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ECU investigates student death

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A female student was found dead in one of the residence halls Wednesday afternoon, according to an East Carolina University News Services statement. The student was found in her room at

approximately 3:15 p.m. The ECU Police Department is currently investigating, but as of Wednesday night, police have no evidence to suspect foul play.

"It is with great sadness that I write to inform you of the death of one of our students," Virginia

Hardy, vice chancellor of Student Affairs, said in a statement to the community. "I join Chancellor (Cecil) Staton in offering our condolences to her family and friends during this difficult time."

The university is withholding the student's name "for a short time

while it notifies her next of kin, according to the ECU News Services statement.

"I am deeply saddened by the sudden loss of one of our students," Hardy said in statement. "Our thoughts and prayers are with her family and friends."

Students in need of counseling can consult the ECU Counseling Center Monday through Friday for walk-in appointments 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., according to the ECU statement.

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Connelly elected mayor

Will Bell wins District 3 seat

Julie Estep
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Current Greenville City Council member P.J. Connelly won the mayoral seat for Greenville City Council after five months of campaigning when municipal elections came to a close Tuesday night.



P.J. Connelly County Board of Elections.

In the mayoral race, Connelly received 5,786 votes and beat ECU religious studies professor Calvin Mercer, who received 4,354 votes.

ECU Director of Immigration Services Brian Meyerhoeffer won his race for At-Large representative, while current Mayor Kandie Smith won the District 1 seat. Current city council members Rose Glover and Rick Smiley won the District 2 seat and District 4 seat, respectively, and William Litchfield won the District 5 representative-elect. The

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BASKETBALL TO BEGIN

Men to open season Sunday at Minges

Daniel Roberts
TEC STAFF

East Carolina University men's basketball team will begin its regular season play with a matchup against Coppin State University inside Minges Coliseum on Sunday at 5 p.m.

The team is coming off a season where it finished 15-18 overall, going 6-12 in American Athletic Conference play and 9-6 in non-conference play.

ECU posted its first win over the University of Connecticut as a member of the AAC last season with a 66-62 victory back on March 1. The Pirates also won the season series against Temple University going 2-1 during last season while sweeping the season series against Tulane University for the first time since 2010.

The Pirates proved to be able to play well at home winning 12 of the 15 victories inside Minges Coliseum, but struggled on the road, going 1-11 overall, with their only victory coming at Tulane, with a 2-2 record in neutral or

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Dimitri Spasojevic (32) and B.J. Tyson (21) practice. The men's basketball team will begin its regular season facing Coppin State University Sunday.

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From left: Kristoffer Rixon, Jon Barnwell, Giovanni Triana, Dr. Eric Toschlog and Jermaine McNair during last night's Cupola Conversation.

'Cupola Conversations' event explores gun violence solutions

Melissa Glen
TEC STAFF

A sense of frustration was present in Mendenhall Student Center last night at East Carolina University's monthly "Cupola Conversations," as all five panelists agreed something must be done to stop gun violence in America.

"We need to recognize that this is a healthcare crisis. It's an epidemiological epidemic," Dr. Eric Toschlog, one of the

panelists, said. "That recognition and recognizing that 35,000 Americans, slightly more than vehicle crashes, will die from gunshot wounds."

The event, titled "Gun Violence: A Search for Answers," is part of a monthly series started by ECU's Division of Student Affairs in the fall of 2016, as a way to give students an opportunity to discuss relevant world issues while practicing civil discourse. This month's event was co-hosted

by The East Carolinian and focused on the issue of gun violence, specifically regarding the recent mass shootings in Las Vegas, Nevada and Sutherland Springs, Texas.

Chris Stansbury, the associate vice chancellor of Student Affairs, acted as the moderator for the forum and prompted questions to the panelists, as well as

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>> WHERE THERE'S SMOKE THERE'S FIRE

Paramedics: Quality of care faces decline

Matthew Prensky
TEC STAFF

Current firefighters at Greenville Fire/Rescue said the quality of care the fire department offers to the people of Greenville has declined in recent years as more paramedics leave.

An EMS specialist at GFR, who spoke to The East Carolinian on the condition of anonymity, said, because of the number of paramedics who have left, firefighters with lower level EMS certifications are being left to wait with a patient for longer periods of time.

"We're getting EMT-Basics and EMT-Intermediates that are sitting with patients for up to five and six minutes with no ALS (advanced life support) assessment whatsoever," said the GFR EMS specialist. "Their (patients) aren't getting that ALS assessment until several minutes later, up to 10 to 15 minutes later."

The GFR EMS specialist said the declining number of paramedics is "absolutely" having an affect on the quality of care the fire department is providing to patients.

Another firefighter at GFR, who is a lieutenant with the department, agreed the decline in paramedics has had an effect on the quality of care.

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OUR VIEW

Sentencing in assault case lacks justice

One year of supervised probation, two weekends in jail, \$566 of restitution, being ordered to attend anger management and still no video. This is the conclusion to the 2016 St. Patrick's Day assault case.

On March 17, 2016 Patrick Myrick pushed Amber Best to the ground resulting in a "street fight". Witnesses at the time reported to 911 dispatchers a group of white people were chasing a black man, Myrick, through downtown Greenville and onto the main campus of East Carolina University.

Theresa Marie Lee, Mack Humbles, Mark Privette, Jesse Clay Wilbourn, Chase Montanye and Christopher James Hill, all white, were originally charged with one felony count of assault inflicting serious bodily injury for their actions in the group beating of Myrick, a black man.

