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Dogs Piper and Karl drink water after playing. The 17th annual Canine Crawl will take place Saturday morning at 11.

WALKING FOR THE PAWS

17th annual canine crawl to return

Jenna Price
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Dogs and their owners will be all around Uptown Greenville this weekend as the Humane Society of Eastern Carolina hosts its 17th annual Canine Crawl on Saturday at 11 a.m. Participants will have the opportunity to walk one mile to raise money for the humane society.

The HSEC reaches out to help animals in need in Greenville and surrounding areas. Sistine Burgess, shelter director for the HSEC, Burgess said the Canine Crawl is an opportunity for the community to show its appreciation to the humane society.

“We hope that this event brings together people and animals in our community, as well as raises awareness about homeless pets in our community,” Burgess said. “There are always so many wonderful pets available for adoption, from young to old and large to small.”

The event will provide several activities for patrons to partake in,



Dogs Piper, Dexter, Karl and Bella play outside at the dog park in Greenville.

from a live performance by Jimmy Vale to different vendors in the Vendor Village, an area that will have different booths from local stores with things for sale.

“We will have different vendors, rescues and shelters at this event, so we are hopeful that our community can become more familiar with the animal advocates in our area,” Burgess said. “We will have contests, raffles, food, and vendors. There’s, of

course, the one mile walk through Uptown Greenville and we encourage everyone to bring their well-behaved and leashed dogs to enjoy the day.”

One of the vendors this year will be Pitt County Animal Services.

“We are proud to have a community partner such as the Humans Society of Eastern Carolina

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>> WHERE THERE'S SMOKE, THERE'S FIRE

City manager investigation moves forward

Matthew Prensky
TEC STAFF

As a second state entity begins its investigation into Greenville Fire/Rescue, Greenville City Manager Ann Wall has been working to evaluate the allegations regarding the city’s fire department.

“As City Manager, I take all concerns regarding City departments and personnel seriously,” Wall said in an emailed statement to The East Carolinian. “We work to ensure that we are providing the best possible service to our community and creating a positive work environment for our employees.”

Wall said she is still evaluating the claims toward GFR.



Ann Wall

“I can say that the caring and professional staff of Fire/Rescue provides great service to our community each day,” Wall said in the statement. “Just last year, the department responded to nearly 18,000 calls for emergency services and were able to post an amazing 150 percent increase in lives saved from cardiac arrest. That high level of professional emergency services is commendable and an asset to our community.”

Wall’s investigation of GFR is one of three examinations currently underway into the department.

On Thursday, the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (NCDHHS) confirmed to The East Carolinian the state Office of Emergency Medical Services (OEMS) has launched a complaint investigation into GFR, according to Kelly Haight, press assistant for NCDHHS.

Prior to that, the North Carolina Department of Insurance confirmed to The East Carolinian the Office of State Fire Marshal had scheduled a 9S rating inspection of GFR, according to Colin Day, assistant director of public information for NCDOI. Day said it was unclear whether the upcoming inspection had been previously scheduled by GFR or OSFM.

“I welcome them,” said Rick Smiley, Greenville council member representing District 4. “I think that those are an excellent opportunity to get independent and expert feedback on in any of our city departments and facilities.”

Smiley said an investigation by a state entity provides an opportunity to have an outside expert give city officials feedback, which in turn can help enhance public confidence.

However, unlike Smiley, Greenville Mayor Kandie Smith said she couldn’t speak about the investigations until any results were announced.



Rick Smiley

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UNC BOG to tour ECU

Staff Report
TEC STAFF

New members of the University of North Carolina Board of Governors will visit East Carolina University this afternoon to tour the campus, according to a press release ECU News Services sent out yesterday.

UNC BOG President Margaret Spellings will be joining the other 12 BOG members in touring ECU, according to the press release. The BOG members will also meet with ECU Chancellor Cecil Staton during their visit to the university.

The visit is scheduled to be from 12 new and current members of BOG, according to the press release. In the email release, ECU News Services said the members will travel to numerous places on campus during their stay, including the Pharmaceutical Development & Manufacturing Center, the Global Partnership in Education and the Laboratory School.

The BOG visit will conclude at 5 p.m. at ECU’s Laboratory School at South Greenville Elementary School for the ceremonial ribbon-cutting of ECU’s lab school, according to the press release.

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Three mannequins at Catalog Connection, a boutique in Uptown Greenville on East Fifth Street, display some of the new fall fashion pieces.

Fall trends hit Greenville boutiques

Alexis Salilin
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

As the heat in Greenville gives way to autumn’s chill, local boutiques begin to tuck away summer’s airy dresses, bright colors and floral prints. Within days, the warm colors of fall replace them as East Carolina University students fill the stores in search of the newest additions to their wardrobe.

“Our whole store is all fall right now. We’re ready for the season,” said Meredith Rowe, manager of Catalog Connection in Uptown Greenville. “We have a lot of

sweaters, statement sleeves and graphic tees.”

However, fashion isn’t as simple as switching out tank tops for long-sleeved sweaters.

“The college girls are very trendy, and they always want the newest,” said Caroline Beeson, an interior design junior and employee at Che Bella.

Alongside classic fall items like oversized sweaters, graphic tees and knee-high boots in neutral colors, students showed a preference for suede, velvet, flared jeans and mauve. Ripped or unfinished clothing, in particular,

is considered trendy right now, according to Beeson, who spoke about how shops decide what goes on the rack each season.

