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President Trump



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Donald Trump (right) speaks after winning the presidential election Tuesday night. He will be sworn into office on January 20.

Republican candidate takes N.C. vote, governor's race results still unclear

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Democrats denied the possibility, the media predicted wrongly and even his allied Republicans never saw it coming, but Donald Trump won the electoral vote and will be the 45th president of the United States.

In a race that came down to the highly anticipated "battleground" states such as North Carolina, Trump pulled off a remarkable upset over Democratic nominee Hillary Clinton. Although Clinton eventually won the popular vote, Trump succeeded in winning key electoral states that carried him to the winning number of 270 electoral college votes.

Pitt County voted in favor of Clinton, yet Trump's popularity proved to

be magnanimous among North Carolina voters as he was victorious in the all-important swing state.

East Carolina University political science professor Brad Lockerbie said he acknowledged the stark contentiousness between both candidates leading up to Nov. 8, and even predicted early on through carefully calculated election forecast models a Clinton victory.

Lockerbie said in September that forecast models are never 100 percent, adding they are only "approximations of reality." The reality of Trump's presidency has many people asking questions, but his success in states like North Carolina leaves little to wonder about the effectiveness of the anti-establishment movement he promoted throughout his campaign and his resonance among the millions of

voters who turned out for him Tuesday at the polls.

Trump's popularity not only carried him to the Oval Office, but also energized the Republican voter base further down the ballot. Republicans now carry a majority of support in both the House of Representatives as well as the Senate, thus controlling all three major branches of government.

In North Carolina, the importance of the 2016 election was not curbed to only the presidency. Democrat Roy Cooper and Republican incumbent Pat McCrory are actively disputing the results of the state election.

Last night, Cooper declared victory over McCrory at his election viewing party despite McCrory not conceding in the tight race for governor. The race

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ECU campus responds to election results

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East Carolina University students huddled around TV screens in Cynthia's Lounge Tuesday night as they watched America's next four years unfold before them.

After 18 months worth of campaigning, election night concluded with the stunning victory of Republican candidate Donald Trump, a decision that was met with both delight and disappointment from ECU's student body.

"I'm extremely excited, especially for my future," said freshman Madison Connelly. "I will graduate in four years and I know Trump will raise the economy enough for me to get a job and have a happy family."

Although Trump lost the popular vote, his 279 electoral vote led to his victory over Hillary Clinton's 228 electoral vote. In North Carolina, a key battleground state, Trump surpassed Clinton with 51 percent of the state's vote, which gained him 15 electoral votes. The close numbers continued in almost every state, making every citizen's vote crucial.

Millennials have long been a target audience for political candidates, more

specifically the 18 million students enrolled in universities nationwide. Democratic candidate Bernie Sanders brought the issue of college affordability to the forefront of this year's presidential campaign, an issue that resonates as a harsh reality with many students, considering the expense of a college degree is one of the top reasons people choose not to attend.

"College is twice as expensive for me being that I'm an out of state student," said freshman Emily Clasen, a theatre education and professional acting double major. "Everyone is deserving of the opportunity to go to school, and the cost of college shouldn't be a barrier for that."

In addition to the presidency, the race for governor between current incumbent Gov. Pat McCrory and attorney general Roy Cooper was also controversial in the state of North Carolina. The passing of House Bill 2 led to the loss of jobs and millions of dollars in revenue for the state, making it a controversial key issue for voters this year.

While Tuesday night Cooper declared victory with a slim lead over McCrory, the governor's race is still too close to

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Basketball set for tipoff

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East Carolina men's basketball opens its season at home with a familiar opponent in the Grambling State Tigers, who gave them a challenge to begin last season.

The Pirates won 61-53 in a close game against the Tigers. ECU has a great record with its season openers, coming into Friday's matchup on a 15-game winning streak. Even with the close result last season, ECU head coach Jeff Lebo sees a better result this time around.

"Our starting guards were 1-for-17 in shots that game," said Lebo. "Grambling plays very well, but we had some nerves I think. Sometimes when you play that first game you just have to get the cobwebs out. You never know what a player will do once they put on the uniform and play under the lights with the people in the stands."

