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SGA outlines semester

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As the academic school year debuts this week, a new student government administration looks to incorporate their ideals into the East Carolina University student community.

Jordan Koonts was elected by the student body as SGA president in February of last year. Koonts said his ticket campaigned on the promise of being transparent to all groups on campus and putting emphasis on campus diversity.

Koonts said during his time as president he would like to focus on the "big picture" for the future of SGA and also continue to branch on the work which was being accomplished by the previous administration.

"It's easy to get hung up on short-term goals, so I really want to get a mixture of short-term and long-term goals," Koonts said. "Internally, there were a lot of great things that were started last year and they probably ran out of time and we're going to see them to completion."

One of those items Koonts said he plans to complete is a service in the university wide Banner computer system, which will provide an option for a student to change his or her name so they can be properly identified by their professors and peers.

Koonts said he wants to build a better bridge between the SGA and the student body to hopefully get the student body more involved with what is going on in student government and at ECU.

"One thing that I'm personally looking to undertake is finding ways to kind of gauge ourselves and our performance beyond just the internal folks of SGA," Koonts said. "It's easy to talk with the assembly members and see if something was successful, but if we're not able to gauge the student body and their interest then we don't necessarily know if it was."

SGA Vice President, Lillie Rhodes, said student involvement is a key point in SGA's plans

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From left: Kaitlin Dowdle and Madison Morris chat at bar while sipping frozen mimosa, which debuted the day of Sup Dogs' deck opening.

Sup Dogs decks out Deck open, rooftop bar to debut soon

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Sup Swirls and sunny skies can soon be enjoyed with a new and elevated view as the Sup Dogs' rooftop gets ready to open its airy dining space to customers in the coming days.

The 1,500 square-foot rooftop will include a full kitchen and a second bar, with the latter featuring new alcoholic drinks for patrons to order, such as Boozy Frosés and Frozen Mimosas, along with their new secret menu drink: the cherry lime Sup Crush. These new drink, along with Sups' signature drinks such as the Sup Swirl and Sup Crush, cost \$5.50 each.

According to Sup Dogs' Restaurant Manager Marilyn Kobelinski, the incorporation of the new bar and kitchen was an essential component of



Patrons of Sup Dogs eat and socialize on the restaurant's newly renovated first floor deck.

the renovation project to accommodate the influx of customers on busy days and nights.

"It's almost like a second restaurant in one, considering we now have two kitchens and two bars," Kobelinski said.

"We hate having people wait 30 to 40 minutes to get their perfect Sup Crush or those bacon cheese fries they've been

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Panhellenic formal recruitment begins

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As East Carolina University begins its classes, Panhellenic sororities chapters will begin holding formal recruitment starting this week from Aug. 22 to Aug. 28.

The registration cost is \$150 and the deadline for registration is tomorrow 1 at 8 a.m. Women looking to register can do so on the Panhellenic Recruitment Information webpage or email greeklife.ecu.edu for further information.

According to Lillie Rhodes, Panhellenic vice president of recruitment, about 600

women are expected to be participating in the formal recruitment process to be inducted as new members into one of the ten Panhellenic sororities on campus.

The 10 current Panhellenic sororities on ECU's campus, which can be found on the Panhellenic Recruitment for ECU webpage, include Alpha Delta Pi, Alpha Omicron Pi, Alpha Gamma Delta, Alpha Xi Delta, Chi Omega, Delta Zeta, Kappa Delta, Phi Mu, Sigma Sigma Sigma and Zeta Tau Alpha.

Associate Director of Student Life and Learning at Indiana University, Sarah Cohen said she was asked by ECU to discuss with



From left, Delta Zeta, Chi Omega and Sigma Sigma Sigma hang work week banners on their homes.

the ten women's organizations how to better recruit new members and have genuine and authentic conversations.

Cohen, a research associate for the consult group, Dyad Strategies, said she feels the steps ECU has taken to decrease the stigma around Greek life will make the recruitment process run more smoothly.

"It can be a nerve racking experience, but I think at a place like East Carolina where they're taking so many proactive steps to make it less nerve racking, it diminishes a lot of the preconceived notions that people

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ECU welcomes students to campus

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Approximately 28,700 students will be attending ECU this fall, according to East Carolina University News Services. Of these nearly 30,000 students, around 4,200 are incoming freshman who moved into one of the 15 dorms across campus.

John Fletcher, associate provost for enrollment services, said he is ready to see both new and familiar faces across ECU's campus.

"It is always an exciting day to have our new students coming to campus and our continuing students returning," Fletcher said.

According to Fletcher, one of the only difficulties that was presented throughout move in weekend included parking situations combined with construction on and around campus while new students moved in.

"Our partners in student affairs have done an amazing job with arranging how the move in will happen and really the whole point with that is to try to alleviate as much of the traffic as possible," Fletcher said. "You have to imagine having twenty thousand students on a college campus, you will see an increase in traffic in town, but it is one of the benefits that we enjoy with being a big university."

Bill McCartney, associate vice chancellor of campus living, said he spoke out to incoming freshmen and their parents about his role as vice chancellor during move in day activities.

"Many of us in leadership positions at Campus Living are moving about greeting families, solving parking issues, helping people get organized including picking up their keys, and helping students get their lives started here as a pirate," McCartney said.

According to McCartney, volunteers and staff around campus opened up conversations

with families and incoming freshman while they helped students to move into their dorms. He said some of these volunteers included resident assistants, volunteers from local Greenville churches and other various on-campus organizations.

"Our on-campus occupancy this fall is a little over 5,400 because Greene Hall is closed for renovations so we are at full capacity," McCartney said.

According to McCartney, ECU staff is preparing to create a fun and safe new school year by working with ECU police to keep students educated on safety.

Incoming freshman and intended exercise and physiology major, Kendall Adams, said she is eager to start her first day of classes at ECU. Adams said she is most excited about exploring what college is truly about and to finally be "out on her own."

"I am pretty excited to see how different college life is from high school and be a little bit more independent with my studies," Adams said. "Instead of having my parents hovering over me all the time, I can be involved in my own community."

ECU Police Lieutenant Chris Sutton, said he plans to speak to students about the importance of campus safety for the upcoming semester. Sutton said ECU PD, along with other staff around campus will be making sure students know how to protect themselves.

"We have officers that will be working to assist our students with safety programs now that they are starting to move in so that they are aware of those resources but also what those students can do to keep students protected," Sutton said.

Sutton said ECU PD provides an online interactive program for students to learn how to stay safe on campus and what they



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New ECU students and family members begin unloading items into dorms on ECU move in day.

can do to stay in touch with the safety resources provided on campus.

"We always recommend that our students go through our RAD (rape aggression defense) program so that they can prepare and know what to do in a situation where they are confronted with that type of threat," Sutton said.

According to Sutton, larceny is a notable crime that all ECU students need to be aware of, especially while living in on-campus communal living spaces.

"Larceny is the highest crime that we see and hear on campus and we want to educate our students on what they can do


to better secure their property," Sutton said.

Sutton said all student residents who are staying in on-campus living facilities will be going through safety programs that bring awareness to alcohol and drugs, safety and security and larceny.

Students can also access safety resources for off campus safety through the ECU website:

<http://www.ecu.edu/cs-studentaffairs/offcampus/safety.cfm>




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for the upcoming school year.

Rhodes said she addressed a strategic draft plan on how SGA plans to increase their presence on campus at the first assembly meeting. She said more details will be presented throughout the semester.

