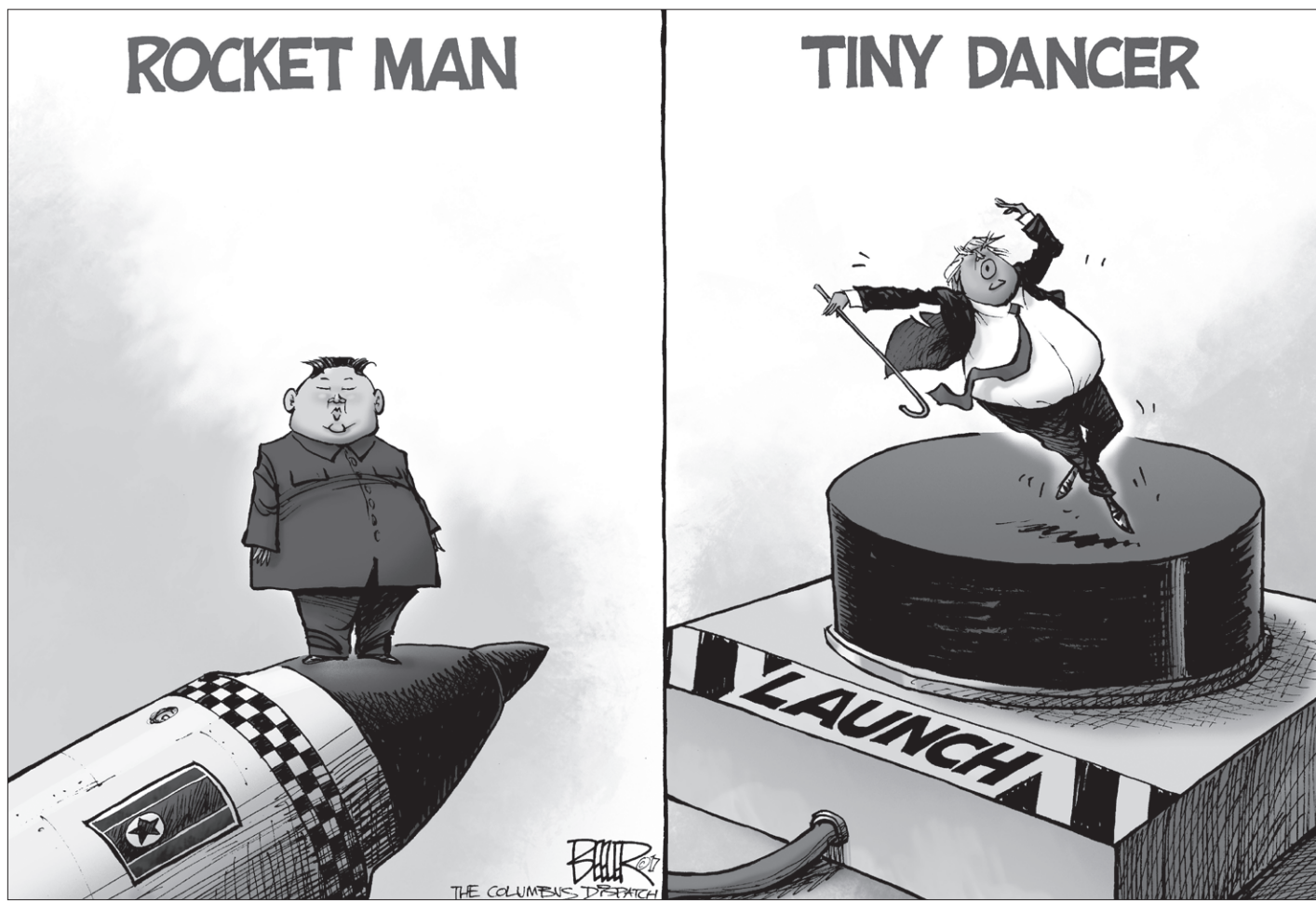
One thing everyone is entitled to is free speech and that is what Brother Ross travels to the campus to impose. If you were near the Cupola yesterday, you probably overheard Brother Ross making his outrageous comments of hellfire and sin on campus.

