



FLOOD HITS GREENVILLE

Matthew Prensley
TEC STAFF

Officials from across the state of North Carolina are rebuilding after Hurricane Matthew flooded the eastern half of the state last week.

Hurricane Matthew flooded much of Pitt County and left hundreds of individuals displaced. With damage estimates still being accounted, homeowners were allowed to return to their homes within the last couple of days. City and county officials have organized volunteer drives in order to help homeowners with rebuilding. As of Monday, more than 500 volunteer registration forms had been received by Pitt County, according to Mike Emory, public information specialist for Pitt County.

“The advice I can give [residents] is keep in mind that the waters contain a lot of different chemicals and environmental hazards,” said Chief of Greenville Fire & Rescue Eric Griffin. “Make sure they decontaminate everything that was touched by the water. That includes the floors, the lawn furniture, the steps and entrance to the house. Make sure you’re not bringing any contaminants into the house.”

Throughout the hurricane, East Carolina University officials have been working with city and county officials to keep employees and students safe.

“We certainly need to make sure East Carolina is safe for students and I know that the university people are working closely with city and county officials to make sure that’s the case,” said North Carolina Attorney General Roy Cooper.

Hurricane Matthew hit North Carolina while East Carolina University was on fall break. Many students took advantage of the break to go home, but some students did stay in the Residence Halls during the break.

“We had some trees down, large branches down, flooding around campus and minor leaks in some buildings, said Lauren Mink, continuity and emergency manager for ECU.

Mink said students who remained at school during Fall Break were not greatly impacted by Hurricane Matthew. The individuals that decided to stay on campus were sheltered in dormitories around campus. Because of the extensive preparation on the university’s part, the campus did not receive much damage as a result of the hurricane.

OVERVIEW

Emergency officials with Pitt County have plans for severe weather in place year round. With Hurricane Matthew, a key aspect of the county’s emergency response was informing the county about changing conditions or evacuation orders. Everette said that the preparation went well because the residents seemed to respond when the county would put out information.

“It was not so much a coastal flooding type storm that passed by, but it was actually a storm that sort of hugged the coast and it produced a large amount of rain which resulted in flash flooding and then resulted in the river spilling up and spewing out of its banks and then creating flooding,” said Allen Everette, director of Pitt County emergency management.

With the large amount of rain and flooding, a major threat was the bridges linking the two sides of Pitt County becoming impassable. Pitt County officials ramped up the “Bridge Plan” in order to prepare for any impact due to flooding.

“The National Weather Service after the system made landfall, they were projecting that Pitt County would receive up to 26 feet of water,” said Everette. “With 26 feet of water in the river, there was the potential that the Tar River could in a sense separate the county north and south. That was a real touch and go, trying to get at the data to help us in decision making.”

Everette said a major theme of Hurricane Matthew was uncertainty. “The forecasts constantly changed. Each time the National Weather Service would run [its] forecast models, the models were in essence never the same,” said Everette.

With the lack of forecast consistency, it became difficult for emergency planners to deploy different resources to multiple areas of the county. After each forecast model was run, the forecasted track would change which impacted how the county’s preparation. This constant change led to a great deal of frustration for emergency managers, according to Everette.

“We put as much information as we can about the atmosphere and what the large scale circulation patterns are doing, but in the end mother nature does what it wants to do and things can change very quickly,” said Atmospheric Science Professor in the Department of Geography, Planning and Environment Scott Curtis.

In the original forecast, Hurricane Matthew was not expected to stay on the coast of North Carolina. In the end, a cold front, which forecasters thought would push Hurricane Matthew away from North Carolina, turned out to bring the storm in and strengthen it, according to Curtis.

“In this case it turns out that it did not have the kind of push that we thought it would have away from the coast. We thought there would be a little more blocking going on, keeping it from the coast, but that did not happen,” said Curtis.

The flooding eastern North Carolina received was due to much of the weather in the months before Hurricane Matthew, according to Curtis. With all the rain in September and early through October, the ground was very saturated. Due to the large amount of rain that fell to the west of Greenville, the river flooding was inevitable.

“It is very similar to what happened with [Hurricane] Floyd, not only in terms of the total amount of rain that we received over a large time period, but also in terms of the fact that Floyd was also interacting with a front at the time it came on shore,” said Curtis.

Forecasters will analyze the data collected from Hurricane Mat-

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Hurricane Matthew impacts students while ECU aims to aid

Melissa Glen
TEC STAFF

After Hurricane Matthew, many East Carolina University students are feeling the effects of the flooding in unexpected ways.

For Deandra Goodman, a senior interior design major, she has a long road ahead of her before she can count on returning to any kind of normalcy.

Goodman lives in Dockside Duplexes, which is right by the Tar River. Unlike the rest of the houses on her street which were built on stilts, Goodman’s house is the only one detached and is lower to the ground.

“It’s kind of overwhelming, because I didn’t really think that the storm was going to get this bad in the beginning so I wasn’t really prepared to not be back in my house for who knows how long,” said Goodman.

Goodman said she left Friday before she knew her street had been evacuated, so there were a lot of items for school she would have taken with her if she had the chance.



Deandra Goodman

As an interior design major, there are a lot of supplies Goodman needs for her class that are stuck in her house. Goodman said she wishes the university would wait to resume classes until she could get these items, but she understands why officials wanted to get back as soon as possible.

“I know that it is not really in the university’s control to base everything off of this one area that is flooded,” said Goodman. “They can’t just stop classes from happening, even though there is a small minority of students who can’t get back to their houses right now.”



Taylor Herring

Building on East 1st Street set up as a recovery center for students, faculty and staff who have been affected by the flood. The center will be open from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Taylor Herring, a senior physics major, also

lives at the Dockside. Herring said he found out about the evacuation at work and had to rush to move all of his belongings to higher ground.