"We plan to increase SGA's presence on campus with not only events but working with more students," Rhodes said.

Koonts said he has had experience working with Elite Pirates, a group of student representatives which show the university's diversity of leadership and student commitment. Using his experience, Koonts wants to create more social justice change on the ECU campus.

"Campus wide, we have opportunities like Cupola Conversations. So, creating more opportunities where open conversation and dialogue, and even constructive argument is not only allowed but encouraged because that's really one of the only ways that you're going to be able to begin to understand and see things from another person's point of view," Koonts said.

According to Koonts, SGA is also working on getting more peer feedback which will pertain to how well SGA is serving the ECU student body as a whole. He said SGA is also working on improving communication with campus organizations by establishing the Pirate Roundtable.

Koonts said SGA plans to host the Pirate Roundtable at least once a month with prominent groups on ECU's campus.

"I'm focused a lot on the external roles, creating outlets to judge SGA but to also give

us feedback and also trying to help facilitate an openness and conversational atmosphere on campus," Koonts said.

This upcoming year, SGA Attorney General, Noah Shuler, said he will be working on a legislative review to expand on the previous legislation already put in place. Shuler said he will complete a thorough review of all legislation passed by former SGA administrations to correct anything that may have been left out.

According to Shuler, he will also ensure SGA follows through on all initiatives in support of the student body.

Shuler said he will be restructuring the format of the constitution, which is used to highlight the purpose and rules of the SGA. Shuler said he is reworking the constitution to align with the standards used by students governments across the University of North Carolina system and the UNC Association of Student Governments.

"SGA is committed to serving the student body as well as we can, and that commitment requires us to periodically update our documents and practices," Shuler said.

According to Koonts, SGA has a "pretty high turnover rate" every year. Because of this, Koonts said he plans to implement strategies which will stay with SGA in the future and make the transition of administrations easier.

"We are looking to create some three, four, or even five or 10-year goals for SGA that as SGA turns over, we can still stay on that track of student representation and always ensuring we're giving students a proper voice," Koonts said.

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MGC and NPHC fraternities and sororities interact and collaborate in team building exercises to combine both organizations to produce a positive impact on the Greenville community.

Greek council build bridges

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East Carolina University's Multicultural Greek Council and National Pan-Hellenic Council came together for a team building retreat which was held at the Health Science Campus Student Center this past Saturday.

According to Dorothea Mack, associate director of Greek life, this retreat was the first of its kind, hosting more than 90 student Greek life members. Thirteen Greek chapters were marked present for the retreat, with seven representing the MGC and six representing the NPHC, according to Mack.

Mack said the objective of this initial event was to provide unity among the MGC and NPHC organizations and encourage new members to join their organizations this coming fall semester.

The organizations present at the retreat include Lambda Theta Alpha Latin Sorority, Sigma Omicron Epsilon, Delta Phi Omega Sorority, Sigma Sigma Rho Sorority, Lambda Theta Phi Latin Fraternity, Iota Nu Delta Fraternity, Epsilon Chi Nu, Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, and Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority.

Mack said she wanted to use the retreat as

a way to get the Greek life members excited to make their upcoming academic year a success and to teach them important skills such as organizing meetings. Mack also placed emphasis on the importance of unity among the Greek community.

"This is to promote unity in the Greek community," Mack said. "We have Latino groups, Native American, predominately African American groups, Southeast Asian sororities and fraternities and we want to make sure we're working together to prepare them for the new year."

MGC President and member of the Lambda Theta Alpha sorority, Carolina Juanico-Cela, has been helping to plan the event since this summer. Juanico-Cela said her goal was to collaborate with others' organizations instead of having "several OK programs," the two organizations could come together and combine those same programs to produce a better effect.

"We wanted to do something a little more collaborative rather than just have two separate retreats because this year we're trying to emphasize community," Juanico-Cela said.

For senior public health major and member of the Omega Psi Phi fraternity, Xavier Unanka, the retreat was "a chance to be unified with everyone."



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MGC and NPHC gather together on a retreat to learn leadership skills to recruit new members.

"It brings people together. It's a brotherhood, a sisterhood, it's gives you history of your roots and it matures you mentally and physically," Unanka said.

At the retreat, Juanico-Cela said Greek members participated in several presentations from a collaboration of different speakers while also participating in team building and personalities exercises which helped people from other organizations get to know each other.

"I know some of us had done the activity before, but for those who hadn't, it gave them a chance to discover what their main personality is and how that affects their role in the chapter when they take on leadership roles," Juanico-Cela said.

According to Juanico-Cela, Greek life is not only a positive thing for the ECU community, but it also provides a sense of belonging and continues to create life-long bonds among its members.

"Because MGC and NPHC are a minority and we do attend a PWI (Predominantly White Institution), it's critical to us because a lot of the time that's where we find our homes away from home," Juanico-Cela said. "We find friends that eventually become our brothers and sisters. It helps to keep us motivated in school because there are requirements to be a part of these communities."

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Students buy books in-store over online

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TEC STAFF

As the school year begins, East Carolina University students will continue to order their textbooks. According to Bob Walker, the popular choice for students is to purchase their textbooks at Dowdy Student Stores.

Walker, the associate director for Dowdy Student Stores, said that the student store remains a popular choice overall when it comes to students ordering their textbooks for the semester. He said the online market for book buying has seemingly become popular

for many students at ECU, but for some students, visiting an on-campus bookstore is still a go to.

Walker said there can be a disadvantage to buying books from other online sources such as Amazon and Chegg.

"We want to warn students to make sure they are getting what is really required by the instructor," Walker said. "We have communication with the faculty members to make sure we are providing the right resources."

Incoming freshman and business major, Dominique Jones, said buying books can be stressful and expensive,

but she felt buying them at Dowdy was a better option.

"I went to buy them online, but I was confused about how it worked and how you paid for them so I decided to come here," Jones said. "I am getting about three books for this semester and I don't know how many for next semester, but my schedule is changing around so that can make getting books harder."

Bryan Tuten, director of Dowdy Student Stores, said he believes most students are

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ECU to Sponsor Suicide Prevention Training Course

East Carolina University will sponsor Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training, ASIST to provide suicide prevention training to public school employees in Henderson, North Carolina. This workshop is open to guidance counselors, administrators, and teachers.

This event will take place in Vance County from Aug. 21 through Aug. 22.

Campus Recreation and Wellness to host Beach Fest

Campus Recreation and Wellness will host its annual Beach Fest event tomorrow at North Campus Recreational Complex. The event will feature boating, zip lining, free food, and different events such as winning prizes and participating in multiple entertainment activities.

Beach Fest will be held from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Award Ceremony to Honor English Students

The W. Keats Sparrow Writing Awards Reception and Ceremony will be held on Wednesday afternoon in the Faulkner Gallery located in Joyner Library. This ceremony will be honoring students who have excelled in both writing and research in English 1100 and 2201 classes.

The ceremony will begin at 4:30 p.m. and will last until 5:30 p.m.

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GREEK LIFE

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have," Cohen said. "It allows for the women who are choosing to join sororities to have a much more low-key, laid-back experience."

This Wednesday, a mandatory orientation will be held at 5 p.m. or 8 p.m. in Wright Auditorium for all women who have already signed up for formal recruitment.

According to the schedule, the orientation is going to serve as a time for PNM's to meet with their recruitment counselors, or Pi Chi's, then receive an overview of the recruitment week, learn about the recruitment rules and finally hear a presentation about the Circle of Sisterhood, which serves as the University's Panhellenic philanthropy.

