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## City Manager to continue investigation

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TEC STAFF

Despite the conclusion of three state investigations between the North Carolina Office of State Fire Marshal (OSFM) and Office of Emergency Medical Services (OEMS) on Thursday, Greenville City Manager Ann Wall is still examining the allegations in regards to Greenville Fire/Rescue.

GFR announced the three state investigations, one inspection by OSFM and two complaint investigations by OEMS all concluded with either no issues or unfounded allegations, according to the Thursday GFR press release.



Ann Wall

"Greenville Fire/Rescue is pleased to announce the department completed a 9S inspection performed by the OSFM Thursday morning. No inspection issues were identified," according to the department's press release. "Also during this week, OEMS concluded that two complaints regarding Greenville Fire/Rescue were unfounded and dismissed."

OSFM was reached out to for a comment but hadn't responded by Monday in regards to the 9S inspection of GFR.

Kelly Haight, press assistant in the Office of Communications at the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services, said OEMS is currently working to finalize its investigation reports regarding GFR. Haight said there was no timeline as to when the reports would be completed.

"The results of the investigation are a reiteration of the great job that each of the members of Greenville Fire/Rescue do to contribute to the effectiveness of our organization," said GFR Fire Chief Eric Griffin in an emailed statement to The East Carolinian.

City Manager Ann Wall said she was happy with findings of the state investigations, according to an emailed statement from the city of Greenville.

"We were pleased to learn the results of the recent investigations," Wall said. "We know that the caring and professional staff of Fire/Rescue provides great service to our community each day."

Wall is still continuing her investigation into allegations surrounding GFR of misconduct and mismanagement.

In conversations with city leaders Thursday, Wall reassured two separate city council members that her investigation into the GFR allegations would be completed by the end of the calendar year.

Rick Smiley, District 4 representative, and At-large representative of the Greenville City Council Calvin Mercer said Wall told them each separately she would have her investigation completed by the end of the year.

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An ECU freestyle swimmer is seconds away from breaking the surface after a flip turn during the home swim meet this weekend.

## Swim sweeps home meet

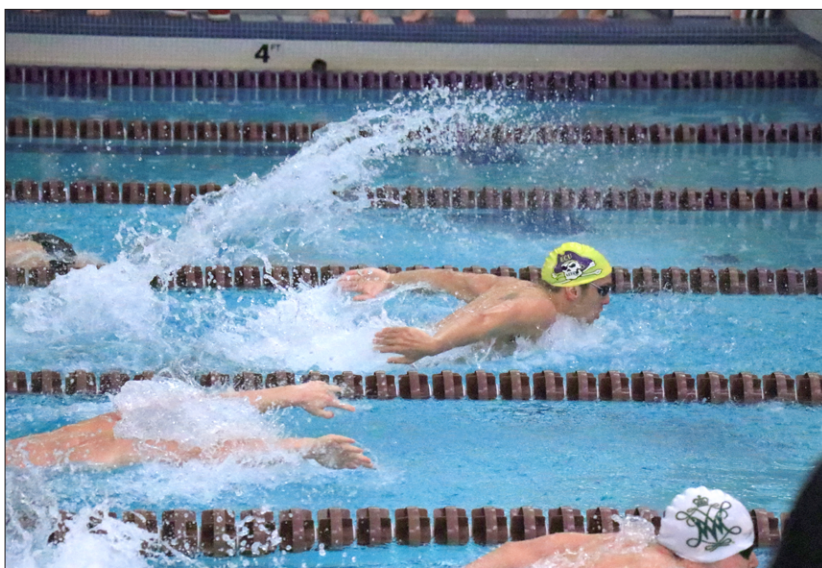
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TEC STAFF

In an exuberant display of school pride and swimming prowess, the East Carolina University swim and dive bounced back from a disappointing first week during Saturday's meet with a big splash.

Senior Julie Lajoie once again dominated and led the way for the team. Lajoie placed first in the 200 and 400-yard individual medley races as well as the 200-yard butterfly event.

"I think the fact that I knew that I came in having tough events, I motivated myself and my teammates motivated me to do better," Lajoie said. "We were not too pleased with the results from last week, and I think that we wanted to redeem ourselves. We have been improving every week that we have been competing and I think that there is only better to come."

On Oct. 7, the swim team traveled to Annapolis, Maryland to take on Navy, where the meet did not go as it would have hoped. In a rivalry meet, ECU was unable to shake off last season's loss as both the men's and women's teams lost to the Midshipmen. However, on Saturday they were given the opportunity to compete



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A Pirates' butterfly swimmer outouches a William & Mary swimmer to win the event.

against three other schools: Campbell University, Gardner Webb University and William & Mary University.

The men's team defeated The College of William & Mary 132-130, and crushed Gardner Webb University 200-94. The women's team won against William & Mary 141-118, defeated Gardner Webb 181-110 and outperformed Campbell University 176-115.

The fans, respective coaching staffs and the swimmers felt the competitive,

supportive spirit of each of the teams as they competed against one another. Throughout the meet, the teams erupted in cheers, chants and back-and-forth yelling.

"Atmosphere (wise), you can't get any better than what we had at Minges. All the teams involved were into it, the energy was high, (and) that is really what college swimming is all about,"

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## Warnings for red lights begin in city

Melissa Glen  
TEC STAFF

Greenville Police Department began a 30 day warning period on Sunday before its new Red-Light Safety Camera Program begins fining drivers who run red lights.