We, the editorial staff of The East Carolinian, believe the sentences for these six individuals were far too weak. A brutal assault carried out by six individuals on one man is a serious crime and should be handled with direct and stern authority. In a world where black people are consistently treated as though their lives are less valuable, Greenville had a chance to look racism in the face and refuse to bow to its will.

On top of the failure of our criminal justice system to sentence violent offenders, Pitt County District Attorney Kimberly Robb, has continued to disappoint this community by refusing to release security camera footage showing the assault.

We deserve that footage. The suspects deserve a harsher sentence. Myrick deserves justice. And the world is watching.

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Challenging the college system



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Don't Mind Matt

The American college system is an imperfect mess. At some points in a student's college career, the system seems more like the New York Stock Exchange than an institution devoted to knowledge.

Behind the classrooms, dormitories and people, a university seems like a business, for-profit, kind of like a conglomerate.

In the eyes of conservative activist Charlie Kirk, Turning Point USA's founder, universities are exactly that— a conglomerate.

"The college system is one of the most corrupt, one of the most ineffective and poorly run conglomerates in America today," Kirk said Monday in his speech to more than 200 East Carolina University students and community members. "College should be only three years, it's way too expensive, you are all getting ripped off."

In fairness to universities, Kirk was a college dropout. Nevertheless, Kirk isn't completely crazy in his opinions of the American college system. Unlike many of his other opinions, there are some obvious examples to back up his claims, specifically universities being poorly run, ineffective and corrupt.

Kirk is right on the money when he says universities are poorly run. You can

ask almost any student, professor, staff member or even administrator and they will give you dozens of stories.

Public universities are especially susceptible to being poorly managed. The chief reason public universities are run inefficiently is because of the bureaucracy, which controls a great deal of its funding.

For example, constructing or renovating buildings at ECU can sometimes take upwards of a decade to plan, fund and execute. Depending on if the building is used for academics or student enjoyment, many projects get bogged down in red tape, which smears an institution into a mess of inefficiency.

On Kirk's second observation of the American college system, he isn't exactly right or wrong. Universities can be ineffective in some situations, but not all.

For example, making college students take courses completely unrelated to their majors and career paths is ineffective. Knowledge is gained, but that knowledge may not relate or improve the skills a student is looking to gain to be successful in their future careers.

However, Kirk failed to realize the entire point of attending a four-year university can be seen as a personal investment. Similar to an investor buying a stock on the New York Stock Exchange, high school students are gambling on their future success by taking on short-term debt for long-term wealth.

Therefore, saying the entire college experience is ineffective isn't exactly correct

because each investment, or student may pay off differently from one another.

Kirk's last criticism of the American college system is again, spot on. It's a very reasonable argument to make that portions of the American college system is corrupt. Just look at the NCAA, a massive conglomerate which makes billions and refuses to share even the tiniest percentage of profits with the very athletes who drive the business.

Furthermore, public universities, such as ECU, deal with money in the millions and even the billions. Statistically speaking, of the thousands of employees at ECU, it's very likely at least one is corrupted.

Colleges are a rip off in the same way not every investment in the New York Stock Exchange will pay out like your stockbroker claimed.

A four-year degree is no guarantee of success or future wealth. Some investments do fall flat on its face.

At the end of the day, public institutions are a flawed arrangement, but a system nonetheless that functions most of the time.

Because of the idealistic belief that universities are the centers for exchanging knowledge and the simple fact that some of mankind's greatest inventions were created at universities, the system continues to operate, even as critics such as Kirk use their right to free speech to criticize them.

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Valuing life after tragedy strikes



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Robbie's Rumbles

With recent events such as the Oct. 1 Las Vegas shooting of 58 people at a country music concert or this weekend's Texas shooting in a church that claimed the lives of 26 people, half of which were children, the question about gun control keeps circulating, but the real problem is people not valuing life.

Sure, people value their life, but the general public does not seem to understand the value in all aspects of life, so when people don't learn to value life, tragedies such as these mass shootings reoccur.

In my lifetime, there have been mass shootings, such as in 2012, when the lives of children and educators were taken at Sandy Hook Elementary School and in 2007, when a shooter at Virginia Tech took the lives of 32 individuals at an institution of learning. Both of these past instances, along with many others, truly sicken me to my core.

There is a major problem in the world today with people not discussing their problems and fighting them out with their

hands instead, but now we have cowards who don't know how to solve their problems unless by shooting up schools, concerts, movie theatres, etc. Mental health plays a part in these issues, but along with getting better care for people suffering, parents, schools and others need to step up and teach people about life.

Life is more than just living and breathing every day. Too often, this society allows for the people to joke about the sanctity of life, both in the discussion of suicide and the idea that people are expendable. Life revolves around the idea of what people can provide to a place and sometimes people think this means that each person has to provide some materialistic thing to be beneficial to society, when in fact people in themselves can help someone or anyone's life by just being an active role in it.

Tragedy also leads to the need for society to encourage and help people. Therefore, this means slowing down the hunt for materialistic goods such as money, new clothing and new cars in exchange for the will to help others.

I'm sick of living in a culture in which people are more concerned with having their guns or stopping others from having guns rather than protecting all the lives that we can by being a culture that

develops a sense of regard for life. We need to establish a culture that stops devaluing people and their existence.