We, the editorial staff of The East Carolinian, believe every voice on campus should be heard. ECU has been given a green light rating on the campus' policy regarding free speech by the Foundation for Individual Rights in Education, or FIRE. To have a green light rating means the school does not impose any threats to the students' freedom of speech.

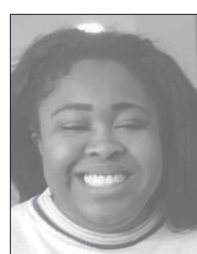
From Tomi Lahren and Marc Lamont Hill to Brother Ross, opinions from across the political and social spectrum are welcome at ECU, and as students, we have the right to listen or turn away.

Differing opinions should be met with healthy and respectful debate, not shouts and screams. Learning comes from conversing with those who believe differently from us, and by hearing someone out, you can introduce them to a new perspective.

As a campus that endorses free speech, the ECU community must be willing to accept all the different types of rhetoric that comes with such a freedom. The suppression of speech to one is a suppression of speech to all, and every individual must recognize that when listening to those who they may disagree with, including Brother Ross when he spews his opinions to the masses.



Actors of color worthy of acclaim



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TEC STAFF

Bless The Press

Behind the glitz and glamour that award season brings is a plague of racial issues that stem back to the 1920's and still stand as reminders in the headlines of today.

On the night of Sept. 17, three spotlight takers made history at the 69th Primetime Emmy Awards. Master of None's Lena Waithe became the first African-American woman to win an Emmy for comedy writing, Donald Glover became the first African-American to win for comedy-series directing and Sterling K. Brown became the first black actor since 1998 to win the Emmy for outstanding lead actor in a drama series, for his role as Randall Pearson on NBC's This Is Us.

In the year of 2017, the headline "...is the first black actor to..." should never have to come to existence. The lack of winners of color exemplifies just how much progress the Academy has to make in regard to acknowledging diverse talent in the film and television industry.

Through an analysis of more than 1,000 U.S. television shows that aired on 67 cable and broadcast networks during the 2011-12 season, UCLA researchers studying racial diversity in the entertainment industry found that more viewers were drawn to shows with ethnically diverse lead cast members and writers, while shows reflecting less diversity in their credits attracted smaller audiences.

Representation in film is important, and those who execute their characters on the small and big screen deserve recognition for doing so, especially if such a performance has earned critical acclaim



Aziz Ansari and Lena Waithe with their Emmys for their work on Netflix comedy, "Master of None."

in the form of positive audience feedback and high ratings. Actors of color often are snubbed or not even nominated in their respective categories of performance, and that in itself is an imbalance of fairness when it comes to awarding actors for their work in entertainment.

One of the most recent examples of snubbing for entertainment awards is Hollywood veteran Jamie Foxx. Playing the leading role in Quentin Tarantino's controversial, yet widely acclaimed slavery-themed blockbuster "Django Unchained," Jamie Foxx failed to even get an Oscar nomination for his performance as Django at the 2013 Academy Awards. Joining him on the sidelines of the snubbed was the film's other lead Kerry Washington, who also failed to receive a nomination while their white co-stars Leonardo DiCaprio and Christoph Waltz did.

Simply attributing the lack of diverse winners to the winning-fair-and-square defense or the better-luck-next-year response is doing our entertainment

industry a disservice. Film and television is watched by consumers of all colors, and such a racial spectrum is deserving of consideration.

Shows with actors of color inspire other future directors, scriptwriters, and actors that achieving their dreams are within reach. The Oscars and Emmys wins are affirmations of racial progress in film, and representation is worthy of reward, especially considering the amount of progress that needs to be made in our country.

Honoring a majority white actors with a person of color thrown in the mix every few years places film in a state of incomprehensible regress. Such a state would be a disservice and as a nation for all, our creators have earned their standstill place in history, along with the appropriate awards to back up their body of work.