The program will use sensors near the signal lights as well as cameras to detect when anyone runs a red light. When the 30 day warning period ends on Nov. 15, anyone who runs a red light at one of the five chosen intersections will receive a fine of \$100 from the city, according to GPD Public Information Officer Kristen Hunter.



Kristen Hunter

"We've had a problem with red-light running in this community," Hunter said. "We've seen that time and time again."

Hunter said the issue became increasingly evident through numerous traffic operations the police department conducted last year, where officers would set up near a busy intersection and observe the patterns of drivers.

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## 'Issa' Homecoming 2017

### 21 Savage to headline homecoming concert



Danielle Schmid  
TEC STAFF

Rap sensation 21 Savage will bring in homecoming weekend with a concert Wednesday beginning at 7 p.m. in Wright Auditorium.

The concert, featuring the Top 25 Billboard artist, sold out in less than six hours according to the Student Activities Board Advisor Darrius Barrow.

"Selling out in six hours was record time for any concert we've put on so far," Barrow said. "We really think everyone's going to enjoy this show considering how popular 21 Savage is right now."

In previous years, SAB has brought other big names to the Greenville area for homecoming such as, Wiz Khaifa, Future and last year's act Rae Sremmurd.

"21 Savage coming to ECU is a pretty big deal, he's had some really popular music lately," senior psychology major Carly Kensey said. "You really don't see big name rappers in this area so people get pretty hype for the homecoming concert every year."

The 24-year-old Atlanta-based rapper hit mainstream when collaborating with Metro Boomin in 2016 with their EP "Savage Mode." The rapper has brought his savage attitude to festivals such as Rolling Loud Festival, Day N Night Festival and Budweiser's Made in America festival.

His latest album, "Issa," banking in at No. 2 on the Billboard top hip-hop and R&B albums the week released

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BRIEFS

ECU environmental groups to continue monthly film series on sustainability

The Sustainability Film & Discussion Series will continue this Thursday from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m in the auditorium of the Willis Building.

This screening is titled "Under Contract," which explores the relationships between corporations and rural farmers. The monthly showings strive to discuss environmental sustainability and climate changes affecting the community and world. Topics will include consumerism, waste, agriculture, water, transportation and energy. The free series is sponsored by SustainECU, FROGGS, Sierra Club, Keep Greenville Beautiful, Sound Rivers, Re-Leaf and ECU Student Affairs.

ECU Alumni Association to award graduates

Six honorees will receive the ECU Alumni Association's 2017 Outstanding Alumni Awards and Virgil Clark '50 Distinguished Service Awards at the Greenville Convention Friday at 6:30 p.m.

Cocktail hour begins at 5:30 p.m. Tickets are \$70 and table sponsorship is available.

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Greenville Fire/Rescue headquarters located at 500 S. Greene St. Greenville Fire/Rescue headquarters also serves as the department's Station 1.

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"I talked to Manager Wall about her review of the concerns that have been expressed," Mercer said in an email exchange with The East Carolinian. "She said she anticipates completing her review by the end of the year, but it could be earlier."

Smiley said his impression of the conversation was Wall's investigation wouldn't be presented in the spring, but rather November or December.

Mercer felt confident Wall would complete her investigation well before the end of the year, he said. However, he added it's better that Wall doesn't provide a specific timeline in case she has to go back to revise it.

"It wouldn't surprise me if the manager completes her review of the concerns that have been expressed to her in November," Mercer said. "But, what she said to me is certainly by the end of the year."

Both Mercer and Smiley were pleased to learn that all three state investigations resulted in unfounded allegations. Mercer said he was

happy the fire department received a clean bill of health. Smiley added it was reassuring that the allegations being investigated by outside entities were unfounded.

"The department appreciates the independent inspection and observation that reiterates the commitment to a high level of timely and professional emergency services to all who live, work and play in the city of Greenville," according to the GFR press release.

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"We witnessed car after car running red-lights during that time," she said.

The red-light cameras will be at five intersections including one at Charles Boulevard and 14th street, one at Charles Boulevard and Fire Tower Road, one at Arlington Boulevard and Fire Tower Road, one at Arlington Boulevard and Fire Tower Road and one at Arlington Boulevard and South Memorial Drive, according to the City of Greenville's website.

Hunter said a common stigma attached to the program is that it was designed solely to create revenue for the city, instead of a way of increasing safety. She said

this is not true, as the revenue only goes to pay for the equipment, but most of the revenue goes to the Pitt County Board of Education.

"The city of Greenville does not receive any of the revenue from the program, and it is entirely funded by the violation, so that means if you don't run a red light and you don't get a ticket and doesn't cost you anything," Hunter said.

Hunter said the goal of the program is to improve the safety of citizens in Greenville.

"We want to certainly decrease the amount of injuries, we want to decrease the amount of traffic collisions and increase safety for everybody in the city of Greenville," she said.

Azelin Buttitta, a senior nursing major at ECU, said she is glad the city is introducing this program. Buttitta had a red-light

accident a few years ago and has seen the effects these accidents can have first-hand.

"I know for a fact that my light was green, but the guy who ran the red light insisted that he had the green light," she said. "Since it was just our words against one another neither of us got a ticket."

