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JAY ASHER VISITS ECU

Author encourages students to be vocal on assault, suicide



Darby Hubbell
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

As Pledge Purple Week came to a close last night, Jay Asher, author of the novel “13 Reasons Why,” challenged students at East Carolina University to not be afraid to address sexual assault and suicide.

The passport event, held in Hendrix Theatre, featured a Q&A session with Asher and was the last part of the three-day long event Pledge Purple Week. The week is an annual event created by Student Involvement and Leadership to bring awareness to sexual assault and bullying on campus.

“Pretty much whenever somebody asks if I can (speak), I’ll do it,” Asher said. “But I thought the event you guys were doing here during the week was such a positive one.”

Asher said the purpose of “13 Reasons Why” came with the hopeful intention that people would begin conversations dealing with the serious topics such as suicide and rape, that are covered in “13 Reasons Why” and throughout Pledge Purple Week.

“I wrote a fictional book and people saw it as an opportunity to talk about really serious things,” Asher said.

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“13 Reasons Why” author Jay Asher speaks to students last night in Hendrix Theatre to bring ECU’s Pledge Purple week to a close.

THOMAS WEYBRECHT | THE EAST CAROLINIAN

>> WHERE THERE’S SMOKE THERE’S FIRE

State launches Fire/Rescue investigation

Matthew Prenskey
TEC STAFF

The North Carolina Office of Emergency Medical Services (NCOEMS) has launched a complaint investigation into Greenville Fire/Rescue, according to a spokesperson with the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (NCDHHS).

In an emailed statement to The East Carolinian, Kelly Haight, press assistant for NCDHHS, confirmed that NCOEMS was conducting an investigation of GFR.

“OEMS is conducting a complaint investigation, but we cannot share additional information until the investigation is complete,” Haight said.

GFR and the city of Greenville have received notification of the investigation, according to Brock Letchworth, public information officer with the city of Greenville.

“The city is aware of the complaint and is working with the Office of Emergency Medical Services,” Letchworth said.

GFR and Pitt Community College are the two entities being investigated by OEMS, according to an email exchange between NCOEMS Eastern Regional Manager, Allen Johnson and Evi Dence, an anonymous YouTube channel.

Evi Dence emailed the exchange between Johnson and themselves to The East Carolinian.

The email exchange was in reference to four videos posted by Evi Dence two weeks ago that depicted two employees in Fire Academy 10 allegedly purchasing alcohol while training at Nash Community College.

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GPD: Monday fire death ruled accidental

Melissa Glen
TEC STAFF

The Greenville Police Department has identified the body found Monday in the house fire at 406 Hudson St. after an autopsy from the Pitt County Medical Examiner’s Office.

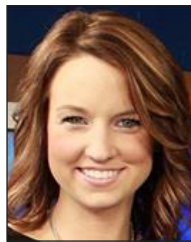
The victim, 54-year-old Maynard Dudley Jr.’s autopsy showed he died from smoke

inhalation, according to an email statement from Kristen Hunter, GPD’s public information officer.

Hunter said after an investigation, the death has been ruled accidental.

Pending toxicology results, the public should have access to the official autopsy report in a couple of months, according to Hunter.

Greenville Fire/Rescue



Kristen Hunter

responded to a call at the house, which is on the corner of Ward Street and Hudson Street, at around 2 p.m. for a structure fire, according to Rebekah Thurston, GFR’s public information officer.

Thurston said upon arrival, the department noticed heavy smoke and fire. She said the department treated one victim of the fire on scene but did not transport them to the hospital.

Upon entering the structure, the department discovered one body in the residence, according to Thurston.

Thurston added at this time, the

department does not have a name of the homeowner.

The incident is being investigated by GFR, GPD and ATF, but the cause of the fire is still undetermined, according to Hunter.

Hunter said at this point, the event does not appear to be suspicious.

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Co-founder of Project 919 Band and bassist Bev Clark performs. Project 919 will perform Friday.

CONTRIBUTED BY THE PROJECT 919 BAND

Project 919 to take stage

Go-go band to perform at Freeboot

Nicolette Giambalvo
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

The Project 919 Band will bring go-go music to Freeboot Friday as pirate spirit floods the streets of Greenville in the Uptown District area from 5-8 p.m. tomorrow.

Freeboot Friday hosts local vendors and offers a variety of food and fun activities for the whole family, in addition to free music. The performance by Project 919 will be held at Five Points Plaza.

Project 919 gets its name because all the band members are from the Triangle area of North Carolina, or “the 919” area code. However, the band’s genre of music, known as “go-go music,” comes from the upper Washington D.C. area.

“Go-go is a fusion of percussion, R&B, and funk music,” said Bev Clark, co-founder and bass player of the band.

Clark said he and the other co-founder John Spivey have always loved this style of music and wanted to see it grow in North Carolina.

“We are really excited to bring this style of music to eastern North Carolina, but especially Greenville because of the wide variety of culture and age in the town,” Clark said.

Close friend and fan Ali Goins said he

has a passion for go-go music as well and is excited to see the band play.

“I became a go-go junkie in college and when Bev and the band started playing, I became a huge follower and have been ever since,” Goins said.

Goins said the Project 919 concerts consist of lots of dancing, sing-a-longs and high energy.

“They have a few original songs, but majority of their performance is covers of popular upbeat songs which is great, especially for a college crowd,” Goins said.

Meredith Hawke, the events and branding director for Uptown Greenville, said she connected with Project 919 through a new R&B and throwback station in Greenville, 97.9 the FRESH.

“We like to bring a variety of live music selections to the entire Freeboot Friday season,” Hawke said.

Hawke said the band members of Project 919 were thrilled when asked to perform at the event.