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Dress codes create double standard



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code, and teachers are telling them they are distracting the boys.

19 percent of the 7,800 students surveyed in middle and high schools across the country said they were prevented from wearing clothing deemed "inappropriate" based on their gender, according to the Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network's 2013 National School Climate Survey.

For years on end, girls have had more clothing restrictions put on them because they are being told that their bodies and what they are wearing are too much of a distraction, and this causes their male peers to not be focused on their own work.

There was one recent incident back in August of this year, where a principal in South Carolina told her students that they couldn't wear leggings unless they were a size 0 or 2. This requirement is not only saying that students are breaking a dress code simply due to their waist size, but it

is also body shaming these young girls by saying they are too fat to wear this certain type of clothing that their slimmer peers are permitted to wear.

If such a rule continues to be embraced, someday, these girls are going to hate their bodies and do more harm than good to themselves by introducing their bodies to extreme diets, starvation and other forms of self harm. I will never comprehend why girls are put on more restrictions than boys. Besides gender, such restrictions are also have no regard of age.

Many articles and news feeds have reached the point of virality, posting about how a 5-year-old girl from Houston, Texas was sent home because she was wearing an ankle length sundress, and because she was showing a little part of her back she was in violation of the school's dress code and was distracting the boys. How can an elementary school child be a distraction, I have not read anything in the news or online where boys are being sent home or body shamed because of what they are wearing.

Amid the controversy, parents and other adults across the nation have suggested that school uniforms should be enforced at all schools. As valid as that solution may be, one has to accept the possibility that such enforcement will taking away a student's individuality and rights to personally

express themselves. Plus, school uniforms can be very expensive and not every family can afford them.

After reading all these articles and seeing it all over the news, one can't help but feel that this is just another form of bullying. Being that some of these kids may already face such bullying from their peers, the last thing that students need is to get that from their teachers and the other adults that are supposed to be there to teach and protect them. It's one thing when they are showing up to school in short shorts and cleavage baring shirts, but many of these girls are not and are just there to learn. Some are showing the bare minimum of ankles and shoulders, but if you can wear shorts then showing your ankles should not violate any kind of dress code.

Boys should not be set to a higher standard, and the unprofessional teachers that are holding them to heights above their female peers ought to be dealt with in a serious manner. If teachers want to dictate what students wear to school and how they look, they they should teach at a school that enforces uniforms, rather than embrace a dress code shroud in sexism.

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Blue Ox Games
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ECU alum Tyler Bailey is the owner of the company Off the Break Productions and works with the band Lost Kings.

Alum lives dream

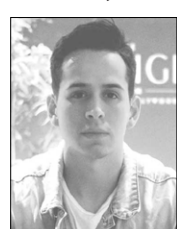
Tyler Bailey tours with up-and-coming duo

Danielle Schmid
TEC STAFF

What was once a childhood dream in East Carolina University alumnus Tyler Bailey's mind is a now a flourishing film career taking him all around the world.

Bailey, a Washington D.C. native, began making home movies at the age of seven. By the age of 11, Bailey and his friends had come up with a simple idea for a production company named Off the Break (OTB) Productions.

OTB Productions is now a developed production company, having amassed more than 13,000 subscribers while Bailey has more than 385,000 views on his most popular Youtube video.



Tyler Bailey

"I try to tell a story with every single video I do, every single show I do basically has some sort of story..." Bailey said.

After graduating from ECU last spring, Bailey hit the road with

bands The Chainsmokers and Lost Kings for their European tour, where he filmed and edited videos for the up-and-coming duo Lost Kings. The tour included stops at Belsonic Festival in Ireland and Milano Summer Urban Festival in Italy.

During the summer of 2016, Bailey spent five hours emailing artists all across the country sending them videos of his work. Soon after, Bailey received an email from Enes Kolenovic, a manager of The Chainsmokers, asking him to do a video for another EDM artist, Young Bombs.

