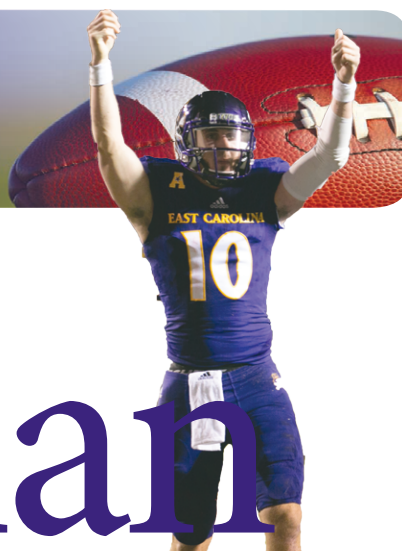




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LOCAL ELECTIONS



From left: Greenville mayoral candidates Curtis Pulley, P.J. Connelly and Calvin Mercer. Greenville's 2017 Municipal elections began with early voting on Oct. 19 and will end Nov. 7 on Election Day.

>> MAYORAL CANDIDATES

Mercer, Connelly push for pedestrian safety; Pulley aims to give Greenville makeover

Editor's Note: Ernest T. Reeves did not respond to The East Carolinian's request for an interview.

Curtis Pulley

Melissa Glen
TEC STAFF

Most people who run for office plan the decision in advance, but for Greenville mayoral candidate Curtis Pulley, this was not exactly the case.

"It wasn't totally my decision," Pulley said. "One night, I guess probably around three in the morning, I had a wake up call, and the Lord was telling me 'I want you to run for mayor of Greenville.' I am not a Republican, I am not a Democrat, but I've been endorsed by the almighty God."

For Pulley, this campaign is something God has been planning for him since last fall, when Hurricane Matthew hit eastern North Carolina. Pulley said he was working on a feature film for Greenville when the storm came. During this time, God told him to start praying every

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P.J. Connelly

Julie Estep
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Local businessman and current City Council member, P.J. Connelly said his focus if elected mayor of the city of Greenville is on safety improvements for pedestrians, creating better jobs for East Carolina University students and infrastructure.

When discussing jobs, Connelly said Greenville has a problem of supplying jobs that entice graduates to stay.

"One of the problems we have is that we don't retain a lot of the students from East Carolina and from Pitt Community College," Connelly said. "They end up going back to their communities and using the skills that they learned here in Greenville and helping out those communities instead of staying here."

As with all the mayoral candidates, safety among

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Calvin Mercer

Julie Estep
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

East Carolina University religious studies professor Calvin Mercer normally spends his days educating his students about the power of faith, but on Nov. 7, he'll have to trust in the power of the voters to win the seat of mayor of Greenville.

For the upcoming election, Mercer, a current City Council at-large member, said his involvement with the student community gives him a better understanding of issues they are invested in.

"As an educator, I get to talk to students all the time and I get to hear their concerns and understand their situations in regards to parking, housing and entertainment activities," Mercer said. "We want our students to graduate from ECU and remain in the

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>> DISTRICT 3 CANDIDATES

Bell advocates for student retainment, business development in Greenville

Shainah Andrews
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Greenville is home to more than 90,000 people. As one of those homeowners, Will Bell is running for the District 3 seat on Greenville City Council and wants to serve the interests of Greenville residents.



Will Bell

"I'd like for everybody to understand that I am a homeowner," Bell said. "I've worked long and hard to save money to be able to buy a

house in District 3. I've lived five and a half out of my six years in Greenville in District 3."

Bell, currently a part-time student at East Carolina University, said one top priority of his, if elected, is to work

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Ward to use past political experiences to improve road safety, community

Shainah Andrews
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Greenville District 3 City Council candidate Uriah Ward spends most of his day in the classroom as a middle school teacher, but if the election works out the way he wants, he may be spending some of his time in Town Hall.

Ward said if elected, he would focus

on reducing traffic in Greenville.

"Our traffic is awful in Greenville," Ward said. "It's really difficult to get around if you're driving or if you're walking or biking.



Uriah Ward

Our roads are the third most dangerous of any city in North Carolina...You need to be able to walk home without worrying for your safety."

Ward said he has been involved in city politics for about seven years now, which he thinks makes him more

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PLAN TO VOTE



WHERE: Willis Building on 300 E 1st Street and the First Presbyterian Church on 1400 S Elm Street

WHEN: 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. until Nov. 7

Voter registration cards are not needed, but in place of them, first-time voters are asked to list either their North Carolina driver's license or the last four digits of their social security number.

If the identification can not be verified, an individual may be asked to show a current and valid photo ID and a utility bill, pay stub, bank statement, or government agency document with a name and current address.

For those who are not registered to vote in Pitt County or registered at all, Pitt County provides same-day voting registration where individuals can register and vote the same day.

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BRIEFS

State to host 14th Street widening information meeting

Officials with the North Carolina Department of Transportation will host a public meeting Thursday to give the community more information about the widening of a portion of 14th Street.

The meeting will be held at the Alice Keene District Park at 4561 County Home Road in Greenville. Members of NCDOT will be available to community members to answer questions.

The proposed project will widen 14th Street from a two-lane to a four-lane roadway between Red Banks Road and Fire Tower Road.

'Netflix and Chat' event to showcase social issues

The East Carolina University School of Art and Design will host an event Thursday evening to address the social issues students of color may experience at a predominantly white institution.

"Netflix and Chat: Dear White People" is a program which will be held in Mendenhall Student Center room 244 from 5:30 to 7 p.m.