Junior guard B.J. Tyson, last season's leading scorer, struggled in the season opener against Grambling State last year. He went 0-for-9 from the field and only scored six points, compare to his

season average of 14.6 last season. Tyson hopes to come out more composed for this season opener.

"I'm not really nervous," said Tyson. "I'm just ready to play and compete. I've been trying to get my teammates excited all week. I've got to prepare myself better this time. I thought last year I was prepared going in, but I guess I wasn't. This year I'm going to be ready."

Tyson will be the Pirates' best option at the point this season, since last year's starter Prince Williams graduated. Tyson said he will play there until Lebo asks him to play elsewhere.

The main advantage ECU has over Grambling St. is that the Pirates have a bigger frontcourt presence. The two tallest players for the Tigers only stand at 6-foot-9 and 6-foot-7, respectively. ECU has Wake Forest graduate transfer Andre Washington, who is almost 7-foot-2, and two other forwards that stand at 6-foot-10.

"I can guard a 6-foot-9 guy," said Washington. "It's going to be tough for [Grambling State], especially with who we have down low."

The transfer of Washington and

forward Jabari Craig will prove to be huge for the Pirates, as ECU lost starting center Mike Zangari and key reserve Kanu Aja to graduation.

ECU will also get a healthy Deng Riak back this season, which will help the Pirates paint presence. The 6-foot-10 redshirt freshman, appeared in eight games last season before suffering a season ending injury.

"We've got the size advantage in all spots," said Lebo. "We're going to have to take advantage of it. They're going to have speed edge, we're going to have bigger guys guarding smaller guys. Hopefully we'll be able to defend it well."

The starting lineup isn't set in stone yet, but Lebo does have a good idea on who will take the court before Friday's 8 p.m. tipoff.

"We're trying to get our top eight players right now," said Lebo. "Some games will be better for some players because of style, and some will be better others. It will be something we'll go into game for game."

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Season opener at Ole Miss
Feb. 17-19

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Veterans Day Exhibit to take Joyner

Joyner Library will be displaying an exhibition, American Heroes: Past and Present, Images and Artifacts in honor of Veteran's Day tomorrow, Nov. 11 in the first floor of Joyner Library.

The purpose of this exhibit is to honor those who serviced in the military and photographs, letters, posters and more will be included in the exhibit. During the exhibit, people are encouraged to write a postcard thanking a current veteran for his or her service.

ECU development staff gives tips on politics and children

Melissa Nolan, director of East Carolina University's Nancy Darden Child Development Center, part of the Department of Human Development and Family Science and Dr. Sheresa Blanchard, an assistant professor of human development and family science are offering helpful tips for discussing the outcome of the election with children. Tips include: display good sportsmanship, choose your words carefully, be honest, recognize teachable moments.

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Students, panelists discuss election

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A solemn feeling came over the room as East Carolina University students who attended last night's Cupola Conversations were asked to express their thoughts on the results of the 2016 Elections.

The audience, comprised of few President-elect Donald Trump supporters, fell quiet, leaving an uncomfortable silence that could be felt throughout the room in the Science and Technology Building.

When students finally responded to the question, asked by a panel of ECU campus leaders, the sentiments were similar, consisting of fear, disbelief and altogether concern for the future. There was a consensus among the students who showed up: the effects of Trump winning the presidency could potentially have a drastic impact on these students' everyday lives.

Nadine Rammouni, a senior public health major, expressed her disappointment with the next president and the fear she carries with her as a Muslim student.

"How should we start feeling? Everything he said about any minorities, how can we be assured that we are safe?" said Rammouni. "How do we know these people that supported him will not start coming out?"

Rammouni was not the only student who felt anxious walking on campus today after the events of last night. Emily Mallobe, a senior social work major, said there was a different atmosphere the next day.

"To me, just like today alone, just coming to campus, waking up and wondering is today going to be okay for me to go to class by myself," said Mallobe. "It was dead silent. It made me feel like I was an outsider. Like I was a part of that 'Other.'"