As a result of the accident, Buttitta's car was totaled. However, because of the fact there was no proof of who was at fault, her insurance rates went up and she had to pay for the damages. She said this program will allow people to be held more accountable for their actions and will allow for more justice.

"I'm very grateful that I wasn't seriously injured in the accident, but the camera would have made the situation a lot more fair," Buttitta said.

The red-light cameras will only pick up drivers who pass the white line after the light has turned red as a violation, according to Hunter.

Hunter said on top of the original \$100 notice, people will receive a late fee of \$100. She said this is a requirement of state law. There will be numerous ways to pay the fee, according to Hunter.

Hunter said anyone who receives a ticket will be able to appeal the notice, through a process allocated by the city. People will also have the option to transfer liability of the incident, if someone else was driving the car other than who the car is registered to officially, according to Hunter.

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## OUR VIEW

### 'Fire Compher' movement presents valid argument

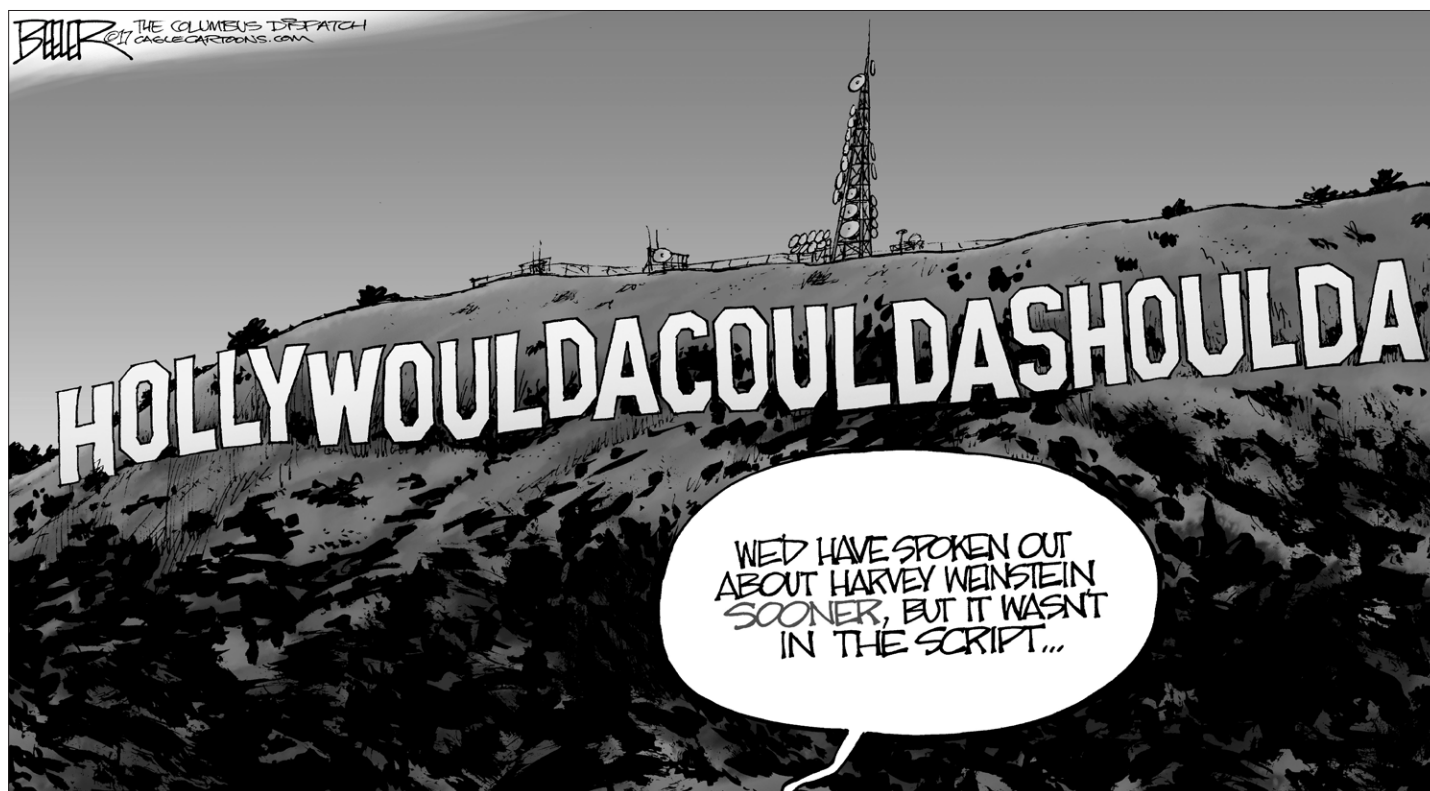
Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium was embarrassingly empty of East Carolina University's fans this weekend. The week prior, the stadium's audience was just as empty, as a "Fire Compher" banner flew overhead. The stands weren't much fuller when ECU played South Florida, especially after half time.

For more than a month now, ECU's Director of Athletics, Jeff Compher, has been under fire due to the direction of ECU's football program. With the Pirates' football record being less than impressive this season, Pirate football fans have begun to showcase their disappointment by flying banners with the words "Fire Compher," wearing t-shirts with the same message and voicing their displeasure on social media. Heavy booing and taking early departures from the games are the in-person responses from the loyal fans of the ECU community.

We want to see ECU Athletics do well, but we, the editorial staff at The East Carolinian, believe that progress can only be made with Compher being fired from his director position.