On both Thursday from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. and Friday from 4 p.m. to 10 p.m., PNM's will have the opportunity to "Meet and Greet" with all 10 sororities at the Greenville Convention Center at 303 Greenville Blvd SE, according to the schedule. "Meet and Greet"

parties will be held on both days to give each individual PNM and sorority an opportunity to have casual conversations in person.

According to the schedule, Saturday from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., the PNM's will then visit a personalized list of eight chapters held at the Greenville Convention Center and will learn about that particular chapter's philanthropy.

Sunday starting at 8 a.m., the schedule states participants will attend House Tour day, which includes house tours given by the top five chapters included on a PNM's list. The day will begin with a check-in held at Wright Auditorium.

Monday serves as the final day of formal recruitment, titled Preference Day on the website. The day will begin with a check-in located in Wright Auditorium followed by recruitment participants attending up to two preference ceremonies held at each individual chapter's home.

Tuesday will be the final day of recruitment, also known as Bid Day, according to the online schedule. PNM's will receive

an invitation to join one of the organizations they listed on their MRABA form.

Bid Day will begin at 4:30 p.m. in Minges Coliseum and then continue on throughout the night at each individual chapters home where new members will have the opportunity to get to know other new members and inducted members of that chapter.

Along with the social and academic benefits of Greek life, Rhodes said there is also a charitable aspect that is expected out of each organization and its members.

"Every sorority also has a philanthropy that they raise money for every year. A lot of these organizations have local branches such as Children's Miracle Network Hospitals, Ronald McDonald House and the Food Bank," Rhodes said.

Rhodes said most chapters

have required service hours in which so members are actively getting involved in the community. She said many Panhellenic women are heavily involved with additional organizations and clubs at ECU as well.

According to Rhodes, who said she can only answer on behalf of Panhellenic, despite the closures of several ECU Greek organizations, she believes Greeks still have a lot to offer any student at ECU, despite what they are hearing in the media.

"Joining Greek Life allows you (to) not only make lifelong friends but join an organization that can connect you with thousands of women across the world," Rhodes said. "Panhellenic Sororities at ECU have an average GPA that is higher than the All-Women's GPA at ECU. We take pride in our academics with every chapter having a minimum GPA and many sororities requiring study hours as well."

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Lillie Rhodes

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ordering their textbooks online. Tuten said he thinks a lot of students are ordering from different places, whether that be from Amazon, Chegg or other online competitors.

Nutrition major, Kaitlyn Martin, said she bought most of her books in the Dowdy bookstore after searching for them online.

"I ordered some books online, but the majority I ordered through the student store because it is the safer option," Martin said. "I will probably always look online first because sometimes you can find them cheaper,

but if not then I will come directly here."

Dowdy Student Stores employee and junior accounting major, Taylor Chappell, said mostly freshman and students majoring in education order from the Dowdy bookstore, and they usually use the optional online process.

"For large orders it is usually easier to use the online process because it is more efficient, but if they need an access code or a clicker it is much faster for them to come into the store and pay for it," Chappell said.

Chappell said there is more leeway for students who order books from Dowdy because if a book comes in late, Dowdy will send a message to that



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Dowdy Book Store prepares for student sales this semester.

professor notifying them that the student does not have the book yet.

According to Tuten, Dowdy allows students to return books up to 10 days after the start of classes in case of a class

change or other reasons.

Tuten said he believes Dowdy provides a more convenient return policy than most of its competitors.

"Some sites and stores may only give students three to five days from the

day they bought the book," Tuten said. "Our prices are competitive and we are right here on campus making it convenient, plus students know they get the right material."

Chappell said the best part about buying from the Dowdy store is that the revenue goes directly back to the school.

"Dowdy is the only university run bookstore, so all of the money goes back to the school," Chappell said. "When you buy from Dowdy, you are essentially giving back to your own campus."

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All students are budgeted a \$30 credit for printing each year. Allocated from student technology fees, credits are attached to a student's PirateID at the beginning of each semester. More information: go.ecu.edu/itcs/print-quotas.

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OUR VIEW

Protests highlight cultural change

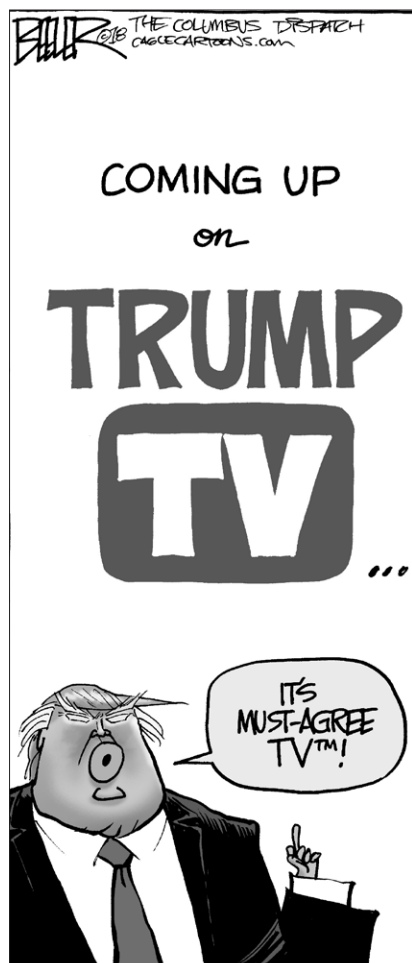
To mark the anniversary of the Charlottesville riots, white supremacists gathered in Washington, D.C. in incredibly small numbers. According to The Washington Post, fewer than 40 white supremacists showed up, and were nearly overwhelmed by thousands of counter-protesters.

On Aug. 11, 2017, Charlottesville, Virginia was the battleground between members of a Unite the Right rally and counter-protesters. Throughout the course of two days, three people lost their lives. This year's rally ended not with violence, but with hope. Counter-protesters ranged from far left anti-fascists to multiracial Baptist groups to conservatives who all agree white supremacy has no place in America.

We, the editorial staff of The East Carolinian, stand with the counter-protesters and encourage students at East Carolina University to continue effecting political and social change on every scale.

The sheer scale of counter-protesters highlights the social and cultural shifts the American people have made since the Charlottesville riots. People from all over came together. This change did not happen overnight, however, it takes time and it takes work.

So, as the future of America, students at ECU have a responsibility to remain not only informed, but active in their communities. From Turning Point to Young Democratic Socialists, ECU is home to hundreds of organizations from both sides of the political aisle. To find more organizations, students can go to OrgSync on Pirateport.



>> LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

TEC to expand horizons



Matthew Prenksy
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

I'd like to welcome all East Carolina University Pirates and Greenville community members to the fall semester and thank you for your readership of The East Carolinian.

This is a very exciting time for The East Carolinian. I'd like to take a moment and explain to you, our readers, all the new exciting initiatives and changes which will be coming to The East Carolinian this semester.

Our mission here at The East Carolinian is to provide a historical record of life at ECU through reporting on news, arts and sports. We work each day to train our staff members to be the best journalists so they can go out and report on the topics you care about. This mission starts from the very beginning at the candidate level and goes all the way up to editor-in-chief.

For those looking to become part of this mission, The East Carolinian is now accepting applicants for our fall candidate class. As an independent, student-driven organization, The East Carolinian depends on motivated students to join the newspaper and be the future of this publication.

I joined The East Carolinian in fall of 2015 as a candidate and progressed up through the organization. At each level I learned how to be journalist, covered some amazing stories and helped create positive changes for my community. By joining the newspaper,

you can accomplish these same feats.