This devaluation society perpetuates is sickening. I have never been more ashamed to be an American than when I go online or turn on the TV and hear about a mass shooting or murder of someone over something absolutely ridiculous.

Society wants to blame everything but itself for the creation of this dark monster that is the culture disparaging the cost of taking a life. For years, I've heard all sorts of excuses for mass shootings and murders; things like violent video games and guns, when in actuality, the problem is the people in the world.

People are beautiful at their core, but when their values get so twisted and fixated on worldly possessions and making all the money they can, it drives people to treat life like it's meaningless. It's a damn shame that this world could be so much better than it is. Technology and money advance the physical aspects of life, but can derail people mentally and spiritually, creating a sustainable environment for this vile social structure to exist and grow.

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>> WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Frazier to lead Pirates

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After back-to-back losing seasons for East Carolina University's women's basketball team, the Lady Pirates hope to get back to their success as their season opens tomorrow night at 8 inside Minges Coliseum against the University of South Carolina Upstate Spartans.

"We were aware after six graduating players last year that there was going to be an intermediate period of time," head coach Heather Macy said. "We brought in a freshmen class that has some very talented players that had to learn of what they went through last season and were put in into really tough situations that they perhaps weren't ready for. They learned on the fly, but now it's paid dividends as we approach this year."

This will be the first of the 13 non-conference games the Pirates will play to start the season, eight of which are at home, three on the road and two games in East Orange, New Jersey for the Seton Hall Thanksgiving Tournament on Nov. 25 and 26.

The Pirates will begin American Athletic Conference play on Dec. 30 at home against the University of Cincinnati, followed by a home game against No. 1 University of Connecticut Jan. 3.

UConn has been the dominant force since joining the AAC in 2014 with three NCAA championships in as many years. According to Macy, the Pirates are not thinking about the challenge

the Huskies will present to them but instead, are just taking it at one game at a time.

"Right now, we are thinking about USC Upstate and that's every single day of us just thinking about the next opponent," Macy said. "It's a lot of us being better at what we do and attacking that process everyday."

Younger athletes will have more opportunities to make a bigger impact on the court, particularly junior guard Alex Frazier.

Last season, Frazier started in 15 of the team's 30 games she played in, while averaging 20.9 minutes, 4.0 points and 2.3 rebounds per game. Some of Frazier's milestones achieved last year include: a career-high 14 points in the season finale against the University of Houston, a team-high six assists in a game four times and was named ECU's Defensive-Player-of-the-Year.

Frazier said she believes she can take the step to be the leader of the team based on what she learned from the seniors last year. Macy added she thinks Frazier has made great strides in the offseason and is more than capable of leading the Pirates throughout the season.

"Frazier is the most experienced and hopefully she can be a steady point guard for us," Macy said. "She knows what to expect, what's about to happen and kind of give everyone else the benefit of having been there before."

Among the talented, young players is senior center Thais



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Point guard Alex Frazier dribbles the ball up court in a game last season.

Oliveira, who is the only returning senior and one of the two seniors on the team, along with forward Mickayla Sanders. Oliveira missed the first four games last season due to injury, and appeared in 25 total games, while playing on a minute restriction of 10.3 minutes per game, due to injury.

According to Oliveira, last season was a struggle because she was dealing with a foot injury all season long. However, Oliveira says she was able to learn and understand the system and has got better offensively around the free throw line and low post.

"(I have improved) a lot, especially after summer workouts

because last year, I was a little bit delayed because of my injury," Oliveira said. "I came here with an injury and had to get another surgery so I couldn't do a lot of running things. My offense around the free throw line is much better because of the summer workouts. I understand the system much better now this year, than last year as well."

The Pirates will practice for a final time today as they prepare for the season opener tomorrow night against the Spartans with the hopes of starting the season off on the right track.

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Macy enters eighth season

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On Thursday's media day, East Carolina University's women's basketball team and head coach Heather Macy discussed how they want to improve chemistry, develop leadership and continue to build on a winning culture for the 2017-18 season.

"One of the great things we're doing this year is we're really making it fun," Macy said. "We've got seven freshmen and sophomores, it's all so new, it's all so fresh and it's really energized. Practices are upbeat, they're spirited, they're focused, they're listening, they're coachable, all great things."

Macy's most successful stretch at ECU was 2012-15, during which she earned an overall record of 66-30, while going 32-18 in the American Athletic Conference.

However, last season Macy suffered the worst record of her coaching career with an 11-19, 2-14 AAC record. Last season was a difficult one mostly because it was a one-woman show, led by senior Kristen Gaffney, averaging nearly 15 points per game on 50 percent shooting from the field with rest of the team in rebuilding mode. Now that the team has had a year to develop its talented

young core, Macy has a plan to get the team right back to its winning ways.

According to Macy, she has three things that she calls her "hard list" going into every game: what makes the team hard to play against, what is hard for the team to prepare for and what makes the team hard to beat. Macy believes these three things are crucial for focusing on the process of winning.

"We have to be way more process-oriented as we go into the year. We need to be focused on the process of winning instead of just saying 'did we win or did we lose that basketball game,'" Macy said. "If we do that in November and December, then we will be prepared for the conference schedule."

One of the burning questions going into is this season is where the leadership is going to come from. The Pirates only have six returning players from last season and only two seniors on the team.

However, junior guard Alex Frazier believes she can step up to the plate and be the leader she needs to be. She credits what she was taught last year from older, more experienced players as to what got her ready for this season.

