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Officials: GFR claims unethical

Matthew Prensky
TEC STAFF

Even though department staffing records contrast the paramedic advertising on three ambulances and the website of Greenville Fire/Rescue, according to state law, GFR is free to promote its EMS level certification.

The word 'paramedic' is displayed prominently on the driver and passenger doors of at least three of GFR's eight ambulances in bold, yellow print. EMS 3 and EMS 8, along with EMS 4, which is required to have a paramedic, are the only three ambulances in the city with the paramedic yellow script. The other five ambulances, which are normally in service across the city, do not display the word paramedic on the driver or passenger door.

However, department staffing records contradict this paramedic advertisement on these three ambulances.

EMS 3 and 8 have only been staffed by paramedics a combined 47 percent of the time this year, according to GFR's TeleStaff system which was provided to The East Carolinian through a public records request. The TeleStaff system depicts the certification levels of GFR's



Brock Letchworth

firefighters and which vehicles they are assigned to.

Greenville's Public Information Officer Brock Letchworth declined to comment on behalf of GFR about this matter.

Along with a paramedic advertisement on some of its ambulances, GFR also promotes its paramedic level certification

on its website.

"The Greenville Fire/Rescue Department is proud to provide its customers with EMT-Paramedic level care on all of its EMS units and ALS engines..." according to GFR's website under the EMS Information subpage.

However, since the beginning of this year, GFR EMS units have been staffed with a paramedic 64 percent of the time, according to GFR's TeleStaff system. The TeleStaff system indicated that 36 percent of the time, GFR EMS units were not staffed with paramedics.

Despite those records, Chuck Owens, a retired EMS Manager at GFR, said because the fire department is a state certified paramedic level EMS provider, it's free to advertise that certification.

However, Owens, who retired in 2013 as an EMS Manager at GFR, said just because the word paramedic is painted on the outside of the ambulance doesn't necessarily

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THOMAS WEYBRECHT | THE EAST CAROLINIAN

An ECU student places canned goods in a box at Greenville's food bank. Junior Ashton Fisher is starting ECU's first food bank in January.

'Purple Pantry' to open ECU student program to feed fellow Pirates

Julie Estep
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

With rows upon rows of gleaming cans filled with food stacked on top of each other, East Carolina University has created a new food pantry to aide college students in need beginning next semester.

This program will be a joint effort between the ECU Dean of Students Office, the Collegiate Recovery Center and the Center for Leadership and Civic Engagement on campus, according to Jarmichael Harris, coordinator of the Collegiate Recovery Community. However, the

food pantry will be sponsored by the Collegiate Recovery Center.

The conversations for this project began last year, Ashton Fisher, a junior anthropology major, said. Fisher's volunteer work at a homeless shelter inspired her to think of a project to work with the Dean of Students Office.

At the end of every semester, Fisher said she would buy up all the leftover meals on her meal plan and take them to donate to the homeless shelter.

"It got to a point where they knew me. I would take all the meals I had left, take a whole bunch of sauces, everything and take it to the



Ashton Fisher

homeless shelter and donate it," Fisher said.

Fisher said she started out by talking to Lynn Roeder, the associate vice chancellor at the Dean of Students

Office, who also supported the idea.

"Since she (Roeder) had the one-on-one experience with homeless people, she had the idea of creating a group that would help those homeless

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Canned goods sit at Greenville's local food bank. Coming this January, ECU will be starting its own food bank called "Purple Pantry."

Sustainability fees wilt under BOT vote

Darby Hubbell
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

East Carolina University's Sustainability Manager Chad Carwein said the members of the Sustainability Fee Campaign are disappointed the Board of Trustees chose to abandon the opinion of five percent of the fee-paying student population, as it rejected the proposed sustainability fee.

During ECU's BOT meeting, held on the morning of Nov. 10, two out of the three proposed undergraduate student fees were passed, while the sustainability fee was not.

"In response to the concern that it 'would place undue financial burden on students,' the proposed fee received overwhelming approval in a vote by the General Assembly of the ECU Student Government Association on Nov. 1 and we're talking about students' money, so shouldn't they be the ones deciding how to spend it?" Carwein said.

Directing member of the Green Fund Campaign, later known as the Sustainability Fee Campaign, Daniel Hemme, said there were many students who wanted to see this "seed implemented in ECU's soil."

"You know, one of the things that was beautiful about inducting this campaign was

that we saw overwhelming support from the student body, without even reaching all the students on campus," Hemme said. "Maybe being able to speak to only 15-20 percent we had over 11 hundred support cards signed and far more students expressing support."

The two departments whose proposed budgets were passed through the SGA packet were Campus Recreation Center and Student Center Operations. With these new fees students will pay \$45 more per student, \$20 for CRW and \$25 for SCO.

