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Student actress dressed as a clown scares fellow students at the annual Scott Hall's haunted house on College Hill.

Greenville prepares for weekend festivities

Matthew Prensky
TEC STAFF

The Greenville Police Department and East Carolina University are preparing areas around main campus for the festivities planned during Halloween.

Beginning today, Greenville Police will begin to station more officers in the uptown district - where much of the Halloween activities will be located. Similar to last year, the uptown area near the West End neighborhood of ECU's main campus will see an increased security presence to protect the public.

"The Greenville Police Department and East Carolina University have been collaborating to make this year's Halloween a safe and enjoyable time for people of all ages," according to a GPD statement regarding Halloween security.

A number of streets leading through Uptown will be blocked. Portions of both Cotanche St. and Evans St. will be closed to vehicles throughout the weekend. By closing these streets downtown, law enforcement

will be able to better control safety.

"For security reasons, no weapons (real or costume) will be permitted in the designated event areas," according to the GPD.

Greenville Police has hired an outside security firm to help ensure safety downtown. The outside security staff, Staff One, will be wearing neon shirts and vests to make them stand out in case of emergencies. Staff One security will be located at each of the security checkpoints. These checkpoints will serve as the entrances leading into the downtown event area.

Along with banning any type of weapons, law enforcement officials will not permit anyone to enter into the entertainment area unless they have gone through the security checkpoint.

With much of the downtown area closed off to vehicles, parking in the Uptown district will be greatly affected. The Five Points parking lot which was opened to the public at the beginning of this year will be available to the public during Halloween weekend. Although much of the parking

in that lot, along with the parking deck on Cotanche St. between 4th St. and 5th St., will be distributed to local businesses open during the weekend.

"This year the Greenville Police Department has arranged for local vendors and food trucks to be stationed along Evans Street," said GPD.

These street vendors will be serving customers from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. on Halloween night. Police said they are using these vendors to cater to the student population. Some of the businesses catering include: Villa Verde, Sup Dogs, Tulas Fish and Chips, East Coast Wings and Williams Catering.

ECU Transit will also be operating on a special late night service schedule on Saturday and Halloween night; ECU will be offering this service to students in order to keep them safe.

Officers with the East Carolina University Police Department and Greenville Police Department will be on hand to assist ECU

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Bill Clinton lobbies for student vote

Samuel Privette
TEC STAFF

Bill Clinton spoke to residents Tuesday night at the Five Points Plaza in downtown Greenville, North Carolina while campaigning for his wife, Hillary Clinton.

With over 800 people in the crowd flocking to see the president speak, Bill Clinton echoed the undertone of his wife's campaign on a stage that stood in front of Greenville's iconic Uptown Theater.

Throughout the hour-long rally, Bill Clinton took it upon himself to make an example of the differences between Hillary Clinton's and the Republican candidate Donald Trump's campaign.

In a jab towards Trump's campaign slogan, President Clinton suggested the Republican nominee's tactics for winning the White House attracted the appeal of hate groups that have existed in southern states like North Carolina.

"You and I know exactly what [Make America Great Again] means. That means turn society and the economy back fifty years," Clinton said.

Clinton spoke enthusiastically about policy planned ahead if Hillary succeeds in winning the presidency, including addressing the issue of crippling student debt and interest rates.

"You shouldn't pay a higher interest rate for college loans

than what your parents are paying on their mortgages," Bill Clinton said.

Bill Clinton said student loan interests rates were unadjustable and that it was a main reason for what he called a decline in American higher education.

With addressing the issue of student loans as a focal point, President Clinton suggested the possibility of allowing for "debt-free graduation" for college students as well as free community college through government assistance.

Highlighting problems of inequality in terms of payment in work environments and education in impoverished communities, President Clinton said Hillary was the only candidate that has and will do something to fix these issues.

"One side of this campaign offers anger, while the other offers answers. One side likes to rub salt in the wounds of people, while the other gives empowerment," President Clinton said.

President Clinton emphasized the need for improvements in American infrastructure, referring to the poisonous unraveling of Flint, Michigan's water treatment system and what he called a need for cleaner energy systems.

President Clinton said improving the country's inter-

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HOMEcoming

Rae Sremmurd, Jacquees to perform tonight

Arvanna Smart
TEC STAFF

Tonight rap duo Rae Sremmurd and R&B singer Jacquees will headline the annual homecoming concert in Minges Coliseum.

Rae Sremmurd is made up of two brothers, Swae Lee and Slim Jxmmi. They started out as a trio with the name Dem Outta St8 Boyz who signed with Ear Drummers record label in January 2014. The duo has two hit albums titled "Sremmlife" and "Sremmlife 2" and is known for its hit songs "No Flex Zone," "No Type" and "Black Beatles."

Jacquees, on the other hand, is known for his voice and hit records that sample old R&B with songs like "Come Thru" and "B.E.D."