“Project 919 is a lively, entertaining group sure to make you want to dance all night long,” Hawke said.

Other performances of Project 919 can be found on its Facebook and Instagram @project919band.

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BRIEFS

Research competition entry deadline tomorrow

East Carolina University students who are conducting research with a mentor in all academic programs will have the opportunity to participate in the Capture 180 Research Challenge hosted by ECU's division of Research, Economic Development, and Engagement.

The entry deadline will be Friday at 5 p.m.

Students will be judged on comprehension, content, engagement and communication as they present their work to the audience.

ECU to present Five Fridays Seminar Series

The Five Fridays Seminar Series will be taking place Friday at 10:30-11:45 a.m. in A.J. Fletcher Recital Hall for East Carolina University's students and faculty.

The seminar will feature Eli Fenichel from the Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies. Fenichel will speak on ecosystem-based management and the wealth of ecosystems. The Five Fridays Seminar Series features early career speakers who have conducted studies that serve as templates for integrating natural and social sciences.

CORRECTIONS & CLARIFICATIONS

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PLEDGE

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Leadership and other faculty and staff members have made an effort all week to have multiple activities and events placed on both main campus and Health Sciences campus, bringing attention and education on sexual harassment, violence and bullying to all students, said Lauren Thorn, interim associate in the Dean of Students Office at ECU.

Students were able to participate in an interactive Q&A session following the author's speech. Questions focused on the inspiration for the book and its realistic depiction of how sexual assault, bullying and suicide can affect people's lives.

Summer Tillman, a senior communication major, said it's crucial for the campus to be aware and deliberate with its approach on topics touched on by Asher and his novel.

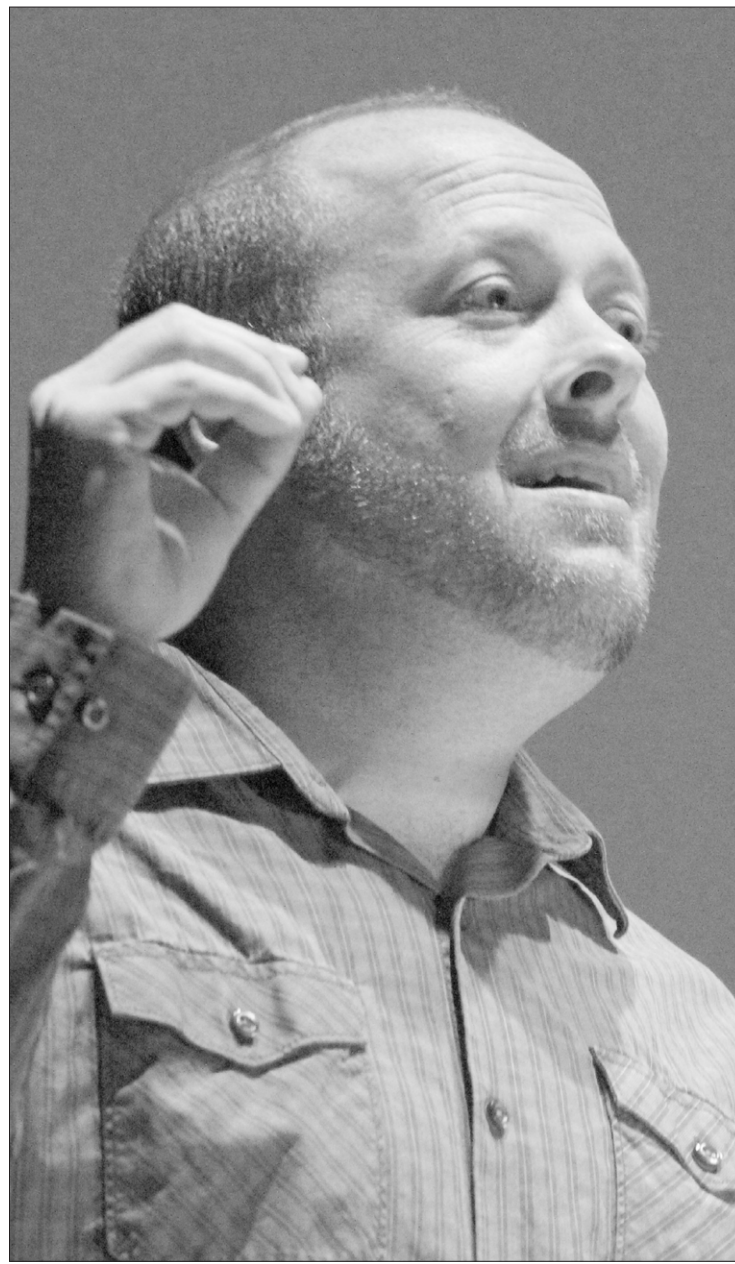
"I think it's important for people to know that these issues exist and to have people to show that this is something that matters," Tillman said.

Monday's "Take the Pledge Day" was dedicated to signing the Pledge Banner that is now hanging in Mendenhall Student Center to remind ECU students of what it means to educate themselves and to be an advocate on sexual assault, violence and bullying, Erik Kneubuehl, associate vice chancellor of Student Involvement and Leadership at ECU, said.

For Kathleen Riggi, a freshman communication major, being able to sign the banner was not only something that was personally rewarding, but also an opportunity to bring awareness to other students.

"It means a lot to me, because it happened to me," Riggi said. "And if I can show solidarity with other victims, then maybe someone else will find the courage to speak out for themselves."

Tuesday represented three events held all over both main



THOMAS WEYBRECHT | THE EAST CAROLINIAN
Asher speaks on stage, challenging students to address assault and bullying.

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-Jay Asher

campus and Health Sciences campus, Thorn said. These events included It's On Us, where faculty and staff volunteered to drive an interactive "cash cab" golf cart all over campus, taking students to and from classes while asking trivia questions and

giving out prizes.

