

Abushouk leads ECU in Championships

Staff Report
TEC STAFF

Senior Bakri Abushouk finished fourth overall in the American Athletic Conference Cross Country Championships over the weekend to help East Carolina University claim a fourth place finish up in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

“Congratulations to our Men’s XC Team. Big step for the program! Moving up three spots in a year,” head coach Josey Weaver said on Twitter.

Abushouk has been the Pirates’ No. 1 runner this season and finished the 8k race in 25:18.7, just 20.1 seconds behind Tulane University’s Emmanuel Rotich,



Bakri Abushouk
Benjamin Preisner took third with

who finished with a time of 24:58.6.

Houston’s Brian Barraza placed second overall with a time of 25:06 and Tulsa’s Benjamin Preisner took third with a time of 25:12.5.

Three Pirates finished in the top-20 as ECU’s second runner, Nick Ciaccia, placed 14th overall and sophomore Dean Abushouk placed 17th overall with times of 26:01.8 and 26:07 respectively.

Abushouk lead the Pirates to a fourth place finish in the AAC with ECU finishing with

a team total of 145, three points less than new-AAC foe Wichita State. Tulsa won with 53 points, the University of Connecticut was the runner-up with 63 points and Temple University placed third overall with 70.

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ECU students dressed up for last year’s Halloween Havoc event. This year’s event will take place in the Student Recreation Center.

HALLOWEEN HAVOC

ECU event aims to bring thrills, free food

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Transforming the Student Recreation Center into an unrecognizable horror setup, the Student Activities Board will host its annual Halloween Havoc to end East Carolina University’s Halloweek.

The free event will take place tonight from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. complete with a zombie maze, black light mini golf, photo booth, free food, free T-shirts, a dance party and many other festive events, according to ECU’s SAB President Cristina Derespinis.

“We encourage students to come and enjoy it,” Derespinis said.

The dance party that comes along with Halloween Havoc will feature 101.9

Kiss FM’s DJ Born Finesser. Although this is his first Halloween Havoc, the 23-year-old DJ is no stranger to the ECU student crowd.

From Rocky Mount, Born Finesser recently opened for 21 Savage at ECU’s 2017 homecoming concert. Born Finesser also DJs at The Way, one of Greenville’s night clubs.

The event also features a skeeball tournament and a Halloween costume contest where participants can win small prizes. Students will get the opportunity to trick-or-treat throughout the REC, and free food choices will consist of a chicken course with vegetables, pizza and donuts served in intervals, Derespinis said.

“The activities this year are going to be full of fun activities,” Derespinis said.

In past years, Halloween Havoc has brought food, laser tag and inflatable activities, according to Danielle Ray, a fifth year communication major.

“I went to Halloween Havoc a couple years ago, it was honestly really fun,” Ray said. “I would say you should at least go for the free t-shirt, [but] who knows, you might even have fun.”

ECU students must bring their one card to enter the event. Students can pick up guest tickets at the Central Ticket Office until 9 p.m. Shuttles from College Hill will begin at 10 p.m. and run until 2 a.m. Shuttles will also serve students parked near 10th Street and Cotanche Street and 10th Street and Evans Street.

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>> WHERE THERE’S SMOKE THERE’S FIRE

Firefighters: GFR lacks staff for Halloween

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Halloween in Greenville brings an abundance of sweets to children and the reputation of a party atmosphere to students of East Carolina University. But some Greenville Fire/Rescue employees say Halloween is a time of continuous calls, belligerent patients and exhaustion.

Since Halloween festivities began on Thursday, GFR has experienced a significant spike in calls, especially in the downtown area, according to one current GFR employee, who spoke to The East Carolinian under the condition of anonymity. The current GFR employee, who is lieutenant in the fire department, said, in a few hours on Saturday night, the department responded to more than three times the average number of calls in a 24-hour shift.

“It’s been a busy weekend, but a lot of our weekends are when school is in session,” Rebekah Thurston, public information officer for GFR, said. “I don’t know that we’ve been any busier than usual, in fact, over the last couple of years or several years, Greenville has at least our response has probably decreased a little bit since they’ve become a little more regimented in their planning downtown.”

The GFR lieutenant said the department may be having issues finding individuals to staff each shift because of how many firefighters are working overtime.

“There was no planning done for the weekend. It was only done for Tuesday night (tonight) for when Halloween is projected to be the worst for the city,” the GFR lieutenant said.

Thurston said GFR has worked with other organizations such as the Greenville Police Department and Uptown Greenville to make sure individuals can celebrate Halloween safely.

“We’ve got a plan ready just to continue to make the Halloween festivities a safe place for people to celebrate,” Thurston said.

Another current GFR employee said the staff shortages at the fire department are having a negative effect



Rebekah Thurston

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An individual dressed as a clown walks the streets of Uptown last Halloween. This year, Uptown has partnered with GPD to host the first Truck or Treat event.

