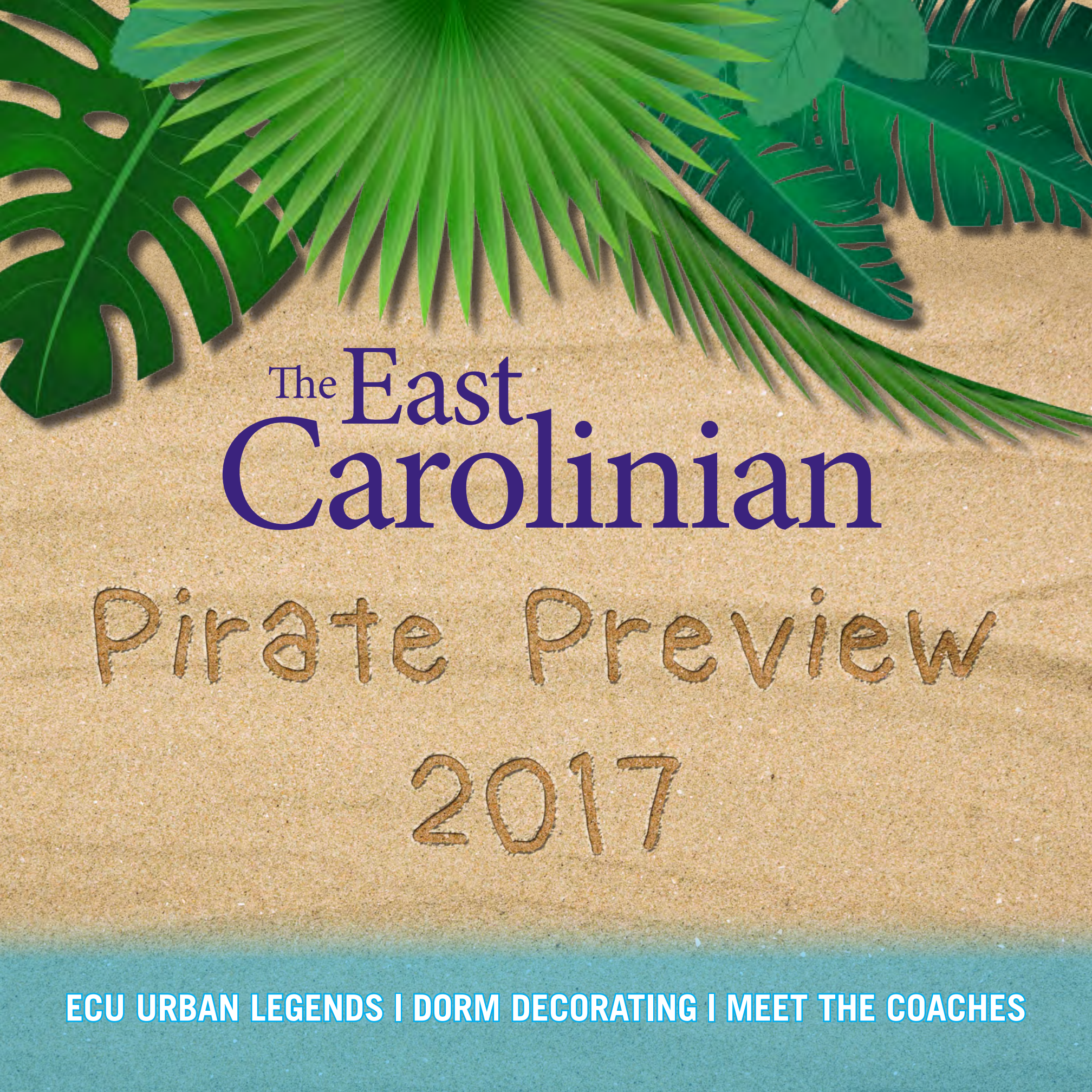


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Letter from the Editor-in-Chief



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Editor-in-Chief Annah Schwartz sits in her office. She will hold office until May of 2018 and has been a member of student media since 2014.

TEC aims to serve students, community

Welcome aboard Pirates!

You’ve made an excellent decision in deciding to call East Carolina University your home for the next four (or more) years.

To all of our future readers, I’d like to officially introduce myself as The East Carolinian’s new Editor-in-Chief. Since I was a freshman, I’ve had the pleasure of working for an organization that encompasses so much talent and devotion within its walls. The likes of which have served as a major influence in finding and establishing my own talents.

For over 90 years, our publication has worked tirelessly to deliver truth to our student body and surrounding com-

munity. This is a legacy I hope to carry on with my talented staff of editors, reporters, designers and photographers during my tenure as Editor-in-Chief.

Though our print publication only comes out once a week May through July, you can find us on the stands in the fall on Tuesdays and Thursdays regularly.

As I begin my final year with TEC (as we like to call it), I hope to continue to see our organization rise. We’ve made excellent strides in progressing and establishing ourselves as a current and modern news medium with the addition of a new website and a more user-friendly mobile presence (check us out at theeastcar-

olinian.com). Along with this, we also plan to continue expanding our use of video and photos online in order to make this web presence appealing to our readers.

In the fall, we hold candidate tryouts for those wishing to become reporters and we’re always looking for new talents among our design staff and freelance photographers. As an entirely student-run publication, we welcome the next generation of Pirates to join us in continuing our service to ECU and the surrounding community.

From the watchdog-truth of investigative pieces to heartwarming and uplifting features, TEC’s ultimate goal will be to continue serving as a

medium that our community can trust. By covering these topics, we also hope to foster an environment for discussion. As always, we welcome members of the community to submit letters to the editor and guest columns as a way to allow your voice to be heard.

My staff and I are looking forward to a tremendous year as we work to deliver the truth and serve as a voice for the community, for faculty and students, much like we have since 1925.

Congratulations on your acceptance to ECU.

Best,

Annah Schwartz
Editor-in-Chief



COURTESY OF ROGERS AND SMITH CAMPAIGN

Vice President Ryan Smith (left) and SGA President La'Quan Rogers (right) will represent the student body and lead 58 at-large and school representatives for the 2017-18 school year.

SGA officials take office

Rogers, Smith kick off tenure with new student body representatives

Mary Katherine Karcher
TEC STAFF

With fall semester right around the corner, it is important for incoming students to be aware of the Student Government Association at East Carolina University and its new members, as these student officials will represent the student body for the 2017-18 academic year.

In addition to recently elected senior La'Quan Rogers as student body President and senior Ryan Smith as Vice President, SGA welcomed 58 at-large and school representatives into the general assembly, eight standing directors and

two non-standing directors, as well as the positions of speaker, secretary and attorney general at their last meeting in May.

At-large and school representatives in the general assembly represent various classes and schools. These new representatives will play an important role on ECU's campus as they join committees, plan events and debate legislation, said Rogers.

As part of his plan for the next academic year, Rogers created the positions of director of research and development impact and chief of staff. Senior Giovanni Triana, who ran for SGA president on Ticket 2 during the recent election, was selected as chief of staff.

The creation of the position of director of research and development impact was a core part of the Rogers and Smith executive platform during SGA's election season. Rogers said it is part of his vision, and Chancellor Cecil Staton's, to help ECU become recognized as America's next "national university."

Rogers said he feels by appointing a student official to oversee ongoing efforts in this area it will greatly impact ECU and its research efforts.

"We're going to do what we can to help East Carolina matriculate to the next nationally recognized university," Rogers said. "Through the execution of our execu-

tive platform. It will include a vital piece of the chancellor's mission which is research and development."

The creation of the position of chief of staff was discussed in a motion by the previous general assembly. At the time, the assembly voted against reinstalling the position but with a new assembly comes a new administration and the opportunity for the new president to nominate non-standing positions, like the chief of staff.

The chief of staff will run and main-

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Letters from SGA Executives

SGA president aims to 'empower ECU forward'

Dear fellow Pirates,

Welcome to the Pirate Nation! You are now a part of a community that aspires to change the world through research and development, a commitment to education and by maintaining an undaunted pirate spirit. We are at the

brink of becoming the next nationally-recognized institution (and) I encourage you to join us as we continue to empower ECU forward. Set your sail, capture your horizon!

The Student Government Association exists to amplify the student voice through service, advocacy and leadership. We

provide and support many services that directly impact you. I am proud to serve as your president, always remaining loyal and bold to the purple and gold.

Ever your servant,

La'Quon Rodgers
Student Body
President

Vice president encourages freshmen to get involved

Dear fellow Pirates,

Congratulations on becoming the newest addition to Pirate Nation! Being a Pirate means more than just attending ECU and earning a degree, it means that you are now part of over a 150,000 member family. Your time here will prove to be some of the most memorable years of your life. You will face challenges and successes along your journey, but more importantly you

will learn how to adapt, overcome and achieve whatever you set out to do. In your four years you may pursue many things such as an intramural team, a club sports team, a student leadership role, research opportunities, Greek organizations, or even the office of student body president.

Let me be the first individual to tell you that attending this university will prove to be an integral part of the foundation of your future success. There

are many colleges and universities throughout North Carolina, but you will come to find that East Carolina is a special place. Johnny Depp said it best when he stated, "Life's pretty good, and why wouldn't it be? I'm a pirate, after all." Welcome to East Carolina University and go Pirates!

Loyal and Bold,

Ryan K. Smith
Student Body
Vice President



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SGA President La'Quon Rogers (left) and Vice President Ryan Smith (right) were elected into office in the spring of 2017. The pair will serve the student body until the spring of 2018.