Jacquees started out at the young age of nine going through talent shows before he released his first album "I Am Jacquees." In 2014 he released his second album "19," which included appearances from Chris Brown, Rich Homie Quan, Lloyd and Trinidad James. He is now signed under the record label Cash Money.

Both artist have toured together in recent cities near places like Charlotte and have been successful.

"I think that they will perform well together," said Michelle Scott senior criminal justice major.

After the recent surge in country artist performances at East Carolina University, Scott

is looking forward to an evening of rap and R&B as a change in atmosphere.

"I am going to the concert, it's good to have someone from the hip-hop and rap genre to bring out a different crowd that is within the ECU community," Scott said.

For Dominique Burke, a senior biology major, having the two major headlining performers gives students a chance to look forward to just more than one headlining act and broadens up the attraction of the concert to a much larger crowd.

"I'm more of a fan of Jacquees, which is why I am going to the concert," Burke said. "His song 'Come Thru' is one of my favorites because of his analogies. They are easy to catch on to while still being complex."

Tickets are still available for the concert and are \$15 for students and \$20 for guest. They are on sale now at the Mendenhall Student Center Central Ticket Office.

"Overall, I think the concert will be a good turnout with these two artist. I think that homecoming in general will be good this year especially with it being tied together with Halloween," Burke said. "The concert with Rae Sremmurd and Jacquees is just the beginning to a great weekend."

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Rae Sremmurd, the rap duo consisting of brothers Swae Lee and Slim Jxmmi, perform on stage.

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BRIEFS

Scullery hosts percentage night for Humane Society

On Thursday, Nov 17, The Scullery will host a percentage night for the Humane Society of Greenville. That night, 10 percent of the food and drink purchases will go to the HSG.

American Red Cross pushing for November donations

The American Red Cross will be hosting blood drives during the month of November, starting Nov. 1 and ending on Nov. 15, and wants people to donate blood before the holiday.

A seasonal decline in donations often occurs from Thanksgiving to New Year's Day. In Greenville, Mendenhall Student Center and Eastern North Carolina Blood Donor Center and other locations will have blood donations stations.

CORRECTIONS & CLARIFICATIONS

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Student reports daily weather

Madison Lawson
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

East Carolina University freshman Russell James, an atmospheric science major, has shown his true passion for weather over the past two weeks. Instead of going home for fall break, like a majority of students, James stayed in Greenville during Hurricane Matthew and posted live footage of the destruction on campus.

Students were updated daily on the impact Matthew had on the university and could see, in real time, what was going on in Greenville from James' live streams.

Since August, James has posted live weather updates on the ECU Class of 2020 Facebook page, giving its 5,000 members a daily forecast.

"My main mission is to save lives and to warn people ahead of the approaching storm," said James. "I like to teach people about weather as well so you guys know what's coming."

James created his own weather Facebook page called "Cyborg Stormworld / ECU Weather" in September. The Cyborg Stormworld page has numerous five-star reviews showing that it's a favorite in the community despite its recent launch. James' goal is to reach 500 likes by the end of the October.

As a self-taught weatherman, James drew inspiration from some of his favorite meteorologists such as Al Roker from the Today Show

and Jim Cantore from the Weather Channel. Following in their footsteps, James says he hopes to become a broadcast meteorologist someday.

From as long as he could remember, James says he has always been intrigued by weather. One event in particular that he recalls from his childhood was the time he first encountered a massive storm.

Sitting in his aunt's car, an 8-year-old James witnessed the bright blue, Illinois sky transform into a black wave of clouds. Golf ball sized hail loudly clapped on the earth below and nearly broke his car windshield. A small cyclone began to form in the field next to him, slowly developing into a full blown F-3 tornado.

"I was terrified," said James. "I remember screaming a lot and telling my mom that I don't want to die, I am too young to die."

In that moment, James said he and his family decided to follow the storm back toward Rockford, Illinois. Houses destroyed, windows broken, fallen trees, debris from office buildings, it was a sight to remember he says. Walking the deserted streets, James noticed an older woman emerge from the rubble and faint. Quickly

running over to her, he started performing CPR and successfully revived the woman from her unconscious state.

"That was the biggest moment for me," said James. "In the eyes of one person, what we saw was destruction but what she saw was her entire life being ripped from underneath her."

From the moment he laid eyes on a tornado, James' passion for weather has grown and has led him to be the weatherman many ECU students are getting to know.

"I love his live streams," said freshman Dejonna Groff, a pre-dental biology major. "His forecasts for Hurricane Matthew were exceptionally helpful considering how badly ECU was hit. It was almost impossible to get information on the internet about what was going on at school."

According to James, after practicing and studying atmospheric science for years, he has discovered more about weather than just tracking storms.

"One thing I learned is to always watch the weather forecast," said James. "It may look like a calm day but never underestimate what Mother Nature can bring, especially during any time of the year."

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Transit with transporting students. The rules for the Pirate Express bus will apply to this special Halloween bus service.

"Absolutely no alcohol regardless of container is

allowed. Weapons, fighting, smoking, backpacks, and other large carry-on items are also prohibited," according to the GPD statement.