After traveling to Atlantic City to shoot the show for Young Bombs, Bailey immediately traveled back to Greenville to film footage of former ECU wide receiver Zay Jones' record breaking football game during the 2016 season. Overall, Bailey ended up filming, traveling and editing for 52 hours straight.

Little did Bailey know those 52 hours would change his life entirely. Not only was his footage of Zay Jones featured on ESPN, but Kolenovic was blown away by the Young Bombs video.

"His hustle is second to none; the kid would non-stop email me and his dedication paid off," Kolenovic said. "His editing/coloring skill are some of the best in the game. Safe to say, the future is bright for him."

Bailey was then put in contact with Lost Kings and says he instantly vibed with the duo and became their videographer.

Bailey aspires to grow with Lost Kings. He said he's developed a tight bond with the duo and has "basically become the third Lost King," according to Lost Kings members Nick Shanholtz and Robert Abisi.

"It's crazy that he just graduated because his work is already so good, we can't wait to see how he develops over time," Abisi said.

Lost Kings will include Bailey on its upcoming two week College Gameday Tour with College Weekly, where the duo will headline.

Bailey's music can be found on his YouTube channel, TKightMusic.

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Classic show to take stage at McGinnis

Amanda Shea
TEC STAFF

The stage in McGinnis Theatre has been home to stories and characters from around the world every semester, and now it belongs to the characters of Sense and Sensibility.

Sense and Sensibility will open Thursday at 8 p.m. and run through Tuesday. Student tickets can be purchased online at ecurts.com or at the box office in Messick for \$10.

Based on the Jane Austen novel published in 1811, the Sense and Sensibility film, directed by Ang Lee, came out in 1995. The play, adapted by Kate Hamill, follows the life of the Dashwood women after their father dies, leaving their house to his son from his first marriage. Elinor, Marianne and their mother face these new trials hand in hand, but the sisters' clashing personalities cause some tension.



Jessica Braun

Jessica Braun, a senior musical theatre and professional acting major, is set with the task of bringing Elinor Dashwood to life.

"Elinor is just kind of, it's not that she's not emotional, she just knows how to govern her emotions. She knows how to maintain them and keep them under control," Braun said. "Marianne plays the more sensibility part."

Playing Elinor's sister, Marianne, is Jane Simmons, a senior musical theatre and professional acting major. She said it isn't a typical stage play, but it will be a "cool" experience for those open to it.

"I don't think it's going to be what people expect to see when they expect to see a Jane Austen show because this adaptation by Kate Hamill is designed in a way that it's minimalist and the set is very abstract," Simmons said.



Jane Simmons

"We have people playing horses and dogs, along with other set pieces—like, we have two people that play our bed."

Though the original book is close to 400 pages, the adaptation by Hamill is condensed, making the play more fast pace.

"It moves from week to week in, like, two seconds," Braun said. "Our director talked about how many parts of it were traditional, like in the way that we are carrying ourselves and the way that we're speaking and it is set in the late 18th century in England, but there are parts that are very presentational."

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Bagelman offers affordable bagels to Greenville's growing brunch scene

Madison Lawson
TEC STAFF

Editor's Note: This is part five in a 10-part series which aims to highlight 'mom and pop shops' and meal options under \$10.

Breakfast, often dubbed the most important meal of the day, has taken on a whole new meaning at Bagelman. With lines out the door all morning, people from all walks of life enjoy the bagel combinations and variety of flavors for an affordable price.

Sitting in a row of shops on 1904 E. Firetower Road, Bagelman has patrons smelling the fresh blueberry bagels from the oven even before they open the cafe doors. Open Monday through Saturday, 6 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and Sunday 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., the shop serves its customers all natural ingredients with no extra preservatives. Co-owner John Grillo, also known as "The Bagel Man," said its this factor that makes Bagelman's sandwiches tasty and addictive.