Beyond our candidate program, there are some new initiatives and partnerships involving The East Carolinian which I am very excited to announce. Starting this fall The East Carolinian is going to work more with organizations such as ECU's Student Government Association, Faculty Senate and Student Affairs division to give our readers more information and increase this publication's visibility.

As editor-in-chief, I believe it's equally important for us to report what's happening at ECU and be a part of the community. Therefore, I've worked with many community members throughout the summer to create some fun, informative and important initiatives for our readers.

Along with the launch of some new initiatives, The East Carolinian is also very excited to be part of Student Media's upcoming app. The app will allow community members to read The East Carolinian while on the go. As times change in journalism and our readers transition to digital platforms, it's important for The East Carolinian to keep up. For that reason, among many others, I am very excited for the upcoming Student Media app. This new app will likely be launched during the fall semester.

On a smaller level though, readers of The East Carolinian may notice some changes to our publication online. Community members can now submit confidential tips to The East Carolinian through our website. I encourage anyone to submit a tip to The East Carolinian about a story idea, an issue which needs investigating or other

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information you believe may be helpful.

While it may seem as though The East Carolinian is changing, I can assure you the core principles of this publication will remain the same. Truth, fairness and independence are all core values here at The East Carolinian.

As editor-in-chief of The East Carolinian I can assure you my staff and I work hard to produce content which is truthful, fair and independent of any bias. I hope you enjoy our work this year and continue to support this publication through your readership.

I'd like to thank you for your support and say that as editor-in-chief I am always available to listen to your concerns. Times may change, but the success of The East Carolinian is only growing.

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>> LETTER TO THE EDITOR

College creates opportunities for growth



Virginia Hardy
VICE CHANCELLOR

Welcome Pirate Nation! East Carolina University is starting its 111th year, and it doesn't matter if this is your first year or senior year or if you are a transfer or graduate student, you are part of something special. You are part of the Pirate Family, and this is your HOME!

We want you to take full advantage of your overall student experience and be successful in every possible way. What does that mean? Of course, it means excelling academically and working toward graduation. But a successful ECU student experience also means developing personally and finding ways to explore your inner Pirate outside the classroom.

In recent years, ECU has strengthened our commitment to improving the quality of life on campus. Almost every residence hall on campus has been renovated or built new, and our dining opportunities have expanded beyond the staples of the traditional dining halls to more retail options and food trucks on campus.

Additionally, we are fewer than six months away from opening an amazing new student center on main campus. This 210,000 square foot building will become

the living room for our students when it opens in January. We want you to enjoy all the elements in that new student center as we believe it will have a direct impact on your success.

My advice to you is simple. Get connected early in the semester. Find a student organization, intramural activity, club sport or service project that mirrors your interests. We have nearly 500 official organizations and offerings for you. If we don't have something that meets what you want to do, we will help you create a new one. Seriously!

Invest in yourself and take advantage of the available resources and opportunities. For example, the career advisors in Career Services are a valuable resource as you plan your career path. More and more first year students are participating in career fairs, which allows them to make connections with employers. Also, coming this fall is Handshake, a job database of 200,000 employers available to you. Don't wait. Invest now.

We also want you to take care of yourself during your college experience. Don't forget the important things like eating and sleeping along with going to class and studying. Utilize the Student Recreation Center for a fitness class, workout or basketball game. Visit Student Health if you are feeling under the weather.

And here's a little secret for you as you launch into the year. College is stressful. There, I said it.

There are exams, projects, getting up for 8 a.m. classes, disagreements with your roommate and many other things that will cause you stress during the year. Don't feel like you have to do this alone either. Talk to an RA. Call home and talk to mom and dad. Or make an appointment to see one of our experienced counselors.

One of the best ways to get engaged is to be informed. Check out the Pirate 4-1-1 weekly email that tells you about the events, programs and activities going on at ECU. Follow @InnerPirate on Instagram, Twitter and Facebook.

ECU hosts Pirate Weeks of Welcome (P-WOW) in the first two weeks of the semester. So, go to Pirate Pooza, Convocation and Get-A-Clue. Meet new people. Explore campus, organizations, programs, etc. Explore your inner Pirate.

Let's make this a great year and know that we are here to encourage, support and assist you along the way. And Pirate students, go forth and do great things by connecting, investing, staying motivated and finishing strong.

Virginia D. Hardy, PhD
Vice Chancellor, Student Affairs

Those interested in submitting a letter to the editor can email opinion@theeastcarolinian.com.



LESLIE DZORVAKPOR | THE EAST CAROLINIAN

First time and returning East Carolina University students wander around Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium, interacting with others and indulging in the activities and performances Pirate Palooza has to offer.

Semester sets sail at Pirate Palooza

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New and returning Pirates filled Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium yesterday evening to kick off the new school year at East Carolina University's annual welcome back ceremony.

Pirate Palooza has been running 18 years and each year, crowds of students gather before the first day of class with activities such as music, games, free food and giveaways.

Justin Janak, director of ECU Student Activities and Organizations, said Pirate Palooza is a great way for students to meet each other and start the new school year.

This event also offers the opportunity for incoming freshman to mingle and get the feel of the school, while old friends can reunite and share what it means to be a proud Pirate, according to the ECU's Student Affairs webpage.

Returning student Katie Sutton, a junior political science major, said she has been going to Pirate Palooza since her freshman year.

"It's a good way to come back and see old friends and see incoming freshman," Sutton said.

Melissa Conant, a senior elementary education major, said she has made it a tradition among her friend group to go to Pirate Palooza at the beginning of each school year. As a freshman, Conant said she met her future roommates and a group of "lifelong friends" at Pirate Palooza.

"I was hesitant to go at first, being that I was super shy as a freshman, but my boyfriend encouraged me to go with him and I couldn't be more grateful that he did," Conant said.

Conant said going to Pirate Palooza exposed her to a lot of different organizations. Sarah Melvin, senior health service management major, said she comes to Pirate Palooza every year for the free food and this year for networking.

"A lot of people go to Pirate Palooza and this year I'm here recruiting for my sorority, Phi Mu," Melvin said.

Before the start of her senior year, Melvin said Pirate Palooza is a way to see people she hadn't seen in a long time and catch up with them.

This year's Pirate Palooza had several different novelties such as a green screen for photos, 4,000 free t-shirts for students who attended and a music set from DJ Born Finesser, a popular disc jockey on ECU's campus.

A fan of Finesser since his freshman year, senior business administration major Andre Smith said his favorite part about campus traditions such as Pirate Palooza is "hearing the tunes" DJ Born Finesser has in store for the student body.

"DJ Born Finesser's sets have helped me add a lot of new music to my playlist," Smith said. "He just has a way of grasping the crowd's attention and he knows exactly what to do with today's current sounds."

"Pumping" their way to the main stage was the Fashion Above Modern Expression Modeling Troupe, better known as F.A.M.E., as they performed a dance routine with music provided by DJ Born Finesser.

Complete with a new executive board, fresh choreography and members of all shades and sizes, F.A.M.E. has prided itself on finding the "diversity in beauty and fashion" since the spring of 2008.

"I've been looking forward to getting



LESLIE DZORVAKPOR | THE EAST CAROLINIAN

The Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium jumbotron welcomes ECU students to the 18th annual Pirate Palooza.

more involved on campus, but nothing caught my attention quite like F.A.M.E Modeling Troupe," Simmons said. "I would want nothing more than to be a part of their organization, so I'm definitely looking forward to maybe auditioning in the near future."