For students at ECU who are looking to avoid the large crowds downtown, they have the option to attend Halloween Havoc.

"Halloween Havoc is a substance free event offered by ECU for the students," said GPD.

The event begins at 10 p.m. and ends at 2 a.m. on Halloween night in the Student Recreation Center. Some of the attractions at the event include laser tag, a haunted house, an escape room, a costume contest and free food.

Students who wish to attend Halloween Havoc are asked to purchase a ticket at the ticket office located in Mendenhall Student Center. Students can pick up a ticket after showing a valid ECU Icard.

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net reliability was a major infrastructure goal for the democratic party.

"Five million kids every day receive homework assignments and are not able to do them because they don't have internet access," President Clinton said.

East Carolina University College Democrat President Justin McCarthy said President Clinton's visit was a proud moment for local Democratic voters.

"It was great seeing a former president in Greenville coming out to rally everyone to

go vote," McCarthy said.

In the most recent New York Times Upshot/Siena College poll taken among North Carolina voters on Tuesday, Hillary Clinton is winning with 46 percent, with Trump listed at 39 percent and Gary Johnson at 8 percent.

North Carolina, which has been dominated by Republican presidential candidates in eight of the last ten elections is an important swing state where Hillary Clinton's campaign has had to stretch resources since the beginning of the election season.

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PIRATE RANTS

The East Carolinian does not endorse statements made in Pirate Rants.

If clowns are scaring you, remember to activate the Bat-signal.

If you believe the election is rigged, protest by not voting.

I'm voting for pancakes or maybe waffles, but definitely not bacon.

I find it interesting that a lot of the same people who spat on Vietnam veterans returning from war, are also pro-abortion.

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

ANSWER

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Our view

PeeDee vandalism hurts homecoming

Over the weekend, a beloved monument on campus was stripped from his post, leaving nothing but his boots behind.

While PeeDee has since been recovered and is currently undergoing reparative surgery through the School of Art and Design, we as an editorial staff believe PeeDee deserved better, especially on the brink of homecoming.

Though the perpetrators of this act may have only seen it as a campus prank, the timing couldn't have been more heartbreaking for the loveable pirate.

As he currently spends his time under the tender care of art students, PeeDee will have to watch from afar as families and alumni arrive on campus looking for his familiar face only to find a pair of lonely boots in turn.

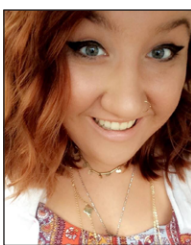
So while the far and distant sound of the Marching Pirates drumline ring through the air during homecoming weekend along with the jovial chants of "purple" and "gold," PeeDee will shed a single tear as he presses his cold hand against the window of his holding room.

We can only hope for PeeDee's speedy recovery and that the culprits of this act will be caught and appropriately punished.

As Pirates though, the bright spirit of homecoming must go on, not only for ourselves but also in honor of our recovering mascot.

Let's stand together for PeeDee this homecoming weekend.

Internet fact checking critical



The first time I saw a computer was in 2001 — I was almost five years old.

My grandparents bought the bulky Micro-soft machine to see what all the fuss was about, and from the moment I saw it, I was attached.

Now, nearly 15 years later, I use computers religiously throughout the day. It's become so infused in my daily life, I can hardly remember a time where I didn't have a computer to go to when I was bored or looking for quick information on a topic.

But with all of the good that comes with this ever-advancing technology, also comes the bad.

One of the most concerning things I've seen increase online, especially on social media, is watching how rapid the spread and acceptance of misinformation occurs.

Last month, one of the top shared posts floating around my timeline on facebook was a picture of a large crowd of supposedly underreported protesters along the North Dakota pipeline. The post went on to blame the media for keeping this information away from the general public, captioned "This is why the media won't show the protest on the pipeline #StayAware."

However, something about the photo seemed oddly familiar, so I checked the comments to see if anyone else had picked up that something was off.

Largely keeping with the theme of the post, hundreds of people commented with continued anti-media rhetoric. Only four people out of the hundreds of comments I scrolled through had broken the truth behind the photo: It was actually a photo of 1969's Woodstock, not a suppressed



COURTESY OF SNOPES.COM

A photo of festivalgoers at Woodstock in 1969. Online, some said it was a photo of ND Pipeline portests.

photo of the pipeline protest.

While this post had it's pros in bringing more attention to the North Dakota pipeline protest, the information given was grossly misguided. Once people realize that they've been misinformed, if they ever do, it has the potential to undercut the validity of every other post regarding the protest.

And this is only one example, in one instance that hits even closer to home, locals and East Carolina University students alike were recently sharing an article that claimed "Step Brothers 2" was set to be filmed in Greenville and that directors were looking for extras from the area to audition. A quick google search or look on snopes.com could tell you that's not true.

While we now possess the ability to potentially become some of the most well-informed group of humans this world has ever seen, the attraction of sensationalism mixed with our overall lack of skepticism is standing in the way.