Herring said he was lucky not to have any of his personal items damaged by the hurricane, since the house is designed on stilts and the water did not reach inside of the house. Herring went out in a kayak to look at the flooding near his house. He said it was almost surreal how much water there was.

“I was pretty surprised. I was expecting it to be two or three feet lower than it actually was,” said Herring. “Almost in a post-apocalyptic feeling, it was beautifully haunting to go out on my kayak and see all the reflections of the houses on the water.”

Goodman still does not know how long it will be before the water is gone, but she thinks

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High flood waters sit at Riverwalk Townhomes where residents were evacuated over the weekend. Residents of the student housing complex are anticipated to return later this week to their homes.

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City officials ask residents to refrain from open burning

Greenville Fire/Rescue officials warn residents of the dangers of open burning debris from Hurricane Matthew. Open burning is prohibited within Greenville city limits according to City Ordinance 12-1-19. The ordinance states that “no person shall cause, suffer, allow, or permit open burning of refuse or other combustible materials including... leaves, tree branches, yard trimmings, construction materials or scrap metals.” City officials are running regular collection routes and will be organizing additional collection routes to pick up debris. Officials ask residents to separate construction debris from yard waste when placing it for collection.

9th Annual Joyner Library-SOAD exhibition returns to ECU

East Carolina University will host the 9th Annual Joyner Library School of Art and Design graduate student art exhibition on Nov. 3, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. in the Janice Hardison Faulkner Gallery. The exhibition will feature various artwork by current students including paintings and drawings, textiles and metal designs, sculpture, photography and pottery.

CORRECTIONS & CLARIFICATIONS

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Brody students take action

Emily Harvey
TEC STAFF

The aftermath from Hurricane Matthew continues to affect individuals in eastern North Carolina not only in terms of water damage, but health care as well.

Pitt County Health Director Dr. John Morrow said one of the biggest concerns after a flood like this one are individuals dying or getting injured around water, particularly with flash floods or the hurricane itself.

“We see injuries and most of the deaths are people driving in standing water in their car,” Morrow said. “Now we’re sort of in the recovery phase, or entering the recovery phase as the water recedes.”

Christopher Crotty and John Hurley are second-year students in the Brody School of Medicine. They decided to use the hurricane as a chance to help the community, instead of sitting idly by.

“Both of us are non-traditional students with many years in the military prior to matriculating at Brody,” Crotty said. “During the night of Hurricane Matthew, John and I began communicating simultaneously with each other and shortly after with the Dr. Susan Schmidt, the associate dean for student affairs, to accomplish two things.”

They wanted to make sure all students were safe and accounted for, as well as organize students to help individuals severely impacted by the storm.

More than 120 students worked throughout the Greenville community. Brody students distributed supplies to American Red Cross shelters over the past week.

“Brody’s rapid flexibility and timely responses ensured those needed materials made it to shelters, so displaced victims and families had a place to rest their heads and supplies to provide them comfort,” Crotty said.

Two of the six Red Cross shelters in Greenville were set up solely by Brody students, and by Thursday night, five of the six shelters in Greenville were supported with two or more Brody students in administrative or medical roles, according to a statement by Crotty and Hurley, adding, “Since Hurricane Matthew hit, 12 students became registered as disaster response support for the ARC (American Red Cross) and one was embedded in the local Red Cross headquarters aiding all facets of their operation.”

When victims of the hurricane return to their



An American Red Cross Disaster Relief truck sits ready to aid. Brody students worked to help local residents.

homes, some of their perishable food may no longer be safe to consume.

“We want to make sure people throw food away that’s not been kept at proper temperatures, so we always tell people, ‘If you have any doubt, throw it out,’” Morrow said. “Don’t try to save food that may have gotten spoiled, it’s not worth it because you can make yourself or other people sick with it.”

Brody students also sought out shelters outside of the American Red Cross and ran drives for food and supplies.

“Students quickly, within six to eight hours, organized clothing and food drives for rapid shelter distribution,” said a statement sent by Crotty and Hurley. “Brody student teams traveled both north and south of the Tar River proactively seeking opportunities to assist those likely in need with rising flood waters looming. Later in the week, Brody students began unsolicited clean up events in neighborhoods hit hard by the storm.”

The students also said the Brody School of Medicine student body has already shifted the focus of existing fundraising activities on relief efforts and are looking for other sponsors and donors willing to join forces with Brody and help the victims of Hurricane Matthew.

According to Morrow, carbon monoxide is another danger, especially to homeowners who want to get back into their houses.

“Because people try to get back into their homes and clean up so they’re bringing in generators, they’re bringing in pressure washers, or charcoal grills even to cook on and carbon monoxide is a very dangerous toxin,” Morrow said.

Morrow said making sure people don’t get exposed to carbon monoxide is a huge concern in terms of safeguarding health.

As individuals get back into their houses, Morrow said some are concerned about mold, which is typically just an allergen or an irritant.

“It’s not something that’s going to make people die,” Morrow said. “It’s not going to hospitalize people typically unless they have some particular allergy to it, so mold is a concern just because it’s a nuisance and an irritant but basically as you dry it out and you clean it, you get rid of the mold for the most part.”

Another ramification of the hurricane due to the excess water could be increased numbers of mosquitoes. With Zika concerns running rampant, Morrow said it’s important to avoid stagnant water.

“This week we’ll be doing mosquito counts as the water starts to recede,” Morrow said. “This is when you see these sort of pools of water that start breeding mosquitoes, so that’s a big concern that we could have a real bloom, as they call it, of mosquitoes around some of these towns and neighborhoods.”

