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Josh Johnson enjoys a pint of beer at Sup Dogs. Sup Dogs is one of the local bars preparing for Super Bowl Sunday celebrations.

SUPERBOWL SUNDAY

Local businesses, residents prepare for game day

Emily Harvey
TEC STAFF

As millions of Americans across the country anticipate watching the Philadelphia Eagles and New England Patriots play with full spreads of food and coolers of beer at home this Sunday, some prefer watching in a more lively atmosphere.

Restaurants, breweries and students in Greenville are all preparing accordingly to celebrate the 52nd Super Bowl. While Sup Dogs and Fire American Tavern are two of the local places offering specials for the day, many other restaurants such as Buffalo Wild Wings, Kickback Jacks, Carolina Ale House and Hooters, among others, will have their doors open and kitchens running ready to serve customers.

Sup Dogs, located at 213 E 5th St., will be open from 11 a.m. Sunday to 2:30

a.m. Monday for individuals to come watch the game, eat and drink. Marilyn Kobelinski, the manager at Sup Dogs, said the restaurant will serve two special shots in honor of game day.

"One will be blue for the Patriots and one will be green for the Eagles," Kobelinski said in a phone interview. "They'll be \$3. Then we'll obviously have the Super Bowl on every TV with the sound on."

Sup Dogs is prepared to handle the crowd on Sunday, Kobelinski said. She added the restaurant is also expecting a lot of to-go orders with the new online ordering feature on the Sup Dogs website. Sup Dogs launched the new feature in early September so customers can enjoy World Class Bacon Cheesefries from their sofas.

Just down the street, Fire American Tavern, located at 113 E 5th St., will run

specials for the Super Bowl from 5 p.m. to midnight, according to its Facebook event. The tavern encouraged potential customers to make reservations to partake in specials, including a \$20 starter appetizer, \$12.50 Bud Light buckets, \$1.25 tavern lager pints, \$6.50 pitchers, \$10.50 towers and \$0.75 wings.

"Based on last years crowd, we're expecting about 150 to 200 people," James Moretz, co-owner of Fire American Tavern, said. "I went to school (at East Carolina University) 25 years ago and I remember this building (Fire). It was a bar back then, but this spot has always been a place where people socialize and have a good time. We just wanted to create that, where people can come and be themselves."

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Elections for SGA set to begin

Austin Kinlaw
TEC STAFF

With filing for Student Government Association positions ending Monday, SGA officials look forward to beginning the spring election campaigns.

The head of SGA's Elections Committee, Erick Jenkins, is in charge of instructing the candidates during a compulsory, kick-off meeting, that takes place Monday at 8 p.m. in Mendenhall Student Center's Room 15. Jenkins said candidates must be present or have a proxy present at the meeting in the candidate's place.

"This meeting is to put all candidates on equal terms and ensure a positive elections process," Jenkins said.

After candidates have been educated on proper campaigning, they will be allowed to start their campaigns on campus beginning Feb. 7 at 8 a.m., until voting closes on Feb. 23 at 5 p.m.

"This is the time for students to become more aware of the campaigns and think about who they're going to support," Jenkins said.

There will be a presidential debate on Feb. 15 at 6 p.m. in SciTech 209 which will be open to students. Students can also actively participate by live tweeting questions for the candidates.

"So they (the students) will be tweeting off their phones the questions they want to ask. Then the candidates will respond live," Jenkins said.

Jenkins said the elections committee wants to bring more voters in than in previous years, and Savannah Walker, a member of the SGA elections committee, said while last year's election had the largest voter turnout SGA has seen, it would still like to have more student voices heard.

Walker said updates on event dates and locations will be sent out via 'Pirate 411', and as far as events go, Walker is looking forward to one in particular.

"I'm really excited for 'Meet The Candidates', which my sub-committee worked on, which will be held in Mendenhall. The room is to be announced," Walker said.

'Meet The Candidates', which will be held on Feb. 22, will allow students to greet the SGA candidates for the 2018-19 term and learn more information regarding their campaigns.

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Erick Jenkins

SGA, Greeks ask for clarity on Staton move

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The plans to purchase a new home for East Carolina University Chancellor Cecil Staton have sparked criticism and calls for clarity among some student leaders.

Staton and his wife have lived in a townhouse since his appointment at ECU in April 2016, according to Christopher Dyba, the President of the ECU Foundation.

The Dail House, the traditional home for ECU's chancellor, is in need of major renovations. The ECU Foundation is an independent charity that uses private donations to support ECU academics, according to the Foundation's website. It announced its plans to purchase the new home for the Chancellor in Star Hill Farms, a Greenville neighborhood approximately three miles from campus. The potential home has been estimated to be worth \$1.3 million.

ECU's Student Government Association president, La'Quon Rogers, said he has not heard any expressed concerns from any students, however, he said the most important issue right now



La'Quon Rogers

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Campus to celebrate black history

Blessing Aghimien
TEC STAFF

The month of February marks the annual observance of Black History Month and diversity-based organizations at East Carolina University have made it a mission to spread its recognition of black historical contributions to the entire student body in a 28-day period.