One student voiced her concerns about what the results of the election might lead to, in terms of a nation that she fears could spread hate and violence to get results.

"Now that our leader is someone who has



Panelists consisting of ECU campus leaders talk to students about the election results and campus unity.

publicly disgraced multiple races and ethnicities and people, I feel like that kind of alludes to almost giving some of the extremists the right to start to express these hateful things," said Sophia Armstrong, a sophomore computer science major.

Armstrong said the way Trump ran his campaign will influence other Americans to follow his lead and look down on other people, specifically minorities. For Armstrong, it is not Trump himself that is the worst part of the elections, but the fact that people supported Trump in the first place.

"Since the person who's going to be our country's leader can say a bunch of negative things about all these people then why can't I?" said Armstrong. "I feel like clearly this is what our country backs now."

Chris Stansbury, the executive director of marketing and communication for ECU's Division of Student Affairs, led the discussion and served as a mediator for the event. After students spoke, they heard the perspectives of individuals chosen to sit on a panel. The panel included Ryan Beeson, ECU's SGA president, Brad Lockerbie, a political science professor, Maya Pittman, an employee in the Center for Counseling and Student Development, and Bernard Schulz, associate vice chancellor for Student Affairs.

Schulz said he understood the pain of putting

everything behind a candidate who loses, as he himself has run for offices and lost. Schulz said students, however, should not let the defeat silence their own beliefs.

"I would encourage you all to continue to fight your fight, with your voice, with your actions, organizations that you're a part of on this campus, within Greenville, within North Carolina and within the country," said Schulz.

Beeson agreed and said he thinks just discussing the elections through a program like Cupola Conversations is a way to make some kind of a difference.

"I think what we are doing right now is one of the best solutions to a lot of the fears that have been said in this room," said Beeson. "I think what drives fear more than anything else is when people don't talk to each other, when people bottle things in or only talk to their group of friends or people they feel comfortable around, and they build barriers around themselves knowingly or unknowingly maybe as a self defense mechanism but what that does is it further polarises and divides a society that is probably not so different from each other."

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'On Belay' aims to help veterans transition

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With Veterans Day approaching tomorrow, two North Carolina Schweitzer fellows and second-year Brody medical students spoke about the "On Belay" program yesterday, a program they began to help veterans transition into civilian life.

"On Belay" was started by Leslie Hopper and John Hurley as a way to give veterans the opportunity to have someone to talk with and support their transition as they enter the workforce or seek higher education.

"They could be suffering from something post-traumatic wise, they could be having an adjustment disorder," Hurley said. "It doesn't matter

what they have issues with, what we're trying to do is set up a middle ground between the actual operational side of the house and real civilian life."

Hopper worked for the Veterans Affairs (VA) for two years and Hurley served as an Army medic for 16 years — both bringing their past experiences and knowledge to the program.

"When I left operational in 2011, I needed a hand, I needed a step, I needed some sort of support that was not there and I didn't know where to look, I didn't know where to find it," Hurley said. "So after leaving the military and coming to medical school, I was given the opportunity by the Schweitzer fellowship to set up this program, and it's based on what

I wish that I would have had when I transitioned out."

During her time working at the VA, Hopper said she noticed the tendency of individuals to thank veterans for their service, and the veterans' reaction to the expression.

"What I was surprised about is a lot of veterans didn't want the verbal 'Thank you,'" Hopper said. "They said if you want to show appreciation then show it through your actions, so this was the perfect opportunity to really try and help those who have served us."

Hurley said that when a rock climber approaches a rock, they assess it, rope up and are attached to the rope, and then the rope is

put around other objects, as well as attached to someone else.

"The individual that holds on to the other end of the rope would be us; we are the belayer," Hurley said. "So we look at the climber that's about to navigate a difficult climbing section and we say 'On Belay,' and that is letting the individual know that we are ready to catch them."

The veterans in the "On Belay" program are in charge of saying when they are ready, as well as setting the pace, location and amount of discussion they are ready for, according to Hurley.

"They can move as quickly or as slowly as they want to get through that particular difficult time and we

are there the entire time making sure they do not fall," Hurley said.