Truck or Treat to take uptown

Austin Kinlaw
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

As Halloween night approaches, students and residents of Greenville will have the opportunity to participate in the premier Truck or Treat event.

Tonight at 9 there will be food trucks lined up along the 200th block of 5th Street in an effort to attract students to the Uptown Greenville district.

Meredith Hawke, events and branding director for Uptown Greenville, said she has seen a lot of interest in the upcoming event.

“It’s our inaugural Truck or Treat,” Hawke said. “We’ve seen a lot of likes on our social media posts, everybody’s relatively excited.”

Hawke said adding food

trucks into the mix is always a nice touch to any event.

“They really get a lot of rumble and talk around food trucks,” Hawke said. “Because food trucks are known for specializing in one thing and you can’t always get that one thing somewhere else, and what that does also is attract more people to our sticks-and-bricks businesses downtown.”

Chief of Police Mark Holtzman said the Greenville Police Department is trying to blend fun, food and safety together this year.

“We’re doing that by partnering with Uptown,” Holtzman said. “I think when people are in a good mood, we tend to have less problems from a policing standpoint.”

Holtzman related the amount of people out and about on Halloween night to a home East Carolina football game. Holtzman said there will be security at the gates of Uptown Greenville checking bags and making sure everyone entering the downtown area is safe.

Holtzman said event goes will be able to walk up to any of the gates leading into the event, where private security will check them and their bags. He said before being allowed into the event, all attendees will be asked to leave props, which could be used as weapons, behind at the gates. However, Holtzman said people will still be able to wear masks.

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BRIEFS

ECU to raise awareness for mental health

East Carolina University will host “Fresh Check Day” in the Sculpture Garden next to the Mendenhall Student Center on Thursday to help raise awareness across campus for mental health and suicide prevention.

The event is open for all students, staff and faculty, lasting from 2 to 5 p.m. ECU has paired with the Jordan Porco Foundation and will offer students interactive expo booths, music, free food, prizes and giveaways.

ECU will be one of three other universities celebrating “Fresh Check Day” in North Carolina this year. The day serves as a remembrance for the Porco family after losing their son, Jordan, in 2011 to suicide.

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Officials focus on voter turnout

Low student involvement worries ECU, community

Shainah Andrews
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Early voting for Greenville’s local elections started on Oct. 19, and election day is now just seven days away on Nov. 7. East Carolina University’s administration and city officials are making the last push to attract more student voters.

“In my honest opinion, a large number of ECU students have no idea about municipal elections,” said Tony McQueen, associate director of the Pitt County Board of Education. “But they’re not alone, it’s all registered voters. We have our lowest turnouts, historically, for municipal elections.”

McQueen said voters focus on presidential elections every four years, but the number of ECU students who vote municipally “is quite small.”



Carmine Scavo

but may not have access to enough information.

“While their votes for higher level (national or state) offices are typically very informed, their votes in city or local elections often may not be as informed,” Scavo said.

Carmine Scavo, a political science professor, said ECU students register and vote in Greenville

“Part of the reason for that is that it is simply more difficult to gather information in local elections. As one drives around Greenville, for example, one can see large signs saying ‘Vote for X’ but there is little information as to why one would want to vote for X.”

Scavo said there was a forum on Oct. 24 that a large number of people attended, but not many students were present. He said the candidates all shared similar opinions regarding several issues, making it “difficult” for voters to determine who to vote for.

“Who is opposed to public safety?” Scavo said. “Who likes dilapidated housing? Who is opposed to increasing the number of good jobs in the city, and so on?”

Dave Davis, director of Pitt County Board of Elections, said it is hard to know how many ECU students voted in local elections, because it is not known who, out of that age demographic, is enrolled at the university.

“The students that we have noticed seem to vote in groups, rarely ever voting alone,” Davis said.

Alex Dennis, associate director for the Center for Leadership and Civic Engagement, said in an emailed statement to The East Carolinian, some ECU students are involved and informed while others are not as engaged.

“Part of this depends on whether

or not a student is registered to vote here in Greenville, if they are registered to vote back in their hometown, or not registered at all,” Dennis said. “Typically, we see more students wanting to register to vote here in Greenville after they move off campus and begin seeing ECU/ Greenville as home.”

Dennis said low voter turnout in local elections involves more factors than just college students.

“There is also a belief that national elections are more important than local elections,” Dennis said, “Which is definitely not the case, because so much of our daily lives police protection, schools, sales taxes, fire protection, etcetera is administered by local and state government.”

Haley Creef, a Vote Everywhere ambassador at ECU, said she thinks students aren’t educated enough about elections or candidates.

“National elections are constantly advertised, whether that be through news, word-of-mouth, social media, warticles, etcetera,” Creef said. “Those elections are constantly talked about. However, local politics do not receive this type of hype and therefore, there is a lack of knowledge on the local elections.”

Creef said the lack of knowledge is partly because the majority of ECU students are not from Greenville or Pitt County and are not familiar with the area, or they

want to stay a registered voter where their hometown is.