From the Black Student Union to ECU's chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, various diversity-based organizations on campus aim to promote a place for minority students.

By providing students with educational and fellowship-based programs, organizations such as ECU's NAACP chapter give a space on campus to students of different racial and ethnic identities, according to the president of ECU's NAACP chapter, Adedayo Adeniyi.

"It's important for all



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ECU R.E.S.I.S.T members hold up "black power" fists during October 2016's "die-in" protest.

students to get involved in civil and social justice and NAACP provides students with a platform to speak up and speak out about the injustices that minorities face on a local, schoolwide and national scale," Adeniyi said.

Adeniyi said he felt

impassioned to run for chapter president of ECU's NAACP because of an incident that happened when he attended President Donald Trump's campaign rally in Fayetteville, North Carolina on Dec. 6, 2016. After being kicked out due

to being there in protest, attendees yelled racial obscenities at Adeniyi, which in turn spurred a newfound responsibility to defend the rights and respect of all

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BRIEFS

ECU to provide research opportunities for undergraduates

Representatives from East Carolina University's Office of Undergraduate Research will be on campus today to discuss research opportunities for students. The event will offer doughnuts, T-shirts and postcard-sized flyers with links to frequently asked questions about undergraduate research.

The event will take place from 10 a.m. to noon at Wright Plaza.

Annual health symposium to address health disparities of eastern North Carolina

The East Carolina Heart Institute will host its 14th Annual Jean Elaine Mills Health Symposium tomorrow, where participants will collaborate in order to address health disparities in eastern North Carolina such as obesity and diabetes.

This year's guest speaker is Dr. Leandris Liburd, the associate director for the Office of Minority Health and Health Equity at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

The 14th Annual Jean Elaine Mills Health Symposium will take place from 9 a.m. to noon at The Heart Institute located on 115 Heart Drive.

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The Dail House is the traditional home for East Carolina University's chancellor.

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people of color.

"In the end, the incident was a mixed blessing, as I took a personal oath to immerse and involve myself heavily in my newfound passion for racial justice and equality for all," Adeniyi said.

ECU's NAACP chapter will also host its second annual Black History Month Showcase on Feb. 15 in Mendenhall's H e n d r i x T h e a t r e , where other diversity-b a s e d organizations will be in attendance.

Following in the NAACP's strides of campus social awareness during Black History Month is the Black Student Union, an organization that has actively served as a civic and cultural resource for black students and the Greenville community since 1998, according to its OrgSync page.

NAACP, in collaboration with BSU, the Student Activities Board films committee, the Ledonia Wright Cultural Center, African Student Organization and ECU's National Pan-Hellenic Council, debuted its Black History Month event calendar to the ECU community via Twitter on Tuesday. In it, students are provided with events happening for the entirety of Black History Month, showing films such as "Marshall" and "Love Beats Rhymes" to Greenville.

Geoffrey Whitley, a member for both ECU's NAACP and BSU's executive boards, was in support of promoting this year's events with a more organized structure. Implementing the calendar was the first part of enforcing such structure, Whitley said.

"The impact of incorporating more ideas and events shows people that we're out here doing different things," Whitley, a senior fashion merchandising and communication double major, said. "With the calendar, we wanted to make the month of February accessible to all. If you miss Monday's event, there's one on Tuesday, Wednesday and so on, so forth."

He said it is important for non-minority students to attend Black History Month events and encouraged them to come out to the ones planned for the ECU community, especially for those who may "ask" about the necessity of a

month dedicated to black history.

Whitley, the ambassador chair of ECU's NAACP chapter, also made clear that Black History Month is not all for one, but one for all, as ECU is a diverse campus worthy of "culture unification".

"The Black History Month events that all the diversity-based orgs on campus have planned is a great way to unify culture and gives people the chance to walk out of the room as one, something that has long been the goal of black people all around the globe," Whitley said.

Another group gearing up for Black History Month is service-based and social action organization, Relentlessly Ending Social Justice by Solidarity and Teaching, better known as R.E.S.I.S.T.

Though the organization aims to recognize the central role of blacks throughout history on a regular basis, it made a goal this Black History Month to spread that recognition to others in the ECU community by localizing the historical impact of black people in relation to this campus, according

to a general member of R.E.S.I.S.T, Veah Velasco.

"Today, R.E.S.I.S.T is hosting a synopsis presentation on what ECU was like post-segregation to kick off the month of February," Velasco, a sophomore public health major, said. "Knowing ECU's history and the values it used to and still upholds means a lot to me, and should mean a lot to the entirety of the student body."

The synopsis presentation will take place tonight at 6 in Bate 1016. Attendees will learn about the history of black students at ECU and how the campus came to be as large and diverse as it is today.