Avoid making yourself look gullible, and take the time to do a little bit of research before blindly sharing things online.

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Letter to the editor

Band protest misses mark

I am a 1962 graduate of East Carolina College and the son of Nephi M. Jorgensen, former Athletic Director and Head of the Physical Education Department at ECTC/ECC/ECU from 1947 to his retirement in 1975. My youngest son Erik D. Jorgensen graduated in 1997, completing a span of 50 years of unbroken time when there was a "Jorgensen" either as a faculty member or as a student at either ECTC/ECC/ECU. Our family has always been proud of our Dad's time in Greenville and how he contributed to the growth of the school.

However, I am disappointed in the statement that you made following the members of the ECU Marching Band kneeling during the playing of our National Anthem. I would not prohibit anyone from protesting a just cause, but WHAT were they protesting? What makes it even worse is that the protest was done in a band uniform that represents the University, the football team, the faculty, graduates and former faculty members like my Dad.

Why didn't they protest on your front yard if they have a genuine problem to be concerned about instead of using the football game as a forum? What would you have done if they did something like that on your front yard? Having known Herbert Carter, a former faculty member and band director, I know he has rolled over in his grave over what has happened.

My last question to you is...what disciplinary action is going to be taken against the kneeling band members? A stand has to be made when protesters use a forum like these members did to protest. Once again, I'm not in favor of restricting protesting a just cause, only do it as individuals, NOT while representing an institution like these students did.

Lynn C. Jorgensen, LT Col USAF (ret)

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FRIDAY

Freeboot Friday

Uptown Greenville

5 p.m.

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6 p.m.

Hip Hop Yoga Fusion Halloween Style

YogiVibes Studio

6 p.m.

NPHC Step Show

Williams Arena in Minges Coliseum

7 p.m.

Courtyard Cinemas: Ghostbusters

Uptown Greenville

7 p.m.

People's Blues of Richmond

Crossbones Tavern

10 p.m.

SATURDAY

Halloween Comicfest

World's Coolest Comics and Toys

9 a.m.

Halloween Comicfest

Blue Ox Games

11 a.m.

Halloween Party! featuring Backseat Romeo

Buck Wild Tavern

8 p.m.

Psylo Joe

Crossbones Tavern

10 p.m.

SUNDAY

Octubafest!

Fletcher Music Center

7:30 p.m.

A Step in the Right Direction

NPHC to host annual show in Minges this year

Jose Hernandez
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

A sold-out show last year showed the influence minority-based organizations can bring to East Carolina University.

This Friday night, the National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC) is bringing back its annual homecoming step show with gusto.

With last year's show being a sellout, the NPHC was granted use of Minges Coliseum in order to accommodate the large expected turnout.

For senior Ebony Hanson, recreational therapy major and current president of the NPHC, the change of location brings with it both anxiety and excitement.

"There is a lot of pressure to pull it off," Hanson said. "Minges is way bigger than Wright or Hendrix."

Hanson said there was some skepticism as to if the NPHC would be able to fill the seats, but she remains hopeful and optimistic.

For senior Jordan Hannah, a family and community service major, the upcoming step show means a great deal. Hannah said stepping involves a great deal of rhythm and movement and great deal of coordination is needed in order to perform properly.

"It's like a dance concert, but deeper," Hannah said. "It's a very rich and deep tradition in the African-American community."

The NPHC oversees ECU's nine historically African-American fraternities and sororities, which has now evolved to include many other races as well.

Aside from the annual step show, the organization is also involved in many community service projects in and around the Greenville area. These include food drives, fundraising and information awareness drives.



Students participate in last year's step show. This year, the NPHC will host the performance in Minges Coliseum.

"We make sure to involve everyone to our events," Hannah said. "It's not just for people of color, we want to show everyone what we're like and what we're about."

As well as the upcoming step show, the NPHC is unveiling a new Memorial Garden Friday afternoon, a first for the organization a ECU.

"I'm very excited, we're finally able to make our mark on campus," Hannah said. "This is a pretty historical event for us."

The ribbon cutting for the NPHC's Memorial Garden will take place at 4 p.m. tomorrow in

the grassy area between Bate and Sci-Tech.

The step show will follow in the evening beginning at 7 p.m. and is set to take place at Williams Arena in Minges Coliseum.

For questions or comments, contact arts@theeastcarolinian.com.

Local comic shops to host Halloween festivals Saturday

Andy Li
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

This Halloween, Greenville will no doubt be swarmed by Iron Men, Superman and various other heroes thanks to local comic stores hosting Halloween Comicfest Saturday.

Halloween Comicfest is a national annual celebration of scary comics for kids and adults. Local comic stores are encouraged to host their own variations of the event, all with the theme of Halloween and free comics.

"They usually have books that are a little bit themed to something a little bit fun or scary," said Ken Sims, the projects manager at World's Coolest Comics and Collectibles. "It's an event to give away promotional comic books, or free

comic books, to attendees to invite them into the community and read more about what's going on."