According to a member of the Sustainability Fee Committee, Paul Safrit, the Committee proposed a packet to the Student Government Association.

"After voting on the three to be included in the packet, it was then taken to the BOT where they initially said they would pass through all three fees, but then in the subsequent meeting the next day, without any chance for a contrary, or a decent, they just passed through the two fees," Safrit, a senior majoring in entrepreneurship, said.

Safrit said from there, the packet will be sent to the Board of Governors, where unfortunately it will receive the packet as it

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ECU Sustainability Manager Chad Carwein rides his bike around the main campus of East Carolina.

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BRIEFS

ECU College of Business event to give students studying tips

East Carolina University's College of Business mentors will hold a meeting this Wednesday at 5 p.m. This event will be held with first-year undergraduate students in mind to go over final examination study habits and strategies.

This event will be open to help any student seeking study assistance or study skills to help them complete and achieve their academic goals through their first experience with ECU final exams.

Hosted by the College of Business Advising Center, mentors will be available to meet with students in the Jenkins Building, room 1220.

BSN information session to be held today

An information session covering an accelerated second-degree Bachelor of Science in Nursing plan will be offered this afternoon in the front lobby of the College of Nursing Building on the Health Sciences Campus.

This event will be held from 3 to 5 p.m. today for any student interested in the College of Nursing accelerated program. The option for an accelerated second-degree bachelor of science in nursing is open for any student with a non-nursing bachelor's degree.

The event is open to the public, with a reservation, which can be made by emailing ECUNurseStudentSvc@ecu.edu.

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students and be there as an aid for them,” Fisher said.

This will be the first year of the project, but Fisher hopes it can continue at ECU every year after.

“Community service is one of ECU’s pillars so this is obviously a very important thing,” Fisher said.

Harris said the Collegiate Recovery Community has plans for the future implementation of the project.

“The Collegiate Recovery Community is sponsoring this Purple Pantry as a collaborative effort amongst many different entities of our student affairs division,” Harris said.

Harris said the discussions on his end began when the counselors sat down at the end of last semester to review their progress.

“We were wrapping up here at the counseling center discussing challenges, issues and things of that nature that we should be tuning in to for the upcoming year and one of the things that kept coming up was food and security among the students,” Harris said.

It wasn’t long before they realized how many of the the counselors had come across these same encounters with their own experiences.

“Students would come in for general counseling services and would make mention of difficulty paying rent, difficulty finding the next meal, things like that,” Harris said.

Shortly after the talks at the Collegiate Recovery Center, Harris said the Dean of



Greenville Fire/Rescue's Engine 3 leaves Station 1 in downtown Greenville. GFR advertises its paramedic level certification on the side of Engine 3.

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mean there are paramedics inside.

“Once you get the designation of a paramedic level provider you can of course advertise that on all of your vehicles, stationary, Christmas cards and whatever,” said Owens, who retired with 33 years of service to the city of Greenville. “To be compliant with that, it just means that the first call that they receive has to have a paramedic on it.”

Owens said as long as GFR has one paramedic on each shift 24/7, the fire department was compliant with state regulations.

“But, I really don’t know if the state has any type (of regulation) that would require them (an EMS provider) to remove the word paramedic (from its vehicles),” Owens said. “To complement that statement, I don’t know if the state has any regulation that dictates or addresses whether or not an organization can actually write the word paramedic on its vehicles or stationary.”

Neither North Carolina state law nor the North Carolina Office of Emergency Medical Services rules or regulations mention whether an EMS provider can advertise its EMT level certification.

The only visual requirement of ground ambulances in the NCOEMS rules and regulations falls under clause four of the “Ground Ambulance: Vehicle and Equipment Requirements,” where it states, “The name of the EMS Provider (must be) permanently displayed on each side of the vehicle.”

Kelly Haight, press assistant in the Office of Communications for the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services, said the state doesn’t require an EMS provider

“ It just becomes an ethical question of whether or not the provider is advertising something they should or shouldn’t. ”

- Chuck Owens

to provide paramedic level care.

“North Carolina law requires each ambulance to have at least one Emergency Medical Technician and one Emergency Medical Responder,” Haight said in an emailed statement to The East Carolinian on Nov. 21.

Owens said since the state may not have any regulations about the design of an EMS provider's ambulances, the decision to advertise an EMT level certification falls on the department.

“It just becomes an ethical question of whether or not the provider is advertising something they should or shouldn’t,” Owens said.

The city of Greenville Public Information Officer Brock Letchworth declined to comment when asked if GFR believed its paramedic advertisement on its website was misleading to residents.

“There will be no comment,” Letchworth said in a Nov. 17 email to The East Carolinian.