Morrow said after Hurricane Floyd the state helped get planes from Florida that did aerial spraying to knock down the mosquito population. However, he hopes that after assessing this situation, that measure will not be necessary this time.

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threw and try to understand what happened. Looking back on the forecast, Curtis believes the forecast was not a failure.

“It is definitely more difficult to predict because we are talking about two systems that we have to get correct in order to make an accurate forecast,” Curtis said. “I do not think this was a total forecast bust. I think there was some slight changes that caused this to be more pronounced than we were originally forecasting.”

Curtis said he believes this may be a sign of things to come. With Hurricane Floyd in 1999 and recently Hurricane Matthew, major flooding may be a new topic that individuals in eastern North Carolina may need to account for.

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she will probably be one of the last to move back in.

“It kind of sucks just coming back to Greenville and for the first time I can’t actually come back to my own house,” said Goodman.

Virginia Hardy, vice chancellor for Student Affairs, said any student who needs housing due to the hurricane will be provided housing by the university. Hardy said there are around 50 extra beds in Clement Residence Hall for these students. Hardy said all the students will be given temporary Pirate Bucks and meals as well to ensure they have all they need.

Goodman said she thinks this is a great effort on the university’s part, and she would take their offer if she didn’t already have a place to stay with a friend.

“I think it is really nice of them to provide people with a place to stay if they can’t find anywhere else,” said Goodman.

Herring said the important part of this tragedy is no lives have been lost in Greenville, and the first responders and other officials did their job and got the word out before the worst came.

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I'm surprised that I never saw anyone float around flooded Gville in a homemade raft/boat acting like true Pirates

I'm starting to feel a little daunted, actually.

News media, stop talking about Donald Trump horrible comment #334319982 and talk about the GD hurricane. I already knew he was a piece of s*** you braindead slob.

Francis Scott Key was against freeing of slaves. But continue to believe that he wrote the national anthem for all American citizens.

All these people posting about how "heartbroken" they were when people didn't stand up for the anthem, but said nothing when lives were being lost.

Shame on you TEC or for only posting negative feedback about the Marching Band. Way to be one-sided just like every other media outlet. #ECUKneelingPirates

So an adult PROFESSOR is intending to carry a weapon on campus because she is outraged about the Kneeling Pirates. Seems balanced AND mature. #youregrown #stopfightingcollegekids

Why do people continue to think that kneeling during the national anthem is about our military in any way? Maybe they're praying for the betterment of our country... and you're booing...

Can y'all just do you and stop worrying about what everyone else is doing? Like how do you even have time for that?

Who wrote the N-word in Joyner?

It would be nice to have administrators who care more about students than institutions.

the Confederate Flag is not treason it's culture. get over it

Dear ECU, please buy higher quality toilet paper. I didn't realize that "no-ply" was a thing before working here.

ECU says it cares about students, but then penalizes them for trying to park near campus. #ParkingTicketQueen

Questions regarding Pirate Rants can be directed to Seth Gullledge at opinion@theeastcarolinian.com.

ANSWER

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QUESTION

Did you have to evacuate during Hurricane Matthew?

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Our view

Hurricane Matthew brings ECU together

Following the aftermath of Hurricane Matthew, the Tar River left Greenville under water, leaving East Carolina University students and faculty in danger upon re entry into the city limits.

The flooding forced ECU to extend its fall break throughout last week, anticipating the stretched flooding. The flooding forced evacuation to those living near the river and the Greenville airport, as the flooding of the river crested at 24.46 feet.

As an editorial staff, we at The East Carolinian feel Greenville and East Carolina University did a superb job at handling the hurricane and its eventual flooding. Both outlets were very informational and vocal on social media, presenting students and Greenville residents with updates on flood levels, road conditions

and school closings.

Hurricane Matthew created a stressful time for everyone. In a time of chaos, we are proud to say the ECU community came together to help others with numerous supply drives and other contributions. In a time where the university seemed to be separated, everyone came together at a time when it mattered most.

It can be said that Greenville, Mayor Allen M. Thomas and the university had the health of its residents in mind, as they addressed and handled the dangerous situation well.

While we are still dealing with the hurricane aftermath, we hope ECU can continue to conquer the mess in unity.

Storm unites eastern NC



Melissa Glen
TEC STAFF

YOUR DAILY MEL

There is a poem written by John Donne which says, “No man is an island, entire of itself; every man is a piece of the continent, a part of the main.”

It is a beautiful idea, but what is more beautiful is to see this idea become a reality right before your very own eyes.

This past week, I saw the two places I call home hurting, but I saw something else in the tragedy. I saw the strength in a community which loves and supports its people. I saw the sense of community alive and present, and I saw people taking action.

Disaster struck Saturday in North Carolina, as Hurricane Matthew hit the state.

My hometown Kinston was left with record high flood levels, and many of my friends saw the damage done to their businesses and homes. It was hard to watch people I know so well going through something and not being able to help them.

I was in Greenville when the hurricane hit,

and all I could think about was how I wished I could be in Kinston with my community and my town. It is not hard to understand why I would want to be back home. This is where I spent most of my life. This is where I have made most of my connections.

I have grown to love Greenville in my time here as a student, but I felt like something was missing. I did not believe the sense of community was a strong in Greenville as I have seen possible in Kinston, but I was wrong.

As soon as I accepted where I was and realized there was work to do here, I opened my eyes and what I saw was inspiring.

While flooding may have isolated Greenville in a geographical sense, the feeling of inclusion was constant throughout the community.

People and organizations were giving up their time and resources to provide relief in a variety of ways. It seemed like one act of kindness after another.

From Sup Dogs offering to feed all first responders or East Carolina University's fraternity Sigma Phi Epsilon donating items to the Salvation Army people were finding ways to be part of the solution.