Pirate Palooza is sponsored by multiple organizations and divisions within ECU, such as ECU's Student Activities Board, ECU Campus Recreation and Wellness, ECU Campus Living and Dining, ECU Transit, ECU Athletics, ECU Office of Student Transitions and First Year Programs and

ECU Student Activities and Organizations.

Kaitlyn Carr, the chair of ECU SAB's Entertainment Committee, volunteered for this year's Pirate Palooza. A junior communication and art double major, Carr said she believes the intertwining of these organizations were for "the greater good of the event".

"Pirate Palooza brings both new and returning students together in one space, so it's a great opportunity for them to intertwine," Carr said.

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Greenville producer racks up millions of YouTube views

Danielle Schmid
TEC STAFF

In an apartment bedroom on 10th Street you'll find a music producer, Cole Sipe, less engaged when it comes to the boundaries of genres. An artist with a goal to help others create music while making some of his own on the way up, Sipe is producing quality and quantity.

When searching Cole Sipe on YouTube, you'll find tracks such as "Innocent", "Energy," "Guide" featuring Alexis Anelli and "Way Back Home" with Kryss Talk. Those tracks alone stacking up more than 25 million views. Averaging 3,000 listeners a month on Spotify, Sipe is dedicated to his music.

"Considering I don't really talk about the YouTube views, people usually just find out on their own and they're always really surprised," Sipe said. "I don't care or brag about the numbers because they don't change where I am or who I am in life."

Sipe has achieved this success by first being featured on Tasty, a music label's YouTube channel. Since then, his music has been posted on channels such as "MrSuisideSheep," "NoCopyRightSounds" and plenty of other EDM channels. Among the pages of material viewers find when searching Sipe, there's even a "Way Back Home" remix done by another DJ.

While part of the views and listens come from the channels which post the material, many come from the time and attention Sipe



DANIELLE SCHMID | THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Cole Sipe works on producing beats in his home studio, located in a bedroom on 10th Street.

puts into each track he releases, whether it's for himself or for others. Sipe said the beats and drops need to "channel the emotion of the lyrics," and he does this by capturing sounds from bass, a little guitar, piano or really, anything in sight.

"I'll find random things — spoons or I have this sign my and my friend stole in high school and I'll just hit it into the microphone just because it made this bass sound," Sipe said.

Sipe doesn't stop there. Sipe said he continues with the originality by altering the sounds he creates from these

instruments and objects.

"If I know I want a certain keyboard sound, I'll flip through my computer and find the right variation of it that I want to use," Sipe said. "I spend a lot of time tweaking sounds and getting them to exactly where I want them to be."

Sipe, originally from York, Pennsylvania, brought his creative sounds to Greenville in the summer of 2015. While Sipe finds success when it comes to his own music, the musicians he produces for, usually do well when it comes to attracting listeners considering East Carolina University senior,

Madison Berch's first single, a cover of "U Remind Me" by Usher, already has more than 400 listens on SoundCloud in less than a month after being released. One of Sipe's goals in the music industry is to help other local artists succeed in the industry.

"I'm working with other artists around Greenville also trying to put together some projects for them," Sipe said. "All I really want to do is produce for a lot of local people, that's really just my goal."

Berch brings her voice and ideas to Sipe's in-home studio about once a week. The two creatively work together on beats and lyrics.

"We never really have a plan, we just kind of start with something and see how it goes," Berch said. "He's easy to work with and he just makes everything seem so chill and natural."

Being a musician since the age of five, Sipe continues to grow and better himself, according to creative vocalist John Lescosky. According to Sipe and Lescosky, they often find themselves vibing in the studio on late nights.

"It's really awesome to see him grow," Lescosky said. "He's continuing to change his style and do anything. He's even been doing some hip-hop lately."

Sipe continues to gain popularity on major music platforms and will continue to help his friends and local artists bring their creative musical ideas to life.

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Ghostbuster Trivia

Uptown Brewing Company
7 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Umbrella Market

Five Points Plaza
5 p.m.

Tattoo artist leaves her mark

Danielle Schmid
TEC STAFF

Needle to body is one of the ways tattoo artist, Bethany Weberg, embraces her sweet designs and flawless linework. Weberg's always up for the challenge, whether a customer wants to cover up an ex's name with a floral piece or explore the solar system through an out of this world arm piece.

Weberg is an East Carolina University alumnus who graduated in 2014 and began tattooing three years ago at Divine Moment Tattooing in Burlington, North Carolina. According to some of her clientele, Weberg has done nothing but "shine" in her work space at Garry's Skin Grafix, located in Uptown Greenville across from Uptown Brewery.

"I knew tattooing was something I've wanted to do since I was 16, so when my mentor Harlow asked me to do an apprenticeship with him, I knew I was going to take it no matter what," Weberg said.

Weberg says she began her apprenticeship by tattooing oranges, grapefruits and bananas. When her mentor thought she was ready to take the next step, he then made her tattoo herself. Weberg finished the rose on her thigh in three sittings.

After putting her fears aside and completing her first tattoo on skin, Weberg was granted permission to be able to begin tattooing friends and family.

"I had a lot of very trusting friends who were more than willing to let me tattoo them and luckily all the tattoos turned out very well," Weberg said. "I haven't had to go back yet to correct any of them."

Greenville native Brooke Robertson found Weberg through a coworker who had recently got



Bethany Weberg tattoos client Brooke Robertson at Garry's Skin Grafix. Inset picture is the finished product.

tattooed by her. Robertson had to ask her coworker who did it and was tattooed by Weberg soon after. Since then, Robertson has been tattooed twice by Weberg.

"Finding out Bethany was in Greenville was such a shock to me," Robertson said. "You just don't see such high-quality tattoos like hers come from artists around here."

While Robertson gives Weberg much more creative freedom than most clients, Weberg is up to tattoo practically any style or work with any ideas from her clients or other artists.

"I love tattooing original work. It's definitely more special to me, but I also get a lot of inspiration from other artists, so if someone comes in with an idea already in mind I'm always down to do it," Weberg said.

Unlike many other tattoo artists, Weberg is also up for the challenge of covering up

someone else's mistake. Whether it's be an outdated tattoo, a birthmark or just something customers don't want on their body anymore, Weberg can usually fix it.

"I love doing cover ups because I know if they're coming to me about something like that, they're obviously not happy with it," Weberg said. "For instance, when people come in with an ex's name, I love to cover them up and take that load off."

When beginning her tattoo career in 2015, Weberg considered herself a colored tattoo artist. However, since maturing more in the tattooing world, Weberg has now awoken a passion for black and white pieces.

"The more I tattoo now, the more I want to do black and white," Weberg said. "I don't like to restrict myself to one style though because I just don't like to restrict myself."

Hayes Freeland, one of Weberg's clients, has now been under Weberg's needle three times. Freeland found Weberg on social media and claims she's beyond happy with all the tattoo work Weberg's done.

Freeland isn't the first or last client who has been impressed by Weberg's social media presence. Weberg self promotes and keeps clients or potential clients updated on pieces she's done, tips for tattoos and even how to prepare for getting a tattoo.

"I think social media is definitely one of the best tools for a tattoo artist," Weberg said. "I don't know how anyone advertised before this because even if someone meets me in person and wants me to tattoo them, I can just directly refer them to my Instagram."