"We buy 30 pounds of Philadelphia Cream Cheese and use it to whip up our very own spreads like veggie, walnut raisin and even chocolate chip," Grillo said. "Our cheese we use is also natural with no preservatives, and our eggs we buy are healthy and hand cracked; it's all about the quality."



John Grillo

Dannie Webb, an employee at Bagelman for a little over four weeks, also said the cafe serves food that is fresh and handmade.

"The biggest thing about working at Bagelman's is knowing the food is cooked right here, right now," Webb said. "It's not made with some pink gloop and it's not run on corporate standards. I stand by our products." Some of the main mouthwatering dishes that keep customers coming back can all be bought for \$3.99. The pizza bagel, an open face bagel smothered in mozzarella and pizza sauce, the bagel dog, a quarter pound of meat encased in a cheddar roll, and the most popular breakfast special, egg and cheese and a choice of meat inside of any flavored roll, serve as affordable, filling options for customers not looking to spend a fortune on a meal.

With the breakfast special being the most popular menu item, Grillo said last Saturday they sold about 380 egg and bacon sandwiches and even more on Sunday, adding it's about 80



The Bagelman, located at 1904 E. Firetower Road, serves various breakfast and lunch items for \$3.99.

percent of Bagelman's business.

Enjoying an egg and sausage bagel on a Friday afternoon, Leon Phillips Sr. said, "I've been eating at Bagelman since they opened. Today I got my usual breakfast special but sometimes I'll switch it up and get a regular bagel with their homemade cream cheese. It's great; best bagels in town."

As the previous owner of Boulevard Bagels from 1988 to 2006, Grillo said he had to sell the place for personal reasons. Years went by and he started to hear outcries from the community that everyone missed his food. After much persuasion from a friend, Grillo said he reopened his business with a brand new name and menu in February 2016, now known around Greenville as Bagelman.

"I think what makes us well liked is our customer service," Grillo said. "I'm a talker and I don't let anyone walk in here without telling them hello or good morning. Having our customers leave happy is the goal of our business."

Webb said even in the short time he's worked at Bagelman, he feels the welcoming and positive atmosphere.

"You gotta love that local element; it's what keeps people coming back," Webb said. "If you can have the owner walk around and joke with every customer that he knows by name, then that's something special. You aren't going to find that at a Burger King."

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Aries (March 21-April 19) -- Today is a 7 -- Travel plans may not go as planned. Traffic jams could cause significant delay. Find a quiet spot to watch the world go by.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Today is a 6 -- Misunderstandings spark easily. Patiently resolve tangles as they arise, especially with family. Let the little stuff go. Share emotional support.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) -- Today is an 8 -- Self-control is required with a personal matter. Do what worked before. Stick to your budget, even if it's tough. Wait for developments.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) -- Today is a 7 -- Postpone financial discussions. Manage the basics. Pay bills and handle paperwork. Minimize costly risks. Don't go along with a plan if you don't agree.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Today is a 5 -- Abandon a preconception at home and with family. Listen to all concerns. Counsel loved ones to delay gratification. Wait to make important decisions.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Today is a 5 -- Review and revise your plans. Tempers are short; employ the exact right words or stay silent. Peace and quiet suit your mood.

Gemini (May 21-June 20) -- Today is a 7 -- Support your partner by avoiding silly arguments. Discipline is required. Stay frugal and keep it simple. Forgive minor transgressions. Practice and it gets easier.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) -- Today is a 6 -- Watch your words. Maintain your own integrity. This is not a good time to learn things the hard way. Sometimes silence is the best policy.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) -- Today is a 6 -- Anticipate some disagreement between friends. Ignore criticism for now. Feelings can change dramatically. Clean up a mess with your team. Agree to disagree.

Cancer (June 21-July 22) -- Today is an 8 -- Stay light on your feet. Others demand quick action. Slow to avoid accidents. Stay in communication. Practice tricks and techniques. Self-discipline pays off.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) -- Today is a 7 -- Mistakes could get expensive. Slow down and double-check the math. Pay bills before buying treats. Financial arguments can spark; stay respectful. Keep things simple.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) -- Today is a 7 -- Chaos at work requires patience. Career movement is possible. Keep your head down. Rely on conventional wisdom. Learn from your own experience.

