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From left: Luke Handcock and Clint Todd enjoy beers with their meal at Pitt Street Brewing

'A Nightmare on Pitt' Brewery to kick off Halloween

Nicolette Giambalvo
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

With pumpkin beer and a live performance, Pitt Street Brewing Company will kick off Halloween weekend by hosting its first ever "A Nightmare on Pitt Street" event tomorrow at 6 p.m.

Located at 630 S Pitt St., "A Nightmare on Pitt Street" will come with a full agenda, aiming to put participants in the Halloween spirit. A new pumpkin stout draft beer will release at 7:30 p.m., followed by a performance by the band Dubtown Cosmonauts at 8 p.m. and a costume contest starting at 10 p.m. There will be no cost to get into the brewery and no charge to enter the contest.

Brianna Long, general manager of Pitt Street Brewing Company, said they have been looking forward to the big reveal of the pumpkin stout for a while.

"It's a dry Irish stout with flavors of pumpkin, honey, dark chocolate and espresso," Long said. "It even has won a gold medal from the North Carolina Brewing Company."

Dubtown Cosmonauts, a band that originated out of Wilmington, will show off its Electro-Funk music at the event. Joe Starr, the

main writer and composer for the band, said he is excited to see Greenville gear towards live music rather than the usual DJ scene.

"There's something about hearing and seeing the instruments live and the spontaneity and interactivity of watching the band work together that sets live music apart from DJ's," Starr said. "Seeing the drummer crack the snare and feeling it smack you in the chest, it's priceless."

Erin Dennis, a Greenville native, said she will be competing in the costume contest with her friend as a devil and angel duo.

"I'm planning on just enjoying the good beer and company," Dennis said. "It will be fun to dress up with some friends and see all the other costumes, even if we don't win."

Contestants participating in the costume contest will compete for four different categories: scariest, most original, cutest and best couple. The winners will be decided by the Pitt Street Brewing Company staff and will be rewarded with a prize of either store merchandise or a gift card, according to Long.

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AFROTC receives top rank

Mary Katherine Karcher
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East Carolina University's Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps (AFROTC) Detachment 600 was recently recognized as the nation's top ranked medium sized attachment.

After winning the High Fly Award as the No. 1 in the Southeast region for medium sized detachments this fall, Detachment 600 was ranked No. 1 out of 49 groups, winning the Right of Line award at the annual award program, said Lt. Col. April Wimmer.



April Wimmer

The award, which distinguishes the best AFROTC detachments across America, is given to groups based on cadet enrollment numbers, according to Wimmer. With approximately 70 to 80 cadets, ECU's AFROTC is considered a medium-sized detachment. Detachment's are also graded on production, education, recruiting and retention, university and public relations and cadet activities, which are all included in an awards package that is sent into the competition.

Koby Butts, a sophomore with ECU AFROTC, said this year's success only drives the detachment to work harder in the coming year.

"It is exciting to know we did that well last year and it just challenges (us) to keep that up and help this year's freshmen be at the level that we were ranked for last year," Butts said.

Wimmer, who joined ECU's AFROTC as the commander of Detachment 600 in June 2017, said the attention is well deserved.

"It's incredible. It's the reflection of the hard work of all of the cadre, of all the cadets," Wimmer said. "They're the heart and soul of this organization."

While the detachment was recognized for its performance as a team, Butts said the biggest impact he has felt has been because of the sense of comradery he has with Detachment 600. "So last year, I wasn't really a social

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ECU set for AAC meet in PA



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Bakri Abushouk wins at the Pirate Invitational.

Dylan Woolard
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

East Carolina University's men's cross country team was awarded a top-15 regional ranking after its successful hosting of the Pirate Invitational in Greenville, North Carolina last weekend.

Departing from the Pirate Invitational with the regional ranking, a first place finisher and an overall second place finish for the men's team, the Pirates look to roll into the American Athletic Conference Championship hot on Saturday.

ECU is looking to turn its season success into a tournament title and added confidence moving forward, according to sophomore Dean Abushouk.

"That race showed how good of shape we are (in) and that we can run with any team in the conference at the conference championship," said Dean.

Senior Bakri Abushouk managed to finish atop the podium for the Pirates and overall in the race with a time of 24:00. Dean, Bakri's younger brother, took home third place overall with a time of 24:34 and said the race was absolutely a confidence booster. According to Bakri, the two have managed to evade any kind of sibling rivalry when running together.