“We look at what we’ve sold in the past, and what people come in here looking for,” Beeson said. “For example, someone comes in here looking for flared jeans and when we go to the market, we get flared jeans.”

Michaela Privette, a junior fashion merchandising major who works at Truly

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ECU Counseling Center to provide dogs for stress relief

The East Carolina University Center for Counseling and Student Development (CCSD) will host “Down with Dog Days,” a stress relief session in the Sonic Plaza with therapy dogs on hand to help students.

“Down with Dog Days” is a series of events hosted by the CCSD this month, November and December. This month’s event will be tomorrow from 9-11 a.m.

Students can stop by at the Sonic Plaza near Joyner Library to play with the CCSD’s animal assisted therapy dogs and take a break from school.

ECU to host ‘Manhood Monday Series’ on mental health

The East Carolina University Office of Student Transitions will host another “Manhood Monday” event centered around mental health, male empowerment and academic success.

The “Manhood Monday Series: Mental Matters” event is Monday in Room 221 of Mendenhall Student Center. The event will begin at 5:30 p.m.

During the event event, students will discuss strategies to promote personal growth through handling daily challenges.

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ECU explains shooter protocol

ECU PD highlights safety plans for campus after Vegas shooting

Mary Katherine Karcher
TEC STAFF

In the wake of the Las Vegas mass shooting, East Carolina University Police Department’s Public Information Officer Lt. Chris Sutton said the department is taking precautions to keep the campus safe from the threat of an active shooter.

“We do force on force training annually, sometimes more than that based off the need we’ve identified, but we also have other groups that do additional training,” Sutton said.

Force on force training focuses on active shooting scenarios and active shooter response, Sutton said. Each officer that is sworn into the ECU Police Department is required to undergo this training annually.

Sutton said the department also employs instructors that have received training from programs all over the country in order to keep ECU Police updated on the best techniques.

Force on force training, which Sutton described as “paintball on steroids,” includes training officers with mock weapons that look and feel exactly like the actual handguns officers would use in response to an active shooter.

These handguns fire projectiles that serve a dual purpose, according to Sutton. The weapons allow officers to shoot at each other and evaluate their accuracy, as well as their reactions to a shooting.

The emergency response team at ECU Police meets monthly to train in “live fire” scenarios in various building across campus to help the team be prepared to respond to gun violence in any building at ECU, according to Sutton.

He said this team also conducts functional, or table top exercises where critical thinking is necessary to ensure the success and safety of a mission.

Sutton said this allows the response team to get a “better perspective on the totality of the incident.”

Sutton said the most important way ECU can work to prevent instances of on campus gun violence is through educating students, faculty and staff on how to spot the warning signs and report them to the proper authorities.

“The key is with the community or the citizen because there’s anytime on any particular day where there are about 18 sets of eyes that are police officer’s eyes, but you may have a day where you have several thousand students, staff and faculty members that are on campus,” Sutton said.



Officers participate in an active shooter drill with ECU PD, as a way to practice safety protocols.

After authorities are notified via social media, dispatch or the LiveSafe App, officers will immediately respond with the appropriate weaponry, which could include handguns or rifles. An ECU Alert would also be issued, putting campus in either a lockdown phase or a “Run, Hide or Fight” response mode, Sutton said.

“Run away from the threat, hide from the threat and, if you’re confronted with the threat, then fight off the threat as best as you can until help arrives,” Sutton said.

Sutton said ECU’s administration works to educate its students, staff and faculty as often as possible to ensure campus wide awareness of response techniques by implementing programs with student housing as well as departments such as Division of Student Affairs.

“We’re constantly trying to communicate what the best practices are—that’s not something we’ll stop doing, if anything we’ll just try to increase the frequency and try to continue to educate the public,” he said.

Anthony Khashman, a sophomore criminal

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justice major at ECU, said he trusts the campus authorities to protect and serve to the best of their abilities.

“I feel safe in the ability of campus and local law enforcement to eliminate the threat,” Khashman said. “Active shooter situations can come in many different scenarios and the damage that can be done before law enforcement response is unknowable.”

Sutton said educating the campus on active shooter response and awareness is of utmost importance. Sutton also shared that in addition to ECU Police working to protect the campus community, there are also telecommunication efforts that monitor broad parts of campus with interior and exterior cameras.

“I don’t think you can ever take anything for granted, especially safety,” Sutton said. “It’s very unfortunate that even today it may be scary to go to a concert or even sit in a classroom because of the active shooter incidents that we’ve seen, but there’s never been a better time for the community and law enforcement to work collaboratively to maintain public safety.”

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Three Greenville Fire/Rescue vehicles sit in the engine bay of Station 1 downtown between calls.

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“I’ve known many things to be launched before,” Smith said. “I don’t think that’s always a bad thing because stuff is launched and sometimes that gives a chance for all the good things that’s happening so I can’t speak positively or negatively until we see what the results come out to be.”

Smith said Wall is the best person to conduct an independent investigation of GFR because the city manager doesn’t have “any stake in the game.” Smith added that she hasn’t spoken with Wall yet, to avoid micro-managing the city manager.

Calvin Mercer, at-large member of the city council said he didn’t want to provide a comment until Wall’s investigation has been completed.

Wall didn’t provide any sort of timeline as to when she will present her findings to the city council. However, Smiley said it’s more likely Wall will present her findings at the two council meetings in November.