SGA Chief of Staff: 'explore the unfamiliar'

Dear Students,
Welcome to wonderfully diverse East Carolina University, where there are countless opportunities for you to conquer your journey. If you arghhh reading this, then you have made the best decision you've ever made by choosing to call Greenville, North Carolina your home. This is the perfect time to become a Pirate as we just installed the new Chancellor Cecil Staton, who is dedicated to making ECU the next great national university. During my time on this campus, staff/faculty have proven to me that they truly care about each and every student and are always willing to lend an open ear.

There are so many great things about this unique institution, too many for me to cover in this short letter. The best part, though, is the ability to stand out by showing initiative. If you involve yourself in clubs and organizations, I guarantee the right people will notice and offer you opportunities that can greatly develop your professional and life skills.

ECU's motto is "Servire," meaning "to serve." Being able to serve your fellow man is the highest form of leadership, and critical in growing as a person. It's so easy for us to become self-obsessed with our own problems and responsibilities that we often become constricted to our own limited perspectives. There is something magical and refreshing about getting out of your head and volunteering your time and effort to help somebody in need, though. The more I involve myself in the community, the more I find a sense of wholeness. As Winston Churchill once said, "We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give."

During your time at ECU, you will be challenged to try something new. I encourage you to overcome the temptation to stay in your comfort zone and to take the risks in life worth taking; the only way to grow is to explore the unfamiliar. Hang out with people different who are different than you, attend speeches of those who you disagree with, and don't be afraid to speak your mind and you will become the person you never thought



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SGA Chief of Staff, senior Giovanni Triana.

you could be. All you need is 20 seconds of insane courage. Literally 20 seconds of just embarrassing bravery and I promise you, something great will come out of it.

There are so many different ways to spend your time at ECU. Whether you spend your time in Joyner Library studying for an exam, watching a movie in Hendrix Theater, or hanging out at Sup Dogs, do not, and I repeat, DO NOT walk under the Cupola if you want to graduate in 4 years. With that being said, work like a captain, play like a Pirate, and capture your horizon. Alas, welcome home matey!

P.S. don't take an 8 a.m. class...especially on a Friday!

An adventure looking for treasure,

Giovanni S. Triana, Student Government
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We advise the Chancellor, Provost, and other university leaders on women's issues, as well as carrying out programs that encourage women's educational and professional development. We seek to encourage a climate where women can advance without barriers.



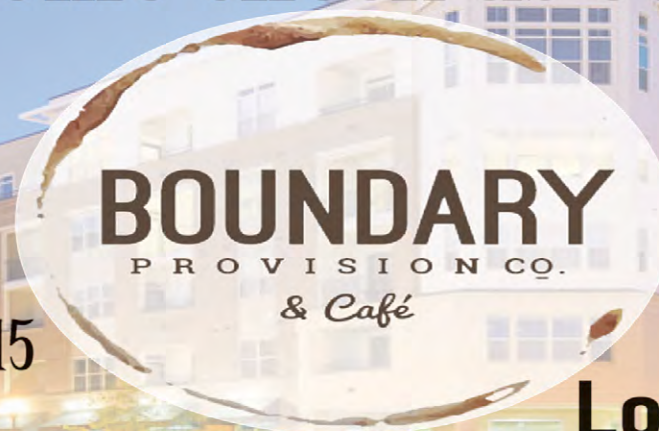
CCSW meets on the third Friday of every month and our meetings are open to all members of the ECU community.



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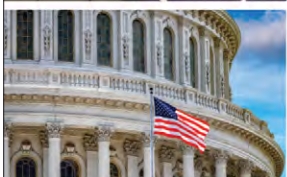
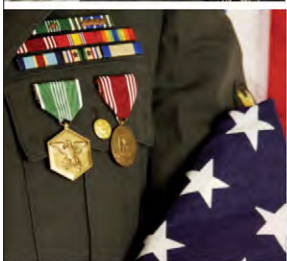
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Student Pirate Club

The team behind the team

Hope Benton

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At East Carolina University, it is no secret that football takes up a big spot in most students' hearts. Members of the Student Pirate Club at ECU are guaranteed a ticket to every home game, keeping that spot in their hearts full.

When football season comes around, instead of spending time in line and hoping to score a ticket to a home game, members of SPC are emailed a ticket prior to each home game.



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Members of Student Pirate Club cheer on the team during a game.

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only about 15 returning members. Rogers coined the phrase, "new deal, new day" when describing the young assembly, but feels strongly that the newest general assembly will succeed together.

"I feel very confident in their abilities to empower ECU forward," Rogers said. "They certainly are bright individuals in the sense that they will do what's right for East Carolina. They are individuals who are intelligent and they understand when they vote they are doing so on the behalf of the student body."

The new members will go through a training process, as well as a student retreat, which took place in May the weekend before classes began for the

summer. Rogers said this retreat aims to teach new members the logistics of being a student representative as well as create an opportunity for members to get to know each other as they work on goals for the next year.

"We will have a period of retreat, there we will communicate our executive platform, and what that does is set the vision and the tone for the next year," Rogers said. "Every leader should have a vision, we will set the vision for the year and the assembly will carry to projects out."

The student officials that serve on SGA represent the entirety of the student body at ECU. Elections are held annually during the spring semester and the SGA offices are located in the Mendenhall Student Center.

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Although most students join SPC for football, it applies to other ECU activities. It provides members with other benefits as well, including priority to pick up baseball tickets, invitations to SPC cookouts, tailgates and the opportunity to meet ECU coaches and players.

"I think SPC is beneficial because you get to be a part of the student section where you can find all of the school spirit," said senior parks and recreation management major Kayla Maness.

SPC offers a \$50 membership for the football season, which allows access to all the home games during the year.

"I love football, so knowing I can get into every home game with no stress for just \$50 every season allows me to enjoy it even more," said sophomore social work major Mary Soltow. "It also allows me a special place to tailgate before every game, which is right at the bottom of College Hill."

To qualify for the \$50 SPC member-

ship, students must be enrolled full time at ECU, have a valid and active One Card and pay student athletic fees. Distance Education, part-time and graduate students do not qualify for SPC. Students enrolled at ECU as distance education learners, part time graduate students or a recent graduate, have the option to join Pirate Club and purchase tickets for a discounted rate. The only way a graduate student can qualify for the \$50 SPC is if they are full time on campus and pay the student athletic fees in their tuition.

If students are interested in joining, they can visit www.studentpirateclub.com and click on "JOIN NOW" to sign up.

"I recommend everyone to join SPC, it has been one of the best investments I have made in college," said junior fashion merchandise major Brooke Davis. "A lot of my best memories in college have come from football games/tailgating and I'm not sure that that would have happened so easily if it wasn't for the Student Pirate Club at ECU."

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FOOD REVIEW

Best local businesses to get your caffeine fix



Javeria Salman
TEC STAFF

Coffee is synonymous with college. Most college students will admit they can't get through the day without at least a cup of joe. One of the perks of living on ECU's campus is being able to run to one of the two Starbucks on your way to class. But if you're looking for something a little bit more unique, Greenville offers a few other places to

get your daily caffeine fix and maybe a little something sweet to go along with your drink.

Java City

As the only other coffee shop on campus aside from Starbucks, Java City is located at the heart of ECU's campus, in Mendenhall Student Center. Java City offers a delicious variety of hand-roasted fine coffees, including Lattes, Mochas, Cappucc-

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Two cappuccinos from Coastal Fog, located on Evans St. in Uptown Greenville. Coastal Fog is among one of the many options available for students looking to get their daily caffeine fix.

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cino, Espresso, and iced or frozen drinks. If you want something to go along with your drink, Java City also has gourmet bakery items and sandwiches. Java City is a great alternative to Starbucks, especially on the weekends when it's the only coffeeshop open until midnight

RATING:
★ ★ ★ ☆ ☆
3 out of 5

Einstein Bros Bagels

Aside from its amazing bagels (try the cinnamon sugar bagel with nutella), Einstein Bros serves genius coffee as well. Einstein Bros, located in Wright Plaza on campus, is a great place to get your morning caffeine fix if you don't want to wait in the Starbucks line next door. You can choose from its signature drinks like the Vanilla Hazelnut Latte or get a cup of fresh-brewed hot or iced coffee.

RATING:
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4 out of 5

Krispy Kreme

Krispy Kreme is the closest off-campus coffee location being located on the corner of 10th and Charles.

Although Krispy Kreme is known for its melt-in-your-mouth doughnuts (get them when the hot light is on), it offers a plethora of gourmet coffee options as well. Whether you're craving black coffee, a flavored latte, or an iced and frozen drink, the options are all perfectly crafted.

RATING:
★ ★ ★ ☆ ☆
3 out of 5

The Buzz Coffee House

Affectionately known simply as 'The Buzz', this coffee house is located right along Charles Boulevard. As its name suggest, there's quite a buzz surrounding its made-to-order glazed doughnuts and freshly brewed coffee. The atmosphere is also excellent for reading books and working on homework. Its hole-in-the-wall vibe is great for accessing your inner hipster.

RATING:
★ ★ ★ ★ ★
5 out of 5

The Scullery Coffeehouse and Creamery

Uptown Greenville's heart and soul lies in the Scullery. The perfect place for breakfast or brunch, the Scullery is known for its homemade ice-cream and coffee served with a smile. While the popular venue does get pretty crowded over the weekends, during the

week it's relatively quiet. Stop in-between classes for a quick bite to eat, or to grab a cup of french pressed fair trade coffee.

RATING:
★ ★ ★ ★ ☆
4 out of 5

Coastal Fog

The newest addition to Uptown Greenville, The Market @ Coastal Fog is the new European-style cafe which offers a refreshingly relaxing atmosphere. With a full espresso bar that opens 7 a.m., The Market is the perfect place for students in need of a quiet place to study and a strong cup of coffee.