Efforts, such as those from organizations such as NAACP and R.E.S.I.S.T, don't go unnoticed by ECU's student body, according to Adeniyi. For this reason, the ECU NAACP chapter president said it is important for all students to celebrate the contributions of black people not just on February, but for "each minute and every day."

"Black history should be celebrated no matter the month," Adeniyi said. "Being that we live in the moment of now, every student at ECU must do their part."

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is communicating the facts of the situation.

"The board is certainly listening to the concerns of the Pirate Nation, and also definitely trying to communicate the facts, and make sure that the facts are getting out there by how that decision was reached," Rogers said.

In an email statement, Staton said the plans to purchase the Star Hill Farms home are preliminary.

"I am not directly involved in the process and there has not been a closing on any property that I am aware of," Staton said. "Until the Board of Trustees, together with the ECU Foundation,

close on a property and give us instructions about a potential move, any speculation on my part is premature."

However, ECU's president of the Epsilon Alpha chapter of Beta Theta Pi fraternity, Robert Moller, said the potential Star Hill Farms purchase could have also been made clearer to the student body if Staton or the ECU Foundation would have made a statement.

Moller, a junior physics and biology major, said Staton moving away from campus and not being among the people of ECU almost seems as though he is separating himself from the ECU student community and looks as if he is going against his new slogan: 'Capture your horizon.'

"It doesn't really mean anything, I guess, realistically, but symbolically he is separating himself from the grid and from the community, and so it just really didn't seem like a strong move," Moller said.

Kevin Midyette, the president of the Eta Beta chapter of Sigma Nu, said the Chancellor living near campus gives more responsibility to the university to keep the area safe. The Dail House is located on Fifth Street, a neighborhood heavily populated by students.

Midyette said if Staton moves into a more exclusive community away from the school, the security of the students living near the Dail House could shift.

"If they are putting in so much effort to keep the chancellor safe, then they are going to be putting in just the same amount of effort into keeping the surrounding area safe," Midyette said.

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OUR VIEW

ECU students must honor black history

As racial inequality, and inequality in general, continue to be a problem in our nation, it is important now more than ever to recognize the selfless acts of people in the past who have stood up for change and have made a difference regardless of how they were perceived by society.

Black History Month, which officially begins today, is one way students at East Carolina University can acknowledge these figures in history, and it should be a month all students take part in at some level.

ECU offers a variety of different opportunities for students when it comes to taking pride in this holiday. These include ECU's NAACP chapter's 2nd annual Black History Month Showcase, film showings that highlight black history and a presentation on what ECU was like post-segregation by the organization R.E.S.I.S.T., among many other events.

We, the editorial staff of The East Carolinian, believe students need to take advantage of these events at ECU, as well find other ways both locally and nationally to honor this month. People cannot just ignore this holiday and all it stands for, but they also need to see this go beyond just a month.

As people who are in school for an education, students needs to see the educational value this month offers. Take the time to appreciate the history that made America what it is today and show respect to people who helped write its history. Celebrate Black History Month this February and all year.