It's On Us Too was held also held Tuesday between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. at Wright Plaza and the HSC Student Center entrance. The committee members talked with students on what being a positive bystander looks like and

how to intervene if you see sexual harassment, bullying or violence occur.

Students were allowed to share their own positive bystander intervention stories on a banner.

Later that same evening, a Survivor's Vigil was held in Mendenhall Student Center at 5:30 p.m. and ended with the national Take Back the Night Walk that began at 6:30 p.m., Thorn said. There were two different starting locations available for students: one beginning at MSC Hendrix Theater and the other at the Starbucks Lounge by the HSC Student Center.

Thorn said the walk was headed up by the campus victim advocates as a way to 'take back the night' where sexual assaults may have occurred.

Pledge Purple Week usually takes place in November, but Thorn said the university decided to move it up to the first week of October this year, because according to her, the university noticed a majority of sexual assaults and other concerning incidents have already occurred by late October around Halloween.

Devin Lewis, senior sociology major said he thought it was a good decision the week was moved to October, instead of November.

"A lot of stuff happens during Halloween that people may or may not necessarily know, and it kind of helps get people aware," Lewis said.

Chancellor Cecil Staton said he hopes Pledge Purple will show ECU students what opportunities they have to make the university campus a safe space for everyone.

"I think that my hope is that all ECU students will recognize that all of us play a role in making sure that we have an environment on campus where no one is intimidated, where no one has to worry about assault... that we all pledge to be responsible parts of the pirate community," Staton said.

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Two GFR employees can be seen crossing the street, entering the store, heading to the refrigerated beverage section of the business and allegedly purchasing two alcoholic beverages, according to security footage captured by the business.

In the email exchange, Johnson asked Evi Dence to provide his office with more information regarding the allegations.

"Our office received information related to Pitt Community College and the City of Greenville complaint on Sept. 15," Johnson said in an email to Evi Dence.

Evi Dence told Johnson to contact Joseph Graff, a participant in Fire Academy 10, with any questions.

The East Carolinian spoke with Graff, but he declined to be interviewed in order to not jeopardize the investigation by NCOEMS.

In a sit-down interview with The East Carolinian on Sept. 20, GFR Fire Chief Eric Griffin said his department investigated the allegations, but determined the allegations couldn't be "substantiated."



Eric Griffin

"We knew about (the allegations), it was reported to us about three days after," Griffin said. "We got statements and we looked into it. None of that was substantiated."

Griffin said after security camera footage of the alleged incident surfaced, the department examined it. However, Griffin said it wasn't possible to determine what beverages the GFR employees purchased. "Then a video was produced as (The East Carolinian) said and unfortunately that video doesn't give us any clear indication of anything," Griffin said. "We were so concerned that we had experts, and I won't say who the experts are since it's a personnel issue, but we had experts in that field and they said, 'There's no way we can tell anything.'"

PCC, however, wasn't aware of the NCOEMS investigation, according to Rob Goldberg, PCC's

media relations director.

"Pitt Community College has not received any formal notification from the North Carolina Office of Emergency Medical Services that it is investigating a complaint pertaining to the college's Fire Academy," Goldberg said in an emailed statement to The East Carolinian.

After the incident, which occurred on April 5, PCC conducted an investigation into the allegations, Goldberg said. He added PCC was notified about the allegations within 24 hours of the alleged incident occurring, but never took any additional measures.

"A Fire Academy coordinator employed by the college spoke with students who participated in the trip (The East Carolinian) mentioned in your email," Goldberg said. "When questioned by the coordinator about the allegation, none of the students reported seeing or smelling alcohol during the trip."

PCC never pursued any additional measures because the allegations were never substantiated, Goldberg said.

The NCOEMS investigation was announced one week after the North Carolina Department of Insurance Office of State Fire Marshal 9S inspection of GFR.

In the Sept. 27 edition of the "Where There's Smoke There's Fire" series, The East Carolinian confirmed that OSFM will be launching 9S rating inspection of GFR, according to Colin Day, assistant director of Public Information for NCDOT. It is unclear whether the upcoming inspection had been previously scheduled by GFR or OSFM.

Day said on Monday OSFM had scheduled a date for the inspection to take place, but declined to specify when in the next couple of weeks it will occur. He added it would take OSFM within 30 days from the conclusion of the inspection to generate a report based on any findings.

Haight declined to provide The East Carolinian with any sort of timeline for how long the NCOEMS investigation should take or when any findings would be prepared.

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OUR VIEW

City, University need to promote candidate forums

With the Greenville city council elections drawing near and residents making their final decisions, the hopes are high for the future of the city in terms of having a newly elected officials to represent the population and to invoke necessary change.

Although both the city and East Carolina University have hosted candidate forums, these events have had little publicity, with only a few students have attending. How are students supposed to make informed voting decisions if their chances to interact with candidates are few and far between, and those that do occur have little publicity across campus?

We, the editorial staff of The East Carolinian, urge both the city of Greenville and ECU's administration to promote and host forums of city candidates more vigorously, especially towards students.

Students and Greenville residents deserve the right to be aware of their democratic process and such awareness begins with better broadcasting of when debate, conversation and polling happens. In addition, students should have access to voting information, which the city and university should provide easier availability to.

Ballots must be cast with confidence and matching a name with a face and a platform will aid in that regard. By giving students and Greenville residents a proper introduction to candidates in the form of debates and policy discussion, voters will gain a glimpse into the future they may expect with the nominations they make.