RATING:
★ ★ ★ ★ ★
5 out of 5

Duck Donuts

A relatively new arrival to Greenville, Duck Donuts, located in Arlington Commons, is already huge hit with ECU students. To accompany the delicious made-to-order donuts, enjoy a crisp, refreshing iced coffee while you watch your donut being made right in front of you.

RATING:
★ ★ ★ ★ ☆
4 out of 5

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5 STEPS TO DEALING WITH A BAD ROOMMATE

Cookie Brower
TEC STAFF

Having a bad roommate is like having a sandspur in your foot every time you try to eat, sleep and breathe.

As residents of student housing, whether on campus or off, there will likely be times where students must face unideal situations. Not everyone will become best friends with their roommate or even like their roommate, but there are ways to cope with your living arrangement until the lease is up. Here are five ways to deal with a bad roommate:

1 Communication

Talk to your roommate about what you perceive as a nasty habit or something that you cannot handle while being in the same proximity as them. Un-organization and clutter are two huge things that most people cannot stand when living with another person in a tight space.

2 Ignore them

If communications fails, then you may try to ignore them in order to maintain your sanity so that you can prosper academically and not have a mental breakdown in front of everyone. Ignoring is a short-term solution though, but when it is time for a big test that will make or break your grade, you have to do whatever it takes.

3 Pick up behind yourself, and them too

It is hard enough to keep up with your own items in a building with ten floors and what feels like ten thousand people. But if you must, pick up behind them too. If you see that the mutually used areas like the desks, floor and fridge are looking a little cluttered, then stack everything up right so that you feel better, and the person can clearly find whatever it is that they are looking for in the room. Many people are not like this, but if this is you as a person, go for it.

4 Contact your Resident Advisor

Your RA will be your life saver for many situations in student housing. They are like a mom or dad away from home, if you choose to create that bond. RA's do have to be hard on you about alcohol, drugs and general cleanliness, but if you look past that and find the young adult in them, they will show you more than you think. If you do not have a RA, contact the roommate service you used to find your roommate and see what they can do for your situation.

5 Move to a new room

As much as you may not want to pick up all of your items and leave, sometimes this is the best option. If you and your roommate cannot come to a consensus about what the room should look like and how it should operate, then you may have to branch out and find someone else that fits your personality better. This may mean a new dorm or apartment building as well.

Roommate selection is like finding two pieces of a puzzle that fit. Some-

times universities try to force two pieces of a puzzle that don't fit together and now you just have two broken puzzle pieces. At the end of the day, you have the final say in your life, your living situation and how you decide to handle it. However, before you take any drastic measures, try to talk to your roommate so they know exactly what the problem is so you can both work together and come to an agreement.

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Proper tailgating during football season

Robbie Milton III
TEC STAFF

A major thing for the general student population at East Carolina is tailgating during football season for home games.

However, tailgating is not as easy as it sounds, it's more of an art or strategy. There are five major aspects that can make or break your tailgating experience.

The first and most important thing to know when it comes to tailgating for football games is the location of your tailgate.

"Having the proper location is the way to get your tailgate started off right," ECU alumnus Lawson Wiggins said. "And without the proper location you risk having a less than superb time."

There are plenty of places to tailgate at, such as the Student Pirate Club lot



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Students gather at a tailgate before a football game. Tailgating is popular during football season.

located at the bottom of College Hill. This is a popular location, but in order to tailgate here effectively, either you or a friend need to have a pass so there is a car to have your festivities at.

Another location is at the Harris

Teeter located at the corner of 14th Street and Charles Blvd. This location generally has a larger crowd, but a major downfall of this location is the walk up to Dowdy Ficklen Stadium.

The second most important factor to having a good tailgate is making sure that you have quality food, and enough of it, for everyone. While some college students may not have the ability to cook different items, like burgers and hot dogs, you can always get creative with snacks to have enough food that is filling and tasty. Essentials for tailgates are usually hamburgers, hot dogs, pasta salad, chips and dip and something

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Organizations available to students at ECU

Emily Harvey
TEC STAFF

Getting involved on campus is essential to making the most of your time at East Carolina University. Fortunately, ECU has many different organizations available to students of varying interests. Here are six organizations that incoming pirates should know about and what their members have to say. These aren't the only organizations on campus though, there are plenty of other options. You just have to seek them out and stay active.

ECU Ambassadors is a service-oriented organization at ECU dedicated to serving past, present and future students, as well as the Greenville community.

"The ECU Ambassadors



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A student at Spring 2017's Barefoot on The Mall, where various student organizations promote to fellow students.

encompass a little bit of every aspect of East Carolina University," senior Jessica Koyles said.

"We are a community service based organization. We work with various campus partners

such as Undergraduate Admissions, chancellor's office, athletics, Greenville community and

more. We are a close-knit group that loves to help others and we have fun while doing it."

Most ECU student organizations, including Black Student Union, have social media accounts for students to find, follow and use to stay up to date. BSU encourages freshmen to follow them on twitter at ECU_BSU.

"BSU wants to offer a diverse and family-like atmosphere to its members," Vice President of BSU Alia Banks said. "Through BSU you can gain community service hours, life-long friends, networking opportunities and so much more."

There are a plethora of choirs

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sweet like cookies or brownies to satisfy that sweet tooth.

"It keeps everyone fueled up and ready to go," Wiggins said. "It helps give you the energy to make it through the game cheering on the Pirates."

Along with the food, you should also make sure you have the right beverages for everyone, and make sure to include a wide array of drinks. There should always be water to keep people hydrated because football games can get hot depending on the time of the game. Having various sodas are also important to help wash down the delicious food.

Another beverage that is seen as one of the most important is alcohol. However, alcohol should only be at tailgates with people who can legally buy and responsibly consume it.

Music is another strong factor in having a proper tailgate. There needs to be a designated playlist that has a vary-

ing genre of music that is appealing to a majority of the people at the tailgate. In addition, make sure there are good speakers so you can hear the music. However, make sure the music doesn't get too loud or else other tailgaters could be affected if their taste in music isn't the same as your tailgate.

"Music for me is one of the most essential aspects of a tailgate because it makes people be social and energetic," Wiggins said.

Activities are another factor that can improve the overall quality of the tailgate. Some of the most popular games to play are corn hole, can jam and ladder ball. Popular alcoholic games for those of age include beer pong and flip cup.

At the end of the day, the best way to have a great time tailgating is to be surrounded by people you enjoy hanging out with and being responsible. Not to mention, actually looking forward to going to the game.

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and bands to get involved with at ECU. From the ECU Gospel Choir to ECU Marching Pirates to ECU's Women's Choir, there is a variety of options for anyone musically inclined.

"I've been in Women's Choir at ECU for three years and I have loved every minute of it; rehearsals are a highlight of my week," senior Erica Carlisle said. "Our director, Dr. Rhodes, makes everything fun but still makes sure we are ready for our concerts. It's a great way to be a part of a serious vocal ensemble without having to be a music major."

There are over 30 club sports at ECU. These include but are definitely not limited to cycling, men's and women's soccer, cheer and dance.

"Becoming a member of Club Dance Team is without a doubt the best decision I made during my freshman year," junior Ella Jordan said. "There is a bond shared by the team members that lead to such a positive experience on the dance team."

At ECU, different majors have their own honor societies for declared students to recognize academic achievement, but there are also honor societies that are not major specific, such as Phi Kappa Phi and Phi Eta Sigma.

"It's great to be a part of an organization that recognizes your hard work and helps members with common goals and inspirations motivate and learn from each other," junior Scarlett Anthony said.

Jewish Student Union ECU Hillel, Muslim Student Association and Reformed University Fellowship, a Christian organization, are three of the many



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A member of Black Student Union present information on the organization during an event in Todd Dining Hall.

religious organizations at ECU.

"[Reformed University Fellowship] gives you an amazing opportunity to get closer to and learn more about the message of Jesus Christ," RUF member and sophomore Matthew Manning

said. "It accepts students of all divergent beliefs and doubts about God and the word of Jesus. There is always a get-together or event planned several days a week, so there is never a dull moment. You make lifetime

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Jazzing up your dorm room

Decorating your living space on a college budget

Blessing Aghimien
TEC STAFF

With the fall semester on the horizon, the time has come to begin gathering sheets, clothing hangers, shower caddies and the myriad of other things you'll need for dorm life. Once you've checked the bare necessities off your list, comes the chance to get creative.

Being an HGTV, Pinterest or Tumblr enthusiast is not a requirement when it comes to having an appealing room for your stay in college. By simply knowing your wants and having the drive to put in the work to be original and creative, you'll have a dorm room begging for compliments and Instagram likes in no time.

A dorm room will be your home away from home for your time in college, and spending that time away from some of the closest people in your life is a surefire way to induce homesickness. By adding a few photos in your room of you with your friends and family, you can take a trip down memory lane in a matter of seconds just by looking at your wall or desk.

"The hardest transition from high school life to college life was definitely the fact that I would be separating myself from some of my best friends and family members for months on end," said freshman nursing major Taylor Meyer. "Homesickness is a real thing, and I don't know what I would do without having those sacred snapshots all over my room. From the memes to the graduation photos, all of them mean something to me."

DIY projects can be your best ally when it comes to photo placement in your dorm room. You can hang them using things such as clothing line and clothespins or string lights and tape. To add a unique touch, you can even make collages of photos or even tape photos on the ceiling to make a ceiling collage of photos to look up at and reminisce upon.