"It has definitely given me somewhat of a base ground of what I had to go through and what older players taught me," Frazier said. "It's just trying to help my younger players, and teaching them what I was taught and what I needed when I was younger."

Sophomore forward Dominique Claytor

thinks the younger players have given the team and locker room a boost of energy that has been refreshing for the players.

"It's been different, a lot of new people, so it was a little different at the beginning, but now that we're all getting closer, we all hang out. So in the locker room, it's very alive," Claytor said. "We talk not even about basketball sometimes, but we ask about plays or anything that we need to know, so we all help each other out. It is very good, on and off the court."

Returning players such as sophomore guard Raven Johnson and senior center Thais Oliveira have also both echoed how the team is thriving from the boost of energy. Some of the small things in practice, such as diving for loose balls, fighting through screens and boxing out down low to get rebounds, is what will go a long way in practice.

"I think we really thrive off of energy, and doing the dirty work," Johnson said. "Dirty work as in doing the rebounding and getting tough plays that Coach Macy calls Pirate Plays and getting on the floor. Basically, just being aggressive."

The Pirates entered their final week of practice before the season gets underway Friday night inside Minges Coliseum against the University of South Carolina Upstate at 8 p.m.

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Baseball to host Purple-Gold games

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East Carolina University's baseball head coach Cliff Godwin will act as league commissioner when the team takes the mound for its annual Purple-Gold tournament this weekend.

The Purple-Gold tournament is a three game series held inside Clark-LeClair Stadium starting tomorrow following the end of fall practices. Each member of the Pirates team is drafted by pre-selected team captains, appointed by Godwin, that head the Purple and Gold squads.

West Covington and Drew Henrickson will head the Purple side, while Ryan Ross and Davis Kirkpatrick were selected for the



Ryan Ross

Gold side.

"A 1 1 (of us are) seniors (and) captains for Purple-Gold, which is awesome

because every single one of those guys have worked hard from day one," Ross said.

Covington and Henrickson drafted Jake Agnos, Dusty Baker, Zach Barnes, Spencer Brickhouse, Turner Brown, Austin Covers, Chris Holba, Sam Lanier, Connor Litton, Bryant Packard, Spencer Smith, Willy Strong, Jake Washer, Jeremy Whitehead, Gavin

Williams and Bryson Worrell for the Purple team.

Agnos was also just selected to represent the Pirates and the American Athletic Conference at the 2017-18 NCAA Student-Athlete Leadership Forum in Washington D.C. on Nov.16-19.

For the Gold team, Ross and Kirkpatrick selected Nick Barber, Cole Beavin, Trey Benton, Matt Bridges, Seth Caddell, Cam Colmore, Alec Burleson, Chandler Jenkins, Noah Jones, Kirkpatrick, Jake Kuchmaner, Brady Lloyd, Josh Netterville, Tyler Smith, Evan Voliva, Collin Watt and Dwanya Williams-Sutton.

"One thing that's really been exciting is that the entire fall,

we've been doing everything with intent and have been extremely competitive," Ross said. "Almost like having a chip on our shoulder because of how things went last year."

The Pirates failed to live up to preseason expectations as they fell short of another Super Regional berth, while not eclipsing 40 wins.

Game one begins today at 3:15 p.m., followed by game two tomorrow at 4 p.m. and closes with a 1 p.m. start to conclude the tournament on Saturday. All tickets to each game are free for the public.

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TEC 'sports

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

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Record: 7-2
Closest Score: 3
Who wins? ECU 34-17
Why? The Pirates lost by 25 last weekend, but Gardner Minshew completed an ECU and

American Athletic Conference record of 52 passes, while passing for 463 yards. Scottie Montgomery said in his weekly press conference he planned to bench Thomas Sirk, and it would be an uneducated decision to start Sirk anymore this season. The way Minshew takes deep shots and connects with receivers is a skill Sirk can't seem to find. ECU needs a QB who takes shots and wants to win. Minshew's chippy attitude on and off the field shows he wants to prove everyone wrong and win.

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Record: 9-0
Closest Score: 3
Who wins? Tulane 40-24
Why? With ECU out of bowl competition, the Pirates no longer have anything to

lose and can upset teams for the remainder of the season. Don't let Tulane's (3-6) record on the season and (1-4) record in the American Athletic Conference fool you, they have competed and lost in tight games this season. The Green Wave will be lead by quarterback Jonathan Banks who is now starting to settle into his system with Tulane, being a dual threat quarterback. Expect the Pirates to come out strong, hopefully with Gardner Minshew starting at quarterback, but lose control of the game early in the second half.

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Record: 7-2
Closest Score: 3
Who wins? ECU 31-24
Why? The boost the Pirates' offense will receive with the insertion of Gardner Minshew

at quarterback will lift any spirits still down from failing to reach bowl eligibility. It may sound crazy that ECU's terrible run defense will hold against Tulane's heavy run offense, but without any passing game for the Green Wave, I think ECU can stack the box and hold another American Athletic Conference bottom feeder rather quiet. I expect to see a lot of deep shots down the field from Minshew to Trevon Brown and Davon Grayson to score enough in order to pull out a win.

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Ramseur continues to roll for ECU

Tyler Gavin
TEC STAFF

Anyone who has been focused on the East Carolina University football team's record, quarterback controversy or coaching struggles has missed the real story this season—a redshirt freshman who has shone through all the storms.