In conversations Smiley has had with



Kandie Smith

Wall, it wasn’t clear if she had any sort of hard timeline for when any findings would be presented, he said. However, Smiley said it appeared Wall’s investigation was still ongoing at the moment.

“I don’t think she really knew yet how long it was going to take or what she was going to find,” Smiley said.

Smith said she is still trying to understand the allegations and what Wall is supposed to investigate.

“I guess I’m stilling trying to find out what there’s supposed to be found,” Smith said. “I don’t know so that’s why I want her to do her job and if there’s something that’s not done right then that’s her job to make sure repairs that and takes care of that.”

Smiley said as of Tuesday, the topic hadn’t been added to tonight’s city council meeting which will take place in the City Council Chambers at City Hall. The meeting will begin at 6 p.m.

“She certainly understood and I think she’s getting this from multiple council members that we need to get her sense of what is going on and if she has any recommendations sooner rather than later,” Smiley said.

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OUR VIEW

ECU students should step up to aid rural regions

With a student body that hails from all 100 of North Carolina’s counties, East Carolina University is home to a broad range of pupils from all walks of life. However, many of the rural regions that a number of students hail from suffer from a lack of development—especially in education, dental and health sectors.

With the introduction of the “Rural Prosperity Initiative,” ECU’s Board of Trustees hopes to take the first step in rectifying disenfranchised communities in eastern and coastal North Carolina. While the intentions of this campaign are to educate students with ECU programs related to these sectors, the Rural Prosperity Initiative is just a small start to a larger problem.

We, the editorial staff at The East Carolinian, appreciate the Board’s decision to follow through with this initiative but recognize that more needs to be done in order to help local communities in need. The aid of both students, faculty and the Greenville community is a necessity in terms of progress for this initiative, and it begins with an all-in effort.

Whether in-state or out-of-state, students still live in Greenville for about four years and have a responsibility to commit to the growth of our neighboring communities. Being that students are the imminent change-makers for our region, ECU students must start from their classrooms in order to aid the communities in need.

By living and working in underserved communities while simultaneously earning a degree in fields such as medicine, dentistry or education, students currently enrolled at ECU are granted with an opportunity to make the first step in bettering their community.

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Newton’s career damaged by sexism



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Hey, Cam Newton, I decided to sit aside a little time in between baking my casserole, washing my three loads of laundry and doing the chores around my house in order to address your sexist comment in reference to female journalists.

On Oct. 4, Carolina Panthers quarterback Cam Newton took Twitter and the sports world aback with his controversial remarks to Charlotte Observer’s Carolina Panthers reporter Jourdan Rodrigue in the team’s post-practice interview session.

Rodrigue asked Newton about Panthers’ wide receiver Devin Funchess who has recently connected better with Newton on his routes and has helped produce offensively for the team.

Through laughter, Newton replied, “It’s funny to hear a female talk about routes like...it’s funny.”

What’s funny is you thinking women don’t know anything about sports. What’s funny is you thinking you can make fun of someone doing their job, when you can’t do your own. It’s easy for you to get up and talk day after day about your pathetic on-field performances. It’s easy for you to shrug off and avoid questions that continue to pop up each day. What’s also funny is you thinking you’re entitled to speak on behalf of a job you could never do. Reporters don’t get that luxury, and Rodrigue is in the unfortunate situation of having to cover your disgusting career.

If the roles were reversed, Cam, you would’ve had something unprofessional come out of your mouth like you always do to defend yourself. Rodrigue took your comment and said nothing, to remain professional and keep her job. It shows the level of professionalism she has that you never will.

As if your inconsiderate and rude act

couldn’t get worse, you also lied about apologizing to Rodrigue. After the press conference, Rodrigue approached Newton to request an apology, but did not receive one. However, Newton told a spokesperson for the Panthers to release the following statement: “I have spoken with Jourdan and Cam and I know they had a conversation where he expressed regret.” His comments backfired as Rodrigue was not afraid to speak out and defend herself.

“I sought Mr. Newton out as he left the locker room a few minutes later. He did not apologize for his comments,” Rodrigue stated after giving background information on the situation.

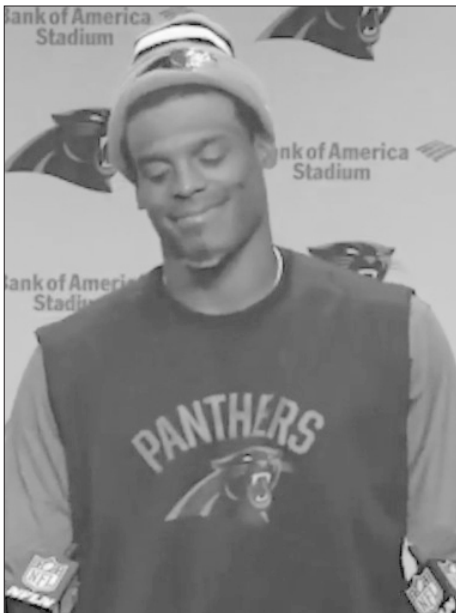
Now Cam, I used my computer and television to gather this information, like I do when I read articles and follow games when it comes to football. It seems however, you use computers a bit differently.