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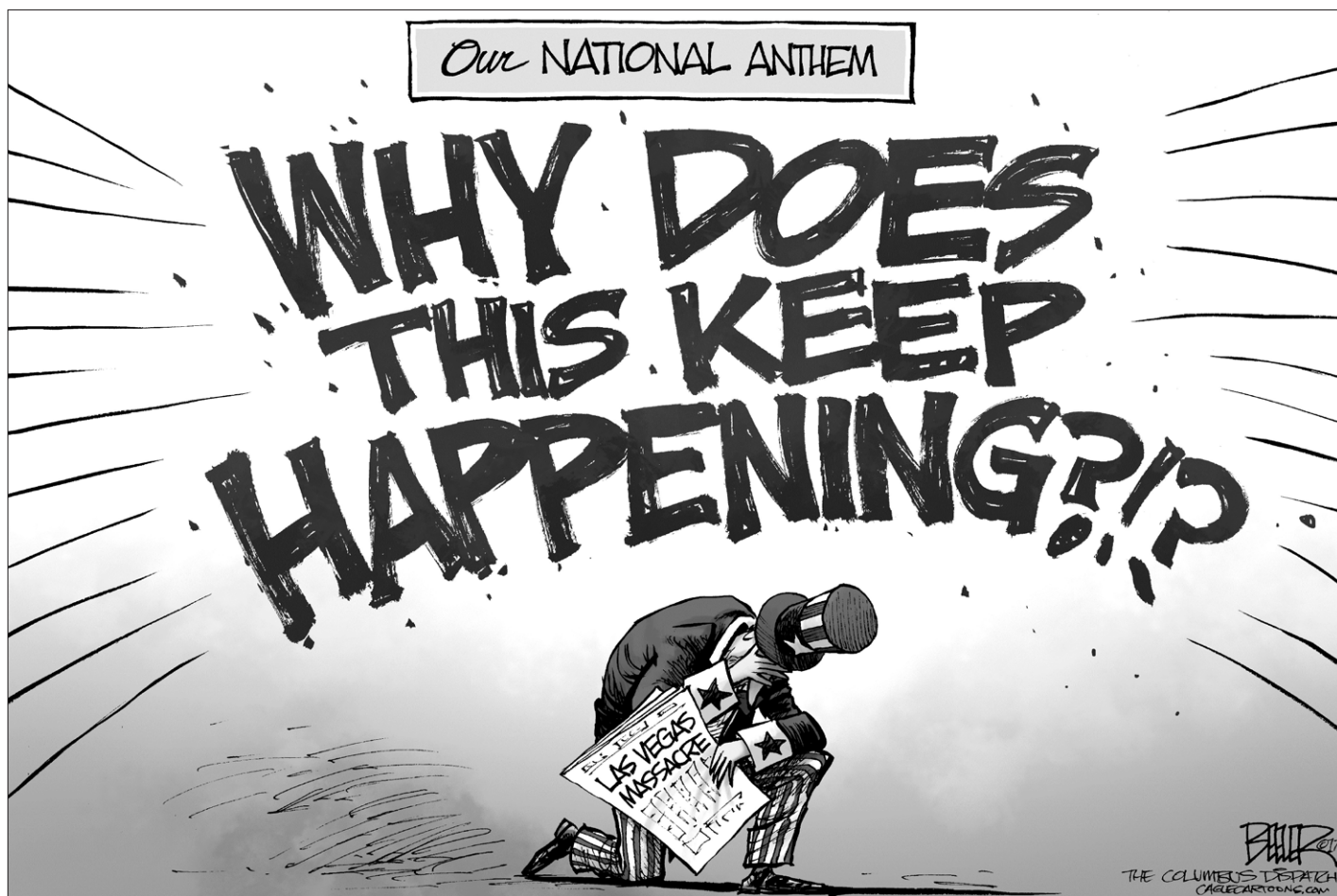
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Gun control crucial after Vegas



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Your Daily Mel

Waking up on Monday morning, news of the Las Vegas shooting filled my phone with notifications. I remember being confused, I remember being angry and sad, but what I remember most is not being surprised.

The question is— are we, as a country, going to remember where we need to go from here? Are we going to continue to sit around and let events like this happen, or are we going to do something about it?

Since Sunday night, President Donald Trump's press secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders has responded to questions about gun control by saying, "There will certainly be a time for that policy discussion to take place, but that's not the place that we're in at this moment."

If this isn't the place, where is? If the 59 people who died as a result of gun violence in Vegas isn't the time to discuss guns, when is?

America didn't want to talk about guns when 26 people, including 20 children, were killed at Sandy Hook Elementary School in 2012. We didn't want to talk about introducing gun policy when nine people were killed at Emanuel AME church in Charleston, South Carolina in 2015. And yet again, we still didn't talk about guns when 49 people were killed in the shooting at the Pulse Night Club in Orlando in 2016.

So, when is the right time? When

everyone is dead, when the next "deadliest massacre by a single gunman in American history" takes place? This can't be the answer.

Only one man was behind these 59 deaths. One man, one 64-year-old man, killed 59 people and injured more than 500 people, because that one man had legal access to more than 40 guns.

About four in 10 Americans say they own a gun or live in a household with guns, and 48 percent of Americans say they grew up in a family that owned guns, according to a recent study from the Pew Research Center.

Obviously, the current laws in place for gun control need a change, and if our representatives in Washington D.C., aren't going to do it, who will?

In response to comments from lawmakers that this is not the time to discuss gun control, Jimmy Kimmel called out these individuals on his late night show Tuesday.

"Maybe it's too soon for you because deep down inside, you know, in your heart, you know you bear some responsibility for the fact that almost anyone can get any weapon they want and now you want to cover yourself until the storm of outrage passes and you can go back to your dirty business as usual," he said.