There were shelters set up at the local

middle schools, donation centers ran by churches, everyone was bringing something to the table.

I volunteered with ECU's Habitat for Humanity organizing donation rooms at the Pitt County ReStore with some of my peers and it was as eye-opening to see the difference just seven students could make.

While I was volunteering, I met a woman who was affected by Hurricane Floyd in 1999 and turned to Habitat for Humanity for help. She was right back at the place which helped her all those years ago, because she saw first hand the difference organizations like these can make.

It is really something special to see that even though this was something no one would ever wish to happen, the community can take the pain, the sadness and the fear and turn it into relief.

I am grateful to say I got to watch two cities truly rise to the occasion and stick together, and I am proud to call both of these places home.

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Remembering alumnus Zeke Sigler



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OPINION EDITOR

Every so often, a tragedy occurs with no real explanation as to why. This was the case on Oct. 14 when 23-year-old ECU Alumni Zeke Sigler passed away in a car accident.

Zeke completed his undergrad in three years at ECU and finished his masters in July of 2016 also at ECU. Zeke received a full tuition scholarship for his masters and was going to work for Ernst & Young, a big four accounting firm.

I knew Zeke from high school, where he

attended Cape Fear Academy in Wilmington, North Carolina. I wasn't close with Zeke, but his kind and happy demeanor made a lasting impression on everyone that he met. During his time in high school he was a basketball star, great student, homecoming king of his senior class and a guy that anyone could consider a friend.

The last time I saw Zeke was last year. It was early in the morning and I was cramming for an exam in Joyner Library. When Zeke spotted me studying he came over and said hello even though we had not seen each other for multiple years. He took the time to ask how I was doing and genuinely listened to me complain

about school work, because that was the kind of person that he was.

Most of the time we are numb to the stories that we hear on the news, when the stories are distant and irrelevant to your everyday life. But Zeke was just like us, a fellow Pirate with an extremely bright future.

Life is *so* short, even for the best kind of people. So remember to tell the people around you that you care, look up from your iPhone to enjoy the view, and never take anything for granted.

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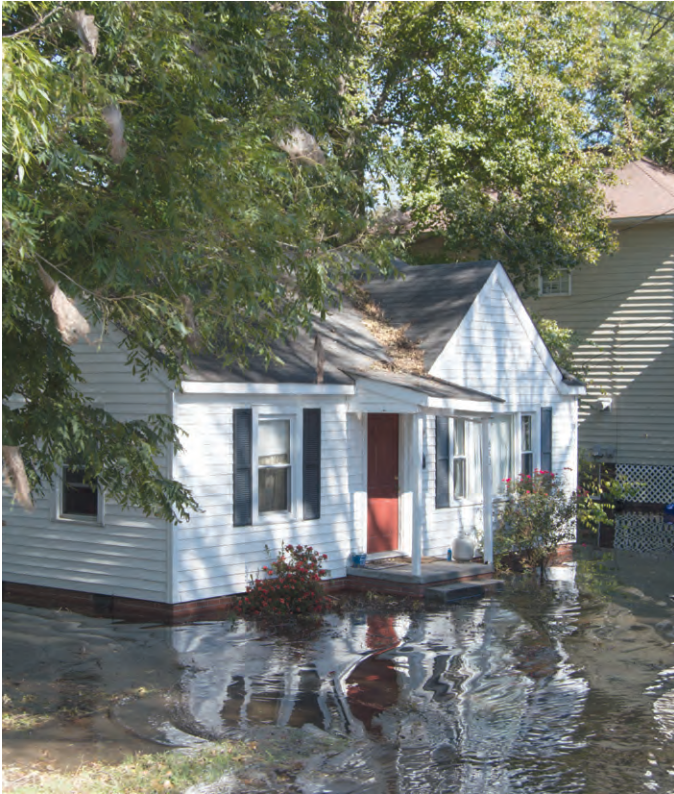


Flooding from Hurricane Matthew struck Greenville and surrounding areas over the weekend and caused extensive damage to roadways and some homes. Gov. Pat McCrory announced Monday 25 people in North Carolina had died as a

direct result of the flooding. ECU canceled classes through last week after the end of fall break. The university is reopening today. TOP: A National Guard truck patrols north of Greene Street Bridge last Thursday. ABOVE LEFT: A house on Legion Street

north of the Tar River suffers flood damage. ABOVE RIGHT: River Bank Apartments on Willow Street were evacuated following flooding that began last Sunday. BELOW LEFT: A house on Evans Street is surrounded by water up to its foundation. BELOW RIGHT: National Guardsmen patrol through Wyndham Circle on Thursday, where water engulfed multiple homes and vehicles throughout the neighborhood. BOTTOM LEFT: A member of the National Guard Unit deployed from High Point patrols through

the Riverwalk Townhomes, where residents are still evacuated at this time. BOTTOM RIGHT: Members of the National Guard at a refill point North of the Tar River during a patrol of flooded areas in the region.



Even before stepping foot on the Pirate Nation, the motto ‘servire’ is made clear to us. It’s in our acceptance package, on our hoodies and notebooks and visible throughout campus. To serve is not only about tutoring kids or taking up donations. Service also means speaking out against injustice for the betterment of society.

As Alumni, former Pirate football players, former staff and supporters of this beloved university, we proudly kneel, sit and stand in solidarity with the 19 brave students who demonstrated during the national anthem before the ECU vs UCF game on Saturday, October 1 -- making the peaceful statement that they will no longer tolerate police brutality and senseless racial attacks against black lives and their allies. East Carolina has a long and rich history of public service and political activism that we are proud to see continued. They understand as Martin Luther King Jr said decades ago that “Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere.”