Aaron Ramsey has emerged as a stellar linebacker and one of the strongest players on defense. In just his second start, the Pirates were taking on Temple and the Owls were down to the two-yard-line early in the game. But Ramsey stepped in front of quarterback Logan Marchi's pass and intercepted it, the first of his collegiate career, keeping the Pirates in a game they would eventually lose. Right there, a star was born. He finished his second start with a game-high 11 tackles.

"He just rolled out and I followed him and he ended up throwing it right into my hands and it was a great feeling," Ramsey said. "Just being able to help out the team was pretty good for me because it was my first interception. I really felt the importance of it and me and the whole team are trying to get more."

To start the season, Ramsey was the rotation player, coming in and out at linebacker in the first four games. He played in every game but recorded just one tackle and was really no factor while the Pirates were getting crushed by James Madison, West Virginia and Virginia Tech.

Then, in week five against the University of South Florida, head coach Scottie Montgomery saw an opportunity to insert him in the starting lineup to help contain the Bulls mobile quarterback,



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Inside linebacker Aaron Ramsey intercepts Temple University's Logan Marchi during the Oct. 7 game inside East Carolina University's Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium.

Quinton Flowers. While ECU was crushed, Ramsey recorded five tackles and found himself in nearly every play. That game was all Montgomery need to see to keep him in the starting lineup.

"He's been a very consistent kind of player and he's really done a great job for us," Montgomery said. "We're really happy to have him here as he continues to grow up. We think he has star potential."

The new linebackers story started long before coming to Greenville. Ramsey grew up in Shelby, North Carolina as one of ten children of Kenneth and Minnie Ramsey. Following in his older brother's footsteps, he attended Crest high school, racking up accolades along the way.

The Chargers had back-to-back 16-0 seasons, along with two state championships in Ramsey's junior and senior seasons while he was named to the Associated

Press' First-Team All-State team at the linebacker position. He finished his senior season with 160 total stops (55 solo, 105 assists), 10.0 tackles for loss, 7.0 sacks and an interception.

Now he's at ECU, on a Pirate defense loaded with experience. Ramsey is usually joined by team captain and senior, Jordan Williams, who has been a staple in this defense since 2014. Williams has finished the last two seasons ranking among the top two tacklers on the team, second in 2015 and first in 2016, and is on pace to finish first again this season. The third linebacker, junior Cannon Gibbs, who is in his first season at ECU after playing at Jones Junior College, currently ranks fourth on the team with 47 tackles, just five more than Ramsey. Sandwiched between Williams and Gibbs are Korrin Wiggins and Devon Sutton, respectively.

This experience at linebacker has noticeably expedited Ramsey's ascent to a defensive staple.

"It's a learning experience but it helps me know where I'm supposed to be because they always know where they're supposed to be," Ramsey said. "I'm trying to get my part of the deal and do my job."

Ramsey was redshirted last season after being considered Montgomery's first signee. Maybe getting the chance to refine his skills on the defensive scout team has led to this kind of play, but inside linebacker coach Ryan Anderson credits his play to something else.

"He's got a nose for the ball, that the number one thing," Anderson said. "A lot of times you have to teach players where to go, where to fit, but he's got instincts. That's something you can't teach, you're either born with it or you're

not, and he's got it."

So even if this season is a lost cause, the Pirates have a future star to game plan around. Ramsey still has three years of eligibility, and if this season is any sign of things to come, then ECU has a legitimate Dick Butkus Award candidate on its hands. From the man who coaches him closest, Anderson knows what Ramsey is capable.

"The sky's the limit," Anderson said. "He's got all the tools it's just a matter to if he's going to continue to grow into it and get the reps."

Ramsey has three games left in his first collegiate season that will continue this Saturday at home against Tulane. Facing a mediocre offense, Ramsey's career-high 12 tackles looks like it can be upended.

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BASKETBALL continued from A1

tournament play.

This season, 12 of the first 14 games will be at home, while ECU will have a total of 19 home games during the regular season. Its first road game will not be until Nov. 24 in Piscataway, New Jersey, where the Pirates will take on Rutgers University as part of the Showcase on the Banks, facing non-conference opponents.

"Being at home is always helpful, we learn a lot about ourselves and we don't have to go through the trials and tribulations of the travel," head coach Jeff Lebo said. "Our travel is so hard once we get

Kentrell Barkley

into conference play, we want to try and get as much as we can at home in non-conference and challenge ourselves." Junior Kentrell Barkley led the team in points per game (13.2), rebounds per game (7.6), while playing an average of 32.3 minutes per contest. The team will look for him to do more, especially with the loss of former ECU shooting guard Caleb White last year. During his four years at ECU, White finished as the all-time fourth-leading scorer in program history with 1,578 points and second all-time at ECU in three-point field goals made with 256.

"I feel like we need somebody to step up and be a leader on the team. That is where my job comes in," Barkley said. "I have to be more of a vocal leader. I have worked on my ball handling and on my three-point shot. Now I have been trying to add the mid-range jump shot to my arsenal as well."

A key factor for the Pirates will be if senior B.J. Tyson can stay healthy. Tyson had a knee injury that kept him out for a stretch of a month which included seven games last season. Tyson has been working in the offseason to get healthy and prepare for his last year as a Pirate.

"I feel like I am at 90 percent right now," Tyson said. "Once you start as a freshman, you will never be 100 percent. I feel like I can put the team on my back (and) this is going to be exciting because this is my last year and I want to leave it all out there on the court."