However, Tim Bradley, executive director of the North Carolina State Firefighters Association, said he believes the GFR paramedic statements are misleading.

“If you call an ambulance when you’re having a heart attack, a stroke, you’ve cut your arm, your blood sugar is low or any of the hundreds of calls that you get and your expectation is based

on its (GFR) advertising that they’re going to send a paramedic, then the unit oughta have a paramedic on it,” Bradley said in a phone interview on Nov. 14.

Gary Phipps, a former staff support captain at GFR who retired in 2013, said he believes it’s false advertising for GFR to have the word paramedic on an ambulance if it’s staffed with EMT-Basics or EMT-Intermediates.

Owens said if an EMS provider can’t operate at a certain level, such as a EMT-Paramedic level, it would be ethical of the department to notify the agency and remove the word paramedic from its vehicles.

“From an organizational standpoint, that given vehicle may not have a paramedic on it, but from an organizational standpoint I would still be a paramedic level provider and I’m meeting all the rules I’m supposed to be meeting,” Owens said. “The dilemma or debate is if my organization is paramedic level and half of my vehicle have paramedics and the other half don’t, does that mean I can only put paramedic on the ones that have a paramedic or can I advertise my organization as being paramedic (level certified) and put it on all the vehicles.”

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Signs from ECU's Homecoming, where canned goods were given to the local food bank. One student is starting ECU's own food pantry in January.

Students Office made a similar statement recognizing some of the less talked about needs of students.

The Collegiate Recovery Center then partnered with the Dean of Students Office to propose a food pantry on campus. ECU Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs Virginia Hardy supported the idea, Harris said.

“She sent us to North Carolina State University to see how their food pantry operation worked and from that we were able to put together a solid proposal,” Harris said.

Harris said the bulk of the donations will come from a partnership with the food bank in Greenville and also from various colleges and students organizations across the university.

“Maybe doing a particular drive with the College of Business for one type of canned good and then College of Nursing for some other resources,” Harris said.

Harris said their actions were in an effort to erase a stigma about college

students in need.

“We kind of have this idea that if you’re in college, then obviously you have the means to buy food and unfortunately, that’s just not true,” Harris said. “If you’re not necessarily sure where your next meal is coming from, then you’re definitely not concentrating on your school work.”

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stands now, with just the two fees.

Following the Nov. 10 BOT meeting, Student Government Association President LaQuon Rogers said the reason why the sustainability fee didn’t pass was because the Board was more concerned with the structure of the committee and how the funds would be used.

Carwein said far from being “inadequately conceived” as one Board member argued, the proposed fee was the result of months of careful planning and communication with students

and university staff.

Hemme said introducing a sustainability fee would have brought ECU in line with its fellow institutions both instate and out of state.

“You know, this is 2017, it’s the 21st century, the sustainability fee is nothing new for campus’s across the country and in fact it’s nothing new even within the University of North Carolina school system,” Hemme said.

North Carolina State University has already incorporated a sustainability fee into its undergraduate admissions tuition and fees as of 2013. According to its public sustainability webpage, found under its “Program and

Resources” tab, the university has slowly introduced the fee of \$2.50 to the undergraduate community per semester and has said it will gradually increase the fee as years turn over.

“The fee generates \$180,000 per year (minus reserve) for the Sustainability Fund, which awards grants for campus sustainability projects that impact students,” according to the NC State webpage.

According to the University of North Carolina Chapel Hill’s Office of the University Cashier webpage, it has already inducted a sustainability fee of its own, titled “Renewable Energy.” The website said undergraduate students pay a

fee of \$8 for the academic school year.

“I think that it does put us (ECU) at a disadvantage because we are not keeping pace with these institutions who have similar missions, similar student bodies and who have ultimately elected to work differently,” Hemme said.

Safrit said not allowing this fee to pass has set ECU back. Safrit said people already see the university as the “little brother” of the UNC system or as the “party school.” He added the university has been persevering through the past five or six years, trying to correct that image and make more of a research name for the university.

Hemme said just because the fee was rejected doesn’t mean this is the end of the idea. He said the administrative, fees and institution process is cyclical.

“We go back to the drawing board, we revise, we take into consideration what the Board of Trustees said and we just produce an even better product, even better campaign, an even better fee proposal,” Hemme said. “And we continue to demonstrate this is something students are demanding and something that will only benefit the university.”

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OUR VIEW

ECU football must change in near future

After consecutive 3-9 seasons for the East Carolina University football team, players, students and the ECU community have mixed views on where the program should go from here.

Midway through the season, all eyes were on Athletic Director Jeff Compher. However, he should not be the sole focus of the problem here. Granted, Compher should have made more personnel changes, but he did hire a defensive analyst halfway through the year in hopes of making the last ranked defense in the nation take off.