The Vote Everywhere program was established through a national non-profit called the Andrew Goodman Foundation and was created in 1966. The foundation partners with numerous universities in an attempt to bring awareness to students when it comes to their right to vote, according to Creef.

Scavo asked students to learn as much as possible about Greenville and political and policy issues that City Council is considering.

Dennis pointed students to the Center for Leadership & Civic Engagement in Mendenhall Student Center room 109, if they have questions about how to register to vote or for resources for local, state and national elections.

Dennis said students can visit Pitt County NC’s website to get information about municipal elections.

This site provides information about polling locations, candidate information, and you can even see a sample ballot,” Dennis said.

“Take a stand for what you believe in and exercise your right to vote. Local elections are where the most fundamental change can happen,” Creef said.

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on each shift. This current GFR employee, who is an EMS Specialist specifically pointed out GFR’s shift three as one of the worst examples of understaffing.

“Shift three is going to be working Halloween and I know shift three is already pulling all

five positions for overtime every single shift, because they’re short on people,” the GFR EMS Specialist said.

Between Oct. 31, 2016 and Sept. 25 of this year, 25 individuals have left GFR, according departmental turnover information given to The East Carolinian by the city of Greenville. Of the 25 individuals, 17 resigned from their positions.

Brock Letchworth, public

information officer for the city of Greenville, said GFR has hired 61 full-time employees since Jan. 1, 2014. However, according to Thurston, the department isn’t worried about the staff shortages.

“Nope. Not at all,” Thurston said, when asked if GFR was concerned about staff shortages or was planning on bringing in additional resources.

The GFR lieutenant said,

because of the staff shortages and high call volume, the department could be under significant strain to respond to each emergency.

“There’s an absolute potential for disaster,” said one of the current GFR employees. “They’re going to get spread so thin and so busy that things are going to happen are you’re not going to have enough trucks or personnel to take care of it.”

Matt Cox, a former lieutenant of 11 years at GFR, said Halloween was normally an all-night affair for the fire department.

Halloween exhaustion was a prominent memory of Cox’s job, who resigned GFR in June of 2016.

“I don’t think he (Griffin) is capable of righting the ship that he has capsized,” Cox said.

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OUR VIEW

Fee increase should reflect student needs

The first of several student fee and tuition forums was held Friday by East Carolina University’s Student Government Association and if the proposals shown at the meeting are passed, students may be paying more for the 2018-19 academic year in student fees.

The two departments requesting an increase in fees are Campus Recreation and Wellness and the new main campus student center. Along with these two departments, ECU’s Center for Sustainability is requesting to create a fund with money from student fees. CRW’s proposed fee is \$20, the new student center’s is \$25 and the sustainability fee would be \$5. If the proposals are approved, ECU students will pay \$50 more individually in student fees for the next academic year.

We, the editorial staff of The East Carolinian, believe, while this is a small price to pay for each student, this money should be going to other departments that are in more critical need. ECU’s total enrollment in 2016 was 28,962, and it’s only gone up since. Now take 28,962 and multiply that by 50—that’s \$1,448,100 extra funding going towards just three departments.

Split by each department, The Center for Sustainability would be getting \$144,810 in funding, Campus Recreation and Wellness \$579,240 in addition to its current funding and the new student center \$724,050 in addition to the current funding.

We believe creating the sustainability fund is a good investment for a growing university. However, when it comes to paying for more additions on to building such as the campus rec center that is already fine as is, the university should save that money and use it for renovations.

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American progress must persist



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On Jan. 21 2009, Barack Hussein Obama became the 44th President of the United States of America. He promised to bring change to the traditions of the American ideologies and delivered hope to people who never thought they would see an African-American male become the leader of the Free World and liberation for minority groups who had been marginalized for decades prior.

Although this “Muslim,” “gay loving” and “devil-worshipping” man was hit with so much resistance and disrespect during his tenure, President Obama still continued to strive forward and believe in his vision of change. So what happened to us?

Fast forward to almost eight years later and we get the presidential inauguration of President Donald J. Trump. Trump ran on the premise of “Making America Great Again,” a phrase that is left up for your own interpretation. He believes that America has become soft on our stance towards immigration, producing strong men and respecting American values. He did not

believe that his presidential predecessor did a good enough job in that department.

Each day, we are reminded of the follies, mistakes and poor judgement of the Obama administration thanks to the “great” invention of Twitter. The tweeting, the name-calling and the firing of hard-working Americans shows that the problem is a lot deeper than what the eye can see.

However, we do not need to fall victim to the antics and mudslinging that Trump continues to put forth in our society. Whether or not you like the rhetoric that he uses to liberate his people, we must take a page out of former President Barack Obama’s legacy and remember that we don’t need to lower our standards to join in on the finger pointing.

But, what will make America great?

First, it will begin with accountability from our Commander-in-Chief. He must realize that every action as of Jan. 20, 2017 will now be attributed to the words, actions and decisions he chooses to make. Sometimes, it’s better to remain silent and be thought a fool than to speak and remove all doubt.