Your NFL career will never hide the fact that you were kicked out of University of Florida and its football program for stealing another student’s laptop and throwing it out your dorm window when police arrived. You were held in jail and charged with felony counts of burglary, larceny and obstructing justice. I see you really learned from that experience and got a lot more “professional” like you said you would, according to press releases after the incident.

However, you still continue to preach as a role model. A role model? Maybe you should open your laptop and look up the definition of role model...oh, wait.

It took the pushing of the NFL for you to make a public apology and to take ownership of your actions. Instead of simply apologizing to Rodrigue, you took the opportunity to make it about yourself and talk about how you want to be a role model for your daughters and son, Chosen, as well as women and young girls around the world.

It appears to me your “chosen” apology was so worthless, it’s not worth quoting in



COURTESY OF USA TODAY
Cam Newton in a press conference on Oct. 4.

any article. You only put out your apology because you were called out by many, caught by the public’s negative attention and are trying to make yourself look good. No, young women will not look up to you as a role model. No, young girls will not want to model their ways after you. No, female journalists have no desire to talk to you unless it is required for their job. The only thing already “chosen” for your children is their father figure, and I hope you chose to take this opportunity to better yourself, since the previous incidents’ didn’t change you for the better like you preached they would.

All that being said, my kitchen timer just went off. Not to take my casserole out of the oven, but to turn on tonight’s Thursday Night Football to see the Philadelphia Eagles’ passing and rushing defensive players show you how routes are run as they run straight into you.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Gun reform under Congress is unlikely

With coffee in hand last Thursday morning, I read Melissa Glen’s column concerning the need for further gun regulation in America. While I certainly understand and appreciate her frustration, there are at least a few reasons why change is unlikely to happen.

First, the U.S. Congress is badly broken and essentially worthless. Harry Truman’s “Do-nothing Congress” couldn’t hold a candle to the band of grifters and narcissists who now run roughshod over Capitol Hill. Lawmakers are far more concerned with lobbyists and their own self-interests than they are with protecting Americans’ lives. And even though we elected them to serve the greater good, that kind of thoughtful responsibility is clearly the last thing on their agenda.

Second, as long as Republicans control all three branches of government, we’re bound to see little, if any, change in gun legislation. Many conservatives have been bought by the National Rifle Association, and that’s the group to which they now pledge their allegiance. So far this year, the NRA has spent well

over three million dollars on lobbyists who buy the votes of legislators. And in addition to this, they rate our public servants concerning their loyalty to gun rights and the NRA. And that’s a proven formula that ensures their reelection time after time.

But liberals aren’t going to get a free pass concerning this subject either. While their intentions are sometimes credible, they’ve done a poor job in the execution thereof. To date, two failed iterations of the Brady Bill have been the biggest “hoorah” for The Bleeding Hearts Club.

Duke University professor Phillip J. Cook is regarded as “the nation’s foremost authority on gun control”. In considering statistical studies since the bills were passed, he said, “The Brady Bill seems to have been a failure. The Brady Bill had two iterations.” Cook then went on, explaining, “But in each the law applies only to handgun sales by federally licensed gun dealers.” Obviously, the law does nothing to regulate gifts, inheritance, private sales, rifles or the massive underground

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Down with Dog Days

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9 a.m.

North Carolina

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A.J. Fletcher

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7:30 p.m.



Dubtown Cosmonauts, a Wilmington band, performs. The band will be at Crossbones Saturday night at 10.

Uptown funk

Dubtown Cosmonauts to play free show

Danielle Schmid
TEC STAFF

Dubtown Cosmonauts, a group brought together by the members' love for funk and worldly music, consists of four musically talented Wilmington artists who are ready to hit the stage here in Greenville. The band will bring its unique sound to Crossbones Tavern for a free show on Saturday. Dubtown Cosmonauts, a band who's played in Greenville many times before, will hit the stage at 10 p.m. The band has been bringing Wilmington's artists together to create a jazzy, soul sound for more than five years now. Lately, the crew has been hitting s t a g e s along the East Coast. "We add magic in between the notes," Joe Starr, singer and guitarist, said. "We practice really hard to sound good" The band said it often rocks out in its hometown and is well known in the Wrightsville



Joe Starr

Beach music scene. "I've seen Dubtown Cosmonauts once," Wilmington resident Taylor Clark said. "They're a pretty memorable band that knows how to get your attention." Throughout the band's set, audiences can hear worldly sounds that bring unexpected genres and instruments together. "We're always trying to do something new and different," Starr said. "We play off what the crowd wants; we try to please the crowd more than anything." The group's set varies from reggae sounds to more jazzy and hard rock sounds. The band often play its own original music, as well as bring out sounds from legends such as Grateful Dead, Jimmy Hendrix, The Doors and even Tom Petty. "We're one of these bands that can just pick a song up and play it," Starr said. "If you play a little bit of everything everyone will be happy." Dubtown Cosmonauts released its first album "Launch Pad" last year. The album features original songs from the crew. "When it comes to 'This Old Stone,' it isn't actually a song

we wrote but we dedicated it to our buddy who passed, so it was really a gift to us to be able to redo his song and get his music out there, even after he passed," Starr said. Unlike most bands, Dubtown Cosmonauts are open to changing up its setlist. The guys are able to embrace each other's talents and let the show just flow. "The set I experienced by them was awesome," Clark said. "They had a cool flow and just seemed like fun easy going guys." The group tries to bring good vibes to the venues it play and leave its audience feeling musically satisfied, according to Starr. "With all the bad shit happening in the world, why not come get your mind off it and listen to some music?" Starr said. The band looks forward to coming back to Greenville and has already set another date to come back for a show later this month. The band will return Halloween weekend to perform at Pitt Street Brewing Company.