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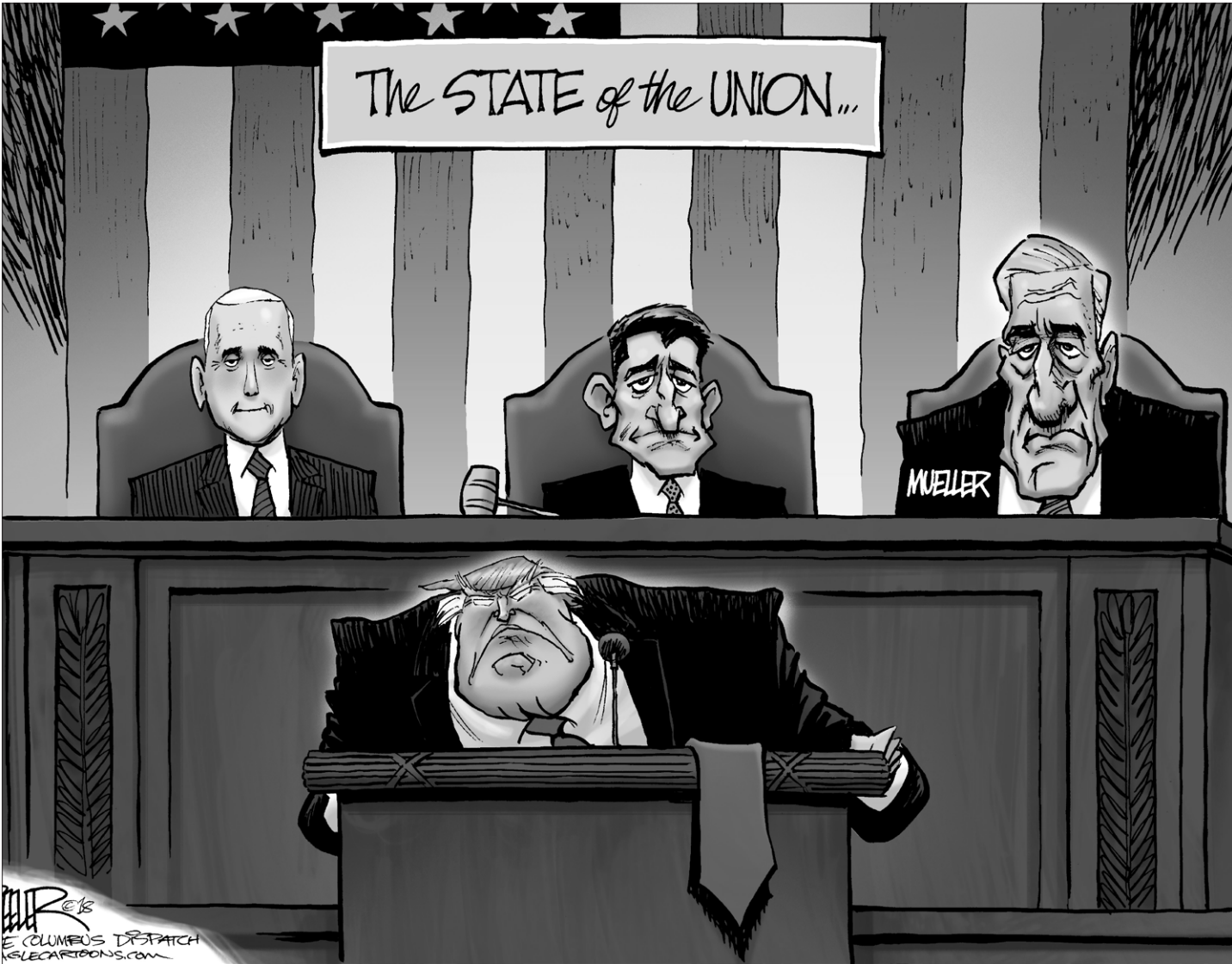
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World in need of humanity



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Your Daily Mel

The unthinkable has happened, and honestly I am numb. I am angry. I am sad. But more importantly, I am coming for everyone. So, watch out, because we are all to blame.

What comes next may be hard to read, and it may be uncomfortable. But if you stop reading or take the next few sentences lightly, you are part of the problem.

Twitter and other social media sites were in a frenzy this week, after news outlets reported on a particular tragedy that occurred in New Delhi, India. According to the New York Times, a mom came home Sunday afternoon to find her 8-month-old baby bleeding between her legs after being brutally raped by her 28-year-old cousin who was watching her. Now read over that again. An 8-month-old baby was brutally raped, and we want to call ourselves a humanity.

There is no humanity in rape. There is no humanity in any sexual assault, and there was absolutely no humanity in what happened to that girl. This 8-month-old is now in the Intensive Care Unit after undergoing surgery for internal injuries. And the question on my mind is, will people

still claim she was asking for it? Will people still bat their eyelashes and go on with their normal lives? Probably.

Time and time again these acts happen, and people look the other way. They blame it on choice of clothes, alcohol intake or on a mental illness. They blame the assaulter, who rightfully deserves it. But, they don't blame themselves. They hear this awful news and don't think for a second that this could be at all their fault, our fault. But it is.

If we allow acts such as this to continue to happen, not only are we not acting like humans, but we are also making it easier for these acts to become normal (that honestly at this point they are already becoming.) This was today's news on Twitter, but it won't be tomorrow's. Last week it was Olympic medalist Aly Raisman and the more than 150 other gymnasts who were sexually assaulted. This week it is this poor baby.

Who's next? According to a 2017 Huffington Post article, a sexual assault occurs every 98 seconds. That is more than 570 victims a day. The numbers have only gone up now.

People are making a big deal of her age, and it is a big deal. However, the world seems to have forgotten. This was not the first time, and this will not be the last time. What about Autumn Carter of Ohio, the six-month-old baby who was raped and murdered by her

mother's boyfriend in 1998, according to U.S.A. Today? Ringing a bell? Didn't think so.

None of these crimes are worse than the other and none should have happened. But they all should have been enough for change, yet here we are. Yes, we, because we are humanity. We need to remember what happens to one of us happens to all of us.

In the words of one of my favorite bands, Bastille, "If half the world's gone mad, the other half just don't care, you see." Well, I can tell you— half of the world has gone mad and the other half doesn't even seem to care.

After the incident surrounding this eight month old, Swati Maliwal, the head of New Delhi's commission for women, took her frustration to Twitter. She tweeted a number of thought-provoking comments on the issue everyone should read. But one that stood out to me specifically, said, "I can still hear her screams and cries. I feel horrified at this abuse of a child. I feel as if I have been raped."

We should all feel as though we have been raped. We should all have genuine empathy, not sympathy, for this little girl and any other victim of rape, sexual assault or any other sort of vicious crime. Time's up. What's the choice going to be?