Sponsors go through a six-hour training session to ensure everyone is on the same page.

"Once we have a veteran reach out to us that wants to be connected with a sponsor we set them up and the relationship is built between those two people," Hopper said. "So it's not really guided by us, it's guided by the veteran themselves, so if they need someone to talk to then they're there, but it's not something that's standardized or structured, it's just for the veteran's benefit."

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Officials respond to chalk on Cupola

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Members of the facilities staff at East Carolina University spent much of Election Day washing away political statements drawn around main campus.

From the Cupola to Dowdy Student Center, messages associated with presidential candidate Donald Trump were sprawled across the pavement. Some of the messages included "Build the Wall" and "Make America Great Again." Some messages around campus were directed at the Democratic

presidential nominee Hillary Clinton, like "F*** Hillary" and "Hillary for Prison."

The statements were written on the Cupola with chalk and did not damage the property, according to Jamie Smith with ECU News Services. Smith said members of the facilities staff with the university has removed many of the messages from the Cupola.

The East Carolina University Police Department was notified of the incident, but no report was filed. Since the individuals who are responsible used chalk to write the messages, no property damage occurred which is why no report was made.

The Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs,

Virginia Hardy, confirmed that the ECU Police Department is limited in its ability to press charges because the situation is not considered a criminal case. Regardless, follow ups will continue and Hardy said she hopes that if students have any information about who wrote the statements they will come forward.

"This is not who we are as Pirates," said Hardy. "The Cupola is a very special place for our university. I'm fine if you have a message, but there's a better way."

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A message in solidarity with Trump on the Cupola.

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will now be determined by the provisional and absentee ballots which will not be counted until Nov. 18.

McCrory said that absentee, military and provisional ballots need to be accounted for. As of yesterday afternoon, Cooper led McCrory with 4,980 votes with all precincts reporting.

"I was never confident in predicting how the state would go. I thought it would be quite close," Tom Eamon, a political science professor at ECU and North Carolina political specialist, said. "My feeling was that McCrory was behind during most of fall, partly because of the HB2 situation and then I felt that the hurricane and his reaction to it with it being in the news a lot, he picked up support with that".

However, Cooper's campaign strategist Ford Porter

deemed the race a success. "Last night, the people of North Carolina chose a new governor with new priorities," Porter said in a statement.

Democratic challenger Deborah Ross also lost her bid for the open Senate seat against incumbent Republican Richard Burr. Ross' loss was a pivotal decision and defeat for Democrats in an election that could have provided the party with a majority in the Senate.

Locally in Pitt County, Democrat Brian Farkas lost his bid for the open North Carolina House District 9 seat to Republican Dr. Greg Murphy.

With the race for the 45th president culminating in a Trump victory and a groundbreaking triumph for his supporters, the political landscape of the country has shifted in the wake of the new outsider president-elect.

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call. The race will be determined by the provisional ballots by Nov. 18.

Tuesday night's viewing party, sponsored by The Center for Leadership and Civic Engagement and the Department of Political Science, was hosted in the hope that it would bring students together and create a space for open dialogue during an intense night, said membership

director for College Democrats Haley Creef, who also works for The Center for Leadership and Civic Engagement.

"It's important to get students civically engaged and get students excited about the election," said Creef. "Voices are mat- tering more and more as students are focusing more on politics."

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PIRATE RANTS

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To all the people that they were going to leave if Trump got elected. Pack up and get out #MAGA

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Our view

The importance of honoring democracy

Donald Trump has been elected as the next president of the United States. Tuesday night marked the end of one of the most divisive and volatile election cycles the country has ever seen, a cycle that, to the relief of all Americans, has come to a close.

Wednesday morning though, the country remained as divided as ever.

Statistically, over half the country will be facing a president that they did not vote for, or even voted against. Many Americans are feeling shocked, alienated and nervous about the prospects of a leader that has been so disparaged in the last few months, unsure about the future of the country being in the hands of someone they only recently rallied against. In short, many Americans are afraid. Other Americans are celebrating a hard-fought victory, and rightfully so, but universally, they are all lashing out at the opposing side to vent their frustration, over either the outcome or over the polarizing issues raised during the election.