World's Coolest plans to hold a large festival, with games, food, sales and a giant bounce house. Sims is especially excited about the sales they will be offering on back issues of comics.

"I love digging through the back issues, getting everything I missed," Sims said. "Cause that's usually the best time to pick up as much as you were missing."

World's Coolest Comics' new store location at 736 Greenville Blvd SW will host the Comicfest beginning at 9 a.m. and lasting until 9 p.m. Any comics you can fit into a bag or box can be bought at one flat rate per box.

Another local store, Blue Ox

Games, located at 2713 E 1w0th St., will be hosting a Comicfest party at their store as well.

"One thing we're doing here to go along with our free comics is we're also doing a kids carnival and some carnival games," said Harry Frank, owner of Blue Ox Games. "I don't care how old you are but carnival games are fun."

Blue Ox Games will open at 11 a.m. and customers will have their pick of two exclusive Comicfest comics. At 6 p.m., guests are invited to take two more comics. The Kids Carnival will last from 1 to 4 p.m..

Alongside the carnival, Blue Ox will be hosting a costume

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A selection of comics at Blue Ox Games. The comic shop will take part in Halloween Comicfest this weekend.

>>HOMECOMING

Uptown to hold pep rally

Summer Rivenbark
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Freeboot Friday will be back this weekend to pump up Pirates with their annual homecoming pep rally.

Meredith Hawke, Events and Branding Director for Uptown Greenville said that this year's pep rally features an interesting twist, as homecoming falls on the same weekend as Halloween.

"This Freeboot will feature a costume contest, which will bring the Halloween aspect, but we also want to honor East Carolina University's homecoming as well," Hawke said.

The rally will also bring different local food vendors together, live music, homecoming-themed festivities, Halloween Express contests and a performance by Bryan Mayer.

"Freeboot has been happening for 17 years, and this year we will be bringing in our first country artist ever," Hawke said. "Bryan Mayer is an award-winning artist and it's extremely cool to bring him to Greenville because he was an ECU student as well. It's somewhat of a homecoming for him too."

Attendees will also have the chance to interact with ECU's

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Backseat Romeo performs at a festival. The band will be Buck Wild Tavern's featured act Saturday.

Buck Wild Tavern to host weekend Halloween party

Backseat Romeo to serve as entertainment

Lauren Sura
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Local Greenville band Backseat Romeo will charm the crowd of Buck Wild Tavern at its Halloween Party this weekend.

Backseat Romeo's music has many influences including classical, blues, jazz and old soul while performing anything from rock to country to funk.

"I call it variety. We cover a lot of ground, actually," said Ed Prophet, the lead vocalist for this weekend. "We do old stuff, new stuff, 70s, 80s, 90s, whatever."

Prophet has been surrounded by music for over 25 years, from teaching himself piano and guitar to going to school on a music scholarship. Through his musical journey, Prophet has played with a variety of musicians, from Bryan Meyer to local artists.

When founded in late 2003, Backseat Romeo started as an acoustic duo between Prophet and a friend and fellow guitarist.

As the band continued to grow, more members were recruited, such as bassist James Ford and drummer Daniel

Vaughan, who will be performing alongside Prophet at the Halloween Party.

Ford, who is relatively new but has played with a few local bands in Greenville, met Prophet at an open mic event in New Bern one night.

"He would always come out and play and just kind of gravitated towards each other," Prophet said.

Vaughan is a local musician in Greenville and has played with some other local bands.

"He sat in with us one night and he just happened to be available when we needed a new drummer," Prophet said.

Outside of the band, each member is usually pursuing other musical projects. But still, the group comes together to put on shows.

"Our regular bass player is in another band and doing other things and our lead guitar player is on a solo tour right now," Prophet said.

Prophet himself does more solo than band gigs and group performances are mainly based on who is available to play.

Though the band has continued to grow, its main goal, which is to challenge peo-

ple's perceptions about music, has remained a constant and Prophet mentioned the band will be working on the formulation of a new Backseat Romeo album later this year.

Landon Buck, Buck Wild Tavern's manager, met Prophet through a mutual friend.

While the tavern hosts karaoke nights every Friday, the tavern is preparing to start hosting more bands after Backseat Romeo's performance at their Halloween bash.

The Halloween Party at Buck Wild Tavern's 4052 S Memorial Dr. location will begin at 8 p.m. this Saturday with music beginning around 10 p.m.

Coverage charge will be \$5, while women get in free until 11 p.m.

Attendees wearing the best costume will be awarded with first and second place cash prizes.

"[We play] whatever the crowd calls for, or whatever we're feeling at the moment," Prophet said. "We just want to play good music and have a good time."

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football coach, Scottie Montgomery, the ECU Marching Pirates and cheerleaders and the 2016 Homecoming Court.

Special homecoming skits will also be performed by ECU students.

"Freeboot definitely is for everyone, I think the fact that ECU is heavily involved in this event and the Homecoming king and queen are being announced makes it extremely appealing to the students of

ECU," Hawke said.