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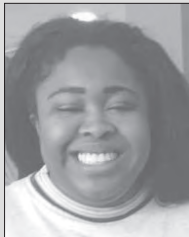
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ALBUM REVIEW

ASTROWORLD takes listeners on a ride



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TEC STAFF

ASTROWORLD — 58 minutes and 33 seconds of proof that Houston rapper Travis Scott has yet to fall victim to the ‘Kardashian Curse.’

After an almost two-year hiatus from his solo music career, the success of

ASTROWORLD was a long time coming, as Scott maintained the momentum of his album release by dropping various singles and even a chart-topping collaborative album with Quavo. Sure enough, the 17-track junior album of Scott’s had both fans and critics alike raving at his return to the rap scene.

With each artists’ new album release, everyone is subject to comparison and critique, and Scott is no exception to such standard. However, when it comes to casting doubt on **ASTROWORLD** in the ranks of selling power, the facts and numbers tell no lies.

ASTROWORLD debuted at No. 1 on the US Billboard 200 with more than 537,000 album-equivalent units sold. The album scored the second-largest first week of the year, behind *Scorpion* by Drake. Following its release, all 17 tracks on the album entered the US Billboard Hot 100, which made Scott the fourth act in Billboard history to have debuted multiple songs in the chart’s top 10 simultaneously.

With hidden features from hip-hop and R&B big shots such as Frank Ocean, 21 Savage and The Weekend, Scott proves himself as no stranger when it comes to finding success working alongside an array of star power. Since all the guest artists on the album go uncredited, **ASTROWORLD** almost serves as a musical scavenger hunt, leaving listeners to decode the voice of a collaborator on their own.

ASTROWORLD is named after a demolished park at Six Flags of the same name. Demolished in 2005, the park was located in Houston, Texas and Scott strongly identifies with the memories he made there



ASTROWORLD is the third solo studio album by Travis Scott and was released on Aug. 3.

as a child. After its closing, Scott said he started to make music for fun instead.

“They tore down ‘AstroWorld’ to build more apartment space. That’s what it’s going to sound like, like taking an amusement park away from kids. We want it back. We want the building back,” Scott said in an interview to GQ Magazine about the release of **ASTROWORLD**.

The remiscient energy of the demolished park lives on in Scott’s discography and beyond the namesake and carnival-themed album cover, **ASTROWORLD** almost commemorates the fallen amusement park. The songs “Carousel” and “Astrothunder” are direct references to AstroWorld roller coasters such as the Dentzel Carousel and the Astrowheel.

ASTROWORLD’s promotional single, “Watch” featuring Kanye West and Lil Uzi Vert, also features a sample from a 2005 KHOU 11 news broadcast where a young park visitor talks about her “last ride in AstroWorld” before riding the Texas Cyclone for the final time.

Sicko Mode, arguably the album’s de

facto stand out track, is quickly emerging as a fan favorite amongst listeners of **ASTROWORLD**. Instrumentally, “Sicko Mode” is a three-in-one song combo, with the beat shifting as each rapper delivers their verse — from Drake to Scott (with ad-libs from Rae Sremmurd’s Swae Lee) to Drake once more.

On “Coffee Bean,” one of the most introspective songs on the album, Scott shares his worries on whether or not the Kardashian-Jenner family is accepting of him. With lyrics such as, “Your family told you I’m a bad move, plus I’m already a black dude,” Scott subliminally addresses his concerns of being a danger to Kylie Jenner’s reputation.

Jenner and Scott started dating last year and Jenner gave birth to their daughter, Stormi Webster, on Feb. 1. **ASTROWORLD** is chock full of references of their relationship, ranging from their first meeting at Coachella on “Wake Up” to acknowledging Jenner as his ‘trophy’ on “Stargazing.”

With the album’s fifth track, “Stop Trying To Be God,” Scott recruits Kid Cudi,

Stevie Wonder and Earth, Wind & Fire’s Philip Bailey to help him tell a narrative about staying true to one’s roots. Described through the title and song’s chorus, Scott tells listeners to avoid the toxicity of developing a “god complex,” which also serves as a reference to rap culture’s embrace of the phenomenon — from Kanye West to Tupac.

For a long awaited release, Scott wasn’t one to disappoint, as the production value of the album arguably outweighs Scott’s past discography. Working with producers such as Murda Beatz and Sonny Digital to even enlisting unlikely production credits such as John Mayer himself, Scott outdoes himself by indulging in the value of his sound — from each sample on a song to his trademarked ad-libs.

ASTROWORLD takes the listener for a psychedelic ride, complete with trap beats and a thrilling tracklist fit for a theme park. However, for a production time of more than three years, one would expect more solo tracks from the artist. The overwhelming amount of featured artists almost casts a shadow of doubt on Scott’s rapping ability, which in turn, can shut a listener off — especially when one compares **ASTROWORLD** to its more independently-sounding predecessor, *Birds in the Trap Sing McKnight*.

Scott has showcased his ability to give a demolished park life through sound with **ASTROWORLD**. In the tracks where Scott falls short, he makes up for it on other tracks with his high production value and energy-inducing sound. There doesn’t have to be such a thing as the last ride in **ASTROWORLD**. All one has to do is press “shuffle” or “replay” to visit Scott’s futuristic trap theme park, without worrying about a ticket price or even a closing time in sight.

RATING:



4 out of 5

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THOMAS WEYBRECHT | THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Customers at Sup Dogs enjoy watching television and dining outside on the new first floor deck, which opened last Friday. The wait time on the day of the deck opening varied from 20 to 45 minutes.

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craving. This rooftop changes that.”

The upstairs deck is estimated to accommodate about 20 bar stools and 10 to 15 tables, along with the installation of a single-serve restroom. Along with the additional seats for customers, the casual restaurant joint also decided to go green with its rooftop space, as the new tables are made from 100 percent recycled material.

“It’s cool to help out the environment,” Bret Oliverio, the owner of Sup Dogs, said. “We wanted tables that were super durable and recycled plastic weighs a ton and last forever.”

Greenville temperatures were also taken into account during construction, as the new rooftop will have weatherproof televisions, outdoor heaters for the cold and outdoor fans along the trim to increase the typical breeze.

Alyssa Smith, a freshman biochemistry major, had her first taste of Sup Dogs at her freshman orientation in June and has been “craving a plate of taco tots” since her initial visit.

Smith said she is looking forward to

“ For us, it’s all about Instagram, Twitter and Snapchat. There’s no better way to keep our (customers) updated on how the construction is going. ”

- Bret Oliverio

the rooftop’s opening and believes the renovation is an appealing way to attract new ECU customers such as herself.

“One of the first things on my college bucket list is to have a dinner night with my friends at Sups,” Smith said. “We’ve already planned to sit on the rooftop deck, so it’ll be nice to double my dog with a view.”

Initially announced on Jan. 30 via Twitter, the rooftop’s construction began soon after on Feb. 4.

“I never really kept it a secret,” Oliverio said. “I would talk about expanding, but I wanted to announce it and then start construction the next day.”

As the construction took place, seating on the first-floor deck was temporarily

removed and replaced with a makeshift dining area in the restaurant’s parking lot. Despite the unconventionality of the dining space, customers such as Brian George were willing to adjust and accommodate, knowing the new first-floor deck renovation would be open and ready to dine on soon enough.

“I’m excited to see the final project,” George said. “More people will be able to come and enjoy the experience.”

From the start of construction to the finalization of the rooftop and first-floor deck, updates were given on the a regular basis. Delivered straight to the devices of thousands of followers, photo stories and short videos gave customers a live look into

the building process, along with responses in the comment section to questions and concerns about the rooftop opening.