Second, it will take a “great” deal of effort. This will be challenging yourself every day to learn something new about

people, places or things that you have little to no knowledge of. This may require talking with people that make you uncomfortable in order to come to a better understanding of their culture and circumstances. This isn’t just directed at Trump. I believe that we as American people need to set aside our differences to come together as one nation.

Lastly, we Americans need to remember we still have three more years with our Commander-in-Chief. Rome wasn’t built in a day, and neither was America. The president, House of Representatives and Senate need to stop trying to rush to strip away the Obama Administration policies with something “great.” Such a rush is similar to throwing away all the old furniture in the house in the hopes that there is a truck full of furniture on the way.

This may be easy for a billionaire when you have the money to fork out for certainty. Nothing good comes to those that rush and we must remember that America must continue to progress forward and bring hope for all people.

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GOP budget harms farmers



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When it comes to our national and state priorities, a budget is a moral document, a statement of public commitments and considerations for its people. After taking a look at President Trump’s FY18 budget proposal, I have to question this administration’s public commitments to many of the voters who supported his candidacy, especially North Carolina’s farmers, rural residents and retirees.

Let’s start with agriculture. Farming has been a staple of North Carolina since before the state was founded in 1789, according to the Encyclopedia Britannica. Through the years, our state’s agricultural products have reached every corner of the nation. With helpful coordination with the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), North Carolina farmers have survived through droughts, natural disasters and financial and environmental risks. Our state consistently ranks as one of the top five producers of sweet potatoes, pork, poultry, tobacco and eggs. And it doesn’t stop there. North Carolinian farmers sell cotton, soybeans, peanuts, nursery products, aquaculture products, biofuels and more. Our state feeds the nation and our food exports can be found in other countries as well.

So what does the Trump budget proposal do for the state’s consumers and farmers? It doesn’t just make a cut

here or there. Trump’s budget actually punishes our farmers and makes it harder for them to get their products to market. The Trump budget proposal cuts the U.S. Department of Agriculture by a staggering 21 percent. Part of that cut would cap the amount of money the government provides to help local farmers pay insurance premiums. The Trump budget eliminates coverage for lost revenue when crop prices and crop yields decline. Trump wants to cut \$28 billion over ten years from this program and the effect on local farmers would be devastating.

How does this impact to our local farmers affect all of us at home? Ask yourself - does your family like to eat? Do you like food that is reasonably priced? When unforeseen weather events occur – be they droughts, hurricanes or pests – a farmer’s yield is often negatively impacted. Sometimes their yield is impacted in a way that drives them out of farming. Most farmers are far from rich. Instead, many growers farm from season to season producing good products and then preparing for the next season. When an unforeseen weather event occurs, there is a small degree of assurance they get in knowing that the federal government will provide a reasonable amount of money to help them recover and produce more of America’s food for the next season. When this support disappears, farmers are forced out of business, rural communities lose family farms and business owners who service the rural economy all take a hit. Less food makes it to market and families pay higher prices for everyday food items

they used to take for granted.

It’s important to support our agricultural economy and rural communities, which Trump’s budget fails to do, because the sector makes up about 17 percent of North Carolina’s total economy and 11 percent of total U.S. employment, or about 21 million jobs. But Trump would cut not just resources to farmers, he would slash resources for rural communities, too. Trump wants to eliminate the rural development program which brings infrastructure, technology, and utilities to those communities. If you weaken the farmers and eliminate rural infrastructure and technology, what’s left?

The USDA’s chief economist, Robert Johansson, told U.S. Senators in June, “The strength of the agricultural economy has implications for rural America, but also for the larger U.S. economy.” These are words we should all heed.

Slashing budgets will devastate communities, raise prices on our food for families and leave seniors still struggling eight years after the great recession.

If you’re reading this and wondering what you can do, there’s plenty. Only public input and outrage can stop this march towards higher food prices and abandonment of our seniors. Learn more about the Trump and Congressional budget cuts and what they mean to you. Then call your member of Congress. They need to hear from you today.

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ECU to face NC Central

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FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

The East Carolina University volleyball team (15-9, 7-5 AAC) hopes to avoid its fourth straight loss and get back to its winning ways in its mid-week non-conference matchup against North Carolina Central University tonight at 6.

Head coach Julie Torbett and the Pirates' have seen better days prior to their three game losing streak to stiff competition in recent matches against teams such as No. 18 Wichita State, but are still optimistic going forward.

"I am so proud of this team and how they handle challenges," Torbett said. "We will get back on track."

The Pirates will head to NCCU following this losing skid, which came on the heels of an impressive six game winning streak dating back to Oct. 1. The match comes as the last of a five-match road trip for ECU and will in no way be taken lightly, according to Torbett.

"Every day upsets happen and we are aware of that," Torbett said. "We have



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Shelby Martin (2) sets up a spike for teammate Natalie Montini (7) at home this season.

learned lessons the hard way (by) playing down to the level of our opponent".