What Kimmel is saying is not easy to hear, but it's the truth. Politicians can make statements giving their condolences and prayers, they can tweet and use media to express their sadness over the event all they want, but actions speak louder than words.

Closing his emotional monologue,

Kimmel put up the faces of 56 senators who voted against a gun control law in the imminent weeks after the shooting at Pulse. The National Rifle Association lobbying is responsible for millions of dollars in the pockets of our lawmakers. The ones we put in office to represent us. The ones we put in office to prevent future tragedies and mass casualties.

People should not have to live in fear every day, when it is the government's job to protect them. In 2017, there have already been a total of 273 mass shooting incidents in the United States, and there were 483 mass shootings in 2016, according to the Gun Violence Archive.

Since the shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary in 2012, the Gun Violence Archive shows there being a total of at least 1,518 mass shootings in the U.S., with at least 1,715 fatal casualties and 6,089 injuries.

Do we want to wait another year and lose another several hundred lives from mass shootings?

People should not have to go to the movies and intentionally sit by the exit door, waiting for the next James Holmes to come in. People should not have to avoid concerts in the fear that they might not make it out alive, because the next Stephen Paddock was able to get access to an obscene amount of weapons. People should be able to go to campus, a place that is supposed to be safe and educational, without having to worry about the next Virginia Tech or Sandy Hook shooting taking place.

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Major does not determine career



David Wilson-Okamura
GUEST COLUMNIST

This month is the anniversary of Steve Jobs' death on Oct. 5, 2011. Six years later, Jobs is still the image of American entrepreneurship. The son of a Syrian immigrant, he grew up in the neighborhood around Stanford

University and founded Apple Computer in his family's garage. In the 1980s, Jobs was ousted by his own board of directors, but in 1997 he returned to Apple and saved the company with a series of products—iMac, iPod, iPhone and iPad—that have made Apple the most valuable brand in the world.

If Jobs were alive today, what would he major in?

We associate Jobs with technology, but he didn't graduate from Stanford, MIT, or California's Institute of Technology. Actually, he didn't graduate from anywhere. Jobs dropped out of Reed College, the hippiest school on the hippy Left Coast, before he even declared a major.

The one course that he talked about later in life was not a course in electrical engineering or computer science. It was a course on calligraphy, the art of beautiful writing. It is hard to imagine a subject more low-tech, old-fashioned or impractical than pretty handwriting. Yet Jobs remembered it as one of the three most important experiences of his life. 10 years later, when Apple was designing the first Macintosh computer, Jobs insisted that it have multiple

fonts, that you should be able to see the fonts on-screen, and that the individual letters should be spaced proportionately. Do these little things really make a difference? I was in middle school when the first Mac came out. It was expensive. It wasn't more powerful than our family's PC. But it was intuitive, magic and beautiful.

It was the same with the first iPhone. When you pinched your fingers, the image zoomed out. When you spread your fingers, it zoomed in again. These were little things, but the way it felt in your hand was intuitive, magic and beautiful. Apple sold a million of them in just 10 weeks.

In the century to come this will be the formula for American success: science plus beauty, techie plus fuzzy. Americans are not smarter than other people, but we do have an advantage. What American universities still do better than the rest of the world, including Europe and Asia, is educate the whole person: not just the math or history major, but the whole person.

That's why East Carolina University requires General Education courses. These are not courses to get "through" on the way to more specialized courses in your major. In fact, many students change their majors because they take a GE course and find something better suited to their gifts: what seemed at first like a hurdle becomes a doorway. Other students stay in their original major, but some discover soon after they graduate that their field is changing and that the specialized knowledge they acquired in their major is becoming obsolete.

Fortunately, they have a college degree.

What's the difference between a college degree and a technical certificate? In a word: the college graduate can adapt. Why? Thanks to GE, graduates of American universities know something about everything. When they get out in the world, they don't just follow a checklist. They understand the big picture. They know when the checklist is wrong, or needs to be changed. They have a context to assimilate new knowledge. Employers value them because they think in terms of the larger mission, beyond the immediate task.

Still, you need to major in something. It matters less than you think. I asked my brother-in-law, who is on the faculty of NYU Medical School, what is the best major for getting into medical school. I expected him to say chemistry or biology. No, he said the best major is English, followed by Classics. Why? You can learn enough science for the MCAT while you're majoring in something else, and English will make you stand out from other applicants.

There are better reasons to major in English other than getting into medical school. But the larger point stands: your major does not determine your career. So major in something you're interested in. If you pick the "wrong" major, it won't ruin your life. Actually, there are no "wrong" majors at ECU. As long as you get a good general education, you'll be fine.

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MAP OUT YOUR WEEK

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October Full Moon Paddle
Tar River
7 p.m.

Belgian Dubbel Release
Uptown Brewing Company
6 p.m.

Zumba in the Park
Town Common
6 p.m.

FRIDAY

Corn Maze
Briley's Farm Market
7 p.m.

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

Tyler Hammond live
Tavern on 4th
9:30 p.m.

SATURDAY

Techniques 101
The Painted Peacock
9 a.m.

Pumpkin Harvest Day
Hope Farms and Learning Centers
5 p.m.

SUNDAY

October Drag Brunch
The Scullery
11:30 a.m.

Professor publishes book

Karin Zipf exposes abuse through 'Bad Girls at Scamarand'

Jenna Price
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

There are few people as energetic and vibrant as Karin Zipf, a history professor at East Carolina University and published author. Every sentence she speaks contains a punch of information and paints a colorful picture of history. A picture that doesn't exclude women.

Though Zipf specializes in gender, sexuality and race relations in the late 19th century and early 20th century in the American South, Zipf recently published a successful book called "Bad Girls at Samarand: Sexuality and Sterilization in a Southern Juvenile Reformatory."