So far, Compher's tenure, especially with football, at ECU has not proven impressive. ECU's football team currently has only won one away game this season, has the worst ranked defense in the nation (out of 129 teams), and have given up at least 500 yards to opposing teams in every game.

ECU is a school that takes pride in its athletics and more specifically in its football team. Students, faculty and alumni spend money and work around their schedules to come to games and events. We must have an athletic director that makes necessary changes in order to progress our sports teams, and Compher lacks in that regard.



## Staton misled about athletics



### Kayla's Kicker

Chancellor Cecil Staton should think about mending his statement he released to East Carolina University regarding the Pirate football team back on Sept. 15 due to the horrible continuation week-in and week-out of the football program.

In mid-September, Staton released a statement to ECU's Board of Trustees and the ECU community about "athletics," but 100 percent of the statement was just zoned in on the Pirates' football team. Credit to you Staton, though, on your first sentence: "ECU loves to win." You're absolutely correct, except you seem to be forgetting the part about how a majority of ECU sports teams have not had winning seasons recently. You could change that by changing personnel in the athletics department, whether that be overall directors or coaches, but I guess that's on your back burner.

See, your statement, Staton, would have gone to the trash folder in my email like all of your other ones had you not made a personal jab at the media covering your athletics team.

"But we live in a time when people can hide behind anonymity and say hurtful things they're unlikely to say face to face. That's the downside of social media and radio call-in shows," Staton said in his statement. "I am too often appalled at what I see and hear in these

venues. And I've encouraged our coaches and athletes to ignore it. Unfortunately, there are times when they just can't avoid it. And that's a shame."

What's a shame is students who can barely afford tuition take pride in becoming members of Student Pirate Club, that many save up for, so they can come watch home games for football and basketball. In recent years, they have wasted their money and their time coming to pathetic showings of what this university calls big sporting events.

Hurtful things they're unlikely to say face to face? If you sit down and have a conversation with me, I'll gladly tell you that the way ECU is running its program would have difficulty beating a high school team, let alone a team in-conference or a nationally ranked team. I'll gladly tell you ECU scouting is poor. I'll gladly tell you the starters on the roster that should be benched, but they can't, due to the lack of talent and depth the roster holds matched with inconsistency. But the question I have for you Staton is: how are you not aware that so many others feel this way and have the right to voice their frustrations and opinions on social media and radio call-in shows?

Sports news outlets across the country have specifically called out players and people in articles and social media because they have the right to. Issues like the firing of Ruffin McNeill are now more prominent than ever. People should be disgusted at the pathetic organization now-head coach Scottie Montgomery runs. Montgomery, however,

is only in his position because of Athletic Director Jeff Compher. Compher fired McNeill and has nothing to show for it. ECU lost to the University of South Florida this past Saturday, and the Bulls' head coach has more wins in five games (5) than Montgomery has had in one and a half seasons (4). Compher should be fired and anyone has enough reasons to bring that fact to social media and radio call-in shows. A new five year deal expiring in 2023? Give me a break.

If football coaches, players and administration don't want to hear negativity about the way their team is run, or how their players perform, maybe the coaches should find a way to effectively coach and players should do their jobs. If not, it is up to you and Compher to remove them and make changes in order to get back to your "winning ways."

Instead, you have encouraged and funded that money into a new Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium project for no reason. Adding 1,000 more seats to the stadium just so you can look up from the field and see them all empty? You're wasting money on a stadium for a team who doesn't deserve to represent a college of this incredible fan base.

If you want to see how the Pirates' football team can actually be called out, I can arrange that. My contact information is below this sentence.

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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### Compher fails to meet fan expectations

Editor,

Unfortunately, this summer, the East Carolina Board of Trustees made the incorrect decision to sign our athletic director, Jeff Compher, to a five-year extension. This was done despite declining athletic revenue, poor performance of our athletic programs and multiple questionable decisions involving East Carolina athletics. Many people have raised their displeasure over this, however, the administration has remained tone deaf, including Chancellor Cecil Staton, whose public comments and letter showed absolutely no understanding of the mindset of the fan base. We have reasonable expectations of competitiveness at East Carolina University, and under Compher and Staton, these have not been achieved. However, we remain committed to our student-athletes, Pirate Club scholarships and other endeavors of East Carolina athletics. Given the lack of response from the chancellor and the athletic director despite the outpouring of our proud fan base, I decided that further action should be taken to advocate for Pirate Nation. Until full accountability is taken for this decision, peaceful protests solely against ECU administration will continue this season.

#### Positives:

- Team GPA of 3.02.
- Creating a life skills division to assist student-athlete development and community outreach
- Served as Chair of AAC AD committee and serves on finance committee
- Baseball Super Regional appearance in 2016

#### Neutral/debatable:

- Added women's lacrosse at a cost of approximately 500,000 per year. While this was reportedly done due to Title IX issues, it will increase the ECU Athletic budget deficits
- Attempted innovative marketing platform with NASCAR - however, the platform failed "because the sponsorships it

expected the purple and gold car to generate did not materialize." ([www.reflector.com](http://www.reflector.com))

- Logo redesign provided branding under one official logo, but reportedly cost approximately \$500,000
- Negotiated the Adidas contract with misleading information about an "elite 11" classification and its ability to help fund the Cost of Attendance. However, despite the \$840,000 saved on uniforms, the budget deficit has increased.