“People always ask me how the construction is going and with social media people can see first hand,” Oliverio said. “For us, it’s all about Instagram, Twitter and Snapchat. There’s no better way to keep our (customers) updated on how the construction is going.”



Bret Oliverio

The rooftop is expected to open up to customers for the first time this upcoming weekend, according to a post on Sup Dogs’ Instagram account. A grand opening for the restaurant expansion is in the works, but no details have been confirmed at this time.

“I’m excited to make memories with the friends I came into college with on this rooftop,” Maya Hartman, a senior religious studies major, said. “I’m going to miss this place when I graduate.”

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East Carolina University freshman tight end Johnny Bogle catches a pass in practice for the Pirates. ECU will open the season on Saturday, September 1 at home against North Carolina A&T. THOMAS WEYBRECHT | THE EAST CAROLINIAN

ECU plays in final scrimmage

Herring has 'separated himself' according to Montgomery

Dylan Johnson
TEC STAFF

The much-anticipated football season opener on Sept. 1 continues to inch closer for East Carolina University as it wrapped up its fall preseason camp on Saturday with its final preseason scrimmage at Bagwell Field inside Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium.

The Pirates did all situational work, going from the two-minute drill to team run, third-and-long, red zone and possessions where the offense took over on its own four-yard line. Overall, the offense fared much better in the run game than it did in the first scrimmage a week earlier, especially in red-zone situations, where all three touchdowns were scored.

"Defensively, we were in a lot of places to make plays in contested areas, we just had some spectacular plays today from the offense," head coach Scottie Montgomery said. "We've been seeing plays like that in camp, both offensively and



Scottie Montgomery

" I think the one thing that's really separated him is the time in the system. He gets us out of bad plays. He has the ability to stop tackles for losses just with his mind right now. "

-Scottie Montgomery

defensively. Those receivers made some unbelievably spectacular catches."

Montgomery has said before all three of his quarterbacks, redshirt sophomore Reid Herring, freshman Holton Ahlers and redshirt freshman Kingsley Ifedi, could go out and run a college offense right away. Montgomery also said Ifedi has made the most improvement during fall camp, but it is Herring who he stopped just short of being named as the week one quarterback.

"Reid has separated himself," Montgomery said. "I think the one thing that's really separated him is the time in the system.

He gets us out of bad plays. He has the ability to stop tackles for losses just with his mind right now. We're growing Kingsley and Holton to that point, and they're already starting to do it, but that's third-year stuff. There's no question Reid has a great arm, but just getting us out of the bad plays, he does a good job of that."

Herring completed 10 of 22 passes for 190 yards, Ifedi was 6-for-11 for 67 yards and Ahlers was 3-for-9 for 15 yards. Ifedi led the ground game with 26 yards on three rushes. Redshirt freshman Trace Christian had four rushes for 25 yards, including one gain of 15. Senior Anthony Scott



Redshirt sophomore Reid Herring scrambles for extra yards for the Pirates. COURTESY OF ECUPIRATES.COM

picked up 13 yards on three rushes. As a team, ECU had 81 yards on 17 carries, good for 4.8 per attempt. Montgomery has talked about wanting the team to average at least four yards per carry in order to have an effective

running game this season. Redshirt freshman Blake Proehl had two catches on the day, with the other one being

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Football Schedule Fall 2018

9/1/18 NC A&T @ ECU	9/29/18 Old Dominion @ ECU	11/3/18 Memphis @ ECU
9/8/18 UNC @ ECU	10/6/18 ECU @ Temple	11/10/18 ECU @ Tulane
9/15/18 ECU @ Virginia Tech	10/13/18 Houston @ ECU	11/17/18 Connecticut @ ECU
9/22/18 ECU @ South Florida	10/20/18 UCF @ ECU	11/23/18 ECU @ Cincinnati

Jeff Charles speaks on legacy

‘Voice of the Pirates’ continues to paint it purple after 30 years

Dylan Johnson
TEC STAFF

With each win of the famous 1991 East Carolina University football season, the popularity of the team on the field grew. So did a legend off the field as well.

The then-young phrase “and you can paint this one purple” gained traction with each win, and 26 years later it’s woven into the ECU community fabric. Just as important as the now-legendary phrase is the voice behind it, the voice of the Pirates, Jeff Charles.

Charles has been the voice of Pirate football and ECU men’s basketball games since 1988 and has twice been named the North Carolina Sportscaster of the Year. Charles also worked for WSB in Atlanta covering the Braves, Hawks and Falcons.

In Charles’ 30 years as the voice of the Pirates, there has been an endless amount of stories and moments which are valuable to him. None are more memorable for Charles than the 1991 football season.

ECU lost its first game but finished perfect the rest of the way and went 11-1 on its way to finishing the season ranked No. 9 in the country. A trip to the Peach Bowl followed, where ECU would defeat in-state rival North Carolina State University 37-34. Charles was there every step of the way, painting it purple each game.

“It was all this momentum, enthusiasm and excitement,” Charles said. “People just couldn’t wait for the next game to see if they’re gonna win the next one and we all got caught up in that.”

Out of all the games that season, the most memorable for Charles was the win over Pittsburgh in Ficklen Memorial Stadium. The Pirates won that

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‘Voice of the Pirates’ Jeff Charles speaks on his experiences covering ECU.

game 24-23 after star quarterback Jeff Blake scored on a two-point conversion to win, and the atmosphere has since been unmatched, according to Charles.

“It was before expansion of the stadium so it could fit 35,000 people standing around behind fences kind of like high school,” Charles said. “Now we’ve had crowds of 50,000, but those 36,000 people made more noise and it was the loudest, best environment that I’ve ever seen to this day.”

Not only have there been memorable seasons for Charles,

but stand-out athletes as well. Charles named many football players he enjoyed over the seasons, including Blake, Robert Jones and Chris Johnson. Outside of football, Charles has seen great athletes such as former dominant men’s basketball player Blue Edwards.

“He was a one man wrecking crew,” Charles said. “He was like the Michael Jordan of East Carolina basketball of the time, he could just take over a game himself and win the game.”

Over the course of 30 years

“ They were gonna listen in because that was the only way they could get the game, but now you have to get creative to get people to listen in. ”

-Jeff Charles

in one place, someone such as Charles has seen a large amount of change in his tenure. Charles said that both Greenville and East Carolina don’t resemble the places he came to in 1988, because both have doubled in population and size.

Charles thinks back proudly to 1995, when he considered to be kind of the radio heyday. Back then, fans could call in to the station’s 800 number and listen to the radio broadcast of the game on their phone, and that’s how streaming was done. In 1995, East Carolina had more calls than any other team’s broadcast in the nation, and Charles still has the sheet framed that has ECU at the top, over larger schools such as Texas and Ohio State.

Charles said with the growth of television and social media, it has also brought changes and new challenges to how radio needs to be done. Charles added he has incorporated Twitter and Facebook, among other things, to get listeners to tune in.

“That used to be a no-brainer,” Charles said. “They were gonna listen in because that was the only way they could get the game, but now you have to get creative to get people to listen in.”

Charles believes building a good following with longevity is still a good way to get listeners.

Charles gives a lot of credit to the team he has worked with for a long time as part of his success.

That longevity also gives Charles expertise on ECU football and, as for the 2018 Pirates, Charles said he believes the staff has improved but there are still concerns. Inexperience at key spots such as quarterback and the defensive issues from last season are concerning, but key worry in Charles’ opinion is the health of the team.