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LGBT murder is warning for all



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The vicious murder of Blaze Bernstein on Jan. 3 has brought back fear and paranoia into the consciousness of the LGBT community nationwide.

Bernstein, 19, who was gay and Jewish, was stabbed more than 20 times after being lured into the woods by a "friend." The alleged suspect, Samuel Woodward, reportedly trained with a Neo-Nazi extremist group. The murder is a clear example of homophobia in America.

Bernstein was murdered in California, one of the most liberal states of the Union. If he can be killed there, what could happen to a gay boy in Greenville, North Carolina?

A year ago, while skimming over profiles on the popular gay dating app Grindr, an unnamed, unpictured profile

began messaging me. The man threw several racially charged insults to me, threatened to kill me, skin me and eat my flesh. He insinuated I had threatened to blow up East Carolina University and threatened to send the supposed messages to the Chancellor. Then he repeated back to me my name and my address and warned me to keep my door locked. I immediately deleted Grindr and spent that weekend wrapped up in my bed, terrified that the Bogeyman would come and get me.

However, I apparently didn't learn my lesson, because I downloaded Grindr again in about a week. Meeting fellow LGBT people is incredibly difficult, especially on a deeply conservative campus such as ECU, and I think apps such as Grindr, Tinder and Scruff allow for more good than bad. But, if we want to avoid another Blaze Bernstein, we have to be smarter than those who would put us in the ground.

So, LGBT Pirates, here's the plan.

When you meet a hookup, tell at least two friends the exact address you're meeting him. Tell them, "If I don't text back by this time, get worried. If I don't text back by this time, call the cops." You could download LiveSafe, the app that allows direct communication about safety, but let's be honest, you're way too cool for that.

Don't meet a guy without seeing his face. It's not much, but it's a level of trust that is vital to staying safe. Get tested regularly, both for your sake and the sake of your partners. Carry a condom with you at all times. And when you're out at night, make sure you're not alone.

Bernstein's murder did not need to happen. But we live in a world where extremism and Nazism is bred in every corner of our lives. We can mourn, we can protest, but we have to live smarter so we can live to fight another day.

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Sterling K. Brown inspires

Black actor 'gives hope' to ECU students through success

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Breaking down barriers as the first African American male to win Best Lead Actor in a TV drama at the Golden Globes and Screen Actors Guild Awards, Sterling K. Brown recently made history and is inspiring those who dream of following in his footsteps, including East Carolina University students.

NBC's popular drama show, "This Is Us," that features Brown, has caused quite a stir since its debut in September 2016. A critic from The Atlantic said "This Is Us" is a show that can "elicit a good old fashioned catharsis cry," and part of that success can be attributed to the role that Brown plays on the show.

The actor stars as Randall, an African American child that is adopted by a white couple after one of the couple's triplets dies. The show tackles racial issues and family tragedies, leaving an emotional purge at the end of every episode.

ECU student Eryn Hood, who is majoring in theatre arts, said it means the world to her to see representation of African Americans on TV. Hood said having such role models gives her the encouragement to continue pursuing her acting dreams.

"It's something to strive toward," Hood said. "It makes me feel better about myself and my people. It gives me hope for my own future."



Sterling K. Brown

Brown has repeatedly said how grateful he is for how "This Is Us" has resonated with viewers. More so than just resonating with typical TV audiences, Brown said he feels the show really understands typical middle-class people that are simply trying to live their best lives.

In his acceptance speech at the SAG awards on Jan. 21, Brown said with tears in his eyes, "What a blessing it is to do what you love for a living. What an honor it is to be recognized by your peers for a job well done. This room is a source of endless inspiration for me."

Brown and his four siblings grew up in Missouri and he attended Stanford University



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Sterling K. Brown stars in the NBC drama "This Is Us." The show tackles racial issues and family tragedies.

with the intention to major in business, but fell in love with the art of acting in high school. After graduating from Stanford University with a bachelor's degree in acting, he attended New York University's Tisch School of the Arts where he earned a masters in fine arts.

These two major award wins come on the heels of his win for Outstanding Lead Actor in a Drama Series in September at the Primetime Emmys. With 12 awards under his belt, Brown continues to serve as a leading example to young actors and actresses.

ECU School of Communication student

Xzeria Johnson, said she is very happy to see an African American man play such a successful and diligent character. To her, representation of minorities in the media is important and necessary in the film industry.

"I'm very proud," Johnson said. "For the younger kids growing up to be able to see that type of role portrayed on a successful TV show means a lot. It's important for them to see that anything is possible and that they can achieve great things."

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Sitting at a table at Fire, students Brendan Keenan, Luke Margeson and Kenneth Kube chatted among themselves while splitting a pitcher of beer. The group, although staying at home for the game, said the tavern is always a comfortable spot to hang with friends.