Meyer added, "I have a photo cork-



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Sophomore intended nursing major Taylor Meyer sits in her dorm room, with walls adorned in photos and a tie dye tapestry.

board above my desk as well as a whole wall filled with photos right by the head of my bed. Being hours away from my closest friends, family and coworkers is hard. Being surrounded by photos of the good times and laughter makes the distance a little bit easier to get through."

Moving into a small dorm room is a large transition for most when it comes to campus living, so storage and organizational tools are essential when it comes to decorating your dorm.

Three-drawer organizers, storage Ottoman seats and drawer carts will be greatly needed when you go on those spontaneous shopping trips with friends

or come across an event when you get more free stuff than your hands can carry. It's guaranteed that you will leave college with more things than you came in with, so having extra space available to place them in won't do any damage.

College is the perfect time to learn about the art of cutting costs, and dorm decorating doesn't have to be insufferable if you're on a budget. Stores such as FiveBelow, Big Lots, Target and Ross can provide your low cost dorm decorating needs. Be sure to be on high alert for mail coupons and sale promotions on television, the radio, and even when scrolling through your favorite apps (in other words, don't

be too quick to skip those Pandora and Spotify ads).

Whether your room is a live-action photo album or dazzled with illustrious lights, being innovative in the long run will be worth it (those white walls make you dizzy after looking at them for a while.) Your room should be a reflection of you. Your creativity, your likes, your story. You are the artist, and those white walls are your canvas. The question left is, what will you make of your interior masterpiece?

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Tales from the boneyard

Exploring ECU's spookiest urban legends

Melissa Glen
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When a university has been in existence for over a hundred years, there are certain events that slip through the cracks of history and memory and become legends. One of the unique aspects of East Carolina University's traditions lay in the continuation of its urban legends. So, whether you believe in the mysterious and supernatural or not, take some time to get to know the myths of the boneyard.

Jarvis Hall

Jarvis Residence Hall is the oldest dorm on East Carolina University's campus, and as such, it is said to host not just one but two ghosts. One is the ghost of Governor Thomas Jordan Jarvis, the man the building is named after, who died in 1915.

Some people believe that on the third floor of Jarvis lies Governor Jarvis's private study. The legend says if one stands outside of Jarvis on the 5th street side by the giant tree and looks up at the window of the mysterious locked third floor, they can sometimes see the figure of Governor Jarvis standing there.

He is also known to roam the other two floors of Jarvis, especially at night. One tale mentions two male residents who did not believe in the ghost of Governor Jarvis. The two students, as a way of testing the ghost, went to the unisex bathroom downstairs and spray painted "ghost" all over the walls.

A week later one of the same students was in the shower and when he got out, he turned around to see "Jarvis" spray painted on the wall in the same color. He tried to leave the shower stall only to find the door locked not of his own doing, and when he finally got out, the main door was stuck. He almost didn't make it out of the bathroom.

The other student involved in the prank is rumored to have woken up one night only to find his roommate lying on top of him with his eyes open, mumbling incoherently,



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The clown of Joyner's clock tower is one of the many urban legends on campus, among Cotten Hall's ghost stories and cupola mysteries.

in what is believed to be a punishment by the ghost.

The second ghost said to haunt Jarvis is the ghost of an unnamed little girl. Some people in the dorm call her Christine, but no one knows who she really is. This ghost is a young girl dressed in 1800s clothes. She is known to wander the boy floor specifically laughing and knocking on their doors at night.

According to campus legend, one student said they heard her knocking on his

door again and decided to follow her with a group of his friends. The student said she led them to the stairwell entranceway right in front of the basement door, which is always locked. According to him, she simply walked through the door. The student believes she is hiding something in the room. Many residents have claimed this ghost has also knocked over stuff in their rooms, but they say she is overall a more peaceful ghost.

Cotten Hall

Cotten Hall is another area on campus known for its paranormal presence. Most people know the story of the girl who haunts the bathrooms in Cotten. The tale begins back when Cotten was an all girl dormitory. There was a resident whose boyfriend had recently broken up with her. The girl was so distressed that she supposedly went into the bathroom of Cotten and hung



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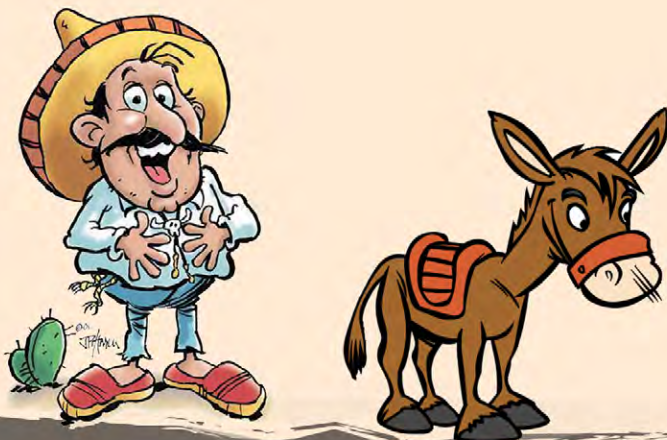
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Inside the cupola. According to legend, if students walk under it, they will not graduate in time.

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herself using the shower head.

Legend says after the death of the girl, the chancellor at the time ordered all of the shower heads in Cotten to be lowered. If anyone were to walk into Cotten today, the shower heads are still abnormally low for this reason. Many people claim the ghost of the girl still haunts the bathroom. They report numerous incidents including showers turning on by themselves and screams heard in the middle of the night.

Joyner Clocktower

Many students know of the clown who appears out of the Joyner East clock tower at midnight and recites Shakespeare to what is said to be circus music in the background.

However, the majority of campus does not know that there is a legend surrounding this clown. Rumor has it, that an old ECU theatre professor designed the clocktower and the clown. He was finishing up the design for the tower one night and recording himself talking to himself as he often did with his lectures.

The legend says that he supposedly recited Shakespeare that night out of happiness when he finally finished the design, but was shortly murdered by someone who broke into his office.

According to the legend, the school continued to build the tower in his honor and even used the very recording of the professor reciting Shakespeare for the clown's voice.

Cupola

What most people don't know is that the

cupola is actually a replica of the top of the old Austin building, back when ECU was a teaching college. It is said that one night there was a fire in Austin, and several students perished in the fire. After the building was torn down, the school decided to build the cupola in honor of the students who died.

If one looks at the concrete by the cupola today, they will see names and dates on each brick. If you look for the oldest date, there should be several names with the same date, said to be in honor of the kids that died in the fire.

Today, it is said that if you walk under the Cupola, you will not graduate in four years. The legend says this is because those students who died did not graduate at all, let alone in four years.

Christenbury

The Christenbury Memorial Gymnasium of ECU is said to be home to two ghosts. The first is a man who was an old janitor at the gym. The legend says that his wife left him, and because of how hard he was taking it he hanged himself from the gym's rafters. Some people claim they still see a shadow of a man hanging there on certain nights.

The second legend comes from the old swim test that was required for every student who went to ECU. Years ago, rumors say one of the previous chancellors' daughters drowned in the pool beside the gym in Christenbury. People say that her death is the reason ECU students were required to pass this swim test for so long, before they they changed the requirements.

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Pirate Read 'Evicted' explores US poverty



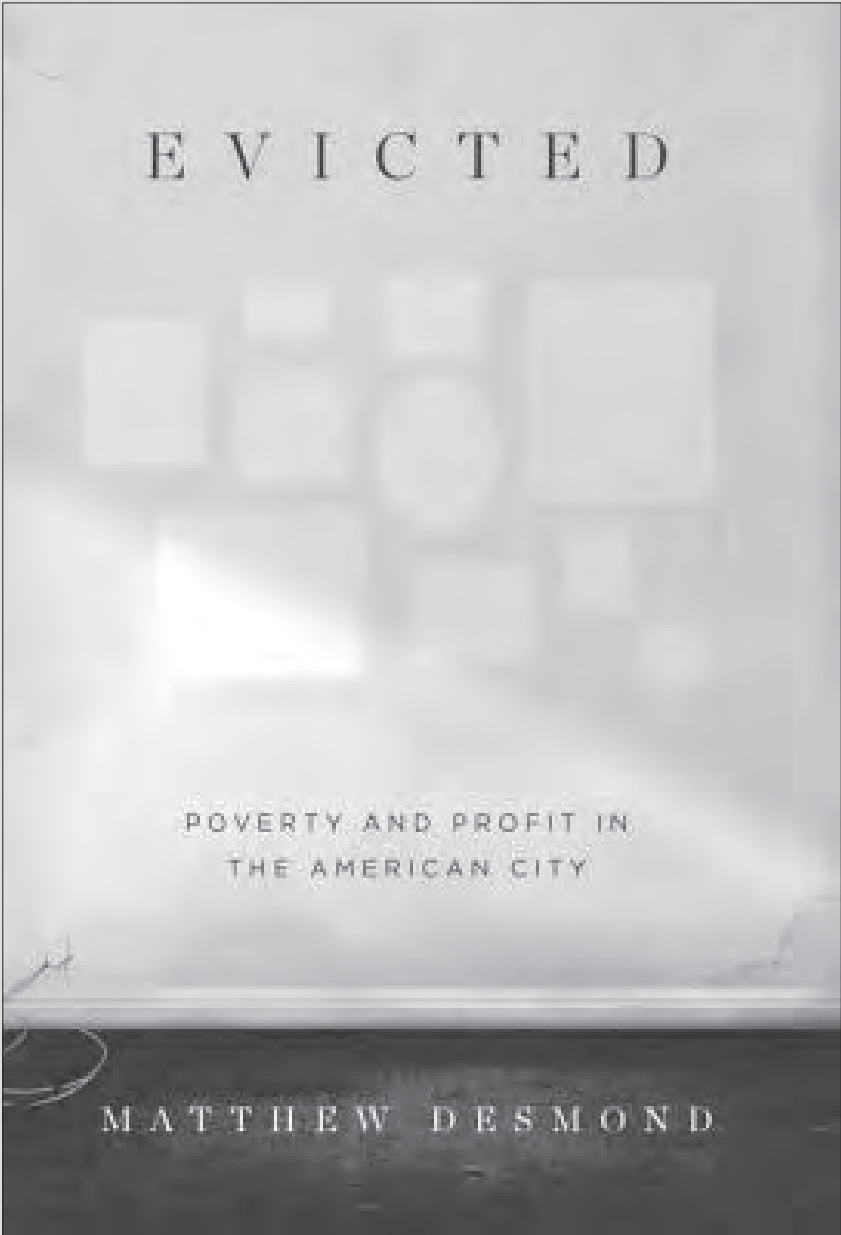
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Matthew Desmond's in depth look at poverty in America in "Evicted: Poverty and Profit in the American City" is an amalgamation of sociology and journalism and adds a new dimension in this year's Pirate Read selection. Desmond holds a magnifying glass to the lives of tenants and landlords who are struggling to survive in modern America. From Arleen, the single mother of two, to Scott, the kind nurse struggling with heroin addiction, to Vanetta, desperate enough to participate in a failed stickup.