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- Org. of Suns and Heat
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- Quaid and Travis
- Tootie's roomie
- 4th month
- Bo Derek movie
- "Like a Rolling Stone" singer
- Worker's device
- "Above the ___"
- "Star Trek" crew member
- "Peanuts" character
- Pioneer filmmaker Browning
- Sportscaster Scully
- Liza Minnelli movie
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- "Star Trek: TNG" character

- Bobby or Brett of hockey
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- "The Donna ___ Show"
- First Oscar winner Jannings
- 2,000 pounds
- Vicki Lawrence character
- Russo of "Tin Cup"
- Distress signal
- Wallach and Whitney

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- Hayworth or Rudner
- Barbara of "I Dream of Jeannie"
- "The ___ and the Beautiful"
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- Priest's vestment
- Minnie of the Grand Ole Opry
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- Braves of the NL
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- Freeman and Fairchild
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Wide receiver Davon Grayson scores a touchdown in a game earlier this season. Grayson had 223 yards and three touchdowns against UConn.

ECU escapes on UConn blunder

Aaron Jackson
TEC STAFF
Tyler Gavin
TEC STAFF



East Carolina University barely escaped Sunday's game against the University of Connecticut, 41-38. The Huskies failed at a vigorous comeback, giving the Pirates their first victory, thanks to a lucky break on the last play of the game.

With a chance to tie the game on the final play of regulation, UConn trotted out their field goal unit for a 33-yard attempt to force overtime. Kicker Mike Tarbutt, who made his only other attempt of the game, got off a clean kick but missed it wide right and spoiled the Huskies comeback, allowing ECU to make the trip back to Greenville with a 41-38 win in its pocket. Sunday's win marks the first win of the season for the Pirates.

"It was really stressful there at the end, but you've got to get a tough one before you can get an easy one," head coach Scottie Montgomery said.

The offense for ECU played much better in a bounce-back game behind the arm of Thomas Sirk, who was named American Athletic Conference Player-of-the-Week on Monday. The Pirates got off to a lightning-fast start once again with Sirk having one of his most accurate games of his career. Sirk completed 30-for-39 passes for 426 yards and three touchdowns. Thanks to all the success in the passing game, ECU was able to establish a credible

run game for the first time this season. Eight different Pirates rushed the ball for a combined 170 yards and Derrell Scott and Hussein Howe each reached the end zone.

Sirk appeared to be the quarterback ECU and head coach Scottie Montgomery envisioned him to be. Sirk started the game off completing his first 11 passes while leading the Pirates to 596 yards of total offense. ECU hasn't had that many yards since AAC play against the University of Central Florida in 2015 with 622. Sirk's 426 yards are also the ninth most in school history and is the seventh quarterback to record more than 400 yards in a game for the Pirates.

Hauling in all three of Sirk's touchdown passes was graduate senior standout Davon Grayson. Easily one of Sirk's top options down the field, Grayson snagged 11 balls for 223 yards with the three touchdowns. His performance was a career-best and third in program history behind Justin Hardy (230 in 2013) and Cam Worthy (224 in 2014). Grayson also earned the College Sports Madness Conference Player-of-the-Week honors and is now the fifth receiver in school history with 200 yards.

"(Sirk) is starting to get a good rapport with these receivers. I thought we missed a few plays in the first half that could've been walk-in scores, but he's starting to get better



Thomas Sirk

timing," Montgomery said.

ECU had everything clicking and came out of halftime with the lead for the first time this season. Grayson was also able to add one of his touchdowns, a 75-yard catch, on the first play of the post-halftime drive to extend the lead to 34-14. Following a Huskie touchdown, the Pirates put together their final successful drive, scoring a touchdown before starting to crumble. UConn scored two touchdowns and a field goal over its final four drives while ECU was forced to punt three times and missed a field goal to set the stage for Tarbutt's miss.