The event will have a panel which will discuss the issues of identity, communities and beliefs, racism and prejudice, democracy and rights and anti-bullying.

CORRECTIONS & CLARIFICATIONS

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CONNELLY

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students is an issue they would like to see improvement on. Connelly said he has a good understanding of safety specifically related to students.

"For parents, I think the thing they probably dread the most is getting that alert saying, 'Hey, something took place near campus and my kid may or may not be ok,'" Connelly said.

During his time on the council, Connelly said Greenville has expanded the jurisdiction of the ECU Police Department throughout the city.

Another safety concern for Connelly are the crosswalks near campus and Uptown Greenville.

For Connelly, he said part of the problem lies with the visibility of signs and poor paint jobs on the roads.

Connelly said he witnessed first hand the lack of enforcement at crosswalks while on the way to a candidate forum last month.

One way Connelly said he would try to create new partnerships as mayor would be to address parking issues in the city.

"I'd like to work with the university on

PULLEY

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day for six hours.

Pulley said he plans to build a multi-billion dollar "University Healing Center" in Greenville near the Tar River, which will seat 100,000 people. He said he has already received private donations to build the center.

"We got it sold out for the next 20 years, rooms selling for a million a night," Pulley said.

He said the use of the building will be similar to what the Jordan River was used for in the Bible, where a man with leprosy was told by God to bathe in the river seven times and in return, was healed of his leprosy and regained his youth.

"It's the same concept," Pulley said. "God gave me an antidote of what to put into this and make it come alive again."

Pulley said the center is important, because it will improve Greenville's economy in the long run.

"I'm bringing 35,000 new jobs to the city and 14 billion dollars in new revenue," Pulley said.

In addition to building this complex, Pulley said he plans to give all of the houses

"

I've been fortunate enough to have a good relationship with several of the council members.

P.J. Connelly

"

this, if you notice in the Uptown area, we have a tremendous amount of surface lots," Connelly said.

Connelly said his business experience makes him stand out the most from his mayoral opponent, Calvin Mercer.

Connelly said voter turnout for municipal elections are usually low and he encourages students to vote.

"Hopefully you'll vote for me, but make sure you go out and vote," Connelly said.

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in Greenville a "facelift."

He said this redecoration is part of a plan to rent peoples' homes to people visiting the city, as a way of making money.

"If you (are) living in one of these homes around here and you want to go on vacation, we will send you anywhere you want to go free of charge and while you are gone, we will facelift that home," Pulley said. "They'll be paying you \$5,000 a night for your home use."

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Pulley said people should vote for him for mayor, because he wants to take Greenville in a new direction.

"This is going to be advertised around the world as one of the holiest cities in the world," Pulley said.

He also plans to improve traffic conditions in the city by increasing the amount of public transportation for citizens.

Pulley said he has not been paying much attention to the numbers when it comes to who is in the lead for the race to mayor.

"Being a candidate, I am the only who is going to win in God's opinion," Pulley said.

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city working and participating in the life of our community."

One issue crucial to the Mercer campaign is making Greenville more open and friendly to bicyclists.

"I've been a strong supporter of bicycle lanes and making our city easier to bike in," Mercer said. "I've been a strong supporter for many years of the city's bike and pedestrian commission which advocates for a bikeable city."

Mercer said the city needs to work harder on enforcing safety at crosswalks.

"I am a professor at ECU and I workout at the rec center three times a week, so I go across the crosswalk at Cotanche Street three times a week," Mercer said.

Mercer said his workout routine has helped him recognize the issues with crosswalks close to campus.

"I try to help train the cars that they have to stop at that crosswalk," Mercer said. "I think that is something we need to work on. I have talked to our police chief about this and ways that we can better patrol those crosswalks."

Student parking is one issue in this election and Mercer said he plans to address those concerns if elected.

"Parking problems in our center city is a sign that we are growing and that people want to come to our Uptown and eat at restaurants, shop and do recreational activities," Mercer said.

Mercer added the city is in the process of evaluating the parking situation in Greenville to be able to make improvements.

Mercer is one of two candidates running for mayor who are currently serving on the city council. Mercer said he believes his experience makes him more prepared to be mayor than his opponent, P.J. Connelly, who represents District 5.

"I have been on the city council for 10 years and I have represented the entire city for four years as the at-large representative," Mercer said. "Connelly has been on the city council less than two years. There is a learning curve to be mayor. My experience will reduce my learning curve."

Mercer said unlike Connelly, he has more widespread support from the residents of Greenville.

"I have broad support from businesses, students, the medical district, educators and I think a mayor needs to have that broad support," Mercer said.

No matter who they vote for, Mercer wants students to know their political choices are important to Greenville.

"Students are a valuable part of our community and we want to make the city a wonderful place for students to live, study and remain after they graduate," Mercer said.

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qualified than his District 3 opponent, Will Bell.

"The biggest thing that separates me and my opponent is experience," he said. "I think that my learning curve will be a little bit shorter."

Ward said he has heard Bell is telling students that he wants to "shut down" Greek life. However, Ward said he considers Greek life to be a valuable part of ECU's community.

"That (supporting Greek life) is not a differentiator," he said. "I think that we both are pro-Greek life, just one of us is telling the truth about it."

Ward said he was born and raised in Greenville and attended East Carolina University where he pursued a political path.

"I graduated in 2014 with a degree in political science and I was heavily involved here at ECU," Ward said. "I was president of the ECU College Democrats when I was here. I was actually a finalist in ECU's Funniest Comic, which I'm not sure if that's still a competition anymore."