The Pirates took down the Eagles earlier this season inside Minges Coliseum Sept. 19 in Greenville. The September match was a 3-0 sweep for the Pirates.

ECU defeated NCCU in straight sets (25-15, 25-15, 25-9) earlier this season and led the Eagles in every category but blocks, with each team recording five a piece.

A group of five seniors on the ECU roster are nearing the end of their

volleyball careers with the Pirates, with only nine games remaining on the schedule. The five seniors include Alex Jessett, Natalie Montini, Megan Williams, Ashton Mares and Lael Ceriani, and although they all impact the match outcomes for the Pirates, four of the five statistical categories are led by underclassmen.

"Hopefully, it will be an opportunity (for them) to excel. The seniors have laid the foundation for this program," Torbett said. "I hate to think about them moving on

but I am grateful for their dedication to the sport and excited to see them excel in their future endeavors."

Sophomore libero/defensive specialist Brandee Markwith leads the team in both digs (473) and service aces (21), while freshman setter, Shelby Martin leads the team in assists (800) and appears in the top-five for digs, blocks and service aces as well. Sophomore middle hitter Toya Osuegbu is the team's leader in blocks (93). Outside hitter Ceriani leads the Pirates with 282.

ECU excels against opponents in kills, kills per set and assists. Winning these categories has proven to be a deadly combination, as prior to the three game losing streak, the Pirates were reaping the fruits of their labor and enjoying strings of wins in early AAC play.

The upcoming match just might help to vault them ahead of current-fourth place University of Cincinnati in the AAC standings.

If the Pirates jump ahead of Cincinnati, they'll still be out of first place, as Wichita State is still unbeaten in conference play (20-3, 12-0 AAC). ECU seems out of first place contention as it will only face off against the Shockers one more time after Tuesday's match on Nov. 10 in Greenville.

In this match, if the Pirates can correct mistakes, build confidence and pull out a win in Durham against a struggling NCCU team today, ECU will be in good shape to end its conference losing streak.

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>> MEN'S BASKETBALL

Point guards to lead Pirates

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The East Carolina University men's basketball team will have a different look after losing staples such as Caleb White and Andre Washington, but Jeremy Sheppard's emergence as a true point guard last season and the addition of fellow-guard Isaac Fleming, leave the Pirates in good hands.



Last season, ECU had to fill a major hole when B.J. Tyson went down with an injury. That hole was immediately plugged up by Sheppard, who stepped into the role of sixth man, even making starts, and thrived in his role. Playing roughly 26 minutes per game, Sheppard averaged 9.2 points, 2.1 rebounds and 3.5 assists with a team high of 104 on the season. Now, Fleming has regained

eligibility after having to sit out the 2016-17 season, complying with NCAA rules after transferring from Hawaii. At Hawaii, Fleming put together 9.5 points, 2.8 rebounds and 2.2 assists in his 54 games of action. While he has only made seven starts in his career, Fleming thinks he and Sheppard can bring success to the Pirates' court.

"Most definitely me and (Sheppard) can both play on the floor at the same time," Fleming said. "We said whoever's closer to the ball, bring it up. We both can play off the ball, we both can play point guard, so it's going to be a good thing having us both on the floor together."

A steady back court can be a huge factor for an ECU team returning two of its three top scorers. Kentrell Barkley is back after a dominant sophomore season. As one of three players to play in all 33 games, starting 31, Barkley averaged team highs for points (13.2) and rebounds (7.6).

If Barkley can play power forward along with these two guards, then the Pirates can insert Tyson at the small forward and trout out a strong starting lineup. Tyson has been in the spotlight since arriving at ECU in 2014 and is looking to stay healthy for his senior year after an extensive knee injury last season.

While sending out a strong starting five is a good start for a team that finished 15-18, names alone won't be enough to turn around this program. Last year's team finished 1-11 on the road and 6-12 in the American Athletic Conference. Some of the things the Pirates need to turn around is their three-point shooting, as they only made 32 percent from behind arc. Turnovers have also been an issue in previous years as ECU gave up 13.9 last season while only forcing 11.4. While the Pirates lost the turnover margin, head coach Jeff Lebo says he can live with the turnover margin if they can fix other issues.

"14 is not that bad," Lebo said. "We have good guards so they'll take care of that. We just have to make good decisions and be smart with the ball."

On Nov. 5, fans will get a chance to see just how far this ECU basketball team has come since its heartbreaking loss to Southern Methodist University in the AAC tournament quarterfinals last March. The Pirates will join the four teams in Chapel Hill to compete in a disaster relief exhibition fundraising tournament.

"We are privileged to be part of this event with the opportunity to raise money for those affected by these catastrophic storms and give back to those who unselfishly gave to our community when we were in need," Lebo said in a press release.

The season will start on Nov. 12 when Coppin State comes to Minges Coliseum. Tip-off is scheduled for 5 p.m.