Even though getting the first win of the season is nice for the Pirates, the defense still allowed 596 yards and 38 points to a mediocre UConn offense. The Huskies ran the ball for 190 yards and only had one negative play. A major bright spot, however, was Korrin Wiggins, who recorded his fifth interception as a Pirate and had 10 tackles. Cannon Gibbs also played a major role in the defense, tallying a career-high 14 tackles, eight of which were solo.

Now standing at 1-3, ECU will return to Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium on Saturday to face another ranked opponent, this time in-conference foe South Florida. The Bulls trounced Temple 43-7 and will make a major leap from No. 18 by the time they come to Greenville. These two teams will battle as the only two with wins in the AAC, making this a battle for the top-spot early in the season.

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Allen, Ruiz shine for ECU tennis

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Junior Austin Allen prevailed in the White Singles Flight of the Elon Fall Invitational and was named champion after winning the championship match with a 6-1 final in both sets to bring home a program win for East Carolina University's men's tennis team.

"When it came to playing in the finals, I was not too exhausted," Allen said. "Our coaches have pushed us hard in practice and in the weight room to get us into great shape, they have also instilled trying to compete our hardest for every point regardless of the score, I didn't look at the finals different so I was able to go out and execute my game plan."

The men's team went on the road to compete in the Elon Fall Invitational where it faced players from Elon University, Coastal Carolina University, Furman University, Clemson University, University of South Carolina Upstate, University of North Carolina at Asheville, North Carolina University, University of North Carolina at Greensboro and the College of Charleston.

The team had two players make it to the championship round of their respective flights. Junior Will Bissett finished second in the Powell Singles Flight but ended up falling 6-3, 6-4 in the title match.

"It was great for us to get back in action," head coach Shawn Heinchon said. "Some of our guys were a bit rusty and it showed with some mixed results in singles. We were impressed with our early season doubles play, that was great all weekend. Great work for Will and Austin. They both had really good singles tournaments, and we are proud of Austin for winning his flight for his first college tournament win."

Invitationals is not focused on whether a team competes on a team versus team basis, rather, the focus shifts more to individual performances. The athletes play in flights,

"Our coaches have pushed us hard in practice and in the weight room to get us into great shape.."

- Austin Allen

better known as tier competitions. The players are given the opportunity to play in three singles matches and three doubles matches in each invitational.

This past weekend, the women's tennis teams also showed signs of dominance in its respective Invitationals as they competed in the Pirates Invitational at home, while sending one player to the Oracle Intercollegiate Tennis Association Masters tournament in Malibu, California.

Junior Celia Ruiz was invited to play in the California tournament where she defeated Marianna Petrei of Idaho 6-3, 6-2 in the first round. In the second round, Ruiz played the No. 2 seed in the tournament and prevailed in two sets 6-4, 7-6(3). In the third round, Ruiz played the No. 13 ranked player in the nation, Mayar Ahmed, from Pepperdine University, according to ITA, where she ended up falling in two sets 6-2, 6-3.

"There were 32 players in the nation who were selected to play in the Masters tournament," women's head coach Tom Morris said. "Ruiz was one of the them and she did very well in California."

The women's team hosted the Pirate Invitational at home with Campbell University, West Virginia State University, North Carolina Central University and the University of Mount Olive over the weekend.

The Lady Pirates performed well in both singles and doubles. In doubles, sophomore



Celia Ruiz

Lisa Hofbauer and senior Maria Gomez teamed up and went 3-0 in flight one after winning their first and second matches with a final score of 6-1, while completing the sweep with a 6-0 shutout win in their final match.

"Playing in this invitational gave us a chance to get a good look at the teams," Morris said. "We will be able to sit down and see what we need to work on moving forward to prepare us for the next invitational."