We, the editorial staff of The East Carolinian, believe the problem with ECU's main-revenue sports team dives deeper than the control of overhead athletics personnel and starts with Head coach Scottie Montgomery, the coordinators and the players.

Montgomery finally ended quarterback controversy for the Tulane University game on Nov. 11 after naming Gardner Minshew the starting quarterback for the remainder of the year. Minshew battled with fellow teammate Thomas Sirk, both playing in multiple games, creating problems for the players around them.

Wide receivers and running backs finally got in a playing groove with quarterback stability, most notably Trevon Brown, who posted 470 yards and two touchdowns in the final three.

Montgomery and his coordinators need to take a handle on the program before they find themselves without a job and that begins with taking more time in reworking lines, matchups and plays in the offseason and practice in order to transfer play over for the regular season. Without a firmer grip on the team, the promise of ECU making it to the postseason or a bowl appearance next season, that Montgomery promised in his last press conference, is all but possible.

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Football will rise from ashes



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So here we are, at the end of another disappointing 3-9 East Carolina University football season and I'm here to try and put a bow on the previous 12 games while looking forward to try and tell ECU fans what they'll get in 2018.

This Saturday in the season finale, the Pirates were crushed by the University of Memphis 70-13 in a game that showcased just how far ECU is from competing for an American Athletic Conference championship.

Next week, the Tigers will face the University of Central Florida to decide the king of the AAC while ECU heads home, failing to qualify for a bowl for the second year in a row. While the Sept. 1 kickoff of the 2018 season seems years away, ECU head coach Scottie Montgomery is confident enough in what he saw this season to start making promises.

"We're going to be better (next season), and I can guarantee that," Montgomery said, according to ECU Athletics. "I haven't given a lot of guarantees since I've been here, but we'll be a better football team and we're going to go play in the postseason next year. I'm convicted; I know that our guys will be."

Montgomery is already looking forward to his third season as a head coach while most fans around the program are awaiting his firing.

While this may feel like a nice solution to the fans, I think finding some continuity in a head coach and staff is best for the Pirates going forward. I'm aware the change in coaches from Ruffin McNeill to Montgomery is still a sore-subject, but now that McNeill is in Oklahoma, changing coaches just two years after hiring Montgomery doesn't give the chance to learn from past mistakes.

“ Things change quick and you’re going to want to be a part of ECU’s success when the time comes. ”

Now, none of this means I don't think his seat is red-hot, but there are some good signs that deserve acknowledgement heading into the offseason.

The Pirates' passing attack ranked 13th in the entire Football Bowl Subdivision this season. If the defense didn't rank last, 129th out of 129 teams, then maybe fans would have valued Montgomery's ability to turn Thomas Sirk, and especially Gardner Minshew, into extremely dangerous passers. Another good sign? Montgomery knows a lot of things have to change going into next season.

"We have to add some pieces to the puzzle, there's no question to it. We have to do some things differently, and I accept that willingly, and that's exactly what we'll do," Montgomery said.

Doing things differently on defense should be the number one focus for the Pirates while they prepare for next season.

Earlier this season, former defensive coordinator Kenwick Thompson was reassigned from his role and replaced with Robert Prunty, who didn't do much better.

From defensive line, which recorded 11 sacks all season, less than one per game, through the linebackers and all the way back to the weakest link, the defensive backs, the ECU defense was in the bottom 100 in terms of total defense all season, while last for the majority of it.

If Montgomery wants to coach through the entire 2018 season, addressing the defensive struggles should be the number one concern.

The easiest way to improve in college football is through recruiting, another aspect Montgomery will have to prove

himself in this offseason. The Pirates landed the most recruits in the state of North Carolina last season, but failed to venture out of their backyard for the most part.

Last year's most prominent recruit Kingsley Ifedi, the number one quarterback in the state last year, never saw the field this year. Now, ECU fans are hearing about Holton Ahlers, the Greenville D.H. Conley quarterback who totaled 71 touchdowns this season. But, notice, he's still from right here in Greenville.

For the Pirates to compete in the AAC, they need to land recruits far beyond just eastern North Carolina.

I'm not sure what the ECU depth chart or coaching staff will look like next season, but I know these next nine months will be monumental for a football program hungry to reach the postseason again.

If Montgomery does return, which is certainly no guarantee, the first three games of the season, which includes a home contest with North Carolina and a trip to Virginia Tech, will decide if he finishes out his entire third season.

So Pirate fans, I'll leave you with this: the 2017 season wasn't what any of us wanted but don't quit on the program, because in 2015, UCF went 0-12 and is now competing for the conference championship.