Desmond uses years of painstaking field work to show scenes of desperation and hope in the post-2008 recession world while somehow maintaining an air of professionalism, refraining from romanticization.

Readers are introduced to the concept of "disposable ties." In Milwaukee, where the novel is focused, instead of moving in with family, poor families will move in with strangers and acquaintances. In these low-income communities, neighbors are more likely to help out with groceries, child care, or repairs than in more affluent neighborhoods, but these disposable ties specifically allow families to survive one day to the next while also breeding an air of instability within these communities.

The novel follows an ensemble of characters as they struggle to make ends meet, but in the end, almost no one wins— just like real life. Arleen was rejected by 89 landlords and eventually was forced to move in with her sister with no possessions. After several relapses and a stint in a shelter, Scott began saving up for lab tests to



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'Eviction' by Matthew Desmond was chosen to be 2017's Pirate Read for incoming students.

regain his nursing license. Vanetta was convicted and sentenced to 81 months in prison, while her roommate Crystal begins to work as a prostitute to make ends meet.

Desmond spends most of the book

simply documenting those struggling to pay rent, waiting until the epilogue to dive into any analysis or philosophical conclusions. He determines eviction to be the cause, not the result, of poverty. When one loses basic shelter, one loses

personal safety, employment, government assistance and mental security. Desmond urges for a universal voucher program in order to give low-income tenants the ability to spend money on food and other necessities. Desmond also theorizes that the current voucher program could be expanded to care for all poor families in America.

The beginning of Desmond's interest in this topic stretches back to his college years, when the bank foreclosed on his childhood home. Desmond spent the next few years meeting and staying with several people who appear in the novel: Tobin, Sherrena and Quentin. In setting up his study, Desmond chose to focus on Milwaukee, for its average size and economic profile.

The book itself has very little to criticize, but the selection of the books is an interesting choice. Previous selections include "Just Mercy," a look into the corruption of death row, and "Enrique's Journey," the story of a boy's journey to America to reunite with his mother. All excellent books, but all with fairly liberal leanings and views. It would be interesting to see the Pirate Read Committee pick a book with a slightly conservative bias to balance out their past suggestions.

Still, "Evicted" is an excellent and well written documentation of the struggle for housing. It allows students who come from privileged backgrounds to understand the constant fight for basic human rights that low-income individuals must go through every single day.

RATING:



4 out of 5

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FOOD REVIEW

Best options for late-night delivery



Annah Schwartz
TEC STAFF

Late-nights have a long history with college students. Whether you're living on campus or off, having food delivered during these late nights is a luxury when you're pulling an all-nighter or returning from an evening downtown.

Fortunately, Greenville has several late-night delivery options to choose from that cater to East Carolina University's community.

While these delivery options are heavily embedded into ECU's Friday and Saturday night culture, they do still deliver during week-nights well past the stroke of midnight throughout the week.

Campus Calzones

Campus Calzones offers a variety of calzones on its menu, including breakfast ones starting at 11 a.m. Whether you're a vegetarian or a meat-lover, you have the ability to customize their menu options to your liking.

While the prices may seem high, you get what you pay for and never walk away from a calzone still feeling hungry.

One of the greatest benefits to Campus Calzones is that it is open until 4 a.m. every Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Wait time is hit or miss, though. Sometimes they can extend up to an hour, so if it is a busy night and you have a hankering for a quick meal, Campus Calzones may not be your best bet. If you're willing to wait



A student picks up Insomnia cookies from their Uptown location. The company also delivers.

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though, it's definitely worth it.

RATING:



3.5 out of 5

Wings Over Greenville

Wings Over offers a plethora of flavors and ways to eat your wings.

While these wings are arguably some of the best in town, their waffle fries are the true star of the show.

Wings Over also provides customers with a tracker after they place an order so even on their busiest nights, you're never left to wonder how much time is left on your meal.

Their biggest downfall comes with the prices of their menu items. While the food is definitely worth it, don't expect to be able to afford Wings Over every weekend if you're living on a college student's budget.

RATING:



4 out of 5

Insomnia Cookies

Insomnia certainly earns its name as it is consistently open from 11 a.m. until 3 a.m. throughout the week. So, not only can you purchase their delicious cookies late at night, but also throughout the day.

One of their greatest menu items is the combination of a scoop of your preferred ice cream sandwiched between two cookies of your choice.

Their only downfall comes from their smaller offering of dessert selections. But even though their cookies stay on the traditional side, they're still a great option for midnight snacking.

RATING:



3.5 out of 5

Campus Cookies

One of the biggest advantages that Campus Cookies has over its competition, is their overall selection of fresh baked desserts that they have to offer.

Not only can you order cookies and ice cream, but you also have the option to choose from brownies, cinnamon twists and other goodies.

They also have a decent selection for cookie lovers that have a gluten intolerance as well as a vegan option.

The only thing that Campus Cookies is lacking is the extended day-time hours of its competitor, but for people who just want a late-night snack this isn't an outstanding issue.

RATING:



4 out of 5

Jimmy John's

If you're looking for something to solve your midnight munchies ASAP, Jimmy John's has got you. Their slogan 'freaky fast' is no joke, with delivery times almost never exceeding 15 minutes.

While its speedy delivery and tasty bread are some of Jimmy John's greatest assets, menu variation seems to be the only place where Jimmy John's is lacking.

You can customize its offered subs to your liking, but there are only a small handful to choose from as far as toppings and sauce options go.

Once you find what you're looking for though, Jimmy John's is bound to become a personal late-night favorite.

RATING:



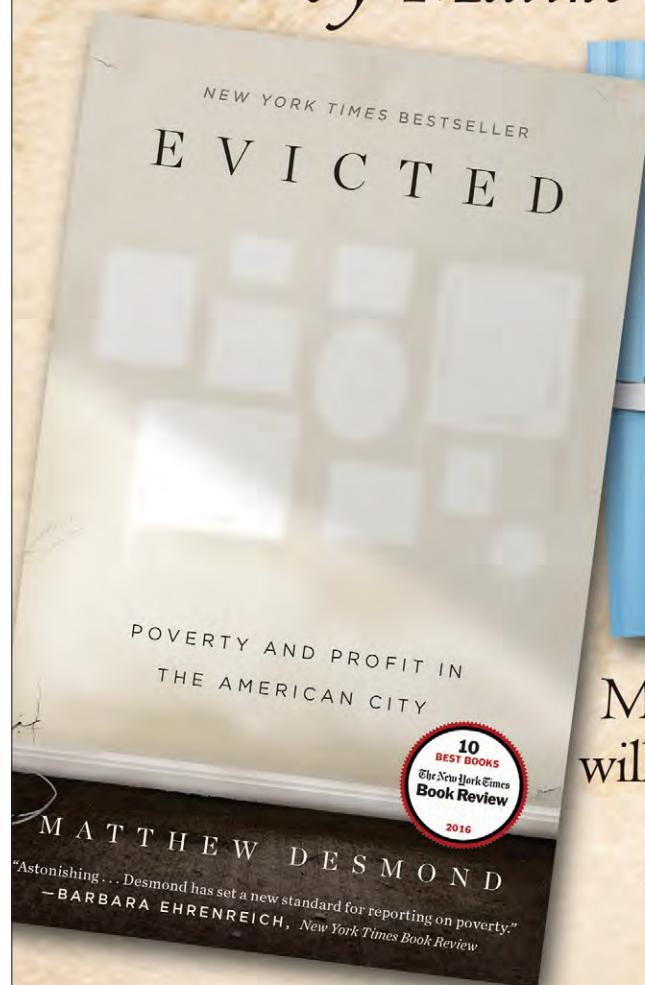
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A student uses the LiveSafe app on their smartphone. The app launched in April 2016.

LiveSafe app aims to promote campus safety

Matthew Prensky
TEC STAFF

Since the Spring of 2016, East Carolina University has been using the mobile safety app LiveSafe in order to protect the students, faculty and other community members who call Greenville, North Carolina, home.

LiveSafe, named for the company which developed the software, is meant to protect the user in the same way an ECU bluelight would. The app has a number of features that allows users to reports crimes or tips to police anonymously or virtually track a friend as they walk home at night.