#### Negative:

- Mismanagement of the Ruffin McNeill firing in terms of public relations- Per Jeff Compher, "We came to the conclusion that our football team was not meeting competitive expectations, and- in my opinion- the trajectory of the football program was not going in the right direction." However, since McNeil was fired after a 5-7 campaign, we have gone 3-9 and finished last in the American Athletic Conference East in football and are off to a 1-6 start this year. The firing absolutely fractured the fan base and coverage by national media was negative.

- ECU lost to a Football Championship Subdivision team for first time since 1980 after a 34-14 defeat at home to James Madison. Most of the losses have been blowouts, many of which have been televised nationally. We have had the smallest crowds since 2006 in consecutive weeks at home games.
- Despite firing a football coach with a record of 42-34 for not meeting "competitive expectations," Jeff Lebo has amassed a record of 97-119 in 7 seasons as Men's basketball coach against D1 opponents and padded his record against non-D1 opponents.

- 2016-17 Athletics budget loss: 439,035; 2017-2018 projected 979,050 loss (ref BOT minutes 9/2017)
- The ECU Athletics budget, which ranks behind Old Dominion University and

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James Madison University, is among the lowest in the AAC.

-2015-16 EADA (Equality in Athletic Data Analysis) ranks

ECU 10th in the AAC in revenues at \$43.045 million- ahead of only Tulsa and Wichita State. Student fees account for almost \$15 million of ECU's Athletics operating revenue.

-ECU had zero Capital One cup points in 2016-17 secondary to globally poor athletic performance. ECU's teams finished at the following: Football (1-7, last AAC), Men's basketball (6-12, ninth in AAC), Women's basketball (2-14 last), baseball (7-17, last), softball 5-13 (next to last), women's soccer (1-7-1, last)

-Budget surplus has eroded into a budget deficit during Compher's tenure despite increased revenue from AAC TV deal, Adidas contract.

-Each team has had a 10 percent budget cut, but Compher got a \$70,000 raise.

-Decreased football attendance has an overall negative effect on the local economy

In my opinion, the Jeff Compher-led ECU Athletic administration has failed to meet the expectations of Pirate Nation. I have laid my argument out transparently, and encourage those who agree to like my Facebook page, Fire Compher, and to consider supporting my protests that have been started on gofundme.com so that your voice may also be heard. For those who support our administration, I'd like to see the contrarian argument to what I have laid out in this letter- in particular from ECU administration. As a proud Pirate and Pirate Club member, it pains me to take these steps. However, I feel compelled to do so for the sake of my alma mater's future.

Go Pirates!

John Bream, MD, FACEP  
ECU alumnus c/o 2005, BSOM alumnus c/o 2009

## ECU defense fails in blowout loss

**Tyler Gavin**  
TEC STAFF

Two days prior to gameday, the University of Central Florida's wide receiver Drederick Snelson said his Knights would "hang 70" points on East Carolina University when they faced-off on national television Saturday night in Orlando.

While Snelson's prediction fell short, No. 22 UCF (5-0, 3-0 AAC) still steamrolled the Pirates, 63-21, to continue their perfect season and had the chance to reach the 70-point margin, had they not fumbled on the Pirates' one yard line.

On the other hand, it has been a far from perfect season for ECU (1-6, 1-3 AAC). The defense has been overwhelmed in almost every game this season, while the offense continues to play hide-and-seek each week. UCF continued the dreadful streak the Pirates' defense has created this season, eclipsing the 500-yard-mark, just like every team ECU has faced this year, and became the fourth team to surpass the 600-yard mark. Comparing that to ECU's 347 yards, it's clear how lopsided Saturday's contest was.

"This was a great football team, and it would've been pretty sweet for us to come down here and get a victory," ECU head coach Scottie Montgomery, who is now 4-15 in his two years at ECU, said. "Unfortunately, we couldn't do it for a number of reasons. Not defense, not offense, not special teams, but collectively, not playing and not coaching. Everybody, we just didn't get it done."

During the second quarter, UCF's defensive back Tre Neal intercepted one of Thomas Sirk's passes, dashing 50 yards untouched into the end zone to increase the Knight's score to 34-7; his score matched the total points ECU had in the game thus far.



Wide receiver Davon Grayson catches a pass from Thomas Sirk against South Florida. He led the team with 96 yards and a touchdown against Central Florida.

Later, another Knights' defensive back, Mike Hughes, made his presence felt as their punt returner. Hughes returned Austin Barnes' second punt of the game back for a 66-yard touchdown, but it was called back due to one of the game's 20 penalties. However, later in the third quarter, Hughes got his shot at redemption and ran an identical 66 yards to the end zone.



**Gardner Minshew**

Saturday also restarted the quarterback competition between Sirk and Gardner Minshew. Late in the third quarter, Sirk had completed just 9-for-21 passes for 91 yards, adding two touchdowns and an interception before getting

benched. In Minshew's limited time, he completed 6-for-12 passes for 69 yards and a late touchdown. Two games ago, ECU's offense took a major step back after weeks of progress behind Sirk and his play against UCF wasn't enough for him to keep his job through the game.

"At that point of the game, we wanted to get Minshew in, get him some reps," Montgomery said. "I didn't like the way we were protecting the quarterback. I planned on getting the ball out (of Minshew's hand) as quickly as we could. He did some good things while he was in there, no question, but our biggest concern is making sure we have a healthy football team moving forward."