Things change quick and you're going to want to be a part of ECU's success when the time comes.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

ECU students stand with DACA

To whom it may concern,

As students of East Carolina University, we firmly stand behind the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, also known as D.A.C.A. As of lately, Donald Trump has been pushing to make changes to D.A.C.A. that could potentially send those that have been residing in the United States all of their life to a country that they are not even familiar with.

D.A.C.A. is an American Immigration Policy that had allowed individuals that entered the country as minors to stay in the country upon maintaining a two-year renewable

period of deferred action. As long as the individual had been working or in school, they are able to reside in the United States regardless of them being "illegal."

Students on campus have joined together and had talks at the Cupola and different meetings and protests on campus to show their support for such an issue and it has become inspiring to see students of all backgrounds and ethnicities become united to stand for an issue.

East Carolina is supposed to support diversity and there are students amongst the university that

are utilizing D.A.C.A. Students need to be aware of exactly what D.A.C.A. is and what it would mean if the policy is changed/taken away. We are writing to you because we understand the impact that this paper has on the students of East Carolina University, and we feel as though students can be part of the change.

Sincerely yours,

Aliyah Adams, Jamie Monge, Stephanie Martinez, Cynthia Lezama-Bernal and Jayla Smith
East Carolina University

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Dance for Peace

Mediation Center at East Carolina University

9 a.m.

Percentage Night

Crossbones Tavern

4 p.m.

Drysuit Class

Rum Runner Drive Shop

6 p.m.

Hand Lettering for the Holidays

Hobby Lobby

6:30 p.m.

Can U Toss Cornhole Tournament

Pitt Street Brewing Company

7 p.m.

Magic the Gathering

Blue Ox Games

7 p.m.

Trivia

Carolina Ale House

8 p.m.

TOMORROW

The Great Turkey Burnoff 2017

Aquaventure

6 a.m.

ECU SOAD Holiday Sale

Greenville Museum of Art

5:30 p.m.

Shep's Farm to Truck Food Truck

Pitt Street Brewing Company

6 p.m.

YuGiOh! - Weekly Wednesday event

Blue Ox Games

6 p.m.

Dungeons & Dragons Adventurers League Wednesday Night Edition

Well Played Games

7 p.m.

Magic the Gathering Booster Draft

Blue Ox Games

7 p.m.



From left: Tyler Williams, Thorne Wiggs, Josh Branch, Stephen Ottinger and Jonathan Evans, of local Christian rock band After April, sit on a bench together.

After April appeals to many

Local band brings new feel to Christian-crossover music

Danielle Schmid
TEC STAFF

Faith and talent brings together five alternative artists who make up Greenville’s up-and-coming crossover band, After April. The Christian rock band shows off its love for Christ in a way that appeals to both Christian and alternative crowds.

After April has recently played in Virginia, Pennsylvania and at a fundraiser for Pitt County School’s arts program, Let’s go Emo for Rock the Arts, where the band played with Warped Tour artist Small Talks and Raleigh punk-pop band The Ivory.

After April began in early 2015, when members from an older, more dedicated Christian band transformed into the faithful alternative band they are today.

“We have two of those original

members now the rest have come and gone,” guitarist Tyler Williams said. “The members we have now though, we’ve been together for a solid year and a half.”

The developed band is now more of a crossover Christian band, which appeals to more of the alternative crowd rather than the 40 to 60-year-old Christian crowd, according to the members.

The band’s single “Follow You,” which croons lyrics such as, “I feel the weight of this life I’m living / I feel the pace and trying to hold on/ so many times I’ve forget you told me/ If I surrender everything and just let go,” and delivers a

poetic and meaningful message, has gained more airtime than any of the group’s other songs.

“It’s pretty cool that our song has been played on some radio stations,” After April’s bass player Stephen Ottinger said.

After April’s EP, “Canvas,” was released in May. The four-song EP brings hardcore vibes with motivational lyrics. Williams said the crowd really reacted to the group’s last song of one of its shows, “What Are We Waiting For.”

“This song has a really good vibe you can end a good show on,” Williams said. “I feel like it settles well with the crowd; it helps them remember us better.”

“Come Back,” another track on After April’s most recent EP, is Williams’ personal favorite. He said this song brings a positive uplifting message.

“We all struggle and have our problems, it’s just one of those calling songs that shows you life’s better than what you’re lead to believe,” Williams said. “The whole second verse really reminds me of my wife. She knows it’s a good life, it’s just sometimes she struggles.”

After April will head back to the studio, ironically, around April of 2018 to record another EP. The band will write its new album and also work with a co-writer in Nashville.

“We’re heading back to the studio soon so I’d say keep an eye out,” Williams said. “We’re most likely going to start having a lot more shows around and most likely going to be hitting up music festivals.”