In addition to free face painting and bounce houses, Greenville Utilities Commission is offering free GUC bucket truck rides.

"It is going to be a great event. We have a great partnership between Uptown Greenville, sponsor Wells Fargo, Halloween Express and Club Stilllife," Hawke said. "It will definitely be a spooktacular event."

The homecoming pep rally will begin tomorrow at 5 p.m. in Five Points Plaza and

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5 Alternative strategy

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17 Sister of Rachel

18 Jazz pianist Blake

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20 Sasquatch, for one

22 Rub the wrong away

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43 Home of the Imagination! pavilion

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46 Animation sheet

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49 Promising performers

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57 See 54-Across

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TEC'sports

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

Tori Poole

Football writer
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Record - 4-3
Closest Score - 1
Who wins? ECU 30-27
Why? Returning home on homecoming will be just what the Pirates need to break their losing streak. Having the crowd on their side will allow them to get a win.

Gerin Honeycutt

Football writer
@_OGerin_



Record - 3-4
Closest Score - 1
Who wins? ECU 28-19
Why? Pirates win their 12th straight homecoming contest and first in five games behind a rowdy home crowd in the Fick.

Adam Decker

Football Editor
@decker2217



Record - 5-2
Closest Score - 3
Who wins? ECU 34-24
Why? I don't know why I am choosing ECU and if it was playing anyone else in the AAC, I would go against the Pirates. UConn's offense is that bad.

TAKEAWAYS

FOOTBALL

(2-5, 0-3 AAC) will battle on its Homecoming game against Connecticut inside Dowdy-Ficklin Stadium at noon Saturday.

CROSS COUNTRY

Both the men's and women's cross country team will participate in the American Athletic Conference Championship Saturday in Cincinnati, Ohio.

SOCCER

The Pirates (4-11-1, 0-6-1 AAC) will look to gain its first conference win as they are set to play Temple tonight at 7 p.m. in Greenville.

WOMEN'S GOLF

After its fifth place finish last weekend, ECU will begin its play in the Cardinal Cup in Louisville, Kentucky Sunday.

FOOTBALL

ECU will collect money for the American Red Cross at its Homecoming football game against Connecticut for the recent flood victims.

CAROLINA PANTHERS

Panthers (1-5) will look to end their four-game losing streak Sunday at home against the Arizona Cardinals.

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She's at the top of every fitness test, and everyone looks at her and is wowed by her and what she can do

Rob Donnerwirth

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East Carolina senior soccer player Lana Spitler finishes a kick in a game this year. Spitler will play her last game as a Pirate Sunday against Connecticut.

Spitler wraps up career

Dylan Johnson
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

East Carolina's star forward Lana Spitler wanted nothing more for her legacy at ECU than to win a conference championship. While ECU will not achieve her goal, Spitler excelled beyond expectations thanks to a work ethic that has rubbed off on teammates.

Spitler gets to the stadium at least 30 minutes early every day before practice and stays late after practice as well, and her teammates all follow suite.

"She's one of the players you will see out before practice a lot, getting repetition for shooting," ECU head coach Rob Donnerwirth said. "She's at the top of every fitness test, and everyone looks at her and is wowed by her and what she can do."

Setting an example allows Spitler to be a leader among her teammates, not often by what she says but always by what she does. When Spitler does speak up, everyone stops to listen and the message resonates within the team.

"Lana is a very quiet person, but don't mistake that for not being driven," Donnerwirth said. "The one thing about Lana is that when she does speak, people really listen. They think 'She's right, we need to listen to her because she puts everything into it, even more than anyone else.'"

The kind of leadership Spitler provides is only achieved by excelling on the field, which she has done over her four years at ECU. Her work ethic can be a direct cause for her rapid improvement at ECU.

According to Donnerwirth, she played well and had opportunities her freshman season, but it was her sophomore season when she broke out while tying the team-high with eight goals and 18 points.

"I think it was really just getting more confidence around the goal," Donnerwirth said. "I think she had some opportunities her freshman year, but maybe was second guessing what type of shot to hit. Now it's just automatic."

A huge part of it was also having her older

sister Brianna come and play her senior season at ECU, which created improvement for Spitler as a player as the two constantly competed against one another.

From a young age, Spitler's family exposed her to soccer, particularly her father and three older sisters. Her sisters, Kassandra, Marissa and Brianna all also played college soccer and her father, Lance, coached all of them early on so she was constantly around the sport.

"My dad was big into soccer and my sisters all followed that," Spitler said. "I always went to my sisters games and practices because my dad coached them, and soccer was always on the tv at home as well."

Also a basketball and track athlete in high school, Spitler excelled greatly in soccer and led her team to three consecutive conference championships and received an All-American selection.

Spitler had been to a camp at ECU, and had loved the soccer stadium and the athletic

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Soccer sends off seniors

Kayla Morton
TEC STAFF

After being eliminated from conference tournament contention, the East Carolina seniors can focus solely on their legacies as they wrap up their season on Sunday.