We understand the difficulty that comes with conversations about systemic racism and bias. We hope that as these conversations and protests continue in the future, those who participate on both sides of the movement will serve as a model for the world of the courage and empathy required to face these difficult times.

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Campus MovieFest turns lens on student filmmakers

Jose Hernandez
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

For many students, becoming a filmmaker is nothing more than a pipe dream. But an upcoming film festival hopes to change students' perceptions.

Starting in 2001, Campus MovieFest had humble beginnings with the efforts of four Emory University students lending equipment to other students in order to produce a film. Since then, the festival has grown into a nationwide event that goes to over 50 different schools every year.

Campus MovieFest aims to provide students with the proper tools to make their own films in under a week. Besides basic equipment, tutorials are also provided for students who may not have much experience.

"We just want to help students further their careers," said Julia Howard, marketing coordinator for Ideas United, who is responsible for producing the event.

These films are then entered into the festival in order to compete for prizes. Winners at the campus level are then sent to TERMINUS, a film and gaming convention in Atlanta, serving as a host for the Campus MovieFest finals.

Sponsors for the event include Adobe and Panasonic among others, providing students with cameras, tripods, editing software, etc. for free.

Besides finding future talents, another goal for the festival is to encourage students who otherwise do not have access to film equipment to pick up the trade.



A student works on her film with equipment provided by Campus MovieFest sponsors during 2013's movie festival.

"You can't be a filmmaker if you don't make movies," Howard said. "You have to actually go out and do it."

With the help of their sponsors, Campus MovieFest makes this a reality as even basic film equipment can add up to be very expensive.

"[Many] students don't have the funds to do it on their own," Howard said. "We come in and help them create something they can put on a portfolio or a resume."

Thanks to the sponsors, entering the contest is completely free of charge, a common concern voiced by students hoping to enter the festival with limited resources.

"Students are always wondering what they have to pay or what's the catch, and there really isn't one," Howard said. "We just want to help students out and make the next generation of filmmakers even better."

At the end of the week of the event, winners are presented and judged in a pseudo-Oscars fashion.

"You walk a red carpet and everyone gets all dressed up," Howard said. "We have all sorts of prizes for both contestants and audience members, it's just a way for everyone to have fun."

Beginning tomorrow at 5 p.m., students are encouraged to go to Mendenhall Student Center to register and learn more information about the festival.

The event will run all week, with the finale taking place Nov. 3, at 7 p.m. in Hendrix Theater

"We encourage everybody to even if you're an engineering major or film major," Howard said. "Go ahead and throw your hat in the ring and make a movie."

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'Rocky Horror' hits Greenville

Allexis Walters

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Through the glitz and shock of “The Rocky Horror Show,” first-time director Beth Payne has worked, along with a cast and crew, to bring to life Frank-N-Furter’s underlying inspirational words “Don’t dream it, be it,” at Greenville’s Magnolia Arts Center throughout October.

“It’s exciting, it moves at a very fast pace and it keeps you involved the entire time,” Payne said.

Payne, who had been a stage manager for a year prior to her directing debut, developed an interest in theater at a young age, as she grew up listening to cast albums from musicals.

For Payne, the inspiration to direct “The Rocky Horror Show” came from its natural appeal to the life theater holds and creates for those involved.

“[It] embodies exactly the life of what being in theater is,” she said. “We push boundaries. But it also embodies the life of a theater kid.”

While the production had its share of challenges during initial rehearsals, watching the cast eventually develop and grow into their characters was something Payne took great pride in.

“Watching the actors grow and blossom,” she said. “Some of them were very reserved in the beginning of this process and now they have just really bloomed and opened themselves up. It’s helped some of them find who they really are as actors and as people.”

During the show, members of the audience are also encouraged to open up and participate in the experience.

To help audience members get involved, prop bags are for sale at each show in the concessions area.

The use of prop bags is a tradition that started with the movie, that local shows have carried on by making their own variations.

The bags include things like newspapers, lights, playing cards, toilet paper and tissue paper. It’s all part of an interactive experience.

“[The audience] can expect to get up close and personal with the cast,” Payne said.

Along with prop bags, audience members will also be encouraged to participate by dancing with the cast.

While there is a lot of dancing, singing and plenty of entertaining moments, Payne said that this show is not recommended for children due to adult themes and language, but she encourages locals and students to come out and see what it’s all about.

“Experience it, because it is an experience to see The Rocky Horror Show live,” Payne said. “Give it a chance because I think you will find it has a much deeper meaning.”

Tickets are available online at magnoliaartscenter.com and for purchase at the door beginning at \$25.

The show will run Thursday through Saturday until Oct. 29.

“It’s been a very fun process,” Payne said. “I think that people will see and feel how much fun we have every single night. We love for [the audience] to be a part of it.”

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COURTESY OF MUSCLE MAKER GRILL

Customers dine-in at Greenville's new Muscle Maker Grill. The grill opened Oct. 6 and offers American-style food with a healthy twist.



Muscle Maker Grill offers healthy options

Rebecca Sefter

TEC STAFF

Muscle Maker Grill opened its first Greenville location earlier this month in an effort to bring healthier food options to the area.

The grill, MMG for short, opened its first location in 1995 in Colonia, New Jersey.

The idea for MMG was created after founder Rod Silva was asked by friends and fellow community members about his homemade healthy meals that he would often bring to the gym.

East Carolina University alumna Rania Aboshie and her husband Ahmad decided to open their first Muscle Maker Grill after hearing about the company on a visit to New Jersey.

No strangers to the restaurant business, Rania and Ahmad previously owned two other restaurants in Greenville before making the decision to own an MMG franchise.

“We’ve been in the restaurant business before,” Aboshie said. “And we just felt like it was something that Greenville could really appreciate and be receptive to.”