He is a social studies teacher at Chocowinity Middle School, where he also coaches the school's chess team and oversees the Student Government Association. This summer, he got married to Ashley Milly Ward, whom he described as being "way outta my league."

Marion Blackburn, former District 3 City Councilwoman, said she endorses Ward because of his political experience and spoke to his personality.

"Uriah is very focused and energetic and knowledgeable about the issues," she said. "He has many years of experience (of) bringing people together to work for causes and to work for positive change."

Blackburn said that Ward is also open-minded and tolerant, as well as easy to get along with when working with others.

"He's responsive to concerns in our community, he's respectful of others, and he's genuinely interested in serving," she said. "He's not doing the bidding of any other group or secret organization."

Ward said that the Willis Building is a place to vote until Nov. 7. He also wants voters to know that they can reach him via email, his Facebook page, or website, uriahward.com, if they have any questions.

Ward urged students to "please come out and vote."

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on student retainment and keeping students in Greenville after they graduate.

"Those that go to ECU and also Pitt Community College combined, there's more than 60,000 students in Pitt County, but over 30,000 in Greenville alone just from ECU when you combine graduate and undergraduate," Bell said. "I think it's extremely important that we put emphasis on making sure that we invest in infrastructure, job creation and quality of life to make sure that we can retain those graduates from both institutions."

Bell said crime is another serious problem in District 3. If elected, Bell said he would like to continue to put an emphasis on investment in the Greenville Police Department, Greenville Fire Department and Emergency Medical Services.

Bell said it's important for students to have a representative that is around their age and lives in the district the majority of students lives in.

"I'm gonna protect tax dollars that people are spending," Bell said.

Bell said his ability to work hard since the age of 14 is what qualifies him to "manage the workload."

He also spoke about his school spirit and pride for ECU, where he furthered his education and currently takes the online classes.

"People need to understand that I'm a Pirate...I am a Pirate Club Member; I hold season tickets to ECU," Bell said.

While on-campus, he averaged 30 hours of work a week and got through college with the assistance of grants, loans, and "a ton of hard work" on weekends and after-school.

Bell said he wants students and voters in general to know he rented before owning a home, so he understands more than one perspective.

"I worked my butt off to be able to buy a home," Bell said. "I understand the renter's perspective and the owner's perspective...I can hear both sides and can find a common ground."

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OUR VIEW

Initiatives at ECU empower victims of sexual assault

Victims of sexual assault sometimes feel isolated following their assault. Social taboos and cultural trends create a culture of victim blaming and slut shaming. However, the #MeToo campaign stands in stark opposition of that sentiment.

Following the accusations of sexual assault against Harvey Weinstein, female survivors of sexual assault and harassment took to social media to show solidarity with other victims and share their stories. The hashtag allowed the world to see the prevalence of sexual harassment and gave victims a voice and a community.

According to the National Sexual Violence Resource Center, about one in five women and one in 16 men are sexually assaulted while in college. Even more disheartening, the NSVRC reports that more than 90 percent of sexual assault victims on college campuses do not report the assault.

We, the editorial staff of The East Carolinian, take pride in the various initiatives that East Carolina University has put forward in terms of addressing the severity and sensitivity around sexual assault. From organizations such as ECU College Democrats to administrative offices such as ECU’s Division of Student Affairs and the Center of Civic Leadership and Engagement, sexual assault survivors are provided with safe spaces where they are welcomed with open arms.

We live in an unfortunate reality where, more often than not, victims of campus sexual assault feel silenced by their oppressors and the administration of the schools they attend. Here at ECU, with events such as Pledge Purple and To Girls Everywhere...I am with You, survivors of sexual assault are provided with support and resources where they can be empowered and reclaim their power from a horrid experience that is no fault of their own.