There was one bright spot for the Pirates in a game that bared little to desire. Wide receiver Davon Grayson managed to haul in six



**Davon Grayson**

passes for 96 yards and a touchdown. While the quarterbacks struggled, Grayson proved to be a reliable option for an ECU offense in desperate need of more production. The rest of the highly-touted wide receiver corp for the Pirates was kept quiet, but the lack of passing led to a valuable day in rushing attack. Although running backs Darius Pinnix and Hussain Howe were held out of the endzone, they combined for 163 yards on 25 carries, averaging 6.5 yards per carry. Despite the play from the two young running backs, Montgomery praised his wide receiver after the game.

"Davon Grayson is probably the biggest competitor we've got on

the team right now," Montgomery said. "Hands down, at the skill position, out there, we need some people to join his competitive nature. It's not about him, it's about the team. He's a guy who continues to inspire a lot of our young players. Our young players see him, and he's helping the program every second."

Coming up is the most winnable game remaining on the schedule: a home game against Brigham Young University (1-6). The Cougars haven't looked competitive since their first game, a win against Portland State, losing the next six games by a combined 125 points. While a win won't turn around the Pirates season, it would be the first win at Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium this season.

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### >> CROSS COUNTRY

## Pairs of brothers shine at Lake Kristi

**Austin Walker**  
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

The East Carolina University men's and women's cross country teams ran their way to victory in both individual title events at the Pirate Invitational over the weekend at Lake Kristi.

Both teams also finished second overall, with the men's team losing to in-state rival Duke University and the women's team falling to the College of Charleston.



**Bakri Abushouk**

Brothers Bakri (24:00) and Dean (24:34) Abushouk finished first and third respectively and

Dean said the brothers were excited with such a good outing.

"It's a confidence booster," Dean said. "We know we're in good shape, and we know we can hang with anyone in the conference."

The Ciaccia brothers also performed well for the Pirates with twins Nick and Andrew both running well. Nick (24:42) placed seventh overall and Andrew (25:50) finished 28th.

"As a team we were solid," Nick said. "I know we put everything out there to defend our home course, and I can't be more proud."

On the women's side, junior Grace Sullivan dominated the field finishing in first place in the 6K race with a time of 20:37, which was also the exact same time she ran at Lehigh for the

Paul Short Run. The next few to finish for the Pirates included sophomores Mikayla Stoudt and Nuria Tillo-Prats with times of 22:13 and 22:25 respectively. Sullivan was proud of how the women's side competed.

"I was very happy with the team's overall performance," Sullivan said. "This race has excited us for our upcoming conference meet at Temple."

Head coach Josey Weaver was elated after the match, running to each player as they finished to celebrate with them. Weaver was proud of the way the Pirates' ran and credited their success to preparation and practice.

"I've always said if you don't put the work in during the

summer, then it's too late when the season starts," Weaver said.

Lake Kristi has served as the Pirates home course for many years, and has hosted four NCAA regionals and two Conference USA Championship meets. The good showing at the Pirate Invitational should give ECU some momentum heading into the Conference Championship, as Weaver and the team look to replicate their success when they travel to Philadelphia on Oct. 28.

Robbie Milton III contributed to this report

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### SWIMMING

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head coach Matthew Jabs said. "It was a lot of fun, I thought our team did really really well, I expected them to take a big step forward and that is exactly what we did, we took a big step forward what I saw at the meet is what I expect out of the roster."

Other swimmers beside Lajoie stepped it up in other events to help clinch the victory for the Pirates. Freshman Jacek Arentewicz, sophomore Gustavo Santos and juniors Gavin Erdmann and Tristan Taylor teamed up and took first in the 200-yard medley relay with a time of 1:32.19.

Senior John Myhre won the 200-yard freestyle with a time of 1:42.85. Arentewicz had a strong output in the 100-yard breaststroke event as he finished in first place with a time of 56.18, outperforming sophomore swimmer Josh Parmenter by 1.17 seconds. Santos also swam well in the 100-yard butterfly race and placed first with a time of 49.46 seconds.

"I have been trying to get a 49 time since I got here in every meet," Santos said. "I was motivated because we raced prior to the meet and I did very well and I felt that I could do a 49 today."

Sophomore Catherine Johnson added to ECU's strong performance by placing first in the 50-yard and 100-yard freestyle races.

ECU performed very well all around, showing its overall dominance in this meet across the board.

"By far, hands down, this was the best meet by far," Jabs said. "We had some pretty special swims out of the pool, could not be happier with the team, the energy they brought, the way they cheered for another, and the support they gave one another was awesome."

Former head coach Rick Kobe and alumni were in attendance at the meet, which brought another level of support to Jabs and the team, considering that Kobe was with the team for the past 37 years before this season.

"It was awesome to see him," Jabs said. "Kobe and I are pretty close. To have worked for him for over 15 years and swim for him before that, and see him there and have everyone else see him there was special. Usually he would be on the deck, so I was happy that he got the chance to visit with some people and hopefully we made him proud today and got a couple of victories today."

Next weekend, the men's swim team (2-1) and the women's team (3-1) will be traveling to Old Dominion University for another dual rivalry meet where they will look to continue their level of intensity and dominance.