In addition to delivery, dine-in and takeout, MMG also offers a meal plan program in which cus-

tomers can customize and take home a pre-set number of meals in a single visit.

“You tell us how many meals you want... and prepare the meals for the week for you and we can deliver it or you can come by and pick it up. You’ll have your meals already packaged and prepared for you for the whole week,” Aboshie said.

The Muscle Maker Grill team aims to make integration in the ECU community a top priority.

In addition to their rewards program, it will be offering a discount to all ECU students.

“We always look for ways to give back to the university here in town, so we want our students to come in and try us out,” Aboshie said. “A lot of the students are health conscious.... [and are thinking] ‘Hey, I want to look good, feel good, be fit [and] be healthy.’ Muscle Maker Grill just goes hand-in-hand.”

Aboshie stressed the importance of bringing this experience to the Greenville community.

“This is something that is really lacking in our Greenville market,” Aboshie said. “On every corner you always see a McDonald’s popping up, or Wendy’s, or a pizza joint. But there’s nothing like Muscle Maker Grill. It’s prepared fresh, it’s

prepared the way you want it and it’s wholesome ingredients.”

MMG offers typical American-style food options, with a healthy twist.

“It’s all your favorite food,” Aboshie said. “We have salads, we have burgers, nachos....pretty much your typical American array of food but it’s just prepared healthier and it has healthier ingredients.”

Muscle Maker Grill hosted a soft opening Oct. 6, but plans to host a grand opening event sometime next month.

“We’re looking to have a grand opening event in November before Thanksgiving break,” Aboshie said. “We’re going to have a DJ, giveaways, just a big fun event for that day.”

Muscle Maker Grill is currently open seven days a week from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. and is located at 3150 Evans St.

“Muscle Maker Grill is something that’s going to incorporate the best of both worlds,” Aboshie said. “It’s something that’s convenient, affordable, but at the same time it’s actually good for you, and it tastes good.”

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PUZZLES

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1 With 66-Across, crisp serving with pâté

6 Gush forth

10 Australian gem

14 Mountains between Europe and Asia

15 Singer Guthrie

16 Bring on board, workwise

17 Enjoy to the max

18 Mug for the camera

20 Govt. assistance program

21 "Holy smokes!"

22 Hot spot

23 Pitch in

27 Battery post

29 Aggressive poker words

30 Some iTunes downloads, briefly

32 Queen ____

33 Road problem needing patching

36 Catcher's protection

37 Do the slightest thing

39 Aware of

41 Voice of Carl Fredricksen in "Up"

42 "What's up, ____?"

43 iPhone, e.g., briefly

44 HOW THIS IS TYPED

48 Shoulder wrap

50 What the winning quarterback may do as time runs out

53 Contemptible sort

55 Prosecutors, for short

56 Seine season

57 Theatrical "Good luck!"

59 "Really, bro?!"

61 Was sorry for

62 Grand soirée

63 Super Bowl party bowlful

64 Chianti and cabernet

65 Paradise

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2 Error remover

3 Rita Moreno or Gloria Estefan

4 ____-ray Disc

5 Snake that bit Cleopatra

6 South Pacific island nation

7 Shrimp kin

8 Fraternal club member

9 Misfortunes

10 "Terrific ... not!"

11 Lounge with keyboard music

12 Video game spots

13 Dixie general

19 Remote batteries

21 Stimulated, as one's appetite

24 Scoop up, as salsa with a chip

25 Starting on

26 Meat markets

28 Cry of fright

31 Cents

34 Attacked

35 All ____ sudden

36 Pfizer rival

37 Plant that is poisonous to livestock

38 Rowlands of "The Notebook"

39 Crooks may have fake ones

40 "You lie!"

43 Company car, e.g.

45 Lack of vim and vigor

46 Colorful flower parts

47 "Caught that movie last week"

49 Detectives follow them

51 Singer with the albums "19," "21" and "25"

52 Sotomayor colleague

54 Senate aide

57 "I'm freezing!"

58 Young fellow

59 Fake it

60 "____ goes there?"

Thursday's Puzzle Solved

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Basketball’s Riak seeks healthy return

Carson Cherry
TEC STAFF

Last season the East Carolina’s men’s basketball team lacked depth in the front court, mostly due to an injury to Deng Riak suffered in the Pirates’ eighth game of the season.

“We love that we have Deng Riak, who had to take a medical redshirt last year, back into the mix,” said head coach Jeff Lebo.

The 6-foot-10 Australian came to ECU highly touted as a four-star center from Florida’s Victory Rock Prep. The bigman was looked at as somebody who could help alleviate ECU’s rebounding problem. ECU averaged 31.8 rebounds per game in the 2014-15 season, while the national average was 34.8.

But Riak only played eight games last season before injuring his shoulder, which forced him to sit out the rest on the season.

Luckily for the Pirates and Riak, he was eligible to get a redshirt. Since it was his freshman season he still will have four years to play at ECU.



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East Carolina center Deng Riak battles for a rebound against a South Carolina Upstate player.

This season he looks forward to getting back on the court and getting some minutes, but getting back in the groove from an injury isn’t always easy.

“I’m in good condition,” said Riak. “It’s just getting adjusted to game speed, because I haven’t played in a year.”

His shoulder’s strength is still not perfect, but it’s good enough for him to get back into the action.

“I would say it’s [Riak’s shoulder] at 90 percent, but I’ll be at 100 when the season starts,” said Riak.

With the absence of Riak last season,

it forced other players to play out of their normal positions, since the next tallest player on the team was only 6-foot-9. Senior Caleb White, who was the team’s second leading scorer, had to play out of position most of last season, battling against bigger competition.