The AAC recently added Wichita State to the conference. The team has proven to

be a powerhouse, as it has made the NCAA tournament for the past six years and have gone 179-35 in that time period, with the playoffs included.

"Wichita State is a big time team," Tyson said. "With them being in our conference, I look forward to playing them, and I know the team is looking forward to playing them as well."

While the leadership and experience from Barkley and Tyson will help the team adjust to the season, six new faces were added to the team following the loss of the team's seniors and transfers.

Graduate student Aaron Jackson and junior Seth LeDay are both transfers, junior Usman Haruna is originally from Kaduna, Nigeria but is transferring from Bismarck State College, while K.J. Davis, Dimitri Spasojevic and Justin Whatley are three freshmen who joined the team. Lebo also announced just yesterday that Jayden Gardner of Wake Forest, North Carolina, DeShaun Wade of Charlottesville, Virginia and Mike Wynn from Charlotte, North Carolina will also join the Pirates in the 2018-19 season.

Sophomore guards Jeremy Sheppard and Raquan Wilkins were suspended from the team on Friday, according to a statement from ECU Athletics. Playing without them can possibly hurt the team in the long run, as the starting lineup now takes a hit just five days before the season opener.

"We have a lot of bigs and a lot of guards," Tyson said. "If one man goes down, we have someone else who can step up and hopefully they will be ready to play."

Lebo said he is "thrilled" to receive commitment from each member of this talented class.

"Each helps fill specific needs we have and all have tremendous upside," Lebo said. "The trio represents another piece of the puzzle as we continue to build and improve in the American."

Lebo also announced just yesterday that Jayden Gardner of Wake Forest, North Carolina, DeShaun Wade of Charlottesville, Virginia, and Mike Wynn from Charlotte, North Carolina will join the Pirates in the 2018-19 season when they inked their names to a signing after being scouted.

The Pirates look to defend their home court and have a better year overall than last year.

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MAP OUT YOUR WEEK

TODAY

Racism & Propaganda in Jim Crow Era Pop Culture

Joyner Library

3:30 p.m.

Ribbon Cutting

Blackbeard Coffee Roasters

4 p.m.

Night Out Against Violence

Crossbones Tavern

4 p.m.

Party for the Pups

CPW's Fine Food & Spirits

5 p.m.

Oyster Roast

Greenville Country Club

6 p.m.

Greenville Purple Gala

Greenville Museum of Art

7 p.m.

TOMORROW

Y'all Eat Yet? Food Truck

Pitt Street Brewing Company

6 p.m.

Sip, Savor, and Create: Encaustic Painting

Emerge

6:30 p.m.

Military Alumni Social

Uptown Brewing Company

8 p.m.

Friday Night Throwdown

Trollingwood

8 p.m.

Tan Sanders and Halen Sykes Live Music

Pitt Street Brewing Company

8 p.m.

SATURDAY

Friendsgiving Palooza

The Painted Peacock

7 p.m.

Jerry Coyle live

Uptown Brewing Company

8 p.m.

Spirit Day

Pirate's Popcorn

10 a.m.



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An employee at Emerge works. Emerge hosts the African American Music Series every second Friday of the month.

Emerge music series brings history, flow

Austin Kinlaw
TEC STAFF

Every second Friday of the month the ambience at Emerge Gallery & Arts Center is set to the rhythmic sounds of jazz, R&B and funk music for the monthly African American Music Series.

Tomorrow night's event beginning at 7, will feature musical guest Marcus Parker. Parker is a drummer, organist, vocalist, composer and arranger from Washington D.C., according to Emerge's website. The free event will take place at 404 South Evans St.

The previous event featured the musical accompaniment of keyboard player Bill Myers and saxophone musician Clarence Knight.



Carroll Dashiell He was instrumental in having a music scene in the area, particularly in the black and African-

American community," Carroll Dashiell, director of the series, said. "Dr. Clarence Knight is one of my mentors and is very much responsible for gigs around the world that I've done and is very inspiring."

As a former chair and professor of music at Bowie State University, Knight has experience as a professional musician. He has engineered with luminaries such as Ray Charles, The Temptations, Aretha Franklin and Gladys Knight, among many others. Having experiences that span more than five decades, Knight has performed many times with his own band and orchestra at the Congressional Black Congress Awards dinners, as well as presidential inaugurations.

Holly Garriett, the executive director of the Pitt County Arts Council at Emerge, worked with the North Carolina Arts Council, Pitt County Arts Council and Emerge Gallery to put the series together, according to Dashiell.

"It was a long time coming from the African American Music Trails of Eastern

Carolina," Dashiell said. "It's a family-oriented program, and we're really just trying to show that there's so much heritage of the music in the world that has come out of Eastern Carolina."

ECU alumnus Devin Frasier, who played the guitar for the house band at Emerge last month, said it's great the series is happening in downtown Greenville.

"It's local musicians, I'm pretty sure, that everyone that played is from eastern North Carolina, even the guest artists," Frasier said. "So, it's a cool environment to be in."

ECU senior jazz studies major Zach Gabriel, a drummer for the concert last month, said he has been playing drums since he was six and thinks it's a big part of American history.

"All of this started early on in cornfields," Gabriel said. "Slaves were singing blues and that evolved into swing music. And what we're playing tonight isn't too much different from what they were singing back then, in those fields."