"This sport has been embedded in us for years from early high school. Dean and I are the closest siblings you'll find," Bakri said. "We have no rivalry or egos between each other. I want the absolute best for him. In fact I would be all the more comfortable if he finished right alongside me in races."

The women's team also saw its fair share of success as senior Grace Sullivan finished in first place overall as she raced ahead for a finishing time of 20:37. Sullivan earned the AAC's Female Athlete of the Week with her performance at the Pirate Invitational.

"It was a great honor to receive athlete of the week but our conference is so competitive that you never know what is going to happen," Sullivan said.

The Pirates are hoping for all their recent success to vault them to a possible AAC championship as well. ECU will be running alongside conference foes such as Temple University, University of South Florida, University of Connecticut and the University of Houston.

The Pirates men's team, however, isn't the only AAC Championship participant that holds a current regional ranking. There are seven other

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BRIEFS

ECU series to speak on drug, alcohol use

The East Carolina University Center for Counseling and Student Development and the ECU Collegiate Recovering Community will hold a talk tonight at 6:30 about the long-term effects of drug and alcohol abuse.

The event will be in Mendenhall Student Center room 221. Topics of conversations will include healthier ways of coping with drug and alcohol abuse in and around ECU, the short-term and long-term effects of these addictions and the effects these addictions can have on either the student or their friends and family.

The event will count as a wellness passport event for students.

‘Rocky Horror Picture Show’ to return to Hendricks

The “Rocky Horror Picture Show” event will take place Friday at 9 p.m. at Mendenhall Student Center in Hendrix Theatre.

The show will be a free event and students will be able to participate in interactive experiences while watching the film. There will be a time-war dance on stage and a costume contest at the end. Prop bags will be provided for the first 300 people to arrive.

This will be the 16th “Rocky Horror Picture Show” at East Carolina University.

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Students gather in Bate 1003 for East Carolina University's College Democrats “Me Too: A Discourse on Sexual Assault in the United States” event.

‘Me Too’ event discusses sexual assault

Taylor Nishimoto
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

East Carolina University students were urged to speak out about sexual assault last night during a discussion held by ECU College Democrats’ Woman’s Committee in Bate 1003.

Kristoffer Rixen, the communication director for ECU College Democrat, said the organization felt the topic was relevant after the Harvey Weinstein accusations in the media, especially with how common sexual assault is in college.

“We chose to host this event because of the Harvey Weinstein incident,” Rixon said. “He was a big Democratic donor, so we thought it was appropriate for our party and for our organization to address it specifically, as well as sexual assault being a real problem on college campuses, especially ECU.”

Rixon said he believes people should focus less on advocating to victims on ways to prevent being sexually assaulted, and instead spend more time making sure predators stop with the act itself.

“I think we need to start shifting the conversation from what seems to be victim blaming,” Rixon said. “We need to stop telling

women what they should and shouldn’t wear, and we need to start telling men, whom are the primary predators, that they need to cut this out.”

ECU sociology professor Kathy Jones agreed with Rixon about the need to change the way people view sexual assault.

“If we allow ourselves to only talk about the victims, nothing changes,” Jones said.

Jones also added the problem on college campuses is directly correlated with the Trump Administration and because of this, the issue is more likely to go unnoticed nowadays.

“College campuses are reluctant to look at and prosecute these cases and when the last president was in office, he made it easier for woman to come forward,” Jones said. “But now, the Trump administration has changed those laws, you will find universities don’t want to do anything. Women are not going to come forward because they are not going to be able to do that.”

Chair of the Women’s Committee Mary Katherine Holmes informed those who attended on some statistics to help show those affected by sexual assault are not alone.

“Every 98 seconds, an American experiences sexual assault. Only 6 out of 1,000 predators

will end up in prison,” Holmes said. “In 2003, 321,500 Americans 12 and older were sexually assaulted or raped.”

Holmes, who is also the vice president of ECU College Democrats, additionally provided the crowd with knowledge on first degree sexual assault, second degree sexual assault and sexual offenses, adding these laws should not be the only way people are working to stop sexual assault.

“Although we have these federal laws still in places to protect college students, it’s obvious that’s not enough right now,” Holmes said.

Rixon said he believes there are a lot of different initiatives ECU Democrats could try, in order to make a difference when it comes to stopping sexual assault.

“What we can do as ECU Democrats is submit resolutions through precincts to the Pitt County Democratic Party, ask that resolutions (if passed) be submitted to the state by party, for possible inclusion in state bylaws, and ideally we would like to see the Democratic National Committee put into their bylaws (something) that explicitly address sexual assault in the Democratic Party,” Rixon said.