The election is over. As an editorial staff, one divided by our own political differences, we believe that the time has come to put away party rhetoric, to unite instead of divide and to substitute debate over the future leader of our nation, for discussion of the future of our nation.

Perhaps the most beautiful aspect of democracy is that decisions and policies are made by a majority, forcing ourselves to be open to ideas different than our own. In such times, we must bolster our belief in the collective good of our fellow citizens, and endeavour to better our nation. When we disagree with the outcomes, we work to achieve a different outcome in the coming years. When the outcome matches our will, we act with grace, civility and understanding to those who disagreed, remembering that we were once there, will once again return there, and should, for the function of our democracy, endeavour to understand those who remain there.

Make the most of Trump



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America got hit by a truck, a blindside strike that no one saw coming. We counted him out when he entered the race 18 months ago, and he defied all odds to win the nomination. We overlooked his presidential bid, figured it was merely a facade to make the perceived inevitability of a Hillary Clinton administration seem more plausible, but he won.

Donald Trump won the presidency and proved many of us wrong. As the new president-elect admitted himself early Wednesday morning when he announced his victory, this election was ugly.

This election highlighted every single flaw of each candidate. It dug to the deepest darkest depths of Trump's character, exposing recorded moments in his life that would usually spell doom for the average candidate.

We all know every inch of negativity that surrounds Trump, the level of vulgarness he's displayed is disgusting to many, almost satirical in the sphere of a presidential election, but he is our president for the next four years come January, so it is time rally around him.

At this time Americans have to make the best of situation in front of us. His ascendancy to the highest office in the land is a reality produced by none other than the democracy that we pride ourselves on, there is no fighting it.

Donald Trump is an outsider. Trump has never held elected office and has never served in the military. As a billionaire businessman and entertainment mogul, Trump's unique perspective is considerably scary, but it offers the American people a renewed outlook on the presidency.

Trump's win is an indication of the emotional status of Americans and their view on our political system. This system is not working for most people and most people are displeased. People often make the argument that Trump will not speak for them, Trump will only exacerbate their problems or further marginalize their voice.

Truthfully, we have no idea what Trump will do. We can look at the outlandish comments he has made that alienated certain minority groups but we cannot make predictions based off them; most of the time his remarks were empty rhetoric. He's an entertainer and knows what to say to catalyze his popularity.

Compare a Trump presidency to a Clinton. Before we paint this picture, before we dive into realm of "Trump is racist and endorsed by the KKK," consider that a system of checks and balances exists to make sure that the president does not engender anything as ridiculous as some people believe he might do.

Back to the comparison and back to the fact that Americans are overwhelmingly displeased with the current path of government. Clinton's campaign carried an underlining message that promoted continuity off of Obama's legacy and his policies.

You must ask yourself if you fit in with the majority of upset Americans, how would this continuation from the same government inefficiencies make your situation better? How could voting to restore the establishment within government open the door for opportunity to bolster your socioeconomic status?

Clinton offered stability, she campaigned for a maintenance of the current status quo. When you put her message into perspective, it's easier to understand, with the fact that Americans are overwhelmingly displeased, why Trump has continued to win.

This column is not a promotion for Donald Trump. I did not vote for Trump, but he is now our president-elect and we have to support him.

We live in a melting pot, Trump was not elected only by the loudest white middle class voters that scream "lock her up," and echo uninformed, cringe-worthy statements on social media. Now is the time to remain as politically active as you ever were in the fight against him, remain steadfast in your beliefs and let your voice be heard.

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Disagreeing with parents on politics



Will Zahran
GUEST COLUMNIST

Election season really brings out the best in people. I love scrolling through social media to get the gist of friends, acquaintances, and strangers' various political stances and biases. You may have even gotten into a few arguments with those friends, acquaintances, and strangers via Facebook or out to dinner. We have all probably had some fun encounters over political ideologies this election season. This election has been polarizing to say the least.