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>> ANALYSIS

Football set to improve after bye



Aaron Jackson
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East Carolina University's football team focused on playing smarter and going back to the basics during its bye week. It will need to take these lessons to heart when it faces the University of Houston away this upcoming Saturday.

The Pirates entered their bye week 2-6, 1-3 AAC, as they have started off the season in an abysmal fashion. They faced eight opponents, including former Football Championship Subdivision (FCS) champions James Madison University and nationally ranked teams such as West Virginia University, Virginia Tech, the University of South Florida and the University of Central Florida- before finally getting a break.

After the homecoming

game victory against Brigham Young University about two weeks ago, ECU has found the on-field production the program has needed since the beginning of the season.

The Pirates started off their season 0-3, losing to WVU and VT back to back and giving up 50-plus points in both games. After three games for the Pirates, ECU gave up 1,903 yards, letting its opponents average more than 600 total yards per game. This horrible defensive outing led to the reassignment of then-defensive-coordinator Kenwick Thompson. Assistant coach Robert Prunty was assigned to the new position in hopes to turn the defense around.

Though Prunty was not able to turn the lackluster Pirate defense into a stout Alabama defense, ECU was able to capture a nail-biting win against the University of Connecticut for its first win Sept. 24.

The Pirates lacked the ability

to finish games throughout the season due to a shaky offensive system. For the offense, the team did not show much resilience after turnovers early against JMU, WVU or USF to comeback and win games throughout the season.

After the Pirates' first win, and being tied for first in AAC play, ECU then went on another three-game-losing-streak as it lost to three conference opponents. The losses caused friction between the Pirates' community and the heads of the football and athletics program.

Just before ECU took a dreadful thrashing from UCF 63-21, Montgomery hired a defensive analyst to help reorganize the Pirate defensive situations. John Gutekunst rejoined the ECU football staff as a defensive analyst, his second position with the team since 2009.

The Pirates defense has

come a long way since the beginning of the season, thanks to Gutekunst and players such as inside linebacker Aaron Ramsey and defensive back Devon Sutton.

As for the offense, the main focus should be to figure out what needs to improve, whether it is blocking, passing, catching or running the ball.

The Pirates now game plan for a hungry Houston team that is eager for a win after giving up a home game against the Memphis Tigers. Houston led 17-0 at the half against No. 22 Memphis, but could not stop the Tigers from posting 42 points on the board to win the game 42-38. ECU has a challenge ahead of it, and this past bye week should give it all the time to be ready for the Cougars this weekend.

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>> SOCCER

Pirates fall short in final season game

Robert Romero
TEC STAFF

After playing in weather harsher than the East Carolina University soccer team has faced all season and coming up short of a victory, the season did not end the way it would have hoped Friday.

With the 1-0 loss in Cincinnati Friday night, the Pirates concluded the season with a 6-10-2, 1-8 American Athletic Conference record. Even though this was an improvement from last season's 5-12-1 record, it was a falter from their previous 1-7-1 AAC record last season. This is the third straight year the Pirates will finish with a below .500 overall record and the fourth straight year that they suffer with a sub-.500 AAC record.

ECU started the season undefeated through the first five matches at 4-0-1 and accumulated a 5-2-2 record before the start of AAC play.

One highlight of the season was the game against No. 5 University of Virginia, which the Pirates were expected to have no chance of competing in. However, the Pirates defied those odds and came away with a tie which, according to head coach Rob Donnenwirth, legitimized



Anna Lindberg

their status as a force to be reckoned with in the AAC. Unfortunately for the Pirates, they were never able to truly become this powerful force. According to senior forward Anna Lindberg, not only did the players get too comfortable with how they were playing, but coaches also got too cozy with how good the Pirates started off, contributing to the competitive nature of the team falling off.

"The competitiveness during practice dropped off. I get that we're suppose to preserve our bodies like the practices throughout the week that aren't suppose to be as hard," Lindberg said. "But even the little things like mental games and the small things that don't involve contact, those are what should always be competitive with each other on the field."

The Pirates were hit right in the gut in their first conference game of the season at home against the University of South Florida. Heading into overtime with the game tied 1-1, USF's Katie Kitching scored the go-ahead goal in the 89th



Jenna Geist

minute to hand the Pirates the loss in gut-wrenching fashion. From that point on, it was a real struggle for ECU to put points on the board as the Pirates were outscored a total of 14-3 over the rest of the season while losing seven of their remaining eight games. According to senior midfielder Jenna Geist, the youth of the team didn't quite fully grasp the increase in the competition level when AAC play began, which led players to think they did not have to give 100 percent in practice to caution their bodies.

"When it comes to conference play the competitive level goes up," Geist said. "I feel like our team didn't understand that as much because we are more of a younger team. You can't save your body for a Sunday game, you have to give it all you got in Friday practice no matter what and I just don't think we realized that enough."