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person but as the year progressed, I definitely opened up and it (ROTC) definitely challenges you to be a more open person and the only words I can really say is that it builds you up everywhere,” Butts said.

Kevin Ramirez, a freshman with ECU AFROTC, echoed Butts’ sentiments and said the detachment encouraged teamwork and produced strong ties across the department.

“Not knowing anyone in college and then coming here having a group that you’re always with and making those friends, it feels good because you’ll run into ROTC cadets everywhere. It’s nice,” Ramirez said.

In addition to the course load of an average college student, AFROTC cadets do mandatory physical training twice a week, take a mandatory academic class and a leadership lab, Wimmer said. Cadets also regularly give back to the community with service projects such as blood drives or other volunteer efforts.

“They’re extreme volunteers and they’re always out there looking for ways to help. The cadets are really putting themselves out there to be about service,” Wimmer said.

Ramirez said he felt the pressure and the motivation of being a new member of this award-winning and innovative department.

“Coming in as a freshman, knowing this det (detachment) is the best det (detachment), it’s like, ‘oh yeah, we’re part of something really good here,’” Ramirez said. “It feels awesome, I have a lot to live up to.”

Wimmer said another aspect of ECU’s AFROTC which sets it apart is its recruiting and retaining efforts.

“The recruiting efforts are amazing,” Wimmer said. “This is the first year that all of the freshman returned and committed to the program and decided to stay with it.”

ECU’s AFROTC also has access to top-grade technology in the Combat Pilot Pro 4 which is located in the departments headquarters in Wright Annex. Wimmer said this gives cadets hands-on flight experience they can use in the future as pilots.

Wimmer said when she came to ECU, she was pleasantly surprised by the cadre performance and urged them to submit their achievements so that they could be recognized.

“It wasn’t really a preparation, it was just writing an awards package that captured what we had done all year,” Wimmer said. “I was brand new to the programs and I was like wow look at all the things you guys have done and I see a very impressive record. I think it’s very outstanding work that you should be recognized for.”

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OUR VIEW

ECU Halloween should be celebrated responsibly, safely

With Halloween and Halloween approaching in a matter of days, the community of East Carolina University and neighboring regions are preparing for the upcoming festivities that the holiday brings.

Previous Halloweens in Greenville have had a bleak history. For example, during last year's Halloween, a Greenville Fire/Rescue paramedic said the department received 176 calls that Saturday due to excessive alcohol use compared to its average of 80 to 90 calls on a regular evening and on Oct. 31, 2014 more than 3,000 students partook in an infamous riot at Riverwalk Townhomes.

We, the editorial staff of The East Carolinian, hope the students of ECU will make their safety a top priority during Halloween and Halloween. While partying the night away is fun for the time being, the repercussions for irresponsible actions is a surefire way to leave a lasting impact. The added security across town might seem like an inconvenience, but given our city's past, it is better to be safe than sorry.

While it is evident the risk of danger heightens as students from other schools make their way into Greenville, the ECU community ultimately is left to deal with the aftermath of others' actions. Regardless of how much rebranding and renovation ECU may implement, it is ultimately in the hands of students to control the narrative of the school's reputation.

This Halloween, students can make the choice of reinforcing the "wild party school" narrative or make a change with the future of the university's reputation in mind

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Hollywood proves hypocritical



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Much to the chagrin of the Tomi Laurens and Piers Morgans and Donald Trumps, Hollywood has become a pit of incredibly liberal vipers. You can't sit through a single awards show without hearing declarations of inclusivity and acceptance of all people, no matter their race or religion. The gall. But within this beautiful dreamworld of the stars, there is an inherent and noxious hypocrisy—namely, to the perpetrators of sexual assault.

Look at the 2017 Oscars. The same night that "Moonlight" shocked the world by winning, the night that Jimmy Kimmel poked endless fun at our Commander-in-Chief, we honored and even awarded men such as Mel Gibson, who has been recorded throwing out anti-Semitic and racial slurs and pled no contest to a domestic battery charge from his girlfriend. We awarded men such as Casey Affleck, who has been embroiled in two sexual assault cases since 2010. In 2009, some 100 of celebrities

brightest stars— Natalie Portman, Tilda Swinton, Wes Anderson, Xavier Dolan, David Lynch, Wong Kar Wai, Harrison Ford and Martin Scorsese, to name a few— signed a petition, asking for the release of Roman Polanski, convicted child rapist and Oscar winner. And look at today— Kate Winslet is defending Woody Allen, a man accused of sexually assaulting one of his step-daughters and who with another began an affair and eventually had children with. And Hollywood itself seems torn apart at the seams over whether Harvey Weinstein is a good person or not.