An interesting dynamic I have observed this election season is the stark contrast of political opinions between our generation and our parents. While it is no surprise that people 30-plus years older than us have different views of the world, it is interesting that many college students may not be voting for the same presidential candidate as their parents. It is likely that you and your parents are not even considering the same issues when deciding who to vote for.

So it raises the question: should young voters, who are dependent on their parents, be voting for the candidates their parents support? I see two sides to this argument, and I think both have some validity.

If you are dependent on your parents, it makes sense to some extent to vote for the candidates they support. When it comes to issues like taxes and budgets, it doesn't make sense for someone to vote against their parents. You would be voting to hurt your parents financially, which, as a college student, is not ideal when you are asking them for money (constantly).

Alternatively, you should never vote for a candidate who you disagree with or possibly

abhor. I know I would struggle to mark a candidate who I morally disagree with just because my parents support him/her. It seems unfair for me to have to vote for someone who may not be in my best interest at this point in my life/career. But it's not a fun conversation to have with your parents letting them know you are voting against them.

Whichever way you chose to vote this year, it never hurts to talk to your parents about their thoughts on the candidates. While discussions with my parents usually escalate to heated arguments, I always gain some different perspectives that I hadn't considered. I hope all parents, like mine, are accepting and respectful of their child's opinions.

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‘Just Mercy’ author to visit campus

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In a turbulent age of racial and political tension, author Bryan Stevenson will make his way to East Carolina University this week in order to shed some light on one of the darkest corners of the American justice system — death row.

Stevenson, author of “Just Mercy,” will speak at Hendrix Theatre Thursday on behalf of this year’s selected Pirate Read.

Each year, the Pirate Read committee selects required reading for

first-year students. “Just Mercy” introduces Stevenson’s story of defending the disenfranchised on their way to death row, from the mentally ill to children as young as 14.

The book focuses on Walter McMillian, a black man Stevenson defended, who was on death row despite the negligible amount of evidence against him. After serving six years, McMillian was released when it was found those who testified against him were coerced into perjury and evidence was held that supported McMillian’s alibi.



Bryan Stevenson

Franks, who has taught English 1100 and the Pirate Read’s literary selection for several years, thinks his students have benefited from hearing Stevenson’s unique perspectives.

“How we think about issues that

might matter to ‘them over there’ and issues that matter to ‘us over here’ and how we draw that line between them,” Franks said. “I think Stevenson’s text, he does that in a more [effective] way than some of the other books have”

Stevenson’s book has been lauded for his gripping, yet simple take on his experiences and has been compared to “The New Jim Crow” by Michelle Alexander, which, despite being remarkably different in style, also examines the racialization of incarceration.

Franks urges readers to view

“Just Mercy” as a stepping-stone to see the issues Stevenson brings to light.

“In terms of majors, in terms of disciplines, in terms of personal interest...I think it’s really a book that can speak to just an enormous range to those kinds of things,” Franks said.

Stevenson will speak in Hendrix Theatre for free Thursday night at 7. Books will be available for purchase before and after the lecture.

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Courtyard
Cinema - “Top
Gun”

Fire American
Tavern
7-11:59 p.m.

NewMusic
Premiere
Performances

A.J. Fletcher
Music Center
7:30-11:59 p.m.

Freeboot
Friday

Five Points Plaza
5-8 p.m.

Annual culture showcase to promote diversity

Alaina Corsini
TEC STAFF

A medley of cultures will take the stage Friday night for an annual showcase in Wright Auditorium.

The African Student Organization will host Cultural Explosion, a collaboration of performances done by different cultural organizations on East Carolina University’s campus.

Ini Ndoh, a senior majoring in public health studies and president of ASO has been working to emphasize the many different cultures on campus in this year’s showcase.

“This year we’re really trying to bring back the cultural aspect, really stay true to diversity,” Ndoh said. “We told all the different acts to bring something to the table regarding culture.”

According to Ndoh, the evening’s performances aim to bring together ECU’s cultural organizations by having them express their representative cultures on stage through dance, song or spoken word.

“We’re inviting different groups to bring their culture and share something with us so that when they leave stage we learn something more about them,” Ndoh said.