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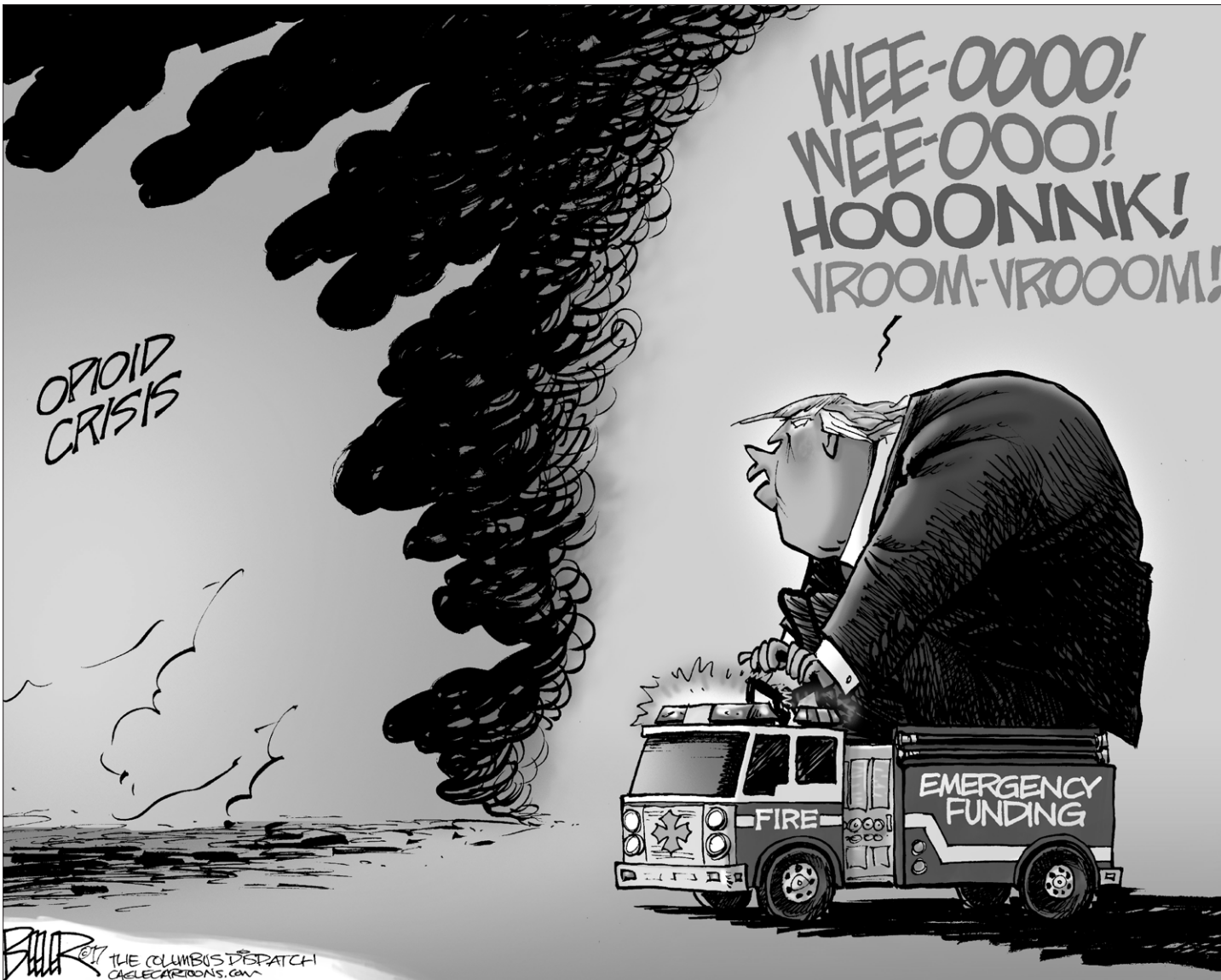
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Body image ideals must change



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In a nation where celebrities are idolized, it’s easy to get swept up in fashion trends, but it’s also easy to find someone with a harmful body image.

According to Park Nicolett Melrose Center, 53 percent of 13-year-old American girls are unhappy with their bodies and that number will grow to 78 percent by the time they turn 17. It doesn’t help that these girls are subjected to people saying things such as, “guys don’t like fat girls,” “you don’t have the right body type to wear that” and “watch your figure.”

Whether young girls hear this from a magazine, a character on a TV show or friends and family, it has damaging effects. They start thinking less of themselves, start trying to conform to our society’s idea of “beauty” and usually turn to extreme dieting.

This year has been amazing for women being confident in their bodies, but we still have so much more we need to do. In January, merely 10 months ago, Ashley Graham was the first ‘plus-sized’ model to be on the cover of

Sports Illustrated.

A month later, she became the first ‘plus-sized’ model to be on the cover of Vogue. In the 53 years Sports Illustrated’s Swimsuit Issue has been published—and the 85 years American Vogue has put photographs on the cover—only one model has been ‘plus-sized.’

There are quotes around ‘plus-sized’ because that word in itself is damaging, but it’s the most universally known way to refer to women that aren’t a small size. Within the fashion industry, a ‘plus-sized’ model is anyone one a size 10 and up, but the average size of American women, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, is a size 14.

Time and time again, we’ve taught our daughters that they aren’t beautiful if they aren’t a size two, but we’ve taunted size two girls as well. Part of our culture is telling ‘plus-sized’ women and girls that they need to lose weight, while simultaneously telling thin girls to “eat a cheeseburger.” Our society damages girls from a young age, then wonders why those same girls grow up insecure with their bodies.

Many celebrities have been outspoken about their flaws in the past years, showing women it’s okay to have stretch marks,

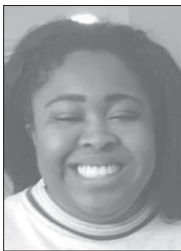
cellulite and jiggle thighs, but celebrities are not the be-all and end-all of our society’s issues. As we become mothers, we need to teach our daughters that their flaws are okay, and that there is nothing wrong with being the size that you are—whether that is a size two or a size 16.

Unfortunately, this issue does not affect just women. According to the National Association of Men with Eating Disorders, 25 percent of people with eating disorders are men. Men are often taught that if they aren’t bulky and muscular, they are somehow less than. These kinds of toxic mentalities invade all parts of our society and teach adolescents to worry about their looks and their bodies, when we should be teaching them to enjoy their lives to the fullest.

Instead of teaching children to watch their weight, teach them how to be healthy and happy. It’s a long road that’s just begun to be paved, but we can’t stand back and watch. If we truly want to change our society for the better, we need to start now.

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Political satire provides comfort



Blessing Aghimien
TEC STAFF

Bless The Press

We now live in a political climate like never before. Amid a crashing wave of Russian collusion, “fake news” (with the exception of Fox News) and Twitter warfare at the hands of those who hold the nuclear codes, many of us Americans are currently caught in a current that has been stirring since Nov. 9 of last year.

Desperate for relief, we looked to anything within reach. The news was of no avail, as President Donald Trump and his political posse held mainstream coverage hostage. The simple task of conversing with friends and family morphed into risk, as political sides began to sow seeds of permanent division, stronger than the strongest of bonds could bear. When desperation ran deep, we turned to comedy for relief and so far, it hasn’t failed us. In a separated state of the union that craves healing, laughter unites us and continues to prove that it will always be the best medicine.