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Comedy Jam

aims to bring laughs to city

Amanda Shea
TEC STAFF

Born out of eastern North Carolina, Greenville's first look at Carolina Comedy Jam is expected to be packed with talent Saturday afternoon at the Greenville Convention Center. The show will take place Saturday at 4:30 p.m. General admission tickets for The Down East Comedy Jam can be bought at the Greenville Convention Center for \$40. All students can get a \$10 discount on any ticket they buy if they show their student I.D. Les Long, the creator of Carolina Comedy Jam and host of Down East Comedy Jam, said even though he was born in Louisburg, he owes his start to eastern North Carolina. "I've been doing comedy for over a decade," Long said. "I'm actually not from Eastern North Carolina, but I got my start in comedy—or entertainment—in eastern North Carolina, so it's almost like it's my second home."



Les Long

Long won't be the only comedian attending the Down East Comedy Jam. The show will be filled with local and national talent. "It's going to be a variety of things. The Comedy Jam is almost like an extravaganza," Long said. "I'm going to have vendors that will be there, selling different things. The doors open at 4:30, and from then until around 6:45, we have what's called the 'local talent and vendor expo' and it's a time for various acts from across the state...(to) perform. They're like the prelude to the event." Though there is the vendor exposition, the main show will take place directly after. "The 6:45-7 p.m. time frame, the main show will start and that's going to be crazy," Long said. "I have all the radio stations involved in this... they will all be doing live broadcasts throughout the day and throughout the event." A few of the main performers include DC Young Fly, Michael Blackson and Tara Sharpe—otherwise known as 'Sister Big Bone'—but they are just the beginning.

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MOVIE REVIEW

'Gerald's Game' not one to play



Angel De Jesus
TEC STAFF

"Gerald's Game" takes psychological thriller to a whole new level that delivers in ways most movies are too afraid to go—with the fractured human psyche. Based on the Stephen King novel by the same name, fans will be pleased to see that this film is one of the best adaptations of any novel ever made. The film starts with a middle aged couple going on a retreat at a lake house to hopefully save their marriage and spice up their love life. When Jessie's husband tries something new on her involving handcuffs, an argument ensues causing her husband to suffer a heart attack. Now Jessie is bed bound with no one around her except for her tortured past. From here on, the film becomes a fascinating character study. "Gerald's Game" is the definition of a character film. Carla Gugino, who plays Jessie, has the task of being in constant despair for most of the film. Whether its when her husband is pressuring her into some uncomfortable sexual fantasy, watching her husband's corpse being eaten by a stray dog, or battling her self-consciousness, Gugino's performance is riveting and should be appreciated. Gugino, along with Bruce Greenwood, who plays the husband, play dual roles where they are their characters in the present, as well as figments of Jessie's mind as she loses her sanity. These roles differ, as in some Jessie is panicking and losing her mind, while her consciousness is much more cynical. These performances offer incredible character depth and makes the audience ask



Jessie, played by Carla Gugino, and Gerald, played by Bruce Greenwood, act in "Gerald's Game."

themselves about parts of themselves they don't show to others. A great thing this film does is keep things moving in interesting ways that make sense. Most of the film is seeing Jessie handcuffed to a bed losing her sanity. But with breaks in the form of flashbacks, the film offers more insight into who Jessie is as a person and why she is the way she is. Seeing how her father sexually assaulted her and how that affected her in her marriage was horrific, and the film handles this subject in a way that is tasteful, yet extremely uncomfortable. The imagery in this film does it so much justice. The film uses lighting to add to the intensity of some scenes. The red tint of the eclipse near the lake where Jessie was assaulted was very uneasy to look at and felt dire. As Death approaches her and the light of the moon dances across its face, it made it seem real which made the audience question

if she is in denial of her fate the whole time. Little details done in limited settings really showed what can be done to convey a mood with an audience. "Gerald's Game" makes audiences extremely uncomfortable with the issues it tackles, while at the same time being a film that is one of the best psychological thrillers seen in recent memory. This is not an easy film to watch, however with great acting and awesome themes of overcoming trauma, this is not one to be missed.

RATING:
★★★★★
5 out of 5

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**Taurus**
(April 20-May 20) -- Today is a 7 -- Strengthen your domestic infrastructure. Make household repairs and modifications to adapt to new circumstances. Discuss options with family, and compromise for workable solutions.

**Gemini**
(May 21-June 20) -- Today is a 9 -- Creative muses sing to you. Capture fresh inspiration in pixels or ink. Take notes, and make sketches. Keep practicing for satisfying results.

**Cancer**
(June 21-July 22) -- Today is a 9 -- Make budgets and estimates. Send invoices, and pay bills. Diligence with financial transactions leads to a possible bonus. Make a sweet deal.

**Leo**
(July 23-Aug. 22) -- Today is an 8 -- You're growing stronger and wiser. Promises made now win satisfying results. Discuss possibilities, make choices and go for them. An experienced connection has good advice.

**Virgo**
(Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Today is a 5 -- Look back for insight on the road ahead. Notice your dreams and subconscious desires. Indulge nostalgic retrospection. Envision a satisfying future worth pursuing.