"Fire is a good place to come to watch the game," Margeson said. "We came here last year for the National Championship and that was really fun. Honestly, I think staying at home is the move for the Superbowl. It's safer (since) there are a lot of drunk

"Fire is a good place to come to watch the game."

-Luke Margeson

people on the road, and you can just order food in."

Another option for those looking to go out instead is Pitt Street Brewing Company, which will be open at 1 p.m. on Sunday as usual. However, instead of closing at 8 p.m. as it normally does, it will have extended hours for the day, Brianna Long, the general manager of Pitt Street Brewing Company, said in a phone interview. The brewery will stay open until the Super Bowl ends and will also show the game

on all its televisions.

While some residents can be found cheering on their team at local bars, others, such as Tomy Ventura, a senior business major at ECU, said he and his roommate plan to host a Super Bowl party at their house.

Ventura said he hosted a Super Bowl party once before and typically ends up going to other friend's houses or house parties on the day of the game instead going downtown or out to a bar or restaurant to watch the game

because of the crowd.

"You just want to kick back, relax and have some space," Ventura said in a phone interview. "We're planning on having cornhole, lots of food... We're going to try to do like a potluck so people bring their own stuff too to help and free drinks for anyone who isn't a Patriots fan."

As game day approaches, fans will don their blue or green uniforms, find a location to watch the game, whether it be at home, at a friend's house or at a bar or restaurant, and root for their team of choice.

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Leo
(July 23-Aug. 22) -- Today is a 7 -- There's profit potential today and tomorrow, although obstacles could seem intimidating. Stick to your budget. Take a creative tack. Revise plans for unforeseen circumstances.



Sagittarius
(Nov. 22-Dec. 21) -- Today is a 7 -- Work takes priority over the next few days. Put in more time planning before initiating action. Someone important is paying attention. Take extra care.



Taurus
(April 20-May 20) -- Today is a 7 -- Relax. Take time for fun, family and romance. Don't make important decisions now; strengthen bonds with people you love. Listen, share and consider.



Virgo
(Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Today is a 7 -- Slow down to avoid accidents or breakage. Energy surges are predictable for the next two days. Overcommitting can lead to burnout. Listen to your intuition.



Capricorn
(Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Today is a 7 -- Plan your itinerary for an upcoming trip. Today and tomorrow favor travel, studies and education. Extra effort surpasses old limits. Rules bend. Don't break them.



Gemini
(May 21-June 20) -- Today is a 5 -- Stick close to home over the next few days. Organize, sort and clear out clutter. Establish order somewhere chaotic. Clean up a mess.



Libra
(Sept. 23-Oct. 22) -- Today is a 5 -- Settle into your warm cocoon. Silence and peaceful pursuits soothe your spirit through tomorrow. Consider the consequences before taking action. Meditate on the possibilities.



Aquarius
(Jan. 20-Feb. 18) -- Today is a 7 -- Wait to see what develops. Changes require budget revisions. Focus on strategic objectives, and avoid impulsive spending. Join forces with another to get funding.



Cancer
(June 21-July 22) -- Today is a 5 -- Consider the history. Silence is better than damaging outbursts. If you don't know what to say, keep your peace. Focus on practical priorities despite distractions.



Scorpio
(Oct. 23-Nov. 21) -- Today is a 7 -- Friendship makes a difference. Offer and receive support. Lend a helping hand to one who needs it. Show up for your team or community.



Pisces
(Feb. 19-March 20) -- Today is an 8 -- Work out details with your partner before leaping into motion. Communication can save time, money and hassle. Listen, share and support each other.

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Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

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1 "In the Clearing" poet
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12 "Guitar Town" singer Steve
13 TV soundstage
14 ___ Alamos, NM
15 Buchanan of "Petticoat Junction"
16 "The ___ of Steve"
17 "Salem's ___"
18 "___ Tac Dough"
20 Yarnell of "Shields and Yarnell"
22 Brewer and Wright
26 Siskel and Hackman
27 Max of "The Beverly Hillbillies"
28 "___ in Toyland"
30 Hog haven
31 Olivia and Tina
32 Links org.
35 Falk of "Columbo"
36 "The ___, the Bad and the Ugly"
37 DeGeneres sitcom
40 "The ___ of San Francisco"
42 Singers John and Bonnie
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1 Service charge
2 Cool!
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4 Christian of "Heathers"
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8 "The Three ___"
9 Steve or Woody
10 Network executive Arledge
11 Rob of "Silk Stalkings"
19 Sebastian of "Family Affair"
21 Notes of scales
22 TV superstition
23 ___ your heart out!
24 "The Bridge of San Luis ___"
25 Comic Soupy
29 Parks and Convy
31 Comedy ___
32 "The Gold Bug" author
33 "I've ___ a Secret"
34 Commercials
35 "Teacher's ___"
36 "___ Ben"
37 Bombeck and others
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39 Blair or Evangelista
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Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit www.sudoku.org.uk

Solution from Tuesday

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Men’s hoops falls in overtime thriller

Tyler Gavin
TEC STAFF

B.J. Tyson’s miracle lay up at the end of regulation wasn’t enough for East Carolina University’s men’s basketball team to complete a ferocious comeback, losing in overtime to Tulane University, 71-69.