Since getting in office, Trump has consistently shot down comedy shows and comedians for being “boring and unfunny.” Almost every single Saturday Night Live episode is followed by a Twitter rant straight from the hands of the Commander-in-Chief, ranging from calling the high-rated show out

for its “low ratings” to his viral disdain for Alec Baldwin’s “awful” portrayal of him. Besides the president, other lawmakers also have had their fair share of disregarding comics.

When comedian Jimmy Kimmel called out Billy Cassidy for “lying to his face” about Louisiana senator Bill Cassidy’s plans for health care reform, his only response was: “I’m sorry he does not understand.” If anything, Cassidy is the last person who should be feeling sorry for Kimmel’s lack of understanding, being that such a lack is nonexistent.

Comedians have worked tirelessly to keep people informed in times where misinformation runs deep and tensions run high. From Seth Meyer’s “A Closer Look” segments to Joy Behar’s impromptu lines every weekday morning on The View during its “Hot Topics” segments, comedians have made it their job to notify the American public of the daily happenings in the White House through interactive humor and informative sketches.

While comedians such as Jimmy Fallon and James Corden have refrained from political commentary in their material, comedy has gotten more personal than ever when it comes to political topics. An epitome of this is Jimmy Kimmel’s opening monologue on his show regarding the American Health Care Act.

Through tears, Kimmel urged Congress to consider the parents of children with pre-existing conditions in

the upcoming AHCA vote and referred to his son Billy, who was born with a congenital heart disease. Seeing the person behind the persona always gives the audience the authenticity they deserve, and comedians such as Kimmel have put a magnifying glass on the decisions made by those on Capitol Hill through his personal monologues gone viral.

Moral authority is something that has been absent with No. 45 in office, and comedy has stepped up to fill that void. While Trump took over 72 hours to call out white supremacy after Charlottesville, comedians were the first to open their shows and start their monologues with a call for unity. No matter the late night host or channel, the vocal chain of grief remained unbroken amongst comics that Monday.

Those who say that comedians know nothing or have no say about politics may want to reevaluate their stance. Arguably, comedians just may be the group of people who know more than we may think. Pure humor and wit takes a level of understanding that only a select few can possess. Those few have made careers with their talent and have embraced comedy’s role in providing comfort, relaying information and entertaining the masses. In the most trying of times, laughter can bind us as one. The last thing a divided nation needs is to make comedy a divisive place.

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

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Record: 6-2
Closest Score: 2
Who wins? Houston
55-27 Why? The
Cougars just defeated a
previously undefeated
powerhouse in the
University of South Florida in Tampa
on a comeback victory. With Houston
exposing another tough defense, this
week's matchup will be a cake walk
for it. ECU's last win was against a
team who was less put together than
a struggling Pirates team and that
game turned nothing around for ECU.
The Pirates have the opportunity
to reach the quarterback and add
heavier pressure on D'Eriq King, with
Houston's left tackle, Josh Jones
(knee), already ruled out. This will
give ECU more scoring opportunities
to sustain drives and put points on
the board. However, many of those
points will come from kicking-stud
Jake Verity.

Aaron Jackson

Football Editor
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Record: 8-0
Closest Score: 3
Who wins? Houston
44-26 Why? Houston
has a dangerous
backfield with running
backs Mulbah Car,
Duke Catalon, Dillon Birden and
quarterback D'Eriq King. With the
dual threat capability of King at
quarterback, running the ball and
passing the ball will give the Pirates
a struggle. Out of the eight games
ECU has played, it has faced seven
teams with mobile quarterbacks and
have only won one game, against
the University of Connecticut. The
Pirates will compete until the end
but still lose because ECU has
struggled stopping multiple teams
with a good rush offense.

Tyler Gavin

Football Writer
@tygavin13



Record: 6-2
Closest Score: 3
Who wins? Houston
38-23 Why? One more
loss pushes ECU into
the purgatory of non-
qualifying NCAA teams
for bowl eligibility and that loss comes
this weekend. The Cougars showcased
D'Eriq King as quarterback for the first
time this past weekend. King showed
off his versatility in an upset win over
No. 17 South Florida. After seeing
what mobile quarterbacks do against
ECU, I don't see things getting better.
Expect to see Thomas Sirk, probably
even Gardner Minshew and Davon
Grayson continue to connect for big
yards, but fail to reach the end zone.

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ECU to take on Houston

Tyler Gavin
TEC STAFF

The East Carolina University
football team (2-6, 1-3 AAC)
will be in action for the first
time in two weeks on Saturday
when it faces the University of
Houston down in Texas.
Both teams will put winning
streaks on the line after the
Pirates handled Brigham Young
University on homecoming
night, while the Cougars
took down nationally ranked
University of South Florida.

Last month, USF came to
Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium and
scored more than 60 points on
its way to a dominant victory.
Since that win, the Bulls had a
game cancelled and won their
other two, starting 7-0 and
getting ranked as high as No. 17.

But last weekend at Raymond
James Stadium in Tampa, the
Bulls fell to the Cougars, 28-24,
behind the late-game heroics of
Houston's backup quarterback,
D'Eriq King. With under 30
seconds left, King rushed to the
endzone from 20 yards away and
pulled the upset for Houston
putting it at 5-3, 3-2 AAC.