Whenever people point out the horrendous nature of these men's crimes, the response is typically the same: "Their work is separate from themselves." Maybe. But supporting their work supports the artist. And no work is beautiful enough to justify the brutalization of a child. I don't care if Polanski makes the next "Citizen Kane," it's not worth it.

Winslet's defense of Allen was much the same, but expanded on an interesting concept. As an actor, she felt the need to step back from "gossip." Kristen Stewart, also defending Allen, talked about all the

bad publicity celebrities get and how they just needed to ignore it.

Imagine a world where raping a 13-year-old was simply bad publicity? It's not hard. It's the world we live in. The surprise is that these vipers are within our entertainment industry. An industry that champions the stories of the voiceless, the pain of the forgotten. An industry that told stories of LGBT people before it was politically convenient. An industry that has been trying hard to fight against sexism, in both its storytelling and financial dealings. An industry that has shown unflinching portrayals of racism and anti-Semitism. And yet...

If talkshow hosts and glamorous celebrities want to continue to poke fun at right-wing individuals, then we have to hold ourselves to a higher standard. We have to have the same strength in our actions as we do in our convictions. If we disparage Trump for treating women as sexual fodder, we have to be swift and harsh with our condemnation of men such as Polanski and Allen and

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'#FireCompher' won't fix issues



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Guys and girls, I get it. I've watched all eight of East Carolina University's football games and to say it's hasn't been great would be an understatement. But, the planes circling Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium with banners, either supporting or opposing the hierarchy of the football team, are taking the focus off the actual problem.

It's not Jeff Compher's fault that ECU's football team is struggling. Yes, he fired Ruffin McNeill too early and derailed the winning culture he was starting to build after one 5-7 season. Well, 5-7 sounds a lot better than last year's 3-9 and wherever this season is headed. Nonetheless, Compher hired a young and talented coach in Scottie Montgomery, who hasn't received a fair shake because of the bitterness left in ECU fan's from McNeill's departure.

Last year, Montgomery was tossed into a culture he has never been a part of and didn't help create. Before coming to ECU he was an NFL player, then a vital part in Duke's rise in becoming an Atlantic Coast Conference contender, but now he finds himself in a program so close to success and hungry to win the big bowl game. But after failing to reach bowl eligibility last year, ECU fans immediately pointed the finger at the first-time head coach without ever letting him settle in.

Last year, the Pirates got off to a hot start, beating NC State to begin 2-0 on the season. Then they hit a wall and lost nine of the next 10 games and Montgomery's seat already started getting warm. This year, ECU has played one of the hardest schedules in the country and hasn't looked good doing so, but instead of focusing on that, the fans are revolting against the coach, athletic director

and even Chancellor Cecil Staton.

I call it a revolt because that's exactly how I see it. No, the fans aren't lined up at the gates of Dowdy with swords and shields calling for war like we're in ancient Greece. No, it's 2017 and people are flying planes around the field, making shirts and paying to create Snapchat filters branding "Fire Compher." It got so bad that this week, former Pirate Club President Carl Rogers paid to have a second plane fly around the stadium with a positive message, saying "We Believe, Go Pirates, Argh." How are these planes helping Thomas Sirk and the football team win games? What are they doing other than cause distractions?

I know you guys want me to say Compher has made mistake after mistake and is running ECU Athletics into the ground. Yes, he's made some mistakes. He also hired a top-tier baseball mind in Cliff Godwin and the baseball team has flourished, winning the American Athletic Conference in 2015 and making it to a Super Regional appearance in 2016. To round out the men's sports, Compher has inked an extension for men's basketball Coach Jeff Lebo that lasts through 2020-21. Lebo has directed the Pirates to 114 wins during his first seven years, making him the winningest coach during the program's Division I history, which dates back to 1965. However, the Pirates haven't been above .500 since the 2012-13 season, have struggled to bring in recruits and now Lebo has started dealing with hip complications, causing him to miss the final 14 games of the year.

It's clear that Compher isn't going anywhere, according to Staton in a statement released last June that discussed his new five-year deal. No matter the amount of shirts, planes or any other forms of protest that show up around ECU— not until his contract runs out in April of 2023 will the ECU community possibly see a new face atop the athletics board.