In overtime, both teams combined to make three shots, with Tulane (13-8, 4-5 AAC) outscoring ECU (8-13, 2-8 AAC) 4-2 to pull out the victory. Melvin Frazier, the Green Wave’s junior forward, made the final basket of the game, finishing with a game-high 22 points. His 17 in the first half forced ECU into a zone defense which impeded Tulane, allowing ECU back into the game.

“I wanted to have another change of defense. We did not have a zone in, but it takes you awhile to get comfortable,” ECU interim head coach Michael Perry said. “The

guys did a good job moving, communicating, then rebounding out ultimately. It was a game changer for us.”

The Pirates trailed 39-28 entering the second half. Junior forward Kentrell Barkley sparked the comeback, scoring four consecutive points, then assisting on redshirt freshman guard Shawn Williams’ three-pointer, putting ECU ahead 57-55. After trading baskets, Tulane led by two with two seconds remaining as freshman guard Colin Slater missed the first free-throw of his one-and-one, keeping it a one possession game.

Following a timeout, Barkley inbounded with the game on the line, heaving the ball down court, finding Tyson behind everyone. He hauled it in, then made a last second lay-up while falling down.

“I just had flashbacks of me playing wide receiver

in high school,” Tyson said. “I just jumped up in the air and felt it in my hands. I didn’t even know I was that close to the rim so I just turned around (and) threw it up.”

In the first half, freshman guard K.J. Davis surpassed his career-high of seven points, dropping 10 on three made three-pointers. Williams scored a team-high 15 points for ECU, followed by 12 from both Tyson and Barkley, along with Barkley having a career-high 18 rebounds.

ECU looks to rebound after this loss and break a three-game losing streak on Saturday against Memphis University (14-8, 5-4 AAC). Tip-off is scheduled for 2 p.m.

Daniel Roberts contributed to this story.

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ECU guard B.J. Tyson attempts a shot against Tulane.

Tennis set for weekend matchups

Austin Walker
TEC STAFF

East Carolina University’s men’s and women’s tennis teams are preparing for an action-packed weekend as the men take on Davidson College on Saturday and the women face North Carolina Central University today along with Campbell University on Saturday.

The men will look to continue their perfect season against Davidson on Saturday at 1 p.m. after coming off an impressive performance last weekend when the team grabbed both wins in its doubleheader against Winthrop University and Chowan University winning 5-2 and 6-1 respectively.

“I think the team is confident from these wins and I think we’re having a really good season,” junior Javier Renones said. “We have a couple freshman helping a lot and our seniors are playing great.”

The men’s team is 4-0 on the season and head into its matchup with steam. The team looked dominant and in shape in its last matchup and are confident heading into the weekend, after having almost a full week off before they travel to Davidson.

“This is one of the few weeks where we only have one match,” men’s head coach Shawn Heinchon said. “We’ve tried to get a little bit of rest here to help us going forward.”

On the other side, the women will look to get their first win during their second meet as they host NCCU today in a match that was rescheduled due to weather. The women play at 3 p.m. at the River Birch Tennis Complex, located at 513 west Arlington Boulevard.

Following the match against NCCU, the team travels to Campbell to take on the Camels at noon in Buies Creek, North Carolina.

The women will try to get into the win column today against Central after losing their first match of the season to No. 5 ranked University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill last week. The team looks to gain some momentum in its matches today and Saturday, and having already played a stacked UNC team should give the team some confidence.

“We’re off to a slow start, even though we’re hitting the ball and playing well,” women’s head coach Tom Morris said. “We’re about to get into the meat of our schedule, so were ready to play these matches and get some experience going into next week.”

The match at Campbell starts a four-game in-state road trip for the Pirates as they will travel to the University of North Carolina at Greensboro (Feb. 9), the University of North Carolina at Charlotte (Feb. 10) and North Carolina State University (Feb. 15).

“At this point we were hoping to have had another match or two to get us ready to play,” Morris said. “I would have liked us to play a little bit more as we prepare to play some teams who have played four or five times.”

Today’s match will be an opportunity for the team to build some momentum before it begins its four-game road trip. Both the men’s and women’s squads are aiming for victories this weekend and will look to add another win to the record book early in the spring season.



Javier Renones

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>>MEN’S BASKETBALL

Team celebrates black history Pirates reflect on importance of diversity on the court

Daniel Roberts
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Black History Month has been happening since 1926 and people do different things to show what the month is all about. Members of the East Carolina University men’s basketball team (8-12, 2-7 AAC) embrace the history.

ECU guards Isaac Fleming and B.J. Tyson along with forward Justice Obasohan took the time to reflect on what Black History Month means to them and what they have embraced throughout their lives that they’re able to represent on and off the court.