The women's soccer program will say goodbye to leading scorer and point producer Lana Spitler, third leading scorer Autumn Berry, defender Caitlin Hite and midfielders Kelsey Reeves and Colleen Knier. Each senior has overcome adversity or injuries that forced them to play alternative roles than what they were used to while recovering.

Spitler is from Pennsylvania and followed in her sister's footsteps when deciding to come play for the Pirates. She is the leading scorer for the program.

Spitler has lead the team in multiple games with most shots on goals, with her highest being 12 earlier this season. She has numerous multiple point games this season with an offense that has struggled to produce,

making her the most valuable player on the Pirates roster.

Without her, the Pirates struggles would go beyond winning games. ECU will have to fill the gap next year in finding one or more players that can make up for scoring chances.

"Lana is a great attacking player that can create her own shot off the dribble," ECU head coach Rob Donnerwirth said. "She had to battle some health issues this year that affected her fitness, but she's a quiet leader that always set the benchmark for fitness tests."

Berry, from Virginia, started all contests during the 2015 season and logged a record-setting 1,868 minutes, which accumulates to playing the entirety of all contests except for three. An injury set her back for her senior season but still saw action in a majority of contests while logging the third most points for the Pirates during the season.

"Autumn is a great attacking presence at left back. She's improved her one-on-one

defending abilities through her years," Donnerwirth said. "She is very confident with her offensive skillset and was a player opponents needed to game plan for."

Hite is also from Virginia and helped the Pirates hold opponents to a .098 shooting percentage and was a key component of the defensive line who helped post nine shutouts in her junior season. Like Spitler, Hite was named to conference teams throughout her career. During her freshman season Hite became the first freshman in program history to be named First Team All-Conference USA.

"Caitlin is a big-play defender in the back with great speed, and has shown so much toughness dealing with hip injuries leading to a repair of a torn labrum," Donnerwirth said.

Hailing from Raleigh, Reeves has started in numerous matches in her four-year career as a Pirate and logged over 1,000 minutes like Berry.

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Volleyball hangs with AAC

Carson Cherry
TEC STAFF

East Carolina's volleyball team has exceeded expectations to start the season, but don't tell that to ECU head coach Julie Torbett, who saw her team standing here before the season began.

"It's not where anyone else thought we would be," said Torbett. "Of course I thought we could be any team we put our minds to. I'm not surprised."

The program started the season with a 10-match win streak, which is the longest in Pirate volleyball history. After the long winning streak, coming into conference play, ECU lost five straight. Since then the Pirates have won four out of the last five matches to sit at 14-6 overall and 4-6 in the American Athletic Conference.

"We have to win," said Torbett. "You've got to set your team in a position that they will be successful and know what they are working for. We have to go out there each

match and perform at the highest level."

The Pirates have not had a winning season in a decade and if the results keep coming, Torbett may reach the milestone, and possibly even the postseason.

"We haven't had one [winning season] since 2006," said Torbett. "That would be phenomenal for the program. There have only be seven winning seasons ever in the program's history. We have not been to a NCAA tournament, we have not won an in conference tournament, we have to take baby steps."

There have been several players that have stood out this season, some that have even exceed the expectations of Torbett. The great part of the team, according to Torbett, is several players have been consistent for providing diversity in the Pirate's attack.

"I am pleased with the effort of our players," said Torbett. "They are great to work with every day."

One player that looks to be big in the

future of the Pirate program is freshman libero Brandee Markwith. She has been a big defensive presence on the court for ECU, leading the team with 304 digs so far this season.

Another player in particular has caught coach Torbett's eye — senior middle hitter Ashley McRae. She has tallied 139 kills, which is the fourth highest for the team. She brings the leadership trait to the team and keeps the composure on the court.

"This is the player that I knew [McRae] would be," said Torbett. "She has been virtually unstoppable and has be a big key to our success."

With 10 games remaining in the season there is a good chance that the Pirates will finally get a winning record.

ECU's next match is on the road at South Florida where it's had an outstanding away record of 12-2.

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D-Line must get pressure

Tori Poole
TEC STAFF

A common saying in football is a good offense wins games, but a good defense wins championships, and in some aspects this is true.



Tori Poole
STAFF

With five straight losses and no easy matchup on the horizon for East Carolina, it's imperative to start making changes for a chance to win. So far this season, the East Carolina defense has only managed one sack, which was against NC State quarterback Ryan Finley in the last game the Pirates won — almost two months ago.

At this point in the season for a team to only have one sack is a big sign of why its record is 2-5. Having one sack seven games into the season is absolutely absurd. By not bringing pressure it is ultimately giving the opponent's offense an easy time completing passes and making plays, which in the end is what wins the game.

This season, ECU has struggled with keeping opponents' drives short, and then putting its offense right back on the field moments later. This is where most of the problems lie with the Pirates — not being able to finish a game to get a win.