In Zipf's new book, she discusses the mistreatment of women in an institution known as Samarand located in Jackson Springs, North Carolina. She said she first became interested in Samarand while she was studying a court case that involved 16 of the inmates at the institution. The inmates set fire to two of the dormitories, and were all facing the death penalty. Zipf said, however, she was more interested in what would motivate these girls to set fire to two of the dormitories. Zipf exposes the mistreatment of these women and paints a picture of how poor and delinquent white women were mistreated at Samarand.

Zipf hadn't always known she wanted to be a historian. She said the first time she recalls being fascinated by history was in her high school history class.

"The first person I would credit would be my 11th grade history teacher, Mrs. Wilson," Zipf said. "One thing I remember so clearly was when she brought in a friend of hers that had fought in the Vietnam War. I suddenly realized that the textbook just was not all there was and that learning about history through the primary

source was so much more interesting."

Senior Katie Chandler, a history, philosophy, great books and religious studies major, is a former student of Zipf. Chandler said Zipf's classes are impactful and meaningful, adding that Zipf is a vibrant force on campus and students are lucky to have her.

"She definitely had a pretty big impact on me," Chandler said. "In a field dominated by men it was nice to have such an open and approachable woman. She speaks to you like an equal."

During her undergraduate studies at Wake Forest University, she had the opportunity to research a campaign for white supremacy that took place in Wilmington, North Carolina. This was Zipf's first time working with a primary source, and said it helped her to realize how much people didn't know about history. It was during this experience that Zipf decided to become a historian.

Zipf said her learning environment wasn't always the best while in graduate school at the University of Georgia.

"It was really, really, really tough and I was in a weird environment because there were almost no women at all in the program or the department," she said. "They forbid me from taking women's studies classes, and I thought that meant I couldn't take interdisciplinary courses."

Despite people trying to keep her from learning and exploring such topics as gender and sexuality, she said she rose above them and succeeded.

"They seemed to have this discomfort including women in the politics and things," Zipf said. "It just became a mission that I was going to address women in history because they didn't want me too."



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Zipf holds her book "Bad Girls at Scamarand."

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Bands to 'get emo' for cause

Show aims to raise money for Pitt County Public School's art programs

Danielle Schmid
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Artists and spectators of all ages with a common love of art and music go emo for a good cause. Non-profit organization Rock the Arts will host "Let's Get Emo For Rock the Arts," Friday at A.J. McMurphy's Authentic Irish Pub & Restaurant, beginning at 7 p.m.

The free concert will feature local acts such as August is Ours, After April and Nick Schaaf. The concert will also bring pop-punk sensation Woven in Hiatus and East Coast bands such as Earther, The Ivory and Atlantic Lungs.

The bands will bring a punk-rock sound to Greenville to raise money for Pitt County public school's art programs. JT Ackerman, lead singer of August is Ours, brought the groups together for the show and has brought multiple alternative bands to the Greenville area throughout the years such as bands Millennial, Foxture and Hippy Van Skate Company.

"I'm really trying to grow the music scene here," Ackerman said.

"It would be cool to bring more of the alternative punk-pop sound into the area."

The free event will raise money by having a 50-50 raffle, meaning the raffle gets half the money and the other half goes to charity, by auctioning off donated items such as a signed guitar and band merchandise. The organization will also accept money donations at the event.



JT Ackerman

general," Ackerman said.

Bands such as Atlanta Lungs and Earther are excited to bring their sounds to the Greenville area for the first time as part of the benefit show.

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"I think this will show how much the ECU students and the Greenville population supports the music scene and the community in general," Ackerman said.

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nity," said Gene Smilex, songwriter and lead singer of Atlanta Lungs. "I like working with organizations like this because of how important music was when it comes to my upbringing."

Henry Boyd, guitarist of Earther, said the band is excited to work with Rock the Arts for the first time.

"We're interested in seeing how people like our set done acoustically as it will be our first time playing an acoustic set," Boyd said. "We're also optimistic about the crowd since we've heard August is Ours is does pretty well in the area."

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and just released its latest single Greyhound on Sept. 29.

"Woven in Hiatus has grown to be really big," Ackerman said. "They just toured with Hawthorne Heights which is really impressive."

While the community benefits from the concert, so do the artists involved. All the bands performing are acts Ackerman has worked with in the past who were willing to help out, according to Ackerman.

"A lot of the bands, we've played together before so we know each other personally, this shows really just a group of good bands and even better people coming together for Rock the Arts," Smilex said.

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Aries (March 21-April 19) -- Today is a 9 -- This Full Moon in your sign highlights a new personal direction. Push boundaries and limitations. It's an excellent moment for finding treasure. Romance and passion? Yes!

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Today is an 8 -- Begin a new phase in an exploration. This Aries Full Moon illuminates a new educational direction. Passions color your thinking. Let them guide you.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec.21) -- Today is a 7 -- Fold one game as you begin another under this Full Moon. Reach a turning point in a romance, passion or creative endeavor. Open a new hand.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) -- Today is a 6 -- One door closes as another opens. This Full Moon shines on a spiritual fork in the road. Ritual and symbolism provide comfort. Follow love.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Today is an 8 -- Take a new direction with shared finances under this Full Moon. Balance old responsibilities with new. The stakes may seem high. Determine your course together.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Today is a 7 -- Domestic changes require adaptation under this Full Moon. Renovate, remodel and tend your garden. Put your heart into it. Share your love at home and with family.

Gemini (May 21-June20) -- Today is a 7 -- A new social phase shines under the Full Moon. Changes to the team roster deserve acknowledgment. Share your appreciations for those moving on. Welcome new players.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) -- Today is an 8 -- A turning point arises in a partnership under this Full Moon. Take action for love. Generate a fine romance. Compromise and collaborate for shared commitments.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) -- Today is a 7 -- Shift your research in a new direction. A new phase in communications, intellectual discovery and creative expression dawns with this Full Moon. Start a new chapter.