**Libra**
(Sept. 23-Oct. 22) -- Today is a 7 -- Discuss team strategies. Quantify results in practical terms, and write up your conclusions. Note opinions, advice and suggestions. Together, you shine.

**Scorpio**
(Oct. 23-Nov. 21) -- Today is an 8 -- Career matters have your attention today and tomorrow. Talk about practical options to achieve goals, deadlines and plans. There are more ways than one.

**Sagittarius**
(Nov. 22-Dec. 21) -- Today is an 8 -- Get out and explore for a few days. Gather and research ideas. Get news and information from far away. Consider diverse points of view.

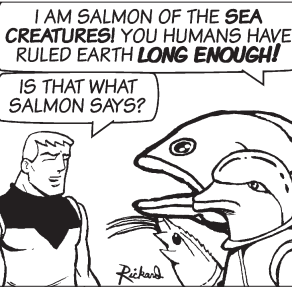
**Capricorn**
(Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Today is an 8 -- Talk about financial priorities with your partner through tomorrow. Put your money where your mouth is. Record wins and losses. Stick to facts.

**Aquarius**
(Jan. 20-Feb. 18) -- Today is an 8 -- Collaboration thrives on communication. Talking makes a big difference; what are your goals and dreams? Listen to another's view for a wider perspective.

**Pisces**
(Feb. 19-March 20) -- Today is a 9 -- Apply what you learn from others to grow your health and improve your work. The conversation provides valuable solutions to an obstacle. Keep an open mind.

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Fate is a cruel mistress

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THE TV CROSSWORD

Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

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26 Nimoy of "Star Trek"
28 Sam of "Dr. Simon Locke"
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33 Sara Gilbert film, "Poison ____"
35 Printer abbr.
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59 Tongue-clicking sound
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61 "Evening ____"

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5 Soto of "A.E.S. Hudson Street"
6 Michaels and Roker
7 Tierney of "NewsRadio"
8 Jean-Claude Van Damme movie
9 "Kukla, ____, & Ollie"
10 "Lonesome ____"
11 "Far and ____"
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21 Rowboat rower
22 Guinness or Baldwin
23 "____ 911"
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27 VHS replacement
29 Dog in "Garfield" comics
30 "____ House"
31 "Driving ____ Daisy"
34 "Last ____ at Marienbad"
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38 Borgnine of "McHale's Navy"
40 Robert and Amanda
41 Yasmine of "Baywatch"
43 Marisa of "My Cousin Vinny"
45 "America's ____ Wanted"
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Solution from Thursday

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EMMY IRONS | THE EAST CAROLINIAN
Devon Sutton (42) pulls back a Virginia Tech player down with other aids on the defense. ECU's defense is ranked last in all of college football.

Pirates to face Knights

ECU football hopes to rebound against No. 22 UCF

Tyler Gavin
TEC STAFF

After their sixth straight home loss, and fourth this season, the East Carolina University Pirates (1-5, 1-2 AAC) will take a roadtrip to Orlando to face one of the best conference teams, Central Florida. No. 22 UCF is poised to make a run for a major bowl game after its first 4-0 start since 1988.

Last Saturday, the Pirates took on an average Temple team, who did not skip a beat, in their back-to-back conference wins against the Pirates. The Owl's came to Greenville and beat the Pirates in every facet



Scottie Montgomery

of the game on their way to a 34-10 victory. "Coming off of a disappointing loss against Temple, a few things that stood out in that game were that we didn't have an identity whatsoever in the run game offensively," ECU head coach Scottie Montgomery said. "Defensively, I thought we did some things better, but we have got to win some of those one-on-one battles that we have struggled with all year at the corner position and also in our fronts in some of the one-on-one blocking situations."

In order to help out the abysmal Pirate defense, Montgomery and Athletic Director Jeff Compher have made yet another decision regarding the coaching staff. John Gutekunst has joined the ECU football staff as a defensive analyst after an announcement by Montgomery in his weekly press conference Tuesday.



RYAN CUMMINS | THE EAST CAROLINIAN
East Carolina defensive back Bobby Fulp (8) tackles a Temple player with two other teammates.

Led by second year head coach Scott Frost, the Knights (4-0, 2-0 AAC) are averaging over 47 points per game, and haven't been in a close game this season, as their closest came in a 40-13 victory over Memphis.

Despite just being a sophomore, quarterback McKenzie Milton already has 14 starts under his belt and will be a tough test for a struggling ECU defense. Milton has thrown for 1,165 yards (an average of 291 per game) and 13 touchdowns against just two interceptions. The young quarterback is equipped with fast and

experienced skill players all around him that make these Knights very dangerous. The biggest threat of those skill players is wide receiver Tre'Quan Smith, who has already hauled in seven touchdown passes and is averaging 84 receiving yards per game.

"We are going against a really good UCF football team," Montgomery said. "They have a lot of speed and what they do offensively is they like to stretch you

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Men's tennis takes on Tennessee

Madelyn Craig
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

The East Carolina University men's golf team will travel to Johnson City, Tennessee, tomorrow to play in the Bank of Tennessee Intercollegiate tournament held at the Blackthorn Country Club in order to complete its fall schedule.

This will be the 19th annual Bank of Tennessee Intercollegiate that East Tennessee State University will host. The three-day tournament will begin tomorrow morning at 8:30, with the second round following at the same time on Saturday.