Staton, who's also pretty fresh on the scene in Greenville, is happy with the

progress being made in areas outside of Bagwell Field. Things such as the founding of a Division I women's lacrosse team, creating the Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium Southside Renovation project and successful raising of more than 32 million dollars with the Pirate Club, outweigh the football team's 5-15 record over the last two seasons.

So please, lets take the focus off of "Fire Compher" and "Fire Montgomery" and give this program a chance to breathe. The AAC is emerging as a top conference in college football, not "Power 6" worthy like they're trying to brand, and currently ECU is far from the top in it. Instead, it's at the base of a long uphill battle to reach teams like South Florida and Central Florida, who are currently nationally ranked, which speaks to the talent ECU has had to face. It's not Montgomery's fault— yet— that he doesn't have the talent needed to compete with these powerhouses, but, given a fair chance, he can bring this program back to bowl eligibility through strong recruiting. Probably not this year, but hey, Bill Belichick started 13-19 in his first two seasons as a head coach and we've seen where that has gone.

The football program isn't expanding right now, but the school around it is. ECU is building something in Greenville with all the new renovation projects, as well as the new school sports and club teams.

The fans need to be hopeful and help Staton, Compher, Montgomery and the rest of ECU's coaches build a winning program with cheering and support instead of boos and protests. The passion around the Pirates is unprecedented and can attract the recruits needed to bring all the success that we're all so hungry for. But if the vocal minority continues to divide the fanbase, no one will get the chance to see it.

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Soccer to make final trip

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With East Carolina University’s soccer team being eliminated from the American Athletic Conference tournament, the Pirates will look to showcase their talent one last time this season on the road against the University of Cincinnati tomorrow at 7 p.m. in the team’s season finale.

“We have to play for pride right now in our final game,” head coach Rob Donnenwirth said. “We want the seniors to end their careers on a good note and it will be against a tough Cincinnati team that we’ll be playing.”

ECU (6-9-2, 1-7 AAC) will enter tomorrow’s game already finishing with a better overall record last year and it will have to win tomorrow to eclipse last season’s conference record and improve to 2-7.

Cincinnati (11-3-3, 4-2-2 AAC) enters tomorrow’s game already having clinched a tournament spot as it currently sit in the No. 3 seed.

“It will be good to end it on somewhat of a good note because it’s been pretty rough lately,” senior midfielder Rachel Renfrow said. “At the end of the day, it’s all about pride and dignity so we kind of have to prove to ourselves that we were good enough to hang with top teams. It would be a good feeling to go out in a good way.”

Along with Renfrow, senior forward Annah Lindberg and senior defender Jenna Geist will suit up for their final game of their collegiate career tomorrow night. According to Geist

and Renfrow, they will miss being out on the field with their teammates, but are both looking forward the next chapter in their lives. But Lindberg said it’ll take a while before the reality sets in that her days of playing collegiate soccer are over.



Rachel Renfrow

“I knew this day was going to come and it keeps getting closer and closer every day,” Lindberg said. “I know it’s going to hit me and I’m going to be like, ‘Oh my gosh, that was my last game.’”

Looking back on their careers, these three seniors each have a fond memory that will stick with them forever.

Lindberg recalls the game she had against the University of Connecticut last season as her best game. She remembers half volleying the ball over a leaping goalkeeper for a goal and according to her, that play is constantly on replay in her mind.

Renfrow recalls to the time earlier this season when the team tied with No. 5 University of Virginia as a moment that will stick with her when thinking about her ECU career. According to Renfrow, the character development from her and the rest of the players during the rough parts of the season was such a great learning experience and it will help take her next step in her life beyond soccer.



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Annah Lindberg races to meet the ball in the middle of the field.

Geist said she had to go through more adversity than any other senior player.

“I made some of the best friends and people here so that was a great experience for me,” Geist said. “I’m really proud and happy about my journey coming back from my two surgeries and being able to

play again because I thought I would never be able to.”

These three will lead the Pirates into an away game one final time tomorrow before passing the team over into the hands of next year’s seniors.

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Wide receiver Brown shines for teammates

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East Carolina University’s football program has made the case to claim the title of “Wide Receiver University.” Considering Justin Hardy set the record for the most receptions all-time in college football in 2015, then got one-upped by his teammate Zay Jones two seasons later, it’s hard to deny the talent coming from the Pirates at the position.