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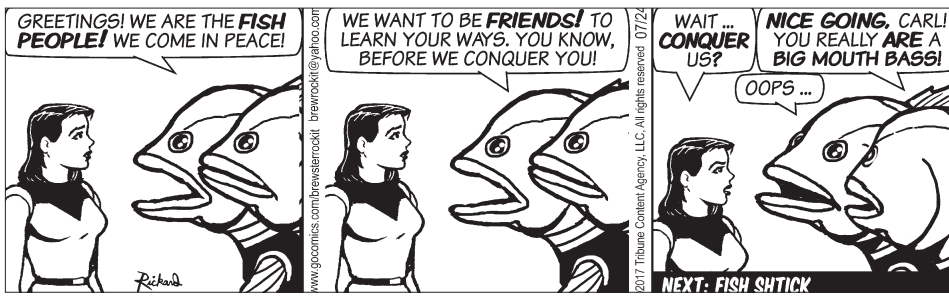
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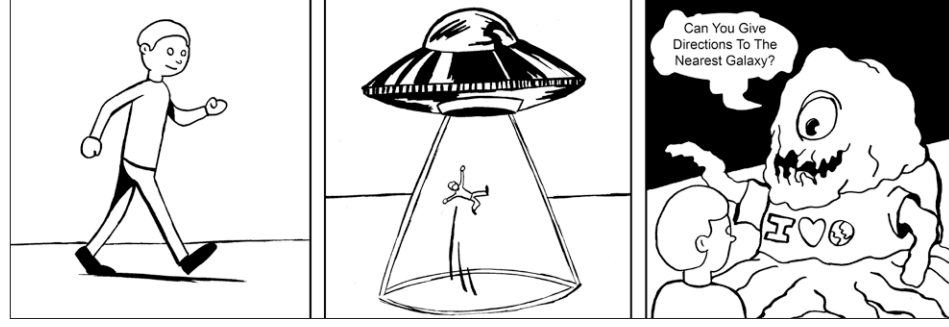
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- Sun. church talk
- Burt Reynolds police drama
- Richard Moll on "Night Court"
- 5th or Lex.
- Actor Gross
- Sheriff Taylor's kid
- Barbara, Irlene, et al.
- Miniseries, "Lonesome ___"
- Sam or J.C. of golf
- Sritch and May
- "Catcher in the ___"
- Distant
- Brewer and Wright
- Olin and Horne
- Org. of Safin and Nadal
- Shakespearean contraction
- New GI
- Stallone title role
- J. Fox or C. Hall
- Part of speech: abbr.
- "The ___ of Steve"
- Joyce and Martin
- "___ Polie Olie"
- Graham ___ the Galloping Gourmet"

- Todd or Rod of "The Simpsons"
- Judith of "Down Home"
- "Grace Under ___"
- Electric guitar adjunct, for short
- Current events broadcast
- TV award
- Took off

DOWN

- Neill and Waterston
- Tom Skerritt role on "Cheers"
- Russo of "Tin Cup"
- Teenage sleuths Frank and Joe
- "Bells ___ Ringing"
- Noah of "ER"
- "Live" co-host
- Jethro of "The Beverly Hillbillies"
- "Once ___ a Mattress"
- "One Life to ___"
- Spike and Pinky
- "Truth or ___"
- Internet service provider's letters
- ___ my dust!
- Goody black stuff
- Greek letter
- Abbr. on a record
- Fig. of speech
- FDR's Blue Eagle
- "___ Ventura, Pet Detective"
- Letters on Cardinal caps
- Take a chair
- Bonds and Bostwick
- Poetic piece
- Art of "The Honeymooners"
- Darla of "Our Gang"
- Sam of "Ben Casey"
- Philip of "War of the Worlds"
- Campbell of "Scream"
- Barrymore or Carey
- Whitman or Pickens
- "Maude" producer Norman
- "My Friend ___"
- "SportsCenter" stn.
- "The Man with the Golden ___"

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TEC 'sports

The East Carolinian Sports experts predict this weekend's football game

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Record: 5-0
Closest Score: 2
Who wins? ECU 38-34
Why? I said I'd never pick ECU again this season after the UConn matchup, but

here we are; I'm putting my perfect season on the line for you, ECU. The Pirates' offense proved me wrong against USF. Thomas Sirk was a completely different player, making plays under pressure, on the run and in collapsed pockets. The most important part? He led drives down the field and scored. I believe he has found rhythm and different players on the offense finally care. ECU's defense couldn't suck more, but I think the Pirates pull it out even after collapsing in the later parts of the game.

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Record: 5-0
Closest Score: 2
Who wins? Temple 33-26
Why? The only thing that ECU has been consistent at this year has been

starting games off well. Temple and ECU will go back and forth for much of the game until the Pirates run out of fuel in the fourth quarter. The Owls offense may not be high powered such as those of West Virginia's, Virginia Tech's and South Florida's, but Owls' quarterback Logan Marchi will pick apart the shaky Pirates' secondary.

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Record: 4-1
Closest Score: 0
Who wins? ECU, 30-24
Why? While neither team has been great this season, the Owl's have looked much

worse in their five games than the Pirates. Temple managed less than 100 yards of total offense against South Florida, finding themselves with negative four rushing yards and no real chance to win. ECU's offense has been growing each week Thomas Sirk has started and I expect to see a team motivated to win its first home game and try and get back in the driver's seat in the conference.