For several years ECU has struggled maintaining mobile quarterbacks, but even when facing Cincinnati quarterback Gunner Kiel, a traditional pocket passer, it was unable to consistently get pressure.

Being able to get pressure with the front four will be critical for the Pirates moving

A team can have an incredibly strong offense scoring continuously, but if the defense cannot stop its opponent from doing the same, then it is just a matter of who can score more before time runs out.

With five straight

Men's golf has successful fall

Tyler Gavin
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

It was a strong fall season for the ECU's men's golf team, as it turned its inexperience into learning lessons while capturing a few trophies along the way.

The Pirates left the Rod Myers Invitational at Duke University after finishing second-to-last. However, since then, ECU has compiled four top-5 finishes in a row.

Despite losing their four most experienced golfers, and replacing them with three players who got their first taste of collegiate golf this season, the Pirates have put together a solid start to the year.

"Last year there wasn't a whole lot of opportunities for our younger guys to get experience," ECU head coach Press McPhaul said. "There's an adjustment time for these guys, but it's been much faster than I expected."

The Pirates did return two players, however, and they have not disappointed. Junior Tim Conover and redshirt junior Jackson Spires have combined for four top 10 finishes so far this season.

"Even when I'm not playing my best, I'm a better golfer now because I'm smarter," Spires said. "And that's going to happen to the younger guys too."

It has been the play of Conover that has

made the Pirates so strong. In the five tournaments ECU has competed in, Conover has captured three top-10 finishes, two top-5, and a first place finish at the Wolfpack Fall Invitational.

"My confidence is high right now," Conover said. "My mental game is strong. I'm just thinking really well out there."

It wasn't just Conover who finished on top in Raleigh in the Wolfpack Fall Invitational. Of the four top five finishes this season, the Pirates played their best at the Wolfpack Invitational, and also took home first place as a team.

"It's especially gratifying to win tournaments at the other in-state schools," McPhaul said.

ECU's other top five finishes were at the Janney Invitational at Virginia Commonwealth University (3rd place), the Phoenix Invitational at Elon University (4th place) and the Mountaineer Invitational at West Virginia University (5th place).

The Pirates have a three month break until



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East Carolina golfer Clay Brown watches ball.

they get back to action Feb. 6 at the Sea Best Invitational in Ponte Verda Beach, Florida.

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forward. It is easy to bring extra men up and load the box, but that takes away from the defensive backfield, which can leave receivers open.

When the front four on a defensive line is able to bring pressure on its own, it creates rushed passes and turnovers. Turnovers in a game can completely alter the outcome.

ECU's front four hasn't done its job this season, thus the one sack.

In the Pirates' last game, a Corey Seargent interception could have gave the ball back to ECU right after it closed the game to just a four point difference, but when the interception was nullified it completely killed the momentum.

One of the biggest advantages ECU's opponents have had is being able to pressure on quarterback Philip Nelson. When

Nelson is rushed to make a throw interceptions and incompletions are more likely to happen.

Last season, the Pirates had 25 sacks, but since Montese Overton, who led the Pirates in sacks with seven and a half, graduated, ECU has struggled bringing that same amount of pressure.

This season, ECU has fought through injuries and new personnel, but with a healthy roster the Pirates will be in a better position to start being more aggressive defensively.

Last season, Yiannis Bowden followed behind Overton with three and a half sacks as a true freshman, but since then he has not stepped up to the plate.

If ECU has any chance of coming out of this season with a winning record, it will start with the defense and its ability to maintain control in the games moving forward.

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facilities. However, it was guest playing for a small travel team that she was discovered and then recruited by Donnenwirth.

"We made a special trip because she was playing in a tournament at George

Mason and right away I was like 'Okay we got to go for this,'" Donnenwirth said. "The only other school recruiting her was Penn State right near her home, so not many chances to slip through the cracks there. So we were fortunate to get her."

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Reeves' career struggled after suffering a season-ending injury in her freshman year.

Since then, she proved to be better than most could have predicted and recovered to continue sporting a jersey for the Pirates.

Though her statistics don't show numerous points, her role was to control tempo and limit goals against, which she has done beyond success.

"Kelsey had an outstanding freshman year cut short due to a knee injury, but she was always committed to working hard and provided us with a great work rate on the flanks," Donnenwirth said.

Finally, Knier is from New Jersey and has been used in high-intensity games against ranked opponents across her career.

She logged minutes in contests against teams such as No. 3 Virginia Tech where she recorded shots that resulted in goals and chances that helped the Pirates make a name for themselves.

Knier's consistency made the Pirates less of underdogs when she took the field, and that hard work made her a starter in every game this year.

"Colleen [Knier] is one of the types of players that makes a coach proud. She wasn't rewarded with playing time her first three years but never gave up," Donnenwirth said. "She has started every game this year at center back and has been one of our most consistent players."

The Pirates play Temple today at 7 p.m. on senior night and then face top-ranked Connecticut on Sunday.

All of this makes for an exciting conclusion to their season while looking to pick up their first conference win at home Sunday.

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