Since the application was launched

in April 2016, the university has had aggressive goals for attracting community members to sign up and use the app.

“We hit incoming freshman and incoming transfers pretty hard during orientation time. We had advertisements everywhere, we inserted it in different sections, so I think that piece worked really well,” said Continuity and Emergency Planner for ECU, Lauren Mink.

At the end of April, 3160 users had signed up with ECU, according to

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- Weekly on-campus 12-Step support group meetings
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- Community service opportunities. ECU CRC is committed to giving back by volunteering with area civic organizations.

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Mink. That number of users includes students, faculty, staff, parents and community members.

"It has been a little harder with the upperclassmen because there is not one set thing they have to do. With incoming freshman you have the COAD class, you have the health 1000," she said.

In the time LiveSafe has been available at ECU, some parents have taken advantage of the software to stay informed or protect their students.

"We have had a couple of parents that have really loved the app. You can virtually walk your student home, we have had parents report safety checks on their students that way too," Mink said.

The number of users that took advantage of the Safe Walk feature blew Mink away, she said. She did not expect so many people to use the feature while walking at night. The feature sees the majority of its use between 12 a.m. to 4 a.m., said Mink.

According to Mink, the Safe Walk feature is one of the most popular aspects of the app. At the end of April, 1,021 individuals used the Safe Walk feature to travel throughout campus. Beyond keeping individuals walking late at night around Greenville safe, the university has begun to use some of the Safe Walk data to better identify which pathways on ECU's main campus are traveled and at what time of day. They hope to better tailor future security measures around the data taken from LiveSafe.

A unique feature to the LiveSafe app is the ability for users to report tips or crimes anonymously. When someone is reporting a tip to police, it is completely up to their discretion whether their profile is linked to the information. Mink said the anonymous reporting feature was a major reason why ECU chose LiveSafe to create the app.

"I think we are seeing more stuff come in now that people know you can do it anonymously. I have kind of seen this switch lately, people are leaving

their profile information up because they are seeing that they are not going to get in trouble for reporting a party or underage drinking," said Mink.

In just over a year since ECU launched the application, 178 tips have been submitted to the ECU Police Department. Of those tips, half them were submitted to police anonymously. The majority of those tips were submitted anonymously by the community and pertained to disturbances, drugs or alcohol and suspicious activity, according to Mink.

To many individuals, location sharing or other personal information is a big concern, but Mink reassures users that their privacy is being protected.

"Nothing about your phone is shared. No personal information is collected," she said. The university can ask for a subpoena to get information about the person who reported the tip, but only in extreme cases of imminent danger like an anonymous bomb threat.

ECU is currently in a multi-year contract with the company LiveSafe. Mink said since signing the contract, the university has been very satisfied with the services the LiveSafe has provided.

Carleigh Smith, the implementation consultant with LiveSafe said the history of the app came out of a "tragedy."

"Our co-founder, Kristina Anderson, is a survivor of the Virginia Tech shooting in 2007," said Smith. "She was shot three times. Her classroom was the most fatally wounded and she was the most wounded survivor. It was a horrible experience and she since has dedicated her life to safety."

Smith said that the app explains to users how important it is to have location services enabled while using the app. The company wants users to understand the nature of the app before agreeing to the terms of conditions.

"Safe Walk is our most widely used feature within the app and you have to have the location services turned on for that. App wise, we have a higher percentage than most apps for users enabling location sharing," said Smith.

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Melissa Glen
TEC STAFF

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Study abroad programs vary in duration from a couple of weeks to a semester or even a year long, depending on the specific college or department's program.

Any students interested in study abroad can talk to their advisors, as well

as the Office of International Affairs.

Smith said there are several myths that many people believe about study abroad.

"Students (and parents) often think that study abroad is expensive and that other countries are inherently more dangerous," said Smith. "You should inform yourself about the host country and be safe abroad, just as you are here, but you shouldn't let fear of the unknown cause you to miss out on a great opportunity to study other cultures."

Smith said there are many scholarships available for students whether from a student's specific major, ECU as a whole or external funding organizations outside of ECU such as Fulbright and Gilman.

One scholarship ECU offers for

students looking to travel abroad is the Thomas W. River's Foreign Exchange Endowment Fund. To receive this scholarship students must be enrolled full time and have a GPA of at least 2.5. Students must also have completed a minimum of 24 credit hours at ECU (12 if transfer students).

Smith said another stigma surrounding study abroad is that studying abroad means students will not be able to graduate on time.

"If you plan your experience in consultation with your advisors, there is no reason you can't spend considerable time abroad and still graduate on time."

Katherine Ford, assistant chair of the department of foreign languages and literatures, said the study abroad is an experience that, at this point, is needed

to be successful in the real world.

"It is increasingly important for students to study abroad in order to survive in a world where global competency is a necessity not a luxury," said Ford. "By traveling, living and studying in other countries, students learn what they themselves are capable of and connect with people."

Smith also agreed study abroad will be helpful when entering the workforce after college.

"The knowledge you gain will give you a competitive advantage when you enter the job market, but it will also help make you a more responsible, informed citizen," said Smith.

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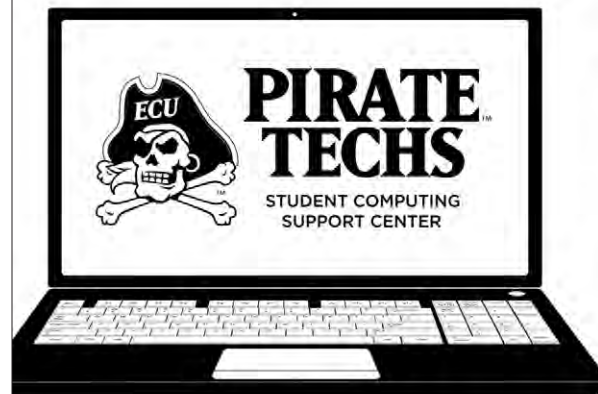
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Charles bridge in Prague, Czech Republic. ECU offers semesterly opportunities to study abroad in various countries across the world, such as Prague, South Korea, Italy and England.



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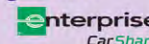
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MEET THE PLAYERS

ECU Athletes to 'keep your eye on' during 2017-18 season

Aaron Jackson
TEC STAFF

In the fall, there's no denying that football takes the spotlight as a student favorite. However, inside East Carolina University's athletic department, there's an array of student talent and notable players to keep an eye on during the upcoming seasons.

Take a moment to familiarize yourself with some of the student athletes around campus that may go on to do big things this year.

FOOTBALL

Tim Irvin



Irvin is a 5'9" 192 pound defensive back, who transferred from Auburn University. The sophomore caught the attention of ECU because of his play and the fact that his uncle is retired football player, actor and sports commentator Michael Irvin.

Deondre Farrier



As the receiving corp for the Pirates look for a new person to go to, Farrier may be the answer. Farrier played in 11 games last season as a redshirt freshman, gaining only 305 yards off 21 receptions. Expect for his amount of targets to increase and the big play ability to skyrocket.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Kentrell Barkley



Barkley had a great sophomore season and helped lead the Pirates in a few close match ups this year. Being a 6'5" guard makes him very versatile handling the ball. Expect Barkley to lead the team in scoring this upcoming year.

Jeremy Shepard



Despite a long, tough season in and out of the rotation, Shepard may become the starter for the Pirates Basketball team in the 2018 season. He learned the hard way his freshman year, struggling at times but still providing dazzling passes to his teammates.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Salita Greene



Greene is a newer Pirate on board the ECU women's basketball team. She is a 5'11" forward from Durham, North Carolina and transferred to ECU from the University of Richmond. Head coach Heather Macy has already seen Greene's abilities as a relentless rebounder.

Thais Oliveira



Oliveira is another transfer attending ECU this year to make a difference from Central Florida College. Oliveira comes in ranked as the No. 10 junior college prospect in the country. Her height at 6'2" looks to make the team stronger defensively and offensively.

BASEBALL

Bryant Packard



Heading into the next season with the baseball team, Packard may start to get more playing time with the departure of some seniors. He was explosive his freshman season coming into the game as a designated hitter. His above

average batting skills may propel the Pirates back to another College World Series playoff.

Evan Kruczynski



Kruczynski has been named to a pair of preseason All-American teams and was the preseason American Athletic Conference Co-Pitcher-of-the-Year. He also holds the title as one of the captains for the second straight year. Kruczynski is a pitcher of the year candidate.

SOFTBALL

Kacie Oshiro



After being named to the American Athletic Conference All-Academic Team in the 2014-15 season, Oshiro has managed to maintain her level of play and grades. The senior has played many games for the Pirates and in doing so, added countless hits to help the team score.

Ali Ramirez



As a utility player, Ramirez has played all around the field all four of her seasons for ECU. In the 2016 campaign, one of her memorable games will always be scoring the winning run in the Pirates' victory over the nationally-ranked University of Central Florida Knights that season.

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WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

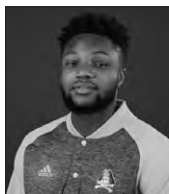
Ashton Mares



As a three year player on the Pirates Volleyball team, Mares has seen action in all 93 games in her career. She has not missed a game since high school. In her sophomore season she was named to the AAC Weekly Honor Roll.

MEN'S AND WOMEN'S TRACK & FIELD

Tamarack Bolden



Bolden finished fourth in the 400m at the AAC Outdoor Championships in 2016. He was a factor on the 4x100, 4x200 and 4x400 relay teams. In the 4x100, Bolden's performance helped the team to a first-place result at the Carolina Relays.