While both of those ECU greats have graduated to the NFL, the Pirates have no shortage of big-name and great receivers on this season’s roster.

Jimmy Williams came into this season with the expectations of taking over the record-breaker role for ECU’s offense, which has caused him a lot of focus by opposing defenses. Unfortunately for them, Trevon Brown is lined up opposite of Williams and is taking advantage of any coordinators that forget about him.

In the Pirates’ second game, West Virginia made the mistake of blitzing the Pirates and all it took was a quick pass from Gardner Minshew to Brown for him to stamp his name in ECU’s record book for the longest touchdown reception in the program’s history, a 25-yard pass Brown took 95-yards to the end zone.

“I’m blessed, I never thought I would do something like that,” Brown said. “It just kind of happened towards the end of the game. I went back in there and Gardner threw the ball then it was off to the races. It’s a great accomplishment but I think I can do more this season.”

The junior wide receiver has been brilliant despite the Pirates’ offensive shortcoming this season. Racking up 458 yards on 26 catches, Brown’s just one of two ECU wide receivers to eclipse the 400 yard-mark, the other, Davon Grayson, leads the team with 795.

Even though things have gone well for Brown personally this season, 2016 was much tougher for the Wilmington native. Just one day before the Pirates opened the season against Western Carolina, he was ruled ineligible to play by the NCAA due to academic matters and missed the entire season. Then, Brown battled a nagging neck injury through fall training camp, which made his return in 2017 questionable.

“It makes me very happy that I’ve gotten to this point and that I’m able to show off what I’ve been holding back,” Brown said.

According to Tony Peterson, the Pirates’ offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach, having a player as explosive as Brown back in the offense takes a lot of pressure off quarterbacks and play callers due to how physically talented he is. Standing at 6-foot-2 and weighing 211 pounds, he is able to overpower then out-jump most of his defenders.

For Peterson, it’s very clear that just giving Brown an opportunity to catch the ball presents big-play potential.

While Brown has shined this season, he is a vital part of a wide receiver core that contains many options. Even though Williams has been contained so far this season, he’s still managed 18 catches for 294 yards and, as a team captain, always has the potential to break out at any moment.

Beyond just playing the same position, these receivers have a connection that’s hard to find on other teams. Brown, Williams, Grayson and Quay Johnson have all been here since 2014 and have been through the ups and downs of this program together. No matter who the quarterback, coach, or offensive coordinator is, it’s one-another these guys rely on.

“We have a bond like no other. We all come together and talk about each other,” Brown said. “It’s unbelievable how close we are and how great we can be. We’re trying to get to that point that everybody can see it.”

This season has been another adjustment for this group with a new wide receivers coach coming in. Keith Gaither is the man lucky enough to inherit such an experienced and talented corp. Last season, Gaither was in the American Conference, but he was coaching at Temple University after spending two years leading ECU’s wide receiving corps. This year though, Gaither is armed with his most well-rounded bunch and expects Brown to start taking an even greater role in ECU’s passing game.

“I expect his role to improve and increase as we continue to go on. He’s only been back for three weeks so as we move into conference play I expect his catches to go up,” Gaither said. “He’s going to become one of our main playmakers and we are going to feature him.”

If Brown continues to improve, Thomas Sirk could finally find him down field for a score rather than Minshew, who has thrown all three of his touchdowns.

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Pirates to host in-state rival

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TEC STAFF

After a dual sweep for the East Carolina University swim and dive teams against rival Old Dominion University, ECU will face the University of North Carolina at Wilmington at home on Saturday for ‘Paint it Purple’.

The two teams faced off last year where ECU was victorious. In the South Carolina Collegiate Invitational, the women’s team prevailed 200-149 while the men’s team won in a separate invitational by a 132-79 margin.

As of right now both swim teams are on a winning streak. The men have won three meets in a row after an early season loss at Navy, taking home two victories in the ECU Tri-Meet, while the women have won four in a row after winning against three teams in the ECU Quad-Meet.

“We have to cheer everyone on for every single event, and knowing we will have a packed house, the meet will be more exciting,” senior Vendela Norrman said.

The team has remained focused on what it wants to accomplish at the end of the year and not on what has happened in the past weeks



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Vendela Norrman competes in a breaststroke event. ECU will host ‘Paint it Purple’ this weekend.

of competing.

“The swimmers know what they want to accomplish and in order to do that at the end of the year they have to progress each and every opportunity they have to race,” head coach Matthew Jabs said.