"We kind of got a curveball
by King being added to the mix
as a quarterback/wide receiver
speed-sweep guy," head coach
Scottie Montgomery said. "I
thought it was a really good
strategy. It proved to be great
for them and he did a lot of
things with his feet, but he
also scrambled outside of the
pocket on the biggest play of
the year from them on 4th-and-
20 something and was able to
complete a ball down the field."

With the insertion of
a mobile quarterback, the
Houston rushing attack presents
another grueling opponent for
an ECU defense that still ranks
last in terms of total and scoring



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ECU's Thomas Sirk (10) celebrates in the face of Brigham Young defenders after scoring a one-yard touchdown.

defense in the entire Football
Bowl Subdivision.

While holding BYU to 421
yards and 17 points helps the
defensive totals, the Pirates
are still allowing an average
of 577.6 yards and 45.9 points
per game. So King may be a
tough test, but ECU's defensive
coordinator Robert Prunty
knows the challenge will be the
Pirates' preparation.

"I'm more concerned about
us being ready, and I say us
being ready (as in) alignment
assignment, sticking with our
fundamental techniques and
making sure our coverages
are in the right spot," Prunty
said. "We have to be ready for
anything because we're dealing
with an athletic guy. That's a big
thing in college football now.
You talk about Lamar Jackson,
(Quinton) Flowers and now this
guy pops up."

On Oct. 14, the Cougars were
coming off back-to-back wins
against Temple University and
Southern Methodist University.
But they slept-walked their way
through a game against the

University of Tulsa and were
crushed 45-17.

Other than the brutal loss
against Tulsa, Houston has either
won or looked competitive
against the rest of its opponents
this season. The win against USF,
along with opening the season
with a win at the University of
Arizona, are the most impressive
on Houston's record. It's the
Cougars defense that has kept
the team in games. Montgomery
has noted the length in the
Houston secondary as an issue
but notes one even bigger.

"Offensively, our challenge
is going to be none other than
Ed Oliver in the defensive front.
He's a really good football player,
a five-star recruit I believe last
year, who came in and played
at a high, All-American level as
a first-year player. He's playing
at that same level this year,"
Montgomery said.

Thomas Sirk and the offense
are going to have to make sure
they score enough points to
win on the road Saturday.
Surprisingly, playing on the
road has been a strength for

the Pirates, going 1-1 so far this
season. Houston is 2-2 while
defending its home-field.

With a win, the Pirates
would record their first back-to-
back wins in the Montgomery
era since they opened up
last season with wins against
Western Carolina and North
Carolina State. So, with criticism
of the football program at ECU
growing each week, starting a
win streak and keeping bowl
eligibility alive would be huge
for Greenville.

"If we can (win), which I
believe we can, that'll be a big
turnover for this program,"
inside linebacker Aaron
Ramseur said. "Pride will keep
building up and everyone will be
ready to be prepared and come
back to practice Sunday with the
right mentality."

Kickoff for Saturday is
scheduled for 11 a.m. CT, Texas'
local time, which correlates to
12 p.m. in Greenville. The game
will be aired on CBS Sports
Network.

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>> WOMEN'S TENNIS

Ruiz earns bid to Championship

Austin Walker

FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

The East Carolina University women's
tennis team will travel to the Kitty Harrison
Invitational in Chapel Hill this weekend, while
Celia Ruiz will take her talents to the Oracle
ITA National Fall Championships in California
after earning the first At-Large bid to the event
in Pirates' history.

"This is a great opportunity for Celia, and it
puts us on the map a little bit, when people get
to see us in the National
Championships," head
coach Tom Morris said.
"You build on what you do
in the fall, and we've had a
great fall."

This was a season
of firsts for the Pirates.
ECU excelled at the ITA
Carolina Regional, which
was Oct. 19-22, where Ruiz and Lisa Hofbauer
became the first doubles team in ECU women's
tennis history to seed at the ITA Carolina



Celia Ruiz

Regionals, taking the No. 9 spot.

"The level of the tournament was really
good. We had some good matches there in
general and it gives us confidence for our
upcoming matches," Hofbauer said.

Seeding at the ITA Carolina Regional is not
the only first Ruiz has achieved for the Pirates
this fall season, as she became the first player
to ever earn an At-Large bid to the Oracle ITA
National Fall Championships. To get a bid,
a player must reach the quarterfinals of the
Oracle ITA Masters, the Round of 16 at the All-
American Championships, or the quarterfinals
of an ITA Regional Championship.

The Pirates will try to cap off their historic
season with a good showing in Chapel Hill
this weekend. The Pirates' future looks bright,
as Morris and his staff have recruited well.
With four freshmen and two sophomores,
the Pirates have the potential for much future
success based on the play of the underclassmen
this season.

"Watching the juniors and seniors play well
has been a motivator for us freshmen," Alisa

Diercksen, a native of Hamburg, Germany,
said. "They're our role models and team leaders
and when they have that winning mindset, we
have it too."

The Pirates will need both their under
and upperclassmen to perform well this week
if they wish to continue their success. They
should be used to stiff competition and should
be prepared after a good fall season, according
to coaches and players.

"We've seen some great matches from
our players and our players have beaten some
very high-quality programs," Morris said. "It's
been a good fall and I think we've been able
to demonstrate that we're able to beat top-tier
opponents."

The Pirates have momentum going into
their match in Chapel Hill this weekend for
a good showing paired with the Oracle ITA
National Championships bid for Celia Ruiz,
which should propel them into the spring
season with high aspirations.