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MOVIE REVIEW

'Haze' shines light on hazing



Angel De Jesus
TEC STAFF

Films have shown college Greek Life as something that is just good fun. Films such as “Animal House,” “Neighbors” and other “bro” comedies all show this side of college that most college-aged men would die to be a part of. However, not until “Haze” has a film shown a more realistic take on what it is really like to be a part of some college fraternities and it is not all fun and games.

“Haze,” directed by David Burkman, is a film that highlights some of the more unspoken situations that occur when college students decide to rush a fraternity that will make up a huge part of their future college career. The film stars an age-appropriate group of actors to portray college-aged students with the cast of Kirk Curran, Mike Blejer, Jeremy O’Shea and Kristin Rogers.

This film represents two sides of the hazing issue: those directly involved and a campus group that opposes hazing practices used by fraternities. Nick, played by Curran, is a freshman who aspires to be in the best fraternity on campus, and his older brother Pete, played by Blejer, leads a campus group that opposes hazing after the death of a pledge.

Curran’s performance as a bright-eyed freshman wanting to prove his worth as a pledge is awesome. Seeing him excited to be accepted into his dream fraternity and defending what they do comes off genuine. Watching him try to reluctantly justify the hazing practices comes off as both uncomfortable and real. His brother on the other hand, was a bit of a weird character.

Pete represents a group that calls out fraternities for dangerous hazing practices and although his character is necessary for the overall theme of the film, he comes off as forced. A character like this did not need to be in the movie to point out why certain practices were dangerous. It was a bit four-dimensional and almost preachy at times. As brothers, the conflict between Pete and Nick adds nice tension but it also just sort of feels forced. The film is largely based on the Greek myth of the rivalry between Dionysus and Pentheus,



Actors in the film "Haze" highlight problems with hazing in Greek culture across college campuses.

which is appropriate in tone and in the whole “Greek” connection, but at times this film feels like a public service announcement as to why fraternity hazing is a bad thing.

The interesting thing about this film is that it is done in some sort of documentary style, where some of the pledges will be interviewed and some of the way the scenes are shot are done in a shaky-cam way that is synonymous with documentary film types. Shots of keg stands, scantily clad college girls and raging frat boys really put the audience in the setting and hits the tone this film is aiming for.

At times the documentary style of shooting works, however it doesn’t always make complete sense. At times the filming makes it seem as if someone is there filming all of the hazing going on and no one seems to care, while at other times, we see those who oppose hazing trying to film it on camera and then when noticed, there is a confrontation between the fraternity brothers and those who oppose hazing.

The tone of this film is a very serious one and portrays fraternity life in a way that makes it seem more like a gang, which is an overgeneralization. That is a problem with this film— it makes rushing a fraternity look

like a horror story. While in some cases that may be true, this film feels as if it is made to scare people away from joining a Greek life organization. Some fraternities do make pledges drink until they puke and do various dangerous activities to help prove their loyalty to their brothers, but this film makes it seem as if it is all bad.

Overall, “Haze” is a good film. For the majority, it feels real; it’s raw and does point out often unspoken problems that go on in some aspects for Greek culture. However, at times, things in this film do feel forced but that does not overshadow good character performances and the feel of this film, which is one of the most visceral and relevant films seen in years.

RATING:

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3.5 out of 5

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Taurus
(April 20-May 20) -- Today is an 8 -- Review the rules, especially regarding family investments. Minimize risks and strengthen support structures. Your professional influence grows over the next few days.

Gemini
(May 21-June 20) -- Today is a 7 -- Make sure that what you and your partner are building is solid. Work out fundamental and foundational issues. Friends are there for you.

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(Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Today is an 8 -- Do your financial homework over the next few days. Negotiate positive results. Heed wisdom from your elders. You may need to defer gratification. Neatness counts.

Libra
(Sept. 23-Oct. 22) -- Today is a 7 -- Grow and strengthen a partnership. Talk about structural matters, and work out foundational solutions. Create or reinvent your shared future vision.

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(Oct. 23-Nov. 21) -- Today is an 8 -- Keep practicing your basic routine, even as the pace picks up. Your attention is in demand. Physical exercise builds energy. Feed your body well.

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Capricorn
(Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Today is an 8 -- Tempers may be short at home. Avoid a conflict of interests. Don't antagonize your elders. Remember wise words from a loving woman. Forgiveness grants peace.

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(Jan. 20-Feb. 18) -- Today is a 7 -- Stick to reliable information sources. Streamline communication practices to save time and money. Reinforce the basics of the story. Share what you're learning.