This weekend’s home meet will be the swim and dive program’s equivalent to ‘Paint it Purple’ as the team is asking fans to ‘Paint the Natatorium Purple’.

“Anytime you are at home is always good and fun. That energy will be there,” Jabs said. “Having an in-state school in here, that energy will add to it as well.”

ECU has its Georgia Tech

Invitational in Atlanta, Georgia after UNCW, followed by the AT&T Winter National Championships in Columbus, Ohio before winter break.

“We are getting ready for our mid-season invite in a few short weeks,” Jabs said. “We are just building towards that before winter break and second semester.”

Senior swimmers such as Alicia Roueche, who was named American Athletic Conference Diver-of-the-Week, Norrman, who was awarded AAC Swimmer-of-the-Week and Julie Lajoie have been dominating these past couple of meets as role swimmers as they helped get and keep the win streak going.

personally would not want it any other way,” Weaver said.

Ranked or not, Dean said the team isn’t letting the numbers go to their heads.

“It doesn’t change anything. Being ranked doesn’t mean anything if you don’t go out and perform,” Dean said.

The Pirates are doing just that as they look to rely

on what they already know, and have done, in order to carry them through this conference championship meet up in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Weaver even took to Twitter to compliment how well the men’s and women’s teams performed at practice throughout the week, stating: “Men & Women

killed it this morning”.

“I will say there is the excitement to race the conference meet,” Bakri said. “I am confident that my training will fall into place very soon. I do know that every race is different from another however.”

The race in Philadelphia should expect to see different weather from a race

held in Greenville, as the athletes traveling can expect cooler conditions. Tough conference competition and unfamiliar weather will push the pirates to their limits in the AAC conference championship.

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AAC continued from A1

men’s teams in the AAC that hold a regional ranking in their respective regions. Those seven teams include The U.S. Naval Academy, Tulsa University, Wichita State University, University of Connecticut, University

of Houston and Tulane University.

The team has a tough road ahead, but the Pirates and head coach Josey Weaver remain undaunted with heads held high in anticipation of the upcoming stiff competition.

“We will have to run extremely well against this great competition (and) I

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Taurus
(April 20-May 20) -- Today is a 7 -- Share encouragement, support and the load with your partner. Long-distance travel tempts; allow time for unexpected delays or deviations. Discover uncharted territory.

Gemini
(May 21-June 20) -- Today is a 9 -- Grow your health and energy by having more fun. Monitor expenses and income to keep on track, and profit from your talents.

Cancer
(June 21-July 22) -- Today is a 7 -- Expand to the next level with a romance, passion or enthusiasm. Make future plans with someone you love. Adapt to unscheduled guests.

Leo
(July 23-Aug. 22) -- Today is an 8 -- A long-desired domestic improvement is within reach. Maintain exercise routines despite unforeseen hurdles. Prepare foods that feed your energy, health and vitality.

Virgo
(Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Today is a 7 -- Get your message out. Your audience is growing. Serve them ideas, information and possibilities. Talk about love. Someone attractive is tuning in.

Libra
(Sept. 23-Oct. 22) -- Today is an 8 -- Get support to manage lucrative work. Provide excellent service and get well compensated. Bring the benefits home for family. Ask them to help.

Scorpio
(Oct. 23-Nov. 21) -- Today is a 9 -- Welcome to the spotlight. A personal project is garnering attention. Polish your image and presentation. Make sure your materials represent you well.

Sagittarius
(Nov. 22-Dec. 21) -- Today is an 8 -- You're developing a rich inner life. Spiritual and philosophical inquiries fascinate. Blend making a good living with contributing to others for greatest satisfaction.

Capricorn
(Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Today is an 8 -- Your popularity is on the rise. Expand your community participation for common good. Serving others benefits your self-image and confidence.

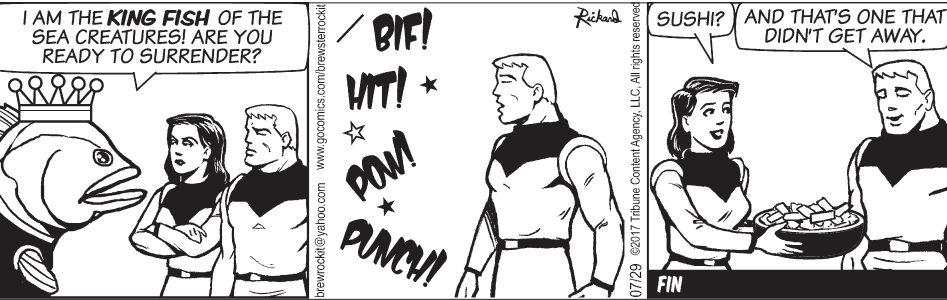
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(Jan. 20-Feb. 18) -- Today is an 8 -- Career opportunities abound. Your influence expands with your good work. Take time to rest and recharge. Consider options and possibilities. Make plans. them to help.