Hakeem Horton



Horton participated in the sprints, hurdles and jumps during the indoor season, becoming one of the team's most versatile athletes. At the Dick Taylor Carolina Cup (DTCC), Horton placed first in the 200m event and second in the 60-meter hurdles in 2016.

Mahogany Baker



Last year, Baker finish fourth at the AAC Indoor Championships in the weight toss event. She also garnered fourth place in the discus event at the AAC Outdoor Championships.

Jada Cunningham



In 2016, Cunningham won the long jump at the Bill Carson Invitational. In another event at the Duke Invitational, she placed second in the triple jump, going for 12.14 meters.

MEN'S SWIMMING AND DIVING

Fran Krznaric



Krznaric was one of the backstroke specialists and members of the American Athletic Conference Championship team last year. He has won American Championship gold medals in the 200 backstroke, 200 IM and 800 freestyle relay. Not only has Krznaric set records all around the country, he was also named ECU's Most Outstanding Male Swimmer last year.

Will Hicks



As another member of the American Athletic Conference Championship team in 2016, Hicks shined in his freestyle events. After earning seven all-conference accolades, Hicks collected two gold medals in the AAC Championships in the breaststroke event.

WOMEN'S SWIMMING AND DIVING

Lily Armstrong



Armstrong, a senior diver on the ECU women's swimming team, has earned ECU academic honors in 2015 and 2016. Performing well in class and in the water is something Armstrong hopes to continue in 2017.

Lauren Early



Like Armstrong, Early has been known for her achievements in and out of the classroom. Early is a member of the AAC All-Academic team, and she was named to the ECU Honor roll team.

WOMEN'S SOCCER

Lana Splitler



In 2015, Splitler was named to the All-American Athletic Conference Second Team and to the AAC's Weekly Honor Roll. Splitler has been an all-around great athlete for the Pirates, ranking top three in scoring, assists and shots.

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ECU gameday, football traditions

Tori Poole
TEC STAFF

It does not take very long to realize that one of the biggest parts of attending ECU is Pirate football, but it does take awhile to know all of the traditions.

Game day might as well be a holiday at East Carolina, one that students get to celebrate all throughout autumn.

The day begins with tailgating; families and friends all gathered around for hours on end simply talking, eating and getting pumped up for the game. Then, there is the experience of walking into the stadium, a sea of purple and gold as far as the eye can see.

New students underestimate the power of the Purple-Gold chant, but it is

one of the ultimate tools to get the crowd into the game. It doesn't matter where you are, if someone yells, "PURPLE," it is your duty as a fellow Pirate to yell back, "GOLD" just as loud.

The chants echo throughout the stadium, shaking the seats. By this point everyone in the stands is on their feet to welcome PeeDee the Pirate out onto the field, as he climbs his ladder the crowd claps and cheers.

After that, purple smoke builds up near the team's locker room and Jimi Hendrix's "Purple Haze" begins to play. Then, the team emerges from the purple

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haze to take the field. Leading up to kick off the fans start singing along to “Seven Nation Army”, and then keys are held in the air as the fans all yell, “ahhh...BOOM!” to start the game.

Every time the Pirates pick up a first down, all the fans hold their arm out in front of them and motion for a first down while saying, “first down, Pirates, argh.” The cannons fire, and no matter how many games one might attend, it can still make you jump. As the fight song starts playing, the cheerleaders move behind the endzone to do their pushups, and the crowd goes crazy.

Once the fourth quarter rolls around, the crowd starts to cheer loud as the No Quarter video plays and the No Quarter flag is raised. In Pirate Nation, students and fans live by a rule that when the game is close to the end there is: no retreat, no surrender, and take no prisoners.

If the Pirates win the game, the crowd stands up and sings the fight song and the alma mater. But before anything else “All I Do Is Win” will play in the stadium and when you hear, “Every time I step up in the building, everybody’s hands go up...” students cheer “E-C-U” as loud as you can because this is Pirate Nation.

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Pirate Steve in character during a football game. Traditions during football season range from tailgating to chanting.

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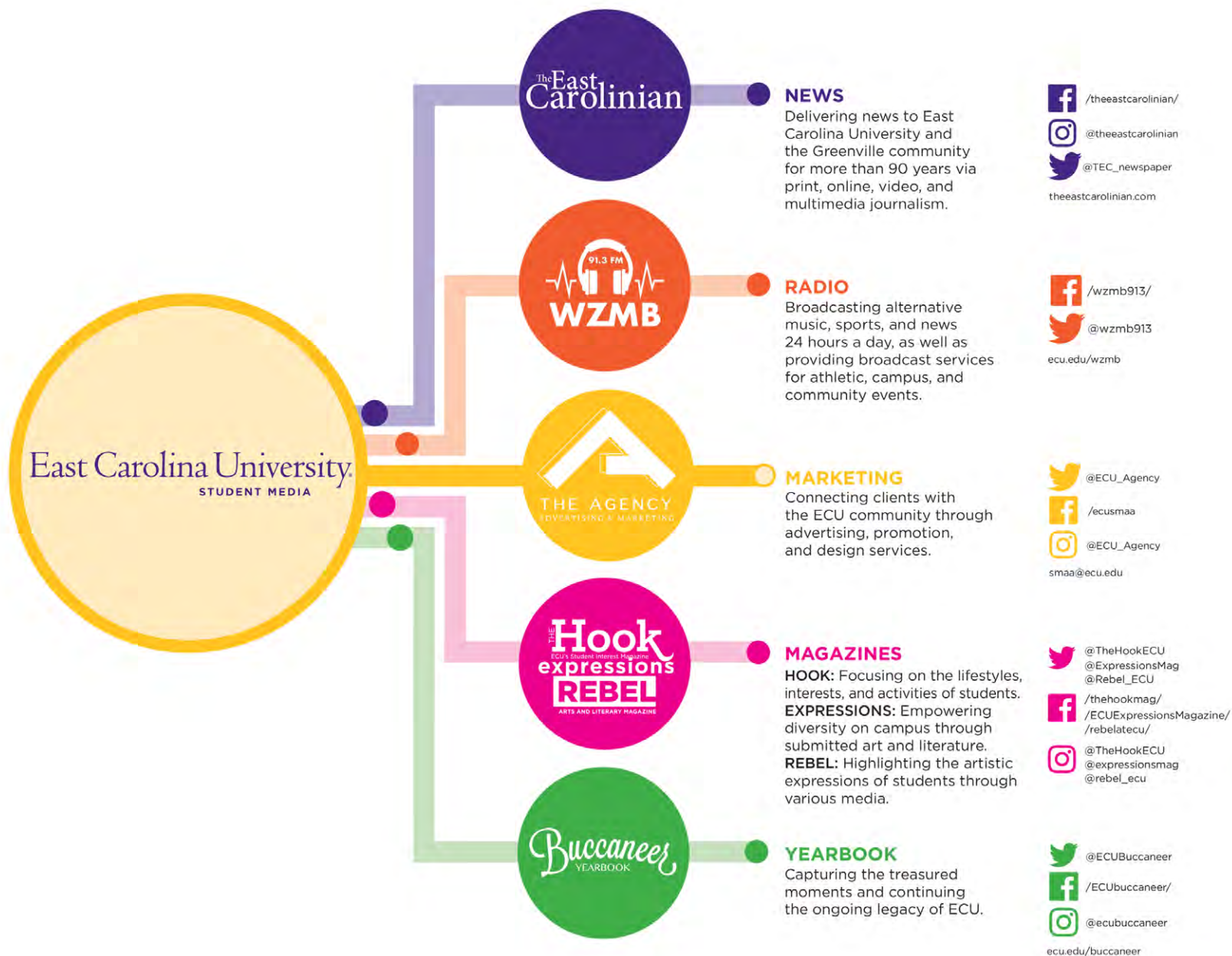
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MEET THE COACHES

Sean Finnerty
TEC STAFF

Most students on campus probably know the name Scottie Montgomery and that he coaches the football team. You might even be able to name the baseball coach, Cliff Godwin. But what about the name of the softball coach? Or the men's tennis coach? Well, this will tell you everything you need to know about all of East Carolina University's head coaches.

SCOTTIE MONTGOMERY



One of the newest of East Carolina's coaches, Scottie Montgomery is entering his second season at the helm of the football team, after going 3-9 his first year. Montgomery's impact on the offense was felt immediately, as the Pirates finished the 2016 season with the second-highest passing attack in program history, averaging 334.7 yards per game through the air. The Pirates also produced 5,606 yards of offense (467.1 ypg), which ranks as the fourth-highest output for a season in ECU's record books.

Montgomery's offense also helped Zay Jones lead the FBS with 158 receptions in 2016, an NCAA single-season record, as well as set the NCAA career record for receptions, with 399.

Before accepting the head coaching position at ECU, Montgomery spent two years as the associate head coach, offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach for the Duke Blue Devils.

CLIFF GODWIN



A four-year letterman as a catcher for the Pirates from 1998 to 2001, Cliff Godwin is now in his third year as head coach of the ECU baseball team. During Godwin's first two years as skipper, the Pirates have compiled an overall record of 78-44-1 (.638), while reaching a pair of NCAA Regional berths, a Super Regional appearance and an American Athletic Conference Tournament title. The 2015 American Coach-of-the-Year with a 40-22 record,

Godwin became the first coach in program history to win 40 games in his first season.

Under his guidance, three players have earned All-America honors, six were named to all-regional teams, six received all-conference honors (five first-teamers), while three have been drafted by Major League Baseball teams.

Before coming back to coach his alma mater, Godwin served as Ole Miss' assistant coach from 2011-14. While there, he played a part in reaching three NCAA Regionals and the 2014 College World Series.