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>> SOCCER

Cash named to AAC second team

Robert Romero

TEC STAFF

In the midst of a disappointing
season for East Carolina
University's soccer team, junior
forward Courtney Cash was
still recognized for the heart
and talent she showcased on the
field as she was honored to the
American Athletic Conference
second team, according to a press
release from ECU Athletics.

"I was surprised that I was
provided this accolade, but I was
excited that my work was seen
by my coach as well as the other
coaches in our conference," Cash
said. "Above all, I was happy to
see support from my teammates
with them congratulating me
on this."

Cash led the Pirates in five
statistical categories including
goals (six), points (14), shots
(38), shots on goal (21) and
game-winning goals (three).

Cash started in all
18 contests for the team,
and scored at
least once in
five of those
18 matchups.
She also
accumulated
four points in a game twice
this season against Dayton (a goal and
two assists), in a 3-2 victory for
ECU's season opener, and again
against UNC Wilmington (two
goals), in the 3-0 victory.



Courtney
Cash

This is not the first time
Cash has been recognized for
her stellar play on the field,
according to the press release.
During her freshman year, Cash
received AAC All-Rookie team
honors in 2015 and this season,
she was named AAC Offensive-
Player-of-the-Week on Sept. 18
for her performance against No.
5 University of Virginia, when
she recorded the only goal for
the Pirates in a 1-1 tie.

The Pirates have represented
the All-AAC selections every year
since joining the conference back
in 2014. Cash joins forward Lana
Spitler (2016), forward Kendall
Frey (2015) and defender Kelley
Johnson (2014) as the fourth
Pirate to receive this honor.

Cash will return for her
senior season next year, which
will be huge for the growth of this
young team. According to Cash,
she believes she must take the
responsibility to fill in the void of
the seniors' leadership that will be
leaving the locker room.

"I honestly feel like I have to
step up into the leadership role
more next year so that the entire
team would be on that one page,"
Cash said. "I most definitely will
miss the seniors this year but I
may only learn from their past
leadership and carry those traits
and lessons with me into this
next season."

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HOROSCOPES

Aries
(March 21-April 19) -- Today is a 9 -- Stick close to home, and focus on personal matters. Keep promises and duties. Work carefully to avoid break-age. Take responsibility for getting the job done.

Taurus
(April 20-May 20) -- Today is a 6 -- Catch your breath, and think a while. Postpone important decisions until you're sure. Observe surprising developments without automatically responding. Consider a spiritual view.

Gemini
(May 21-June 20) -- Today is a 7 -- Teamwork navigates confusion and chaos today. Keep communications channels open. Reach out, and provide a hand. Grab someone for support. Take the high road.

Cancer
(June 21-July 22) -- Today is a 7 -- Focus on professional deadlines. The stakes may seem high. Prioritize urgencies, and delegate tasks. Sidestep conflicts. Get support where needed. Grab a sudden opportunity.

Leo
(July 23-Aug. 22) -- Today is an 8 -- Do the homework, and reap rewards. Read the background information. Classes, seminars and educational exploration deliver unexpected results. An unusual yet fascinating option appears.

Virgo
(Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Today is a 7 -- Create practical financial solutions with your partner. Possibilities arise in conversation (if you can avoid bickering). An interesting suggestion or surprising development presents new opportunities.

Libra
(Sept. 23-Oct. 22) -- Today is an 8 -- Disruptions and interruptions could thwart intentions with your partner. Slow to avoid accidents or mistakes. Get expert support. Listen to your feminine side.

Scorpio
(Oct. 23-Nov. 21) -- Today is an 8 -- Determine what actions to take (or not). Make inquiries, not purchases. Do more research before committing. You're the stabilizing influence. Prioritize health. Minimize stress.

Sagittarius
(Nov. 22-Dec. 21) -- Today is a 7 -- Relax; take it easy. Avoid fussing or fighting. Find hidden treasure. You can find the funding for what you want. Take advantage of an opportunity.

Capricorn
(Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Today is a 6 -- Take action on family plans. Patiently handle household chores. Avoid assumptions and arguments. Get your junk appraised. Take care of someone who needs it.

Aquarius
(Jan. 20-Feb. 18) -- Today is a 7 -- Sometimes keeping silent gets better results as opposed to speaking. Double-check data before presenting. Avoid provoking jealousies. Consider how best to respond to unexpected circumstances. Listen and observe.

Pisces
(Feb. 19-March 20) -- Today is an 8 -- You're in the eye of the storm, and confusion reigns. Slow down to avoid expensive mistakes. Handle urgencies, and clean up later. Keep clients satisfied.

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THE TV CROSSWORD

Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

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15 Headliner
16 Dr. Frankenstein's assistant
17 Calif. airport
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21 Osmond and Dressler
24 Dennis and Duncan
26 Williams of "Happy Days"
27 "The ___ and the Beautiful"
28 Mel of the Giants
29 Watts of "Le Divorce"
31 Springsteen hit, "Born in the ___"
34 Shelley of "Cheers"
35 John and Nicolas
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41 Johnson of "Laugh-In"
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MAP OUT YOUR WEEK

TODAY

Moonlight Hayride and Campfire

River Park North

6 p.m.

Y'all Eat Yet Food Truck

Pitt Street Brewing Company

6 p.m.

TOMORROW

Library Game Night

Joyner Library

6 p.m.

Ladies Night Out

Painted Peacock

6 p.m.

Moonlight Paddle

Tar River

11 p.m.

SATURDAY

The Company Stores live

Pitt Street Brewing Company

8 p.m.