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13 "___ in a Million"
14 Charles of "Hill Street Blues"
15 "What's My ___?"
16 Sally Field movie
18 Penn and Astin
20 Getz or Kenton
21 Hosp. sections
23 Brosnan series, "Remington ___"
27 "All Creatures Great and Small" author James ___
31 "The Mary ___ Moore Show"
32 Football coach Parseghian
33 Gullible person
35 Take it on the ___
36 Purl of "Matlock"
39 Hanna's partner in cartoons
42 Tabitha's TV grandmother
44 Golfer's peg
45 PBS science series
47 "The ___ Clause"
51 Todd or Rod of "The Simpsons"

DOWN

1 Gibson and Allen
2 Garfield's pal
3 "Just Shoot Me!" character
4 Catherine of "Full Frontal"
5 Silver or Perlman
6 Sonny Shroyer series
7 Parks and Convy
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11 "___ to Billie Joe"
17 Dillon or Damon
19 ___ Lanka
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26 Columnist Bombeck
27 "Gilligan's Island" co-star
28 "___ Brockovich"
29 "The Fountainhead" author
30 Actor Hunter
34 Harrington Jr. or Sajak
37 Fargo and Karan
38 Bronx Bombers' slugger
40 Notes of scales
41 "Married...With Children" co-star
43 Cartoonist Tex
46 Gross of "Coupe de Ville"
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49 "To ___ the Truth"
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Bar to host Halloween bash



AJ McMurphy's, located at 1914 Turnbury Drive in Greenville, will host its Annual Halloween Bash Saturday from 9:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. The event will feature a costume contest and live performance.

Local band GEN-X to play AJ McMurphy's Saturday

Alexis Salilin
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

With Halloween just around the bend, AJ's Annual Halloween Bash will take place on Saturday at AJ McMurphy's for East Carolina University students and Greenville locals alike to enjoy live music, Saturday drink specials and a costume contest.

Shannon Stom, one of the current owners, said the event first started around nine years ago. She said it has always been a successful party with great attendance.

"It's very casual," Stom said. "We have it every year, and it has become a tradition for people to come dressed up. They know that we have the costume contest, and it's fabulous, fabulous costumes that show up."

Located at 1914 Turnbury Drive, the event will run from 9:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. and will

feature local band GEN-X, which will play the event until midnight, when the costume contest begins. Judging for the costumes will be based on audience reactions and the amount of applause participants receive.

"Anybody who wants to be in the contest, you pretty much tell, you know, if you're a contender or not, and then you get up there," Stom said.

Prizes will be given to the top three winners of the costume contest. First place will win a \$100 gift card to AJ McMurphy's, while the second and third place winners will receive \$50 and \$25 gift cards respectively, according to Stom. Stom added the food and drink specials will



Shannon Stom

remain the same as every Saturday at AJ McMurphy's.

"As of right now, all we're offering is our typical specials that fall every Saturday, which are domestic bottles for \$2.75, well drinks for \$4.25, and French Dip sandwiches for \$9," Stom said.

Stom said the event has a family atmosphere to make everyone feel comfortable.

"It's a very casual, laid back environment, nothing pretentious," Stom said. "You can come in a pair of blue jeans if you want, you can sit on the patio, you can bring your dog and hang out. It's a very, very casual and laidback neighborhood pub."

Members of the band GEN-X include David Clark, drummer and backup vocalist, Mark Klaigh, lead singer and rhythm guitarist, Jason Denius, lead guitarist and

Levin Alligood, bass guitarist and backup vocalist.

"(We are) a 90s pop cover band. Pop rock. We've actually been the No. 1 rock band in eastern North Carolina going on two years now, on ReverbNation," Clark said. "We're pretty well known for Hootie and the Blowfish covers, Matchbox 20, Collective Soul and Blink-182."

Clark said they might also do something special in remembrance of Tom Petty, a rock musician from the Heartbreakers who died Oct. 2 following a cardiac arrest.

"We'll probably throw in a couple of songs in tribute," Clark said. "Some stuff he did in the 90s."

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