Cultural Explosion is one of the final events of ASO’s Cultural Week, which began Monday and will conclude Sunday. As part of ASO’s cultural week, an Afro-Latin Dance Class, a canned food drive, violence awareness with the Elite Pirates and African Attire

Day have also been held throughout the week.

“We have all different types of people at Cultural Explosion, you don’t really know what to expect,” Ndoh said.

The collection of performances includes a wide variety of collaboration from different organizations on campus. F.A.M.E., Fashion Above Modern Expression, is an avid participant in the annual event and has actively been preparing for its Friday night performance.

“We all have a lot of different backgrounds in our modeling troupe,” said Kira Lewis, president of F.A.M.E., “And the theme of Cultural Explosion is to bring awareness and basically bring culture to ECU’s campus. We always participate in anything that brings awareness or that spreads a good message.”

As an organization, F.A.M.E. works to promote healthy self-esteem by challenging students to feel a sense of pride about their culture, gender and race.

According to Lewis, this will be F.A.M.E.’s 10th annual performance in Cultural Explosion since the initial start of the event.

“We usually do have a large crowd turnout for Cultural Explosion,” Lewis said, “because of our themes, they really enjoy our shows.”

The showcase is set to begin at 6 p.m. in Wright Auditorium and is free for all attendees.

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16 Part of the fam.

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20 Daughter of Polonius

21 Dependable source of income

23 Tearful queen

25 Short strings?

26 More skittish

29 Dark mark

33 Admonish

34 Artisan pizzeria feature

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38 Birthday party staple, and a hint to this puzzle's circles

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30 Some den leaders

31 Cycle starter?

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34 Aspen gear

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38 Soft sound

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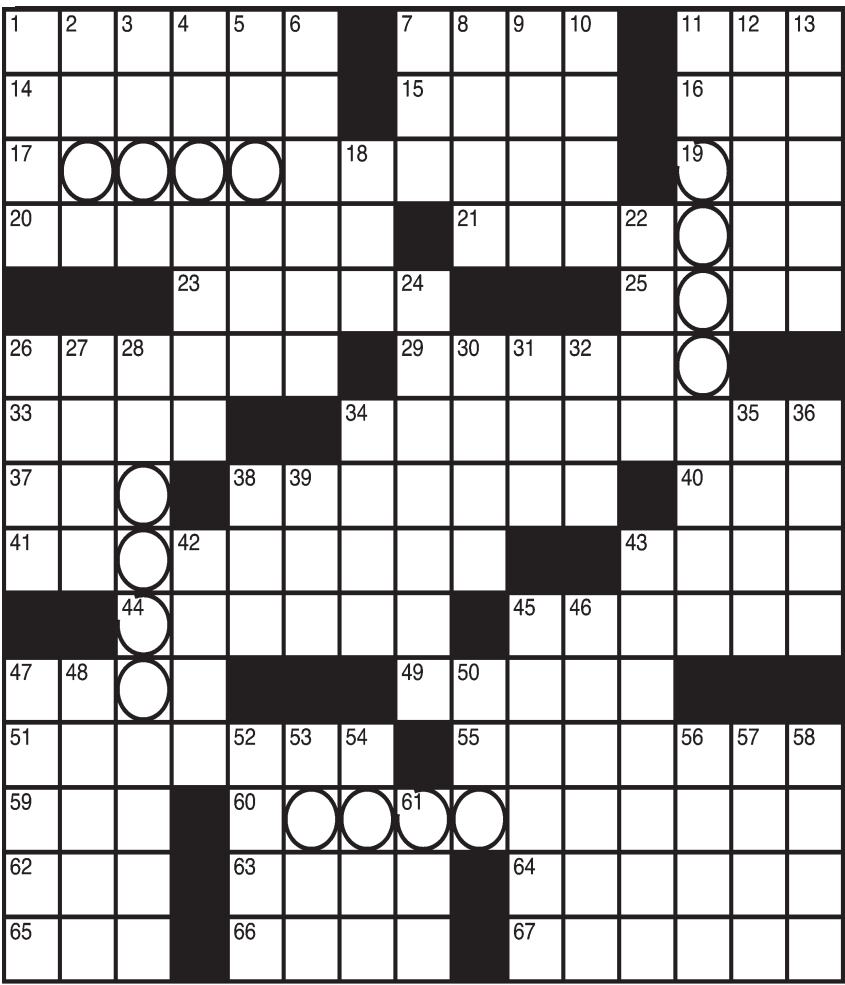
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The East Carolinian Sports experts predict this weekend's football game