Once the second round has concluded, Sunday's tee times and pairings will be announced based on the two-day finishing scores for the teams. ETSU announced the course as a par-72, 7,147 layout. 15 teams will play in the tournament alongside ECU including University of North Carolina at Wilmington,

Furman, Villanova and more.

The last time ECU traveled to Johnson City for this tournament was in the fall of 2015. The Pirates earned eighth place out of 15 teams after shooting 2-over 290 in the final round of the weekend. It was a 54-hole tournament and ECU finished with a card of 4-over-par and a total score of 868.

Previous players, Wes Conover and Al Dickens led the Pirates, shooting 4-under 68 and 3-over 75 to finish tied for 17th and 21st respectively. Penn State ended up taking the victory followed by Louisville and Tennessee at second and third. In eighth, ECU finished ahead of Virginia Commonwealth University, ESTU, UNCW, Furman University, Villanova and Coastal Carolina. Penn State will also be returning this weekend to give ECU a run for first.

This is only the second time ECU has participated in the Bank

of Tennessee Intercollegiate since its first year of competition in 1998. The Pirates are hoping to leave Tennessee with a victory. The team's ultimate goal, according to head coach Andrew Sapp, would be to play in the top three during the final round for a chance to win.

"To have a chance in the final round, to be in that top three with a chance to win the tournament, playing in the last group (is where we need to be)," Sapp said. "We play a sport where unfortunately we don't get to play defense so we can't control what any other team does. This is our last tournament of the fall and we really want to end it off on a good note, just showing improvement from beginning to end," Sapp said.

The Pirates tied for fifth in their previous tournament, the Wolfpack Intercollegiate in Raleigh, North Carolina on Oct. 2. Senior Tim Conover secured a 5-under-par, 211, leading his

team to the tie.

Conover shot under par in two of the three rounds, finishing tied for fourth individually. This was Tim Conover's first top-5 finish of the season and the fifth in his golf career.

"I'm hoping to keep the momentum going into this next tournament, I just want to play the best golf I can, and hopefully I will be in contention with my best golf and have a chance to win at the end of the tournament," Conover said.

Looking forward, it is hard to tell who will lead the team come Oct. 13. A different player has led the team in stats during and after each tournament.

"It will be exciting to see who steps up, it could be somebody totally different from the three guys that have led us in the first few tournaments," Sapp said.

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TEC 'sports

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

Kayla Morton

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Record: 5-1
Closest Score: 2
Who wins? UCF 55-13
Why? The Pirates' football organization will not win another game as long as

Chancellor Cecil Staton keeps Athletic Director Jeff Compher, Head Coach Scottie Montgomery and his staff employed. They just hired a defensive analyst...what team has one of those? A team who is ranked last in defense in all of college football, that's who. UCF is going for a bowl appearance and ECU couldn't defeat a high school team even if they wanted to.

Aaron Jackson

Football Editor

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Record: 6-0
Closest Score: 2
Who wins? UCF 47-20
Why? The entire football program is almost six feet under, as the hole it

has dug itself in with a 1-5 start to the season may be too deep. To keep my 6-0 record perfect, I am picking the Knights to easily handle the Pirates at home in Orlando, Florida. Expect running backs Taj McGowan and Adrian Killins Jr. to extort East Carolina University's poor rush defense. Also, there's no doubt Knights' quarterback McKenzie Milton will have nearly a perfect day, due to the fact he has only thrown two interceptions on the year and the Pirates have only intercepted three passes the whole season, on in the last game.

Tyler Gavin

Football Writer

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Record: 4-2
Closest Score: 1
Who wins? UCF 62-21
Why? The University of Central Florida is loaded on offense and so far, the Pirates'

biggest weakness comes on defense. That's no good for ECU. Going on the road is only going to make things worse. I expect to see a Knights team that smells its opportunity to leap higher in the national polls and it's going to want to showcase that high-powered offense on a national stage. If the Pirates can't stop Milton early, they won't stop him all game.

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ECU soccer still winless in AAC

Robert Romero
TEC STAFF

East Carolina University’s soccer team looks to put its disastrous first half of American Athletic Conference play behind it when it takes on the University of Memphis in a home match tonight at 7 p.m. The Pirates are still looking for their first conference win.

ECU (5-6-2, 0-4 AAC) is coming off a much needed bye week where it had 10 days to refocus for the second half of conference play. According to head coach Rob Donnenwirth, the Pirates utilized the bye week to work on areas they needed to get better in in order to have a successful run against the remaining conference opponents.

“We were really working on being more aggressive attacking wise and one on one situations to get more shots off,” Donnenwirth said. “There are times that we are just trying to make the perfect goal instead of just getting shots off”

After the Pirates’ hot start to the season, ECU enters tonight’s matchup dead last in the AAC standings with zero points after losing its first four conference games. Southern Methodist is the only other team in the AAC that hasn’t secured a conference win (0-3-1).

The Pirates’ inability to secure a conference win has mainly been due to their struggles on offense. They’ve only scored two goals during conference play, while being outscored by seven (9-2). According to Donnenwirth, Memphis plays an old-school sweeper style offense, but he believes ECU will have plenty of scoring opportunities when the Tigers turn the ball over.

“Memphis is a good possession team, but I feel like they could leave themselves exposed when they give the ball away,” Donnenwirth said. “It will come down to how quickly we can find our target player and then run off our target player to try to get behind on the counter.”