From left: East Carolina University's defensive coordinator Robert Prunty and head coach Scottie Montgomery call plays during the South Florida game. PHOTO ILLUSTRATION | THOMAS WEYBRECHT

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Pirates, Sirk on uphill surge



Tyler Gavin
TEC STAFF

It is no secret the East Carolina University football team has struggled through its first five games of the season, racking up a poor 1-4 record and putting coaches jobs, bowl game eligibility and the

fans' support in jeopardy.

But I have good news for all Pirates' fans: I think the team is going to turn it around. This isn't just a blind hope, or me trying to throw hot takes against the wall, trying to see if something sticks, but hope instilled in me by the growth of the ECU offense.

After the Thomas Sirk and Gardner Minshew quarterback duel was settled, then resurrected, then settled again, the Pirates' offense has grown and evolved every week under Sirk's leadership. Last week against South Florida, a team equipped with a top-20 nationally ranked defense, the ECU offense combined for 414 yards and 31 points. Its ability to keep up with the Bulls for two-and-a-half quarters shows signs of growth and should give fans hope despite their record.

While the offense is starting to flourish, the Pirates' Achilles heel still comes from defense. Things on that side of the ball haven't gotten any better. The ECU defense is currently ranked last, 129 out of 129, in the Football Bowl Subdivision and is the only team to allow at least 3,000 yards this season, which calculates to 600 yards per game.

If Montgomery expects his team to start winning, it's going to take a major turnaround on defense to keep his

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quarterback and offense in games.

The second half specifically has been disastrous for the Pirates, who have been outscored in the third and fourth quarters 129-52 this year. Defensive backs have lost track of opposing wide receivers they're covering, defensive linemen haven't been able to get pressure and linebackers have missed open field tackles over this dreadful start while allowing teams to run away with games.

The thing ECU football fans don't realize is how hard the start of the schedule for this football team was. If the Connecticut game wasn't rescheduled due to Hurricane Irma, the Pirates would have faced four-straight nationally ranked teams, with James Madison sitting No.1 in the FBS, and West Virginia, Virginia Tech, USF ranked 23, 16 and 18 respectively. It was obvious on paper, then even more on the field, just how overmatched ECU is compared to these top programs. Thankfully, the loss to USF marks the end of that fatal stretch.

Over the final seven games, the Pirates will only face one ranked team, No. 25 Central Florida (3-0), who may not be ranked come the Oct. 14 matchup in Orlando. The Knights also represent half of the winning teams that ECU will face down the stretch of the season, with

Memphis (3-1) being the only other.

The Pirates' record of 1-4 may not scare any teams right now, but the progress they are making, at least on one side of the ball, should give fans a reason to be hopeful.

Next week will be a chance for ECU to get another conference win and hop back in the early race for a conference championship appearance. Temple (2-3, 0-2 AAC) is also ranked near the bottom of the FBS in total defense. The Owls currently sit at 108, and haven't looked like the team that's made back-to-back conference championship games. They struggled to beat Massachusetts and Villanova, while getting blown out by Notre Dame and USF. Unlike the Pirates, the Owls haven't established much offense in any game, but their defense makes up for the lacking offense. Against the Bulls, Temple rushed the ball for negative four yards and couldn't eclipse the 100-yard mark of total offense (remember, ECU gained 414) while losing 43-7.

So yes, I do think the Pirates will start winning more games now that their destructive start of the year is behind them. It's clear what needs to change for this team to start winning more games and this weekend presents the perfect opportunity.

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ECU teams prepare for weekend

Staff Report TEC STAFF

Football

East Carolina University is headed towards an uphill battle against Temple University, as the football team will be fighting to stay ahead in the American Athletic Conference. The game will be the annual "Paint it Black" event for Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium, and the athletes, as well as the fans, will be in all black for the game.



Thomas Sirk

Last season, the Pirates lost to the Owls late in the season, 37-10 under head coach Scottie Montgomery. After two solid performances from the Pirate offense against the University of Connecticut and USF, Montgomery's sure his team will be prepared with Thomas Sirk in good condition.

Volleyball

After coming off its second AAC victory of the season, the ECU volleyball team will look to continue its strong play against conference opponents this weekend. The Pirates (10-6, 2-2 AAC) have road matchups against Temple University on Friday, and University of Connecticut on Sunday.

After a big conference win against a Tulsa

team, that the Pirates hadn't beaten in their last 16 tries, head coach Julie Torbett said she has the utmost confidence in her program heading into their two conference opponents this weekend.

Women's Tennis

Tomorrow, head coach Tom Morris and the ECU women's tennis team will be traveling to Winston-Salem, North Carolina to compete in the Wake Forest Invitational for the three day tournament.

Last fall, the women's team played in the event and won four out of six of its first round matches. However, only a few of them were victorious in their second round and the Pirates want to improve in that category this weekend, according to Morris.

Even though there were strong performances in the first invitational, the focus of the team is more on how it can improve for the remainder of the regular season.

Swim & Dive

Head coach Matthew Jabs and the ECU swim and dive program are preparing for their first competitive meet of the season when they go on the road against Navy

tomorrow in what is their first dual meet of the season.

After losing to Navy in the past years, the Pirates want to travel to the Midshipmen's home turf and get their revenge, according to coaches and players.

Women's Golf

The ECU women's golf team will travel to Pinehurst, North Carolina early next week to participate in the Pinehurst Challenge hosted by The College of Charleston. The Pirates will need to be at the top of their game if they want to have success at this historic course. Stray shots and sloppy short game will not be easily forgiven with the narrow fairways and many bunkers at Pinehurst No. 1.

Course No. 1 is the oldest of the nine courses at Pinehurst and should offer a stiff challenge to all the competitors. The Pirates should be up to the challenge as they are coming off a big win last week at home during the Pirate Collegiate Classic, where they finished first out of 17 teams.

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