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### >> SOCCER

## Pirates cash in on first AAC win

**Robert Romero**  
TEC STAFF

East Carolina University took advantage of the University of Tulsa's shaky defense by getting more shots off Sunday afternoon in the final home game of the season, after failing to secure its first conference win against Memphis Thursday night.

The Pirates finally captured their first American Athletic Conference win against Tulsa, shutting them out in 1-0 fashion. ECU now holds a record of 6-7-2, 1-5 AAC, and needs to now go on a winning streak if it wants to make a run for the end of the season and during the conference tournament.

"Our game plan every game is to outshoot the other team and I thought our possession in the beginning was good because we weren't panicking, I thought our first half was very good though," Donnenwirth said.

ECU's offense was in attack mode early on as the Pirates outshot the Golden Hurricane 6-0 in the first 26 minutes of play. On the Pirate's seventh shot attempt, forward Courtney Cash scored in the top right corner of the goal off an assist from midfielder Jenna Geist to put the Pirates up 1-0 in the 29th minute.



**Courtney Cash**

"At first I was thinking coming across box early because I was connecting to the other Cash (Cashlin Copley)," Cash said. "But I saw that the back post was open and I'm just really excited that I was able to kick the

ball into the goal."

Play got a little chippy in the final 15 minutes when Tulsa amped up the pressure, but the Pirates were able to withstand the pressure when Hurricane defender Annabeth Fouts received a red card (83rd). ECU was able to complete their first AAC victory.

Sunday's game was a much needed win considering the team suffered another defeat at home during Thursday's on senior night against University of Memphis.

Memphis took a 1-0 lead when forward Marie Levasseur scored an unassisted goal in the 21st minute. Later in the second half, forward Mikayla Morton scored off midfielder Osa Iyare's assist to put the Tigers up 2-0 which would ultimately be the final score of the game.

Although the Pirates would go on to lose the game, there was

nothing but pure emotions for the seven seniors who won't be able to wear a Pirate uniform next season.

"They're just a special group and I said to them before the game that they are great soccer players," Donnenwirth said. "They have a 3.51 GPA combined, they put in more service hours of work than any class and on top of that they're just awesome people. For me, they are just a special group of kids and they are going to do great things when they leave here."

The Pirates will have an enormous challenge ahead when they play their final three games on the road in the hopes of clinching a tournament berth. ECU's challenge begins Thursday night at 7 p.m. when the Pirates travel to Dallas, Texas to take on Southern Methodist University.

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**Sagittarius** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) -- Today is an 8 -- Prioritize completion, with Mercury in Scorpio. Finish up old business. Meditate to quiet your mind. Consider the past and future. Commune with your inner muse.

**Taurus** (April 20-May 20) -- Today is an 8 -- Balance serving others with serving yourself today and tomorrow. There's plenty of work; rely on a strong partner. Compromise comes easily, with Mercury in Scorpio.

**Virgo** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Today is a 9 -- Tap another source of revenue over the next two days. You're especially clever with words over the next three weeks, with Mercury in Scorpio.

**Capricorn** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Today is an 8 -- For about three weeks, with Mercury in Scorpio, team conversations are especially productive. Respond promptly to all group members. Communication oils the machinery.

**Gemini** (May 21-June 20) -- Today is a 7 -- Today and tomorrow have high fun potential. Communication supports health and service, with Mercury in Scorpio. Find ways to work smarter. Streamline your routines. Get creative.

**Libra** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) -- Today is a 9 -- Use your power and confidence today and tomorrow to discover new income sources. Communication and networking provide lucrative opportunities, with Mercury in Scorpio.

**Aquarius** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) -- Today is an 8 -- Discuss professional decisions over three weeks, with Mercury in Scorpio. Plan your next career move. Explore possibilities in conversation. Talk about your dream position.

**Cancer** (June 21-July 22) -- Today is an 8 -- Home and family come first today and tomorrow. Pursue fun and romance, with Mercury in Scorpio. It's easier to express your feelings and creativity.

**Scorpio** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) -- Today is a 6 -- It's easier to make personal decisions, with Mercury in your sign for about three weeks. Consider your circumstances from different angles. Rest and review.

**Pisces** (Feb. 19-March 20) -- Today is an 8 -- Consult with experts, and plan your next adventure. Travel, higher education and research thrive, with Mercury in Scorpio. Discuss logistics and make reservations.