CURT KRAFT



Curt Kraft is just now completing his 13th season as director of ECU's track and field/cross country squads. Since Kraft has come on-board to be a Pirate, the ECU track and field record book has gone through a complete overhaul. 20 women's outdoor records, 19 women's indoor records, 13 men's indoor records and 12 men's outdoor records have been broken since Kraft took over.

Kraft, a two-time recipient of the Conference USA Coach-of-the-Year award, has led ECU to three conference championships. Under his guidance, the track and field team has received 11 All-America selections, numerous All-Conference awards and several NCAA Regional and National Qualifier invitations.

Before coming to Greenville, Kraft spent 10 seasons as the head women's track and field coach at Nevada. While there, Kraft earned consecutive Western Athletic Conference Coach-of-the-Year selections in 2003 and 2004, and lead the Wolfpack to a pair of WAC Indoor Track and Field Championships.

JEFF LEBO



The 2017-18 basketball campaign will be Jeff Lebo's eighth season as the ECU men's basketball head coach. His 114 wins in his first seven seasons are the most in the school's Division I history, which goes back to 1965, and second most in program

history. Lebo's average of more than 16 wins per season is the highest of any ECU men's basketball coach. Lebo is also one of only four coaches in ECU's history to have produced multiple winning seasons in its Division I era.

Along with being one of the winningest coaches in program history, Lebo has been one of the longest lasting. He is only the third basketball head coach to stay at the helm for at least eight seasons during the program's 86-year history.

Before coming to ECU, Lebo served as head coach for Auburn, where he spent six seasons and posted a 96-93 season.

COURTNEY OLIVER



Just completing her second season as ECU softball coach, Courtney Oliver is only the fifth head coach in East Carolina softball history. The impact of Oliver's hiring was felt almost immediately, as the Pirates' record of 23-31 in her first year was a seven-win improvement from the year before. Additionally, her work with the offense saw two ECU batters hit over .300 after the team didn't have a single batter reach that mark in the 2015 season.

The improvement of the offense continued into the 2017 season, as the Pirates broke the single-season program record and American Athletic Conference record for home runs.

Before coming to ECU, Oliver worked as an assistant coach at NC State. There, she helped the Wolfpack pitching staff record 441 strikeouts and attain a team ERA of 2.61, both good for second-best in the Atlantic Coast Conference.

ROB DONNENWIRTH



The 2017 soccer season will be Rob Donnenwirth's 19th campaign as head coach of the ECU women's soccer team. His 116 victories make him the winningest coach in school history. Along the way, Donnenwirth

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has led the Pirates to 10 or more wins nine different times and coached 84 all-conference performers. Along with standout performers on the field, he's had four academic All-Americans as well.

Donnenwirth's most successful season at ECU was in 2008, when he led the team to the best overall record in school history at 14-4-4 and share of the C-USA Regular Season Championship. The Pirates lost their first ever C-USA Championship game to Memphis, but Donnenwirth was awarded the C-USA Coach-of-the-Year award for his efforts.

Before coming to ECU, Donnenwirth spent five years as the head coach at North Carolina Wesleyan College, where he put together a record of 62-27-9.

JULIE TORBETT



An integral part of Penn State's nationally prominent volleyball program as a student-athlete, Julie Torbett will be entering her fifth season as head coach of ECU's volleyball team in 2017. During her first season as coach in 2013, the Pirates instantly improved under Torbett, as they registered 13 wins, more than six times the win total from the previous season. It was also the first time in five years that ECU reached 13 wins.

In terms of individual development, Torbett's tutelage helped Erika Figueroa set the program single-season record for digs with 618, and also the single-match mark of 37 digs, which Figueroa accomplished in a five-set win over UConn.

Before becoming a Pirate, Torbett had a two-year stint at Winthrop where she led the Eagles to a 20-8 Big South Conference record and a 34-24 overall mark. In more than 20 years as a head coach at the Division I level, Torbett has racked up 393 career wins.

HEATHER MACY



Entering her eighth season as head coach of the ECU women's basketball team, Heather Macy has accumulated an overall record of 118-92. She is the only coach in program history to lead ECU to 20 or more wins in three-straight campaigns, after putting up consecutive 22-win seasons from 2012-15. Each of those seasons was

complemented by appearances in the Women's National Invitation Tournament.

The 2012-13 season might've been Macy's best at ECU. The Pirates posted a 14-1 record at home, which set a new program record for the most home wins in a season. At the end of the season, Macy was named the C-USA Coach-of-the-Year.

Prior to becoming ECU's coach, Macy spent three years at the helm of Francis Marion. In her final year at Francis Marion, Macy led the Patriots to a 27-5 record and to the second round of the NCAA Division II Tournament.

SHAWN HEINCHON



After first serving as an assistant coach, Shawn Heinchon just finished his 11th season as head coach of the ECU men's tennis team. The 2013-14 season is one of the highlights of Heinchon's tenure in Greenville. The team posted an 18-7 record, rode a nine-match winning streak during the middle of the season and reached the semifinals of the C-USA Championships.

Heinchon's coaching also helped Joran Vliegen be named the 2014 C-USA Player-of-the-Year and rank as high as No. 25 nationally. Since the Pirates joined the AAC prior to the 2014-15 season, Heinchon has led ECU to 22 dual-match wins.

Prior to arriving at ECU, Heinchon was an assistant coach at Wake Forest from 1998 to 2004. During his time at Wake Forest he was named Intercollegiate Tennis Association Regional Assistant Coach-of-the-Year and was a finalist for the National ITA Assistant Coach-of-the-Year in 2002.

PRESS MCPHAUL



A graduate of NC State, Press McPhaul has been head coach of the ECU men's golf team since 2006. In his time at East Carolina, McPhaul has led the Pirates to four NCAA Regionals and their first NCAA Championship Finals appearance in 2012. ECU has won 12 team tournament titles with 12 individual golfers collecting medalist honors since he came aboard, posting nine of the 10 lowest 54-hole tournament scores in school history. Seven of McPhaul's players also rank among the top 10 on the

Pirates' lowest career stroke average chart.

Before becoming a Pirate, McPhaul was head coach at Vanderbilt from 2000-06. In his six years there, he led Vanderbilt to three consecutive NCAA Regional Tournament team appearances and a pair of NCAA Championship Finals showings, including the program's first in 2003.

KEVIN WILLIAMS



A 1985 graduate of ECU, Kevin Williams first was director of the ECU golf program, coaching both the men's and women's teams, from 1995 to the fall of 2005, before returning in 2007 to become the head coach of the women's golf team. Since Williams' returned, he has guided the Pirates to eight NCAA Regional appearances over the last 10 years. Two seasons ago, Williams led the women's team to its 11th NCAA Regional appearance in the program's 16-year history. The team won three events that year, finished second in the AAC Championships, finished the season ranked No. 29 nationally by Golfstat and put up a 131-37-3 record, which ranks as the second-most wins in program history.

In the time before Williams returned to ECU, he was the head golf professional at Walnut Creek Country Club in Goldsboro, North Carolina.

TOM MORRIS



Tom Morris, a member of the North Carolina Tennis Hall of Fame, will be entering his 20th season as head coach of the ECU women's tennis team in the fall of 2017. During his first seven years at ECU, Morris coached both the men's and women's teams and has now put together a combined record of 343-259. He has led the women's team alone to 264 victories, making him the winningest women's tennis coach in school history. The top seven single-season win totals in program history belong to teams guided by Morris.

Before Morris came to ECU, he was head coach at Barton College, where he led the tennis program from 1990 to 1998. In his time there, Morris led his men's teams to six conference championships, while winning four league titles with the women's team.

Umbrella Market offers summer entertainment

Hope Benton

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One of the staples of summer in Greenville is the Umbrella Market, a farmers' market that brings the community of Greenville together to buy fresh produce and handmade crafts.

The event takes place in the old Five Points area at Evans and Fifth Street, every Wednesday starting in May and going all the way until August.

The Umbrella Market got its name back at the very beginning when it was along Evans Street, where Topsy Teapot used to be located.

Farmers would sit along the street with patio umbrellas to sell their fresh and locally grown items.

While you won't find many patio umbrellas' out there anymore, many of the local farmers still participate in the market.

Local restaurants, teachers and even parents participate in the market to sell locally grown produce, handmade items and food.

"I think the Umbrella Market is a great opportunity for people to come out and try new things," said Robin Ashley, the market manager. "You have the experts there helping you get fresh stuff and even helping you learn how to use the items. It isn't going to cost you an arm and a leg."

Ashley said the Umbrella Market has seen success thanks to the support of the community.

"It has allowed vendors to become friends with one another and even given



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Local food truck and vendor, Shep's Farm, at the Umbrella Market interacting with attendees. The market runs from May to August.

the workers of the Umbrella Market a chance to become friends with one another outside of the market," said Ashley. "There are friends who get together at the Umbrella Market, hang out and then go to dinner. It's a nice tradition and a kick off of your evening."

Students from East Carolina University who stick around for the summer can also be found at the market every Wednesday.

Students from the School of Art and Design can be found selling their work at the market.

It is also a one-stop place because the Umbrella Market has food, music and drinks.

"I think it's great for students to sell their work because it allows them to get involved in the community, form relationships with locals and see how

marketable their work is," said senior art major Allison Stokely.

The Umbrella Market can also be beneficial for getting businesses started in the community, according Ashley.

"Spring Run Market was one of the

first vendors for the Umbrella Market on Evan Street days, and now they have a storefront and have moved into the Uptown area," said Ashley.

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