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Record - 6-3
Closest Score - 2
Who wins? ECU 34-24 Why? With bigger opponents coming, ECU will excel at home and convert its large amounts of yardage into points finally.

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Record - 5-4
Closest Score - 1
Who wins? ECU 30-17 Why? The ECU defensive line will be key. ECU has improved in the past few weeks and faces an easier team in SMU. Zay Jones takes the receptions record.

Adam Decker

Football Editor
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Record - 7-2
Closest Score - 4
Who wins? ECU 38-28 Why? ECU is a different team at home. The Pirates play well one last time to get their last win of the season. Zay Jones falls short of the record this week.



ECU defensive back Austin Teague waves the American flag as he exits the purple haze. The Pirates will play SMU on Military Appreciation Day.

Pirates set to host Mustangs

Gerin Honeycutt
TEC STAFF

East Carolina will be fighting for its season Saturday, as it begins its three-game gauntlet in hopes of making a bowl game, beginning with Southern Methodist Saturday inside Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium on Military Appreciation Day.

SMU (4-5, 2-3 American Athletic Conference) is also chasing a bowl game, and appears to have a better chance than the Pirates. The Mustangs showed their potential, as they managed to knock AAC favorite Houston off of its high horse earlier this season.

Prior to last Saturday, the Mustangs were riding a two-game winning streak before the Memphis Tigers rained on their parade in a whopping 51-7 beat down that put SMU under .500 for the season.

"[SMU's] record may not display how close they've been, I think this last week was just an anomaly," said ECU head coach Scottie Montgomery. "You see certain games where things don't go your way early, and I think that's what happened to them"

One thing SMU cannot seem to get consistently going is its offense. Averaging barely

24 points per game behind quarterback Ben Hicks and being outscored by 75 points on the season, the Mustangs rely on a two-headed rushing attack featuring Braeden West and Ke'Mon Freeman. Both backs average over four yards a carry and are complemented by SMU's monster receiver Courtland Sutton.

"[Courtland] Sutton is probably one of the biggest, strongest players that we've seen at the position," said Montgomery. "He's an extreme talent."

Sutton boasts 45 catches for 768 yards and five touchdowns on the season, which makes for a good matchup with ECU's corners — especially 6-foot-4 Bobby Fulp, calling for a physical meeting. Look for ECU to try to produce a pass rush and stop the run to make this game competitive.

Defensively, the Mustangs provide big players in the trenches and have recorded 14 interceptions, but are still allowing almost 33 points per game.

"The best part about [the Mustangs'] defense is their front four," ECU offensive coordinator Tony Petersen said. "They play zone and try to stay in front of you and make you earn it."

Justin Lawler, the face of the Mustang's

defensive line, is leading the team in tackles and sacks with 54 and six, respectively. Behind Lawler, SMU's next three leading tacklers are all defensive backs, showing a weakness in its run defense.

James Summers didn't manage to go over 100 yards rushing for the Pirates last weekend, marking the first time since being proclaimed the starting running back role weeks ago. It's integral the running game gets going for ECU to help relieve some stress off of the quarterback.

"We've got to run the football better, and we didn't do that last week," said Petersen. "We got behind early, we got behind by a lot, we got into a matchup where we started throwing the ball more than we would like to. We have to be able to run the ball."

The Pirates will look to find success in the running game to free up Zay Jones and get him going early. With 20 catches, a feat he's done in two separate games this season, Jones will take reign as the FBS leader in receptions.

The Pirates will look to keep bowl hopes alive for one more week, and improve to 4-1 at home on Saturday at noon.

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