“Caleb gets to play the three position, [Kentrell Barkley] gets to play on the wing more, since I’ll be back playing,” said Riak.

To avoid a repeat of last season, Lebo has bolstered the squad by adding players like senior Andre Washington and junior Jabari Craig, who both are big men and transferred from other schools to provide experience in the front court. These experienced players have helped with Riak’s game.

“They’ve been teaching me ways to finish around the rim, and how to use your body,” said Riak. “Andre (Washington) has a lot of experience, he played in the ACC.”

Riak doesn’t have much longer to wait before the Pirates’ first regular season game against Grambling State Nov. 11.

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FOOTBALL

Montgomery eager after bye week

Gerin Honeycutt
TEC STAFF

East Carolina head coach Scottie Montgomery is happy to move forward from what was a long and unconventional week due to Hurricane Matthew.

“A huge thanks to all of our service members, police department, fire department, City of Greenville and government agencies that helped us through the aftermath of Hurricane Matthew,” said Montgomery.

After traveling back from South Florida during Hurricane Matthew and not arriving back until Sunday afternoon, the Pirates caught a break when ECU and Navy officials agreed to move the Thursday night game back to Nov. 19, spelling out an early bye week for both teams.

Though bye weeks are always used as a break from the game’s physical nature, the

new bye week couldn’t have come at a more perfect time. For a defense suffering from injuries, it will be rewarded as its starting defensive tackle Demetri McGill and starting cornerback Corey Seargent return Saturday. Both players have been the anchors of their units.

“With our [new] open date, I thought it fell right where it needed to fall,” said Montgomery. “Half way through the year, we were at a point and time where a lot of people didn’t know that a lot of our guys were bumped and bruised, and here we just went through a gauntlet of games and so it came at a good time.”

The offense will see quarterback Philip Nelson make his way back into the starting lineup after leaving his second straight game with an injury. Though Montgomery can’t disclose Nelson’s injury enough to pinpoint exactly what it is, he said it isn’t bad enough

to sideline him at practice. He expects him to be dressing for Saturday’s meeting with Cincinnati unless something goes heinous by the end of the week.

Another thing the offense will see, for the second straight week, is utility player James Summers’ move into the lead running back role.

“We want to utilize [Summers] as much as we can,” said Montgomery. “What we realize is a lot of the things that we’re going to do moving forward, getting the ball at the line of scrimmage, getting the ball downhill, we think that he can help us immediate with some of those issues and then take some stress off our offensive line. We also think that Anthony Scott can help us as well, we’re going to try to create more of a one-two punch with them.”

Montgomery added, “I like the way James, knock on wood, until this point-in-time has

taken care of the football. Protecting the football is more important than any amount of yards or anything else.”

A healthier and slightly revamped ECU football team will look to go into a (3-3, 0-2 AAC) Cincinnati team and salvage a season that started off hot.

“This is a conference game, and it’s a night game. And night games, if anyone has played in night games, they just come with a different feel,” said Montgomery. “You think about them all day, you’re preparing all day, you’re working forward to it, your mind is locked in on what you have to do and then you have to go out and you have to perform. When you have to perform, the energy you receive in a night game, especially if you’re a visitor, is unreal.”

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TAKEAWAYS

SOCCER

East Carolina (4-9-1, 0-4-1 AAC) tied Houston Sunday evening, 1-1 in double overtime, earning its first point in the American standings.

SWIMMING & DIVING

The Pirates were swept by Navy over the weekend, despite winning five of the eight freestyle races. Navy won 23 total events in the meet.

VOLLEYBALL

ECU (13-5, 3-5 AAC) won its third straight conference match Saturday, sweeping Houston. The Pirates have now improved to 7-2 in road contests.

BASEBALL

ECU head coach Cliff Godwin and the Pirates earned a top-25 national recruiting ranking by Baseball America, the first in program history.

CAROLINA PANTHERS

The Panthers (1-5) lost an overtime contest, 41-38 to the New Orleans Saints Sunday afternoon.

SOCCER

Tie hurts postseason chances

Kayla Morton
TEC STAFF

It took five conference games for East Carolina to end its losing streak, but it still couldn’t pick up its first win against division rival Houston Sunday as the teams tied at one.

The Pirates (4-9-1, 0-4-1 American Athletic Conference) came home from their three-game road trip to tie a Cougar team which currently sits one place above them in the conference standings. With the 1-1 double overtime draw, Houston (6-4-3, 1-3-2 AAC) picked up its third tie of the year and second in conference play. Both teams are in serious jeopardy of not making the postseason and are sitting in the eighth and ninth spots looking in.

With four conference games remaining, it’s now or never for the Pirates. They must pick up a win in one of their next two games to get the ball rolling and then most likely win their remaining two if they want to overtake Central Florida, South Florida or Cincinnati in overall points.

In addition to a winning streak of its own, ECU needs at least one of those teams to tank the remainder of its season. All three

teams currently have six more points than the Pirates.

ECU gets a great opportunity in the fact that it still must play UCF and USE, and knocking off both teams gives the Pirates the tie breaker that could be needed to determine the sixth and final playoff spot.

The Pirates recorded their second most shot attempts of the season (25) and outshout Houston by 14. More recently ECU has been on the better side of corner kick advantages and stuck with that stat line, as it had five more attempts than the Cougars during the match.

Senior Lana Spitler was responsible for nearly half of the Pirates’ shots, as she launched 12 total with five on net.

“We had a couple other chances on set pieces that we couldn’t convert on, but I feel like we’ve been a little snake-bit around the goal lately,” ECU head coach Rob Donnenwirth said.