ECU has had no problem getting its offensive production from forward Courtney Cash this season. Cash leads the team in goals (five) and points (12), which helped her efforts at becoming named student athlete of the month for September. The difference this season for the experienced junior is that she has also taken responsibility of being a leader by example with her exceptional performance on the field.

“I personally see myself as a leader particularly on the field,” Cash said. “I like to lead that part to bring energy and I constantly want to work



Forward Chentay Warnes makes a move in midfield during a game this season.

and keep a positive vibe on the field.”

Memphis (9-5-1, 0-3-1 AAC) enters tonight’s matchup in a more comfortable situation of securing a tournament berth than ECU, as it ranks fourth in-conference. Memphis forward Elizabeth Woerner leads the

Tigers with 10 goals and 22 points on the season, while forward Marie Levasseur and midfielder Mikayla Morton are tied for second on the team with 20 points a piece.

Despite being the underdog, ECU will look to take advantage of

Memphis’ kryptonite: the Tigers’ being a completely different team on the road than at home. At home, the Tigers average just more than 2.5 goals while only allowing one goal per game with a 7-1-1 record. But on the road, the Tigers average 1.75 goals while allowing a staggering four goals per game with a 0-4-0 record.

According to Pirate’s forward Annah Lindberg, the advantage ECU has over Memphis is not just the Tiger’s inability to play like an elite team on the road, but rather the chemistry and heart of the Pirates that will help ECU prevail in capturing its first conference win of the season.

“I think we definitely have an advantage because having new players and smart older players being really close as a team can really help us come up with an attack and defensively prevent them from getting crosses in beating us one on one,” Lindberg said. “When we’re locking that down by preventing crosses and getting beat one on one, the rest of it just comes from hard work and heart and who wants it more.”

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Pirates Cross Country breaking records

Dylan Woolard
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Heading into the Pirate Invitational at Lake Kristi in Greenville, North Carolina, East Carolina University’s cross country team has set the bar very high for itself.

Despite recent success from in-state opponents, senior Bakri Abushouk

believes the team is prepared.

“We are likely to compete extremely well with any team in the conference, region and especially at the Pirate Invite” Abushouk said.

The team set 11 personal records at the 44th annual Paul Short Run at Lehigh University. One of those records happened to be Abushouk’s 8k with a time of

23:53, which tied the school record. Abushouk’s time tied Kyle MacKenzie’s time from 2003 at the North Carolina Intercollegiate Division 1 Men’s Cross Country Championships which was also ran at Lake Kristi.

“I had no idea about the school record or had any clue what it was. I was purely out to compete and place as high

as I could,” Abushouk said.

Junior Grace Sullivan also saw herself running into the ECU record books during the Paul Short Run. Sullivan ran the second fastest women’s 6k for the Pirates with her time of 20:37. Mikayla Stoudt also took a brisk jog into the books with her

career best time of 21:22 in the same event.

“I know we can be a competitive team and I hope for us to place top-3 in the conference,” Sullivan said.

ECU cross country’s best conference finish is a third place finish. With both teams seeing a lot of success

right now, head coach Josey Weaver knows there are big expectations for both groups.

“Right now if we take care of ourselves then we are putting ourselves in a good spot,” Weaver said.

The Pirates hope to see familiar success at the Pirate Invitational tomorrow.

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horizontally in the run game, and then they will stretch you vertically in the passing game. They are playing at a higher level on offensive than we have seen this year. They are averaging a ridiculous amount of yardage per play (8).”



Thomas Sirk

in the Football Bowl Subdivision. Mike Hughes, a junior defensive back from ECU’s backyard in New Bern, is wreaking havoc on opposing quarterbacks. He has intercepted two passes, taking one back for a 57-yard touchdown, and has broken up six more. If Thomas Sirk plans on being successful through the air, he is going to have to be aware of number 19 when he’s on the field.

However, for Sirk to be successful in

The Knights are also stout on defense and have caused turnover troubles for a lot of teams. While only giving up three turnovers, UCF has taken the ball away from opposing offenses 11 times, good enough for second-best

the passing game the ECU offensive line has to step-up. Last week against Temple, Sirk was sacked four times by a defensive line that doesn’t stack up to the Knights. In just four games, UCF has already racked up nine sacks and 27 tackles-for-a-loss. Jamiyus Pittman leads its defense with two sacks while adding three tackles-for-a-loss, and if the Pirates offensive line doesn’t turn it around, ECU fans will see a lot of number 5. Then there’s Shaquem Griffin, who’s tallied 20 tackles, a team-high four for a loss and recovered a fumble.

“On defense is where this team has grown the most. Defensively they play with tremendous amount of passion and speed,” Montgomery said. “Shaquem Griffin is one of the best players in this conference, if not in the country, and Jamiyus Pittman is another great football player.”

It’s clear Montgomery and the rest of the conference respect the talent UCF has since Frost came to town, and the Pirates are going to get a great look at it come Saturday. The game is scheduled for 7 p.m. and can be seen on CBS Sports Network.

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Cemetery Stories (2009): The director takes us on his eight-year odyssey in the footsteps of two families, the Wilcoxes and the Dubes—one, of white American missionaries, the other, Zulus from South Africa—whose friendship in the late 19th century, stands as a landmark in the struggle for Black liberation and democracy in South Africa. To both families, the director brings lost pieces of their history and reconnects them after ninety years.

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