Pisces
(Feb. 19-March 20) -- Today is an 8 -- Proceed with caution regarding income and finances. Investigate a possible new revenue source. Compare the pros and cons. Consider long-term impacts.

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Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

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13 1996 Tony Award winning play
14 "Chicago ____"
15 "Over There" continent: abbr.
16 Russo of "Tin Cup"
17 Plumb and Arden
18 "Solid Gold" host Rick
20 "____ Preston of the Yukon"
22 Godfrey's instrument, briefly
24 Fabray, familiarly
25 Judy of "Laugh-In"
28 Henry and Hoot
32 Natl. TV network
33 Joe of "Hill Street Blues"
35 "A ____ White Season"
36 Bette Midler movie
38 Gary Burghoff on "M*A*S*H"
40 Falsehood
41 Tongue-clicking sound
42 Billy Crystal skit, "Fernando's ____"
46 Part of A&E
50 "Sopranos" star Falco

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1 Alan Young's equine co-star
2 "Leaving Las Vegas" star Elisabeth
3 Al or Tipper
4 Sale-tag abbr.
5 "Touched by an Angel" star
6 Jeffreys of "Topper"
7 Lilith's last name on "Cheers"
8 Martin and Charlie
9 PBS science series
10 Peter Fonda film, "____ Season"
11 "The ____ Wing"
19 "The ____ Also Rises"
21 Zsa Zsa and Eva
23 ____ Knight Pulliam
25 Reality game show, "Cash ____"
26 Grandpa of "The Simpsons"
27 "The ____ Victor Show"
28 Ford fuel
29 Randall sitcom, "The ____ Couple"
30 FDR's Blue Eagle
31 Neighbor of Leb.
34 "____ Playhouse"
37 John of "Fawltly Towers"
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Pirates allow 70 points in finale

Aaron Jackson
TEC STAFF

The East Carolina University football team and head coach Scottie Montgomery repeated the same 3-9 season this year as their 2016 campaign, after the crushing 70-13 defeat against the University of Memphis Saturday in Tennessee.

Not much was different this season than last year, but the biggest takeaway may be the Pirates improving their American Athletic Conference record to 2-6 this year compared to their 1-7 2016 record. Montgomery, in his second season with the Pirates, has been given the task to try and turn around the football program once again after a devastating loss to Memphis.

“This probably was the best team that we’ve played,” Montgomery said, according to ECU Athletics. “I thought they were playing on all levels. The difference in skill that we saw today came from a lot of places, especially at corner and at receiver.”

The loss to the Tigers was the sixth time this season the Pirates have allowed an opponent to score more than 50 points in a game on them. Memphis joins West Virginia University, Virginia Tech, University of South Florida, University of Central Florida and University of Houston. The Pirates have lost every game this season on average by 30 points, showing the defense has been atrocious in some

of the losses this year.

Memphis easily ran up the score, ran past defenders and ultimately ran away with the game. At the conclusion of the first half the Tigers proved who the better team was by out-gaining the Pirates in yards with 457 to just 193 for the Pirates.

The Tigers did not let up on ECU’s defense, exploiting the unit the entire game, rushing for 333 yards and passing for 302, equaling 635 for the game. Freshman, and second week starting defensive back, Keyshawn Canady, was targeted multiple times in the game, either letting the wide receiver get behind him in coverage or on blown coverages, resulting in him being in the spotlight for the majority of Memphis’ touchdowns.

“There are going to be teams with speed, we can play with a lot of teams that are not these speed teams, but they expose you once they get you out in the open field,” Montgomery said.

ECU’s defense failed to complete tackles throughout the entire game, giving up eight total touchdowns. Memphis went untouched on these big plays, such as on the Tigers’ first drive of the game, where quarterback Riley Ferguson threw a screen pass to wide receiver Anthony Miller who dusted the Pirates defense for a 89-yard touchdown. Miller’s touchdown was the tenth play ECU has allowed this season for 70 or



Defensive backs Keyshawn Canady (31) and Korrin Wiggins (15) collide going for a pass during the Cincinnati game.

more yards, which have also all been touchdowns.

“We’re going to have to get better in a lot of phases, and it can’t be just the players,” Montgomery said. “The coaches, our nutrition, everything we do has to be everyday, we can play against a lot of teams in this league.”

ECU wide receiver Trevon Brown reached another milestone in his final game this year with the Pirates. Entering the game only needing 59 receiving yards to reach the 1,000-yard mark for the season, Brown surpassed the yardage

total and caught seven passes for 128 yards. Brown finished the season with 60 receptions for 1,069 yards while leading the team with seven touchdowns.

With Brown achieving 1,000 yards receiving this season, ECU now has had a 1,000-yard receiver in each of the last six seasons, joining receivers Justin Hardy (2012- 14) and Zay Jones (2015-16).