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Operation Gratitude gives back

Jenna Price
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Instead of snacking on leftover Halloween candy this year, residents of Greenville were able to donate to "Candy for a Cause" at Alexander Paul Institute of Hair and Design.

The "Candy for a Cause" project is in connection with Operation Gratitude, an organization that sends care packages to deployed military and first responders. The candy collected by the institute will be included in the care packages. The Halloween Candy GIVE-Back is a national operation that takes place in the beginning of November.



Paul Naoum Institute of Hair and Design and one of the coordinators for Greenville's "Candy for a Cause," said he wanted to be a part of this to help promote a healthy lifestyle for children and adults.

"We, as a school, focus on health and wellness, so we want to help our students promote a healthier life and also give back to our local service members," Naoum said.

Greenville residents were able to drop off their candy, as well as notes for the military personnel, to Alexander Paul Institute of Hair and Design from Nov. 1 through Tuesday.

Even more than just promoting a healthy lifestyle, Naoum hopes to stress the importance of thanking to those that serve.

"The reason why [we started this] is because people tend to over buy candy and instead of having it sit around we wanted to find a way to do some good with that and give back," Naoum said.

Carolyn Blashek, the founder of Operation Gratitude, wanted to create an opportunity for children to get involved in giving back to the people that serve and protect us.

"The Halloween Candy GIVE-Back gives children of all ages an opportunity to say thank you to the people who put their lives on the line for our protection, and to experience the values of service and giving in a hands-on and memorable way," Blashek said. "We're excited to partner with Americans nationwide to send candy, smile and a whole lot of gratitude to U.S. Service Members deployed overseas and to First Responders here at home."

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MOVIE REVIEW

'Savage Dog' as brutal as it is bland



COURTESY OF IMDB.COM

Left: Martin Tilman, played by Scott Adkins, and Rastignac, played by Marko Zaror, act in "Savage Dog".

Down for a film about a fighting camp set in 1959 China with brutal fight scenes, brain-busting action and a story that doesn't make sense? Well, "Savage Dog," directed by Jesse V. Johnson, is the mindless entertainment needed to overcome a wretched week.

This film stars Scott Adkins, who plays Martin Tilman, a former world-champion boxer. After attacking a superior officer in the military, he resides inside Den-Dhin-Chan labor camp, where he is forced to fight for his life to entertain various high-class baddies. To say this film is a testosterone-fueled adrenaline rush is an understatement; "Savage Dog" delivers consistently when it comes to over-the-top action. However, as far as narrative is concerned, it's pretty much nonexistent.

The gist of the story is that Tilman will be released soon. For some reason, Tilman's imprisonment is not really explained at all; The corrupt owners of the prison will not let him leave. Because he is too big of a draw? Because they don't like him? Because he is just too good looking? There is no clear answer, but either way, Tilman intends to fight his way out in some truly brutal ways.

This film was clearly made with people who will go watch just to see some action in mind, and it does a really good job of showing the audience just that. The action is by no means as good as the fight scenes in 2011's "The Raid," but it is hard hitting, and effort was clearly put into the effects. Like in "The Raid," the hand-to-hand fight scenes in this

film are very personal and brutal however they are overshadowed by generic gunfights, which are admittedly fun and mindless, but ultimately boring; They offer nothing new.

Although this film is a typical B movie, it does try to have some kind of broad appeal. Characters such as Isabelle, played by Juju Chan, try to add some kind of human element to the story by being a character that helps out Tilman, acting as emotional support. However, the audience does not care about her role in the story. This film is just made to entertain the niche market of those who love fighting films.

Overall, "Savage Dog" is a film that lives up to its name. The action scenes are pretty top notch for a film on a budget, but that is

not an excuse for having such a bland story. Character performances are fine and never really cross into being cheesy, but nonetheless, this is still an action movie that is focused on just that. "Savage Dog" offers nothing new in the realms of action movies but is a good time for those that enjoy this genre, especially 80s-esque action films.

RATING:

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2.5 out of 5

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Taurus
(April 20-May 20) -- Today is a 7 -- Make long-term home improvements. Sometimes you need to make a mess to create beauty. Avoid stupid arguments. Slow down and listen.

Gemini
(May 21-June 20) -- Today is an 8 -- Document your findings, and then go to committee. Take notes; run your ideas by your team before presenting. Write a romantic scene.

Cancer
(June 21-July 22) -- Today is an 8 -- The next two days are good for making money. Costs may be higher than expected. Heed recommendations and warnings. Humility is a virtue.

Leo
(July 23-Aug. 22) -- Today is a 9 -- You're especially hot today and tomorrow. Aim for long-term solutions, and don't worry about short-term chaos. Keep it practical, and avoid stepping on toes.

Virgo
(Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Today is a 6 -- Look back for insight on the road ahead. Pay extra attention to your dreams for a few days. Consider what you want and speculate on possibilities.

Libra
(Sept. 23-Oct. 22) -- Today is an 8 -- Collaborate with a community effort. Conflicting instructions would create extra work; coordinate plans in advance. Make sure everyone's on the same page.

Scorpio
(Oct. 23-Nov. 21) -- Today is a 7 -- Professional matters take priority today and tomorrow. Steady, gentle pressure works better than brute force. Avoid expense and hassle. Teach a lesson about patience.

Sagittarius
(Nov. 22-Dec. 21) -- Today is a 7 -- Long-distance travel may be on your horizon. Spread your wings today and tomorrow. Find alternate routes in case of traffic. Have a meaningful conversation.