Houston opened the scoring in the 32nd minute, as defenseman Margo McEntire ground-passed a cross that flew right across the box to the far side meeting forward Vanessa Almaguer who volleyed a shot into the left side of the net to put Houston up 1-0. After the half, the Pirates answered in

the 49th minute when midfielder Annah Lindberg received a corner kick from Spitler that she smashed to the left side of the net from seven yards out to even the game at 1-1.

“We work a lot on set pieces,” Donnenwirth said. “The goal was really just Annah getting after it.”

Lindberg had three of her four shots come on net and she got more opportunities than normal thanks to getting a key player back from injury. Defender Caitlin Hite played a full 110 minutes after averaging 20-30 minutes in most games this season. Her presence pushed defender Maddie Watson to more of a midfielder and positioned Lindberg in the attacking-midfielder position which allowed her to shoot the ball more.

Hite also slipped into the lineup easily after Courtney Cash was kept out of the game as a precaution due to an injury obtained in the previous match.

Cash’s status for Thursday’s matchup with South Florida is still unclear, but all the signs point towards her starting as long as she has no setbacks in practice this week.

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Football, charity helps Coprich

Tori Poole
TEC STAFF

Many athletes play sports for all different reasons, but for East Carolina graduate-transfer Jeffrey Coprich, football was a way out of the gang violence polluting his hometown — Los Angeles.

“Back when I was younger I don’t think we really knew what it meant to make it out of the neighborhood,” said Coprich. “But as we got older we realized that playing sports or doing good in school is our way of getting out of the neighborhood.”

Before becoming a Pirate, Coprich played at the University of California, Berkeley at defensive back, running back and inside receiver positions. Unfortunately, Coprich injured his foot, which limited his playing time to only 17 career games. He was awarded two more years of eligibility due to his injury, and chose ECU to continue his education and football career.

“He’s learning his part of the offense,” said ECU offensive coordinator Tony Petersen. “He’s a great kid, and he’s going to be a natural leader. We’re excited about him.”

Coprich’s story is one most ECU fans may not know yet.

On his third birthday he went with his family to Las Vegas for a family reunion, and during the drive they were involved in a car accident that claimed the life of Coprich’s seven-year-old sister, Essence K. Coprich and two-year-old cousin, Dejuanhe Greathouse.

The tragedy didn’t stop there, however. His parents divorced while he was still young and Watts, his neighborhood, was subject to gang violence — violence that Coprich was forced to watch, as his friends died as a result of it.

Instead of giving into the violence, Coprich played football and started a charity in his sister’s memory. By involving himself in school, football and charity work, there wasn’t much time to follow the wrong path.

It wasn’t always easy for Coprich to stay on the straight and narrow. His father, Jeffrey Coprich Sr. said while in middle school, Coprich became consumed with the gang violence in Watts.

To combat the trouble, his parents decided it was best for him to move from his mother’s house to his father house while in high school.



He has lost all of his friends that he grew up with . They’ve all been murdered, and I was determined not to let him get caught up in that.

Coprich Sr.

East Carolina running back Jeffrey Coprich Jr. smiles for a picture. The running back started a charity in the name of his late sister, Essence.

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The transition was hard, as Coprich had to say goodbye to his friends and mother in Watts, and start his life in Valencia with his father in a predominantly white neighborhood.

“When he made the move to come stay with myself and his stepmom, it made a difference in his life,” Coprich Sr. said. “He has lost all of his friends that he grew up with. They’ve all been murdered, and I was determined not to let him get caught up in that.”

Prior to transferring to West Ranch High School, Coprich broke the single-season (1,273 yards) and single-game (230 yards) rushing records at Golden Valley High School as a junior.

Even after transferring schools, Coprich continued to put up impressive stats. During his first game, he broke the single-game rushing record for the school with 235 yards. He also won the 2012 Watkins Scholar Athlete of the Year award for the State of California. By the end of his senior campaign, Coprich stood out with 1,277 rushing yards and 16 touchdowns. He also had five receptions for 41 yards and 25 tackles at defensive back with two interceptions, both of which were returned for touchdowns.

During Coprich’s time at California, he played in 17 games and rushed for 212 yards and two touchdowns. Also while at Cal, he was selected to the 2014 Allstate AFCA Good Works Team, which is an off-the-field-honor.

After his sister’s passing, the 116th Elementary School in the Watts area wanted to dedicate its library in her honor. Rather than letting these traumatic situations get the better of him, Coprich joined his father and created the Essence K. Coprich Book Club in Watts, in his sister’s memory. He went to his father and told him he wanted to make the library better for the children that attended the school.

“From [the death of Essence] we wanted to give back in the midst of tragedy,” Coprich Sr. said. “So what Jeff did in the 12th grade, was one day he came to me and said, ‘dad there’s so many people, so many kids who have no clue how to get prepared for college. If they don’t know how to read, they’re not gonna make it.’”

The book club began and the books started filling the shelves. Companies like Microsoft and KPMG donated books to the Library, and Coprich and his father still work to continue adding more and more books.

Now that Coprich is on the east coast, his father has taken over most of the work but he still gets involved when he is home.

Due to his own experience, with the impact sports had on him, Coprich and his father work together to host an event each year to honor athletes from South Central L.A. who are making a positive impact in their city. Coprich said this year they would expand the event to athletes in Atlanta as well.

Coprich and Coprich Sr. decided that dedicating a night to athletes who are working hard to try and better themselves helps to increase the number of young students that stay away from gang activity. Coprich said he hopes to continue his charity work in Greenville. He also said he wants to get his teammates involved as well.

“I feel like some of the [ECU] players will love to do [charity work]. I feel like there are a lot of us on the team who enjoy giving back to the community,” Coprich said. “Especially young kids, who want to have the same future as us. So I’m pretty positive I’ll get some of my teammates to come out and help me.”

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