Justice Obasohan

Athletes and coaches do different things to show the significance of the month and the history. Athletes associated with the NBA, such as LeBron James, Kobe Bryant, Kevin Durant and Stephen Curry make special shoes for the occasion and bring awareness of what Black History Month is all about.

Nike Basketball’s product director, Kevin Dodson, sees the shoes as a fresh new way to honor Black History Month.

“Celebrating Black History Month and starting on MLK Day will always be a big one for us to make statements,” Dodson said in a Yahooosports.com article. “The thing that we’re really focused on is trying to refresh

“I want to bring the culture with me wherever I go, showcasing it because I am proud of it,” Obasohan said. “I think it is important for all the different individuals, individualities and cultures to come together and be represented.”

that whole model. We had some great ones (shoes), and then people kind of copied the formula and now everyone is fighting for the same airspace.”

Obasohan said those NBA players help bring awareness by making those special shoes.

“They have a lot of influence, and when they use that influence it definitely helps get the attention of a lot of people,” Obasohan said.

Though special shoes are made honoring Black History Month, team rules prohibit athletes at ECU from wearing customized sneakers. While ECU athletes can not necessarily go out of their way to create special shoes for the month or wear those shoes on the court, the memory of what their ancestors went through sticks out.

For Tyson, that means showcasing his history on the court and being able to play the game for ECU with his fellow teammates.

“It is an honor to play ball with a group of diverse players. It is a great thing to have that month in the black community—it shows a lot for basketball,” Tyson said. “I know that guys in the NBA and other colleges wear different shoes and clothes to represent black history month, but we can’t unfortunately.”

Alongside Tyson, Fleming is grateful that he has the chance to represent Black History Month in the next six games during February, with three of those games being at home. He



B.J. Tyson

said he tries to bring awareness of the month in how he carries himself on and off the court.

“Black History Month is my culture, the history behind it and just the way it has evolved over the years means a lot,” Fleming said. “I just go out on the court and play with a tremendous amount of pride representing my community while doing it.”



Isaac Fleming

For other members on the team, Black History Month is deeper for them, whether they are from African countries or have family members from African countries. Forward Usman Haruna, like Obasohan, has roots from Nigeria.

Even though Obasohan came to ECU from the North Carolina School of Science and Math, his parents are both from Nigeria, so for both Obasohan and Haruna, representing their native countries goes further.

“My parents are from Nigeria (and) I am 100 percent Nigerian,” Obasohan said. “I have native clothing that I wear throughout the year (and) I am proud of my heritage and my roots. That is just who I am and I never separate myself from it.”

Players will celebrate Black History Month in their different ways, but the team will be in action on Saturday together as they welcome the University of Memphis (13-8, 4-4 AAC) to Minges Coliseum and look to move up in the American Athletic Conference standings.

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Women’s basketball picks up third straight win

Robert Romero
TEC STAFF

East Carolina University’s women’s basketball team (12-10, 4-5 AAC) pulled off a jaw dropping 77-67 comeback victory to snap Wichita State University’s five-game winning streak, a f t e r entering the fourth quarter with an 11-point deficit.

E C U outscored Wichita State 30-9 to close out the win but there were times throughout the game where it looked as if it wasn’t going to be the Pirates’ night. ECU shot



Heather Macy

just 37.9 percent and were outrebounded 23-10 in the first half, while the Shockers jumped out to a 16 point lead early in the third quarter.

The Pirates did not go down without a fight, as they responded from being down 16 points with a 44-19 run to secure their first back-to-back American Athletic Conference win of the season.

“I’m really proud of this team on how much resiliency it took to finish the game,” head coach Heather Macy said. “My big thing is making an excuse to win instead of finding excuses why you can’t get something done. I think that’s what our team did tonight.”

F r e s h m a n g u a r d Lashonda Monk played a



Freshman guard Lashonda Monk drives through Wichita State defenders to lay the ball up in the win.

huge part in the Pirates’ comeback, tallying a career-high 19 points, seven assists and four steals in the game.

Wichita State entered the game with the best free throw percentage in the AAC (77.1),

but the Pirates played a smart game defensively, limiting the Shockers to 12 made foul shots on 15 attempts over the course of the game.

Southern Methodist University is the next game

ahead for the Pirates, as SMU secured its only conference win this year against ECU Jan. 13 in a 65-51 win for the Mustang’s.

SMU (7-14, 1-7 AAC) sits currently at the very bottom

of the AAC standings with just one conference victory, along with a 0-10 road record. It has lost eight of its last nine games and are dead last in the AAC in points per game (56.8) and team field goal percentage (34.8).

The Pirates face SMU for the second time this season as they attempt to make it three straight AAC wins, Saturday inside Minges coliseum at 5 p.m.

“Winning is really hard so you can’t think about the last one and expect to do it again,” Macy said. “What you’ve got to do is embrace the fact that winning is very, very, difficult and do the difficult things that equal winning.”

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