Along with Lindberg and Geist, senior goalkeeper Michelle Newhouse also played her last game Friday night. Newhouse finished the year with a record of 5-10-2 and a 1.35 goals against average with 74 saves. Geist also finished her career leading the team in assists with four on the season.

With the seniors starting a new chapter in their lives beyond soccer, the Pirates will turn to some new faces that will have to take the leadership role heading into next season. According to Donnenwirth, the team will see who takes the next step over the offseason and who becomes worthy enough to take on the leadership role.

"If you look at Jenna and Anna now they were very different players than they were back then," Donnenwirth said. "The spring is a great time during the offseason to develop players and we'll take it one step at a time from here on out."

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HOROSCOPES

Aries
(March 21-April 19) -- Today is a 6 -- Consider hidden elements and undercurrents. Contemplate mythology, spiritual and symbolic meanings. Meditate on eternal questions and philosophical puzzles. Your imagination is especially fertile.

Taurus
(April 20-May 20) -- Today is a 7 -- Things don't always go according to plan today. Have patience with a resister. Avoid assumptions. Take time to get your team on the same page.

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 an 8 -- Explore different options. Who could you be, and where would you like to go? Get creative and come up with the perfect costume.

Leo
(July 23-Aug. 22) -- Today is a 7 -- Make time to clarify financial details with your partner. Share your thoughts and dreams, and speculate on possibilities. Acknowledge past accomplishments.

Virgo
(Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Today is an 8 -- Imagine perfection. Fun with friends takes priority. Parties, gatherings and public events come together. The real beauty is in the details. Get creative.

Libra
(Sept. 23-Oct. 22) -- Today is a 9 -- Old assumptions get challenged. Illusions abound. Keep things practical to avoid stress. Balance work with play to maintain health and vitality.

Scorpio
(Oct. 23-Nov. 21) -- Today is a 7 -- Who's that mysterious beauty behind the mask? Someone attractive has your attention. Create fun possibilities together. Creative collaboration sparks easily. Follow your heart.

Sagittarius
(Nov. 22-Dec. 21) -- Today is a 7 -- Decorate your home to match a creative vision. Enjoy domestic arts and crafts, and create beautiful illusions. Cook up something eerily wonderful.

Capricorn
(Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Today is an 8 -- Communicate your vision. Creative expression bubbles and boils. Collaborate, and share ideas. Get artistic, and find the perfect materials. Share dreams and intentions.

Aquarius
(Jan. 20-Feb. 18) -- Today is an 8 -- Don't let money dictate your choices. You can create the effect you want for a reasonable price. Spend on the perfect details while repurposing existing materials.

Pisces
(Feb. 19-March 20) -- Today is a 9 -- Realize a personal dream or vision. Invent who you would like to be, and come up with the perfect representation. Explore a fantasy.

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THE TV CROSSWORD

Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

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15 Bandleader Arnaz
16 ___ May Clampett
17 Our sun
18 "La Cage aux ___"
20 Leading ISP
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24 "Carlito's Way" star Penn
25 Culp/Cosby series
26 Mel of cartoon voices
28 Foxx of "Sanford & Son"
30 Stevenson of "M*A*S*H"
32 ___ Moon Frye of "Punky Brewster"
36 "Win, Lose or ___"
38 Character actress Volz
39 Chester A. Riley's daughter
42 Skater Lipinski
44 Jazzy instrument
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- 46 Bud Cort movie, "___ & Maude"
48 Assn.
49 Wallach and Whitney
50 Part of A&E
54 Now I see!
55 "What's My ___?"
56 "The Patty ___ Show"
57 "___ from Atlantis"
58 Ryan and Tilly
59 Hank or Phoebe

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5 Fred's first dance partner
6 "The Six Million ___ Man"
7 Golonka and Dahl
8 Willie of the Giants
9 Ponselle and Parks
10 "The ___ Sisters"
11 Savalas of "Kojak"
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25 Eric of Monty Python
27 Beatty and Rorem
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34 Writer Levin
35 CA airport
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39 Tom Hanks sitcom, "___ Buddies"
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HALLOWEEN
EVENTS

Halloween at Fire
Fire American Tavern
11 p.m.

Halloween Havoc
Student Recreation
Center
10 p.m.

Halloween with Megan
Jean and the KFB
Trollingwood
8 p.m.

Truck or Treat
Uptown Greenville
9 p.m.

Xfearience Insane
Asylum
Stilllife
9 p.m.

Pitt Street Costume
Pawty
Pitt Street Brewing
Company
7 p.m.

Halloween at
Kickback's
Kickback Jack's
5 p.m.

Psylo Joe with Nick
Schaaf Trio
Crossbones
8 p.m.

Halloween Costume
Contest
Totopos Street Food &
Tequila
5 p.m.

Cheap
Eats

Quality service, subs
offered at Mike's Deli

Madison Lawson
TEC STAFF

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

Providing Greenville residents with more than 24 years of quality service, sandwiches and subs, Mike's Deli brings a northern twist to the southern food scene. Originally built and styled as a New York deli, the shop offers East Carolina University students a little taste of the Big Apple through various sandwich combinations.