Capricorn
(Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Today is an 8 -- Invest energy into growing shared accounts over the next few days. Repay a debt or favor. Avoid confrontation with an authority. Stash your treasure.

Aquarius
(Jan. 20-Feb. 18) -- Today is an 8 -- Let your partner drive. Keep your temper despite provocation. Work together to get more done with less hassle over the next few days.

Pisces
(Feb. 19-March 20) -- Today is an 8 -- Focus on physical activity over the next few days. Practice your moves. Slow to avoid accidents or injury. Keep a steady beat.

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Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

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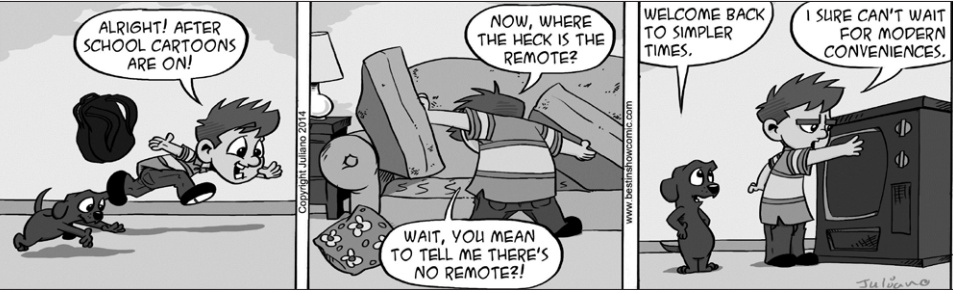
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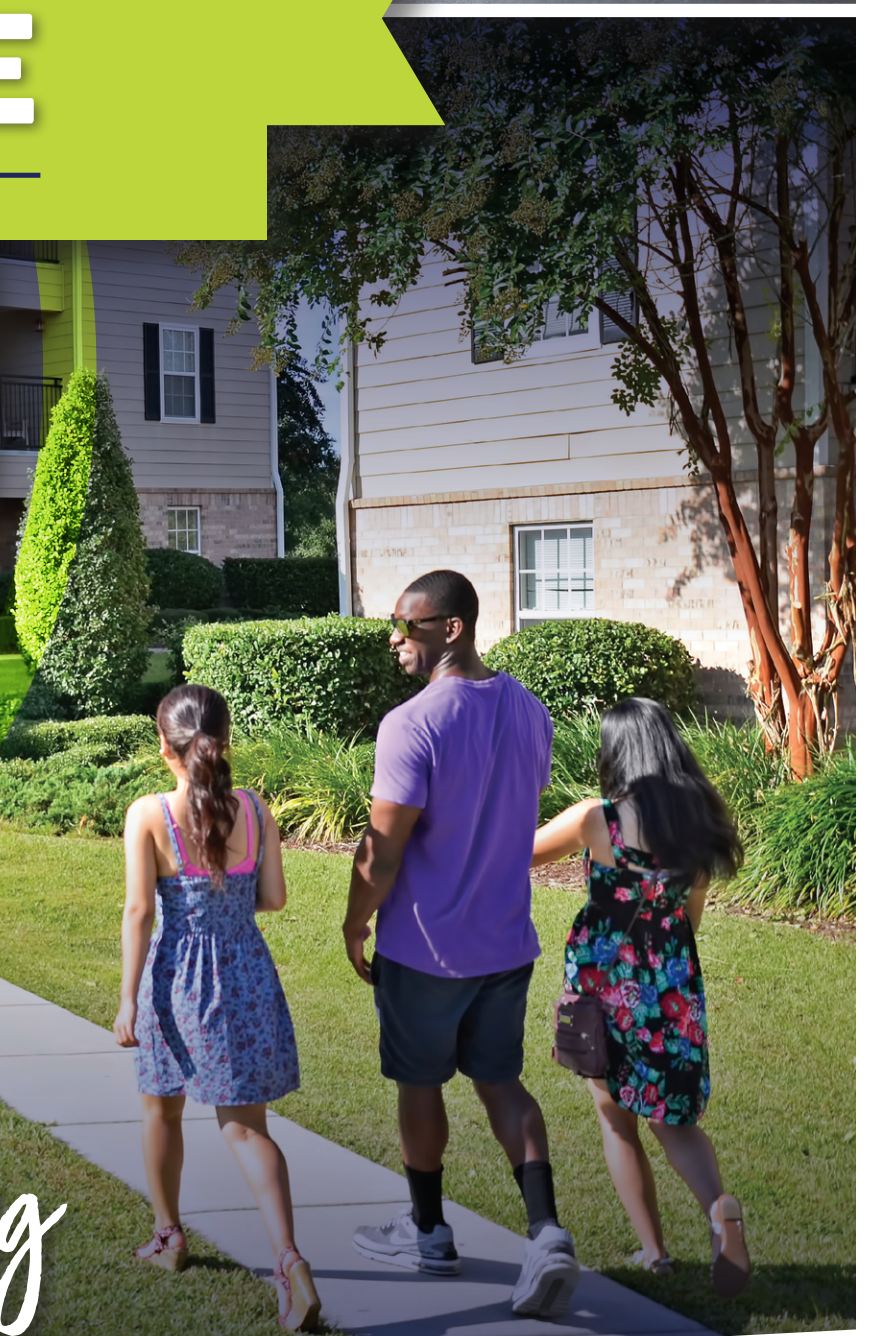
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