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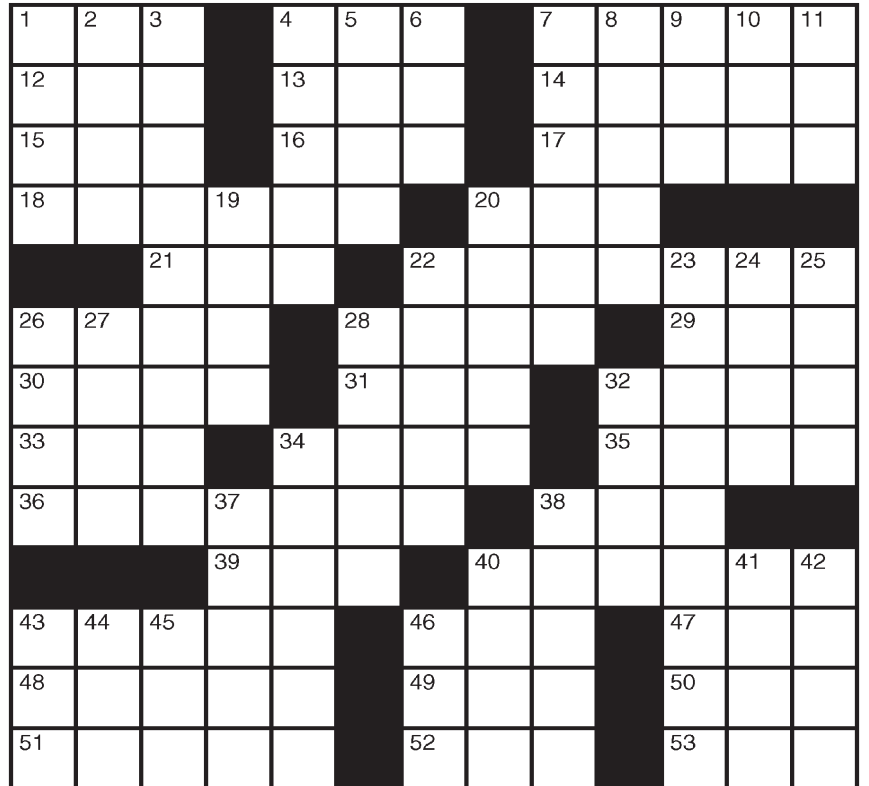
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## Confection Connection bakery serves affordable sweets, meals

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

Dessert, sometimes the most satisfying course of a meal, does not go unnoticed at local bakery, Confection Connection. With the smell of rich chocolate and freshly powdered lemon bars wafting from the kitchen, customers feed their guilty pleasures with homemade cupcakes, cakes and cookies for an even sweeter price.

Drawing in Greenville residents with a hankering for a slice of butter pecan cake, Confection Connection resides in a row of shops at 637 Red Banks Road. Sporting a giant cupcake sign out front, those that pass by would be surprised to know the bakery also serves a variety of comfort foods to match its already delectable baked goods.

"I started baking when I got married," owner and head baker Clarissa Woolard said. "Never had I imagined what it would turn into. I always thought it was fun, and you know what's funny is my mom said to me one day she said, 'don't give away these recipes, I think one day you'll do something with these cookies.'"

What started out as a small cookie business from their home



Confection Connection cupcakes sold at 637 Red Banks Road. A variety of meals are served in addition to desserts.



Clarissa Woolard

own business, Tim challenged Woolard to sell 100 dozen cookies by Christmas and with 97 dozen sold, the couple agreed it was time to open a storefront. Open 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Mondays, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

kitchen in 2009, Woolard and her husband Tim took a leap of faith and opened their very own shop just three years later. Before they decided to start their

Tuesday through Saturday and closed on Sundays, the bakery has a blend of goods for all meals of the day including breakfast, lunch, dinner and of course— dessert.

Customers up bright and early can find fresh cinnamon buns for \$3.79, french toast for \$4.99 or a variety of flavored muffins for \$3.75. Those eager to spice up their lunch and dinner can find Confection Connection's famous chicken salad sandwiches for \$8.49, a turkey club for \$6.99 and cups of hot homemade soup priced between \$3.29 and \$4.99 depending on the size.

"The chicken salad is hands

down the best in Pitt County," customer Deborah Albritton said. "And their chicken and pastry? Oh, it's delicious. With winter coming up, I highly recommend stopping by and grabbing that or a sandwich and a cup of soup."

The mom and pop shop even has daily specials including spaghetti Tuesdays, meatloaf Wednesdays and chicken and pastry Thursdays for an added twist to the menu.

Starting off the neverending dessert menu are cupcakes for \$3.25, with more than 10 flavors to choose from including cookies and cream, red velvet, chocolate fudge and vanilla.

Cookies coming in flavors such as peanut butter and oatmeal chocolate chunk cost \$3.00 for two and cake is served by the slice at \$8.99. In addition, the bakery also serves other goodies such as turtle brownies for \$4.89, cannolis and eclairs for \$2.99 and key lime pie priced at \$3.99 a slice.

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"We have people that visit us from Raleigh and Durham," night manager Yetta Bradley said. "I always hear from them that we have the best cakes around which is why they travel; the butter pecan cake is my favorite but I'll eat just about anything here."

Sprawled across the bakery wall are large black letters that read, "Life is short, eat dessert first."

"If it wasn't a great place to work, I wouldn't still be here," Bradley said. "We're all treated like family. Clarissa works so hard everyday to make customers happy and we share the same mentality—if it's not good enough for me then it's not good enough for our customers. People always ask us what makes our cupcakes so good and I always tell them, it's a little something called I-o-v-e."

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### SAVAGE continued from A1

brought popular hits such as "Bank Account." The song

has received more than 11 million views on Youtube in less than four months.

Savage has worked with some of the top names in the rap and hip-hop game

such as Future, Drake, Nicki Minaj, DJ Khaled and Post Malone. His most recent feature was with Post Malone on Malone's latest hit "Rock Star." The

single has been the on-and-off No. 1 song on iTunes in the U.S. and the U.K. since its release last month.

For students, SAB Entertainment Chair Latwan

Marsh offers advice ahead of the excitement surrounding the concert.

"Don't forget your one card," Marsh said. "We will be swiping people in so only

ECU students are attending. The line's going to be really long so get there early."

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