Sitting in a parking lot next to the post office at 810 E.10th St., the deli attracts many students and staff from ECU since it has quick service and is within walking distance from campus, according to manager Tony Irving. Open Monday through Thursday 10 a.m to 8 p.m, Friday 10 a.m to 5 p.m, Saturday 11 a.m to 4 p.m and Sunday 11 a.m to 3 p.m, Mike's continues to be a staple restaurant in the ever-growing city of Greenville.

"I started working at Mike's before that building was even here," Irving said, as he pointed to ECU's Science and Technology Building. "We've had customers that have been coming to us since we opened and I've known half of those professors their entire careers."

As a veteran in the food business, the deli has changed its menu a few times over the years, but the one thing that remains the same are the sandwiches all priced under \$10.

For \$5.99, customers can choose from a variety of sandwiches such as the Roast beef; freshly sliced roast beef with melted swiss, the cheddar melt; black forest ham with bacon and cheese on kaiser, and lastly the smokehouse; ham, turkey and cheese decorated with barbecue and honey mustard. If all else fails, the deli prides itself on it's reuben sandwich filled with corned beef goodness that measures at an estimated five inches high for \$9.49.

"I got the reuben sandwich today and it's so good," said Kelly Monahan, first time



Tony Irving



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The dining area of Mike's Deli, located at 810 E 10th St. The deli dishes up sandwiches and subs.

customer and junior accounting major. "I've always seen this place across from campus and I've heard people talk about it, so I thought why not give it a try."

For the eaters who like to play it safe, the shop also allows customers to build their own sandwiches with whatever toppings they would like. To the surprise of many, the shop also sells a variety of mediterranean sides such as hummus with pita for \$4.99, baba ghanouj for \$4.98 and lentils and rice for \$3.99.

"I have eaten just about everything on their menu," said Paul Schwager, associate dean for ECU's College of Business and long time customer. "There are some weeks where I've been there four out of five days for lunch. I'm no restaurant connoisseur, but I know a good sandwich when I see one."

For many customers and employees, including Irving, Mike's Deli serves not only as a great lunch spot, but a second home where everyone is like family.

"Back in 2007 when I was in the hospital, customers started to notice I wasn't there and asked about me," Irving said. "And you know what they did? They found me and asked if I needed anything... They even paid my rent for me and wanted for nothing in return. This place and these customers are why I come to work every single day."

Holding a piece of Greenville history inside its walls, the shop is owned by Terry Hatoum and his brother Mike, who started the business back in 1993 and hired Irving just two years after. What many people can't see when they walk in are the years of memories and good times that still linger in the shop.

"I'm from Harlem, New York, and not the good part of Harlem either," Irving said. "I left to give my son a better life, away from all the gangs. I practically raised him in here, he sat right over there and played video games on a little T.V. while I worked. The best part is, customers would come in, eat and play video games with him."

Customer for seven years and a medical lab technician at ECU's Student Health Center, Noel Wallace said she keeps going back not only for the food, but for the family atmosphere.

"You walk in and they know your name and already have your order halfway done," Wallace said. "It's nice because I don't have long for lunch, so I can just call ahead and go and pick it up. They're very friendly and you know the food is fresh every time."

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Five Points Plaza, as well as the parking deck, will be open for parking tonight for Truck or Treat.

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Certain roads downtown will be left open for drivers, including Evans Street, according to Holtzman. He said drivers will be able to park at both the parking deck downtown and Five Points Plaza.

Associate Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs Chris Stansbury said this event is meant to attract students to Uptown and provide them with safe activities for the night.

"So for Halloween night, students that live in apartment complexes will be able to get on an ECU transit bus and they can go from their apartment complex to campus," Stansbury said. "It'll drop them off right in front of the Student Rec Center. That'll give them a pretty central location so if they want to go to Halloween Havoc on campus at the rec center they're right there, or if they want to take a short walk to Uptown Greenville they'll be able to do that."

Stansbury said for the first couple hours of Halloween night the busses will only be bringing people from the apartments to the downtown area.

"At about 12-12:30 a.m. they'll switch that up and return people back home," Stansbury said. "But it gives them a safe opportunity to get to and from without driving around town."

Holtzman said GPD will have more than 100 police officers out the night of Halloween and will be receiving help from a number of allied agencies.

These agencies include New Bern Police Department, Nash County Sheriff's Office, Winterville Police Department, Ayden Police Department, Farmville Police Department, Williamston Police Department, Jacksonville Police Department, Pitt County Sheriff's Office, and North Carolina Probations and Parole on the night on Tuesday night, according to GPD.

ECU senior business management major Dina Konstantinidis said she is glad the police are making an extra effort to make sure there is adequate protection at the event downtown.

"I really like that there are police downtown to keep everyone in the ECU community safe during Halloween," Konstantinidis said.

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