“We’re going to be better (next season), and I can guarantee that,” Montgomery said. “I haven’t given a lot of guarantees since I’ve been here, but we’ll be a better football

team and we’re going to go play in the postseason next year. We have to add some pieces to the puzzle, there’s no question to it (and) we have to do some things differently, and I accept that willingly, and that’s exactly what we’ll do.”

As of now, Montgomery will be entering his second offseason in order to transition into his third season with the Pirates for the 2018 campaign, if in fact he makes it through the long offseason to remain ECU football’s head coach.

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Volleyball to lead 2018 ECU athletics



Chase Carroll
TEC STAFF

East Carolina University’s volleyball team (22-11, 13-7 AAC) has set the most wins in program history since 1982, ending up in a program-best fourth in the American Athletic Conference.

According to head coach Julie Torbett, the Pirates’ seniors have left next year’s team in a great spot for the future.

With the state of ECU athletics, volleyball is one of the lone bright spots, and in my opinion, will be one of the best, if not the best, program at ECU next year.

With a freshman setter in Shelby Martin, a freshman right side hitter in Bri Wood, a sophomore Libero in Brandee Markwith and a sophomore middle-hitter in Toya Osuegbu, the Pirates are in prime position to trend upward in their conference.

Martin finished sixth in the AAC in assists per set (9.34), while Markwith and Osuegbu were also dominant on the defensive end as underclassmen this year.



The East Carolina University volleyball team dives for a loose ball during a match this season. The Pirates finished with a 22-11 overall record.

Markwith finished second in the AAC in total digs with 616 and Osuegbu finished fourth in the AAC in blocks per set with a solid mark of 1.14. Wood earned the best hitting percentage out of any freshman in the AAC, finishing 16th in the conference with a .261 percentage.

Along with these young players, ECU volleyball has brought in a solid recruiting

class for the 2018 campaign that features middle hitter S’Mara Riley, who was named a Prep Volleyball All-American, as well as Janiece Jefferies, who was named Montgomery County Player of the Year in Maryland as a sophomore (2015) and was also named first-team all county as a junior (2016).

The Pirates were able to see plenty of history made this season, as Torbett was able to reach her 400th win milestone in a victory over North Carolina Central on Sept. 19, while currently sitting at 415 career wins. Torbett also became ECU’s all-time winningest coach after she picked up her 72nd win against the University of South Florida on Nov. 3, passing the previous record holder, Alita Dillon.

The Pirates also had the upper hand over many teams they never had before, including the University of Cincinnati, picking up their second and third victories over it this season, earning them their first ever sweep over the Bearcats in a single season. ECU was also able to complete sweeps over USE, NC Central and the University of Memphis.

Speaking of Memphis, after yet another lackluster year by ECU football, some ECU fans are calling for the firing of the Athletic Director Jeff Compher, as well as head coach Scottie Montgomery. After the 70-13 beatdown the Pirates took at the hands of the No. 20 Tigers on Saturday, Montgomery has made a bold guarantee that the Pirates will make it to the postseason in 2018.

“I haven’t made a whole lot of guarantees since I got here, but we’ll be a better football team, and we’re going to go play in the postseason next year,” Montgomery said. “I’m convicted, and I know the guys will be. We’ve got to add a few pieces to the puzzle, there’s no question, and we’ve got to do some things differently and I accept

that. That’s exactly what we’ll do.”

ECU’s men’s basketball team has followed football’s suit by starting off with a poor 2-4 record, while also failing to defeat two of last season’s worst teams in the NCAA, losing to both Central Connecticut State University and North Carolina A&T at home. These two teams went a combined 9-52 last season, making these losses at home inside Minges Coliseum show just what state the program currently is in.

The basketball team was picked 11th out of 12 teams by coaches in the AAC preseason poll and thus far have lived up to those poor predictions by losing to these two teams that are largely viewed by ECU fans as inferior. Turnovers have kept the Pirates from maintaining a solid record, as they have turned the ball over at an astronomical rate of 15.3 times per game, sitting ninth in the AAC currently, looking like a team that will not be able to handle the pressure of top AAC teams.

The Pirates’ women’s basketball team has also began its season poorly, mirroring the men’s program at a 2-4 start. While guard Dominique Claytor has been one of the lone bright spots, it looks as though ECU still cannot floor a full team of competitors. The Pirates are shooting a low .372 percentage from the floor, with an even worse .250 percentage from the three point line. The Pirates, however, have time to turn their season around before facing tough conference opponents, such as No. 1 University of Connecticut, and No. 17 University of South Florida.

If the women of ECU volleyball progress like I believe they will, they have a great chance at being the best, if not one of the best, team at ECU.

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