In singles, Gomez and sophomore Nastija Rettich from ECU went 3-0 in their matches and won in dominant fashion. Rettich won her matches in Flight Four where she earned a 6-1, 6-0 victory in her first match, followed up by a 6-1, 6-1 win in match two and a very convincing shutout 6-0, 6-0 victory to finish off the day 3-0.

After winning all three doubles matches, Gomez turned around and earned another three victories in singles where she competed in Flight Five won her first and third matches in two sets 6-2, 6-0. In her second match, it was tougher in the first set but ultimately prevailed 7-5, and went on to win 6-1.

"I was executing what we have been working on," Gomez said. "We did a lot of preparation for this and in turn got to play people that we are going to play in the spring, and we were able to see how we are doing as a team whether we were doing good or bad."

The next invitational for the women's team will be at Wake Forest on Oct. 6 while the men's team will be at Intercollegiate Tennis Association Carolina Regional in Cary on Oct. 13.

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>>MEN'S TENNIS

Allen wins after return

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Redshirt sophomore Austin Allen has been on a year-long quest to come back and compete in tennis at East Carolina University. Due to a wrist injury, it has made his journey to rehabilitate himself and compete even tougher than he thought.

However, this past weekend, Allen competed in the Elon Fall Invitational where he was the champion of the White Singles Flight to give him his first tournament title in his ECU career winning easily 6-1, 6-1.

Allen, who is a native of Asheboro, North Carolina, developed his passion for tennis at a young age, which helped translate into his high school success.

"When I was in elementary school, my dad introduced me to it," Allen said. "I always liked it from the beginning. I started playing and got better at the game. I fell in love with the game and now my goal is to just get better and help the team."

When Allen played varsity tennis in high school, he was first team All-Conference, first team All-County, first team All-Region, first team All-State and conference Player-of-the-Year in Asheboro all four years.

Allen has worked hard every day by spending time at the gym lifting weights or out on the tennis court working on his swing. Even when he was in middle school, day in and day out, Allen would be doing something involving tennis.

"After sixth grade, I don't want to say that my life revolved around tennis," Allen said. "But it got to the point to where I would spend 5 to 6 hours a day in the summer training, and during the school year it would be two to three hours a day doing something related to tennis whether it involved footwork, practice, or weights."

Along with his high school success, Allen had a singles record of 92-12 overall, as well as being undefeated in conference play.

Before coming to ECU, Allen suffered a wrist injury to where he could not pick up a tennis racket for two months. Doctors tried to fix Allen's wrist without surgery, but during the process, things did not go as planned.

"My wrist started hurting a while back," Allen said. "It progressively started getting worse to the point where I could not hit a backhand and feel it even when I was not playing."

Instead of Allen's wrist healing like it should have, it ended up getting worse to where Allen did not see any playing time as a freshman due to his injury. Allen worked to rehabilitate his wrist and get back to 100 percent.

As a redshirt freshman, Allen missed most of the spring season due to not being match ready or physically in shape, even though his wrist was healed. When Allen finally played, he recorded a 3-0 record in singles, playing primarily at the sixth spot of the Pirates' lineup.

"Allen's work ethic is resilient," head coach Shawn Heinchon said. "He brings the same energy with him everyday. Sitting sideline helped motivate him to become injury-free. His intensity and willingness pushes the rest of the guys and the coaches to get better."

Being injured and not able to play might make some resentful, but Allen did not let the injury bring him down.

"Learning how to deal with the negative things has been a big positive for me," Allen said. "Having the setback and learning how to come back with the support with your teammates made it better for me. Even though I wasn't playing, I was still around the team."

Currently, he serves as the men's tennis advisor on the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) for ECU. Allen is also a biochemistry major, and he hopes to continue his journey in medical school off the court.

"There are definitely some areas of medicine I'm interested in," Allen said. "I want to explore a lot of different areas because I think everything about medicine is so fascinating."

Even with juggling school, tennis, SAAC and Invitationals, Allen will continue to lead ECU in tennis play during the fall and spring. He can be seen next in action in the ITA Carolina Regional beginning on Oct. 13.

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