Arson Daily // Sonic Graffiti live

Crossbones

9 p.m.

SUNDAY

Doggie Day

Briley's Farm Market

12 p.m.

The Down East Holiday Show

Greenville Convention Center

12 p.m.

Student publishes novel

Jenna Price
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Angels and a struggle between authority versus students can all be found in East Carolina University student Harriet Carlton's recently published novel, "Angels Rising."

Carlton, a junior, published her first novel on Sept. 14. "Angels Rising" is set to be the first in a series of novels. Her follow-up novel is set to be released later this winter.

Carlton, who is currently triple majoring in German, English and great books, began her writing career at a young age.

"Like all good things, it started out of boredom," she said. "I started back in the sixth or seventh grade, and as children do, they make up stories and just sort of run with them. Where my friends would forget them, I would want to run with them."

Finding time for writing as a college student has been difficult for Carlton, but she always knew that writing was going to be a part of her future.

"What I ended up actually having to do around my sophomore year was, well, I overloaded myself with classes and I had to decide to put the book aside," Carlton said. "I wasn't really happy while I was doing that,

I felt like there was something else I needed to work on. Ultimately, you might put it down for a few months, but you're going to come back to it if you really love writing."

Carlton's debut novel, "Angels Rising," is young adult fiction. The book can be bought on Amazon for \$6.99.

The plot centers around 17-year-old Imorean Frayneson who mysteriously receives a scholarship to a university in Norway. Upon his arrival, he begins to realize that things are not as they appear.

"Angels Rising" is the first book in a series of four, that could possibly be five depending on the epilogue according to Carlton.

"It centers around a college student, of course, who is undergoing the eternal struggle of 'how am I going to pay,'" Carlton said. "I kind of took that premise of my own experience of being a freshman."

There are many things that inspire Carlton to write— from objects to playlists to history.

"It's a conglomerate of a lot of things," Carlton said. "I was born in England, a lot of my own country history I like to write about. I also really enjoy writing about people. I'm an introvert rather than an extrovert so I people watch. People and places



CONTRIBUTED BY HARRIET CARLTON

Student Harriet Carlton holds her recently published novel, "Angels Rising".

are kind of big parts of my stories."

Carlton's biggest piece of advice for people that want to write a book is to be consistent.

"As a writer, you have a drive you want to fulfill. It's like any good art form you want to perform," Carlton said. "A lot of people don't quite understand that it's not something that you can pick up and put down. The writing process is very different from the reading process."

Carlton has found many mentors

while at ECU, but said the one that has had the most impact on her writing is David Wilson-Okamura.

"I associate Ms. Carlton's writing with two words: elegance and craftsmanship," said Wilson-Okamura, an English professor at ECU. "Some writers just want to make a pretty phrase. Harriet, though, wants to get the idea right."

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Lonzo aims to 'Keep it Official'

Trish Willis
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Inside a toasty living room, the glow of the burning candle danced on the wall. Outside, silence cloaked East Carolina University's campus like a blanket, and nothing could be heard in the room but the muffled voices from College Hill Suites. Alonza Mitchell drummed his long fingers on the wooden table and drew in a deep breath. He was not nervous. He was ready.

Poised with enough confidence to fill the room and all its corners, he smiled and said, "Hello, my name is Alonza Mitchell and I am going to be famous one day. Around campus, I go by OfficialLonzo, or just Lonzo."

The young creative has only been practicing photography since Jan. 22. Though his career isn't even a year old, Mitchell has already gained a major following on social media and thanks to photoshoots going viral, has had one of his photos featured on a national Snapchat story and even earned recognition



ONLINE VIDEO

CONTRIBUTED BY ALONZA MITCHELL

Student Alonza Mitchell, also known as Official Lonzo, poses.

from famous photographers and brands.

"I had my first brand deal with a shoe company called Bang Shoes in August," Mitchell said. "I also had the opportunity to shoot the Waka Flocka concert here on campus and meet him. That was such a blessing; I know I wouldn't have achieved that in such

know my success comes from Him," Mitchell said as he pointed upwards. "God told me it's mine, so I walk like I already got it."

Which is why his newest project, "3rd Trinity," has a Christian foundation.

"3rd Trinity" is a magazine that acts as a space for all fellow creatives and artists to express themselves," Mitchell said. "I want to use the magazine and my growing success as a platform to not only allow like minded people to come together and inspire one another, but to keep God at the center of it all."

The name, "3rd Trinity," in itself, is where the message and idea of putting God first comes in.

"I would never want to force my religion on anyone, but this is my creation, so I am going to find ways to continue to give glory to God," Mitchell said. "The main idea is to always stay humble, but to remember that we all have the potential to be great, and 'Keep It Official'."

"Keep It Official" is something Mitchell said he made up as a way to connect with his supporters, adding

it's a representation of himself. He said the phrase reminds him of his own potential and the capacity of which he has to create.

"When I say it, it's because everything I do is official and genuine and I want that to shine through my work," Mitchell said. "That's why my name is OfficialLonzo."

Seeing his own potential and believing in himself is a big part of what has brought Mitchell to where he is today.

"I know I will be famous and I will accomplish so much in my life," Mitchell said. "I don't want to do just one thing forever, but I know whatever I do, I'll be successful."

To some, his confidence could be seen as cocky, but Mitchell said he is sure to correct that assumption.

"I would never be one to say I'm better than someone, that's just not me," Mitchell said. "I'm just a cool kid who likes to long board and dress nice and now I'm on my way to being famous. That's a fact."

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