“It’s not really rocket science but you have to stay healthy,” Charles said. “Especially at programs like East Carolina where there is a drop-off from the first team to the second team guy and another little drop off to the third team. So you have to keep your main guys healthy, that’s the most important thing.”

Charles said he believes getting off to a good start will be important for the 2018 Pirates more so than other years. That will also be important for head coach Scottie Montgomery, who has gone 6-18 in two seasons at the helm. Charles said that the fan base is recovering from the firing of Ruffin McNeill but that nobody takes the team’s success more seriously than Montgomery and his coaching staff.

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The East Carolina University volleyball team has been preparing for its season opener against Florida A&M University in the Southern Miss Classic on Friday, Aug. 24 in Hattiesburg, Mississippi.

Volleyball prepares for new year

Austin Walker
TEC STAFF

The East Carolina University volleyball team is getting ready for its first action of the season, as the team will play in the Purple/Gold scrimmage tomorrow at 6 p.m. in Minges Coliseum.

The Pirates have high expectations following a 22-7 season, their first winning season since 2006 and head coach Julie Torbett is excited to see what her team can do this season and has set a high goal for the Pirates.

“We want to have a better season this year than we had last year,” Torbett said. “The girls have been working hard, and we look forward to playing our best volleyball in November and our goal is to make it to postseason play for the first time in program history.”

The Pirates will try to improve on the success of last season while they integrate their nine newcomers, as the team adds five freshmen and four transfers to

the team after losing five seniors from last season. The recruiting class was recognized by PrepVolleyball.com as one of the top in the country, and coach Torbett has faith that the newcomers will be able to contribute immediately.

“We have high expectations for the new players coming in, and we will need a few of them to contribute right away,” Torbett said. “We lost five seniors last season, but I know some of the new players will be able to fill in the gaps.”

One Pirate who will start the season with good news is sophomore Shelby Martin, who was named to the preseason American Athletic Conference team last week. Martin is coming off a spectacular season for the Pirates as a freshman, as she was named the AAC Freshman of the Year.

Martin averaged 9.34 assist per set and had 1,084 total assists, ranking her sixth among setters in the AAC. Shelby also recorded eight double-doubles in her freshman season, all of which came

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-Julie Torbett

against AAC conference opponents. Martin is grateful for the honor, but sees the award as a compliment to her team more than a personal accomplishment.

“I see this as the team being respected more,” Martin said. “More and more people are seeing that ECU is for real now, and I think that is not because of me, it’s because of what this team can do.”

The Pirates are ranked seventh in the AAC in the preseason poll, showing they are on the radar of following AAC coaches. Martin and the rest of the team are looking to keep up the level of play they showed

last season and know after success, comes more pressure according to Martin.

“Two years ago we had a 5-15 season,” Martin said. “Now that we came out last year and won 22 games, we have a lot of expectations, but we also have the confidence now to go out and be even better.”

The team opens play tomorrow in the Purple/Gold scrimmage and will then start the season by traveling to Mississippi to play in the Southern Miss Classic starting on Friday.

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Fans connect with ECU athletes

Daniel Roberts
TEC STAFF

East Carolina University fans, whether they were students, alumni or community members were given the opportunity to meet ECU athletes on Saturday in Minges Coliseum after impending weather relocated the event from Dowdy Ficklen Stadium.

"It's all about the fans, our fans are the lifeblood of our program. They are so important to everything that we do, student fans, alumni fans, Pirate fans all over the world," ECU Athletics Chief Operating Officer Lee Workman said. "On Saturday (game days) they see the helmets and the jerseys, but this event gives them the chance to come and meet the young men and women of the teams and get to know them, establish a personal relationship with them."

ECU Athletics has been doing Meet the Pirates for the past 30 years. Meet the Pirates started underneath the stadium where fans got to eat a meal with the team. The event has since gotten bigger, and has changed into what it is now.

Even though Meet the Pirates is supposed to be about the fans, Workman believes events such as this also give athletes a feeling of confidence when they have to play in front of the home crowd because of the atmosphere they get when fans all over are chanting



The East Carolina University athletes sat down to sign and talk with ECU fans Saturday night in Minges Coliseum.

"Purple, gold, purple, gold."

"What our fans do to create noise and support our teams create a home field advantage that gives us an advantage over the opposing team," Workman said. "Meet the Pirates is about the fans getting to know them, and when they come out and we get in the arena to play games, it's about that home field advantage, that's how they make a difference

whether as Pirate Club members, or season ticket holders."

Over time, what the Pirates have done at Meet the Pirates has changed. As more and more people began to show up and support the Pirates, according to Workman, the University had to accommodate the growth in attendance.

Previously at Meet the Pirates, fans could be recorded and put on the scoreboard. Now

fans get to have autographs signed for them from every fall sport. For pirate alumnus Dr. Billy Smith who graduated in 1996 and 2000, experiencing something like Meet the Pirates gives him a chance to reminisce about his time as a Pirate as well as show off his ECU pride.

"We get to feel more of a part of the team like we are part of the family which helps build

community," ECU alumni Dr. Billy Smith said. "We can have a connection that says like that's my player there. Just like for us, back when there was a guy named Greg LeFever, we always wore his shirt, didn't know the guy from anything but we picked him as our player, and three, four or five of us would wear his shirt every time."

Meet the Pirates also drew out people which had not been to the event before. Whether it was because of family members, friends or the mere excitement for the upcoming season, the first-time goers got a sense of how other Pirate fans feel on a weekly basis when it comes to supporting their athletes. For senior hospitality management major Anthony Johnson this event gave him a better feel of who the athletes are off the field.

"My friends were coming to this event so I decided to join and see what this event was all about, and have some fun as well," Johnson said. "I was able to have more direct contact with them than just seeing them on TV or in the stands."

Now that fans got a chance to meet their athletes whether for football, or volleyball, they are now ready and anticipating the first home games which are set to begin after Labor Day weekend.

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good for 31 yards as he led all receivers with 56 yards. Redshirt freshman Leroy Henley had six grabs for 51 yards, Senior Trevon Brown had two for 41 and sophomore Tahj Deans had one for 32. Montgomery said the depth at wide receiver is strong and ECU can finally rely on many good wide receivers to get the job done instead of one or two great ones.

Other than a couple of procedure penalties and two sacks, it was positive day as far as offensive coordinator Tony Petersen was concerned.

"We ran the ball hard downhill and got some great runs from our running backs," Petersen said. "Our wide receivers made plays on the outside. If people want to play us in tighter coverage or in one-on-one, we have to take advantage of that because we have the height and the depth at wide receiver and the skill at quarterback. If we can make those plays, it forces them into situations where we can run the ball in the lighter boxes."

The defense, which outside of the red-zone opportunities gave up just a 33-yard field goal by Caleb Pratt during the two-minute drill. The defense's top performances were senior Ray Tillman (four tackles, one pass breakup), junior Michael Witherspoon (four tackles, one for loss), freshman Myles Berry (three tackles, one sack) and sophomore Keyshawn Canady (three tackles). New

defensive coordinator David Blackwell has made strides with the defense throughout the offseason, but was not impressed with the performance from that side of the ball on Saturday.

"It was one of those kinds of days," Blackwell said. "We were really good in the two-minute drill, OK in the first-and-10 period, and our twos were really good on third down. But I was really disappointed in the red zone. I thought we were not good there. It was the worst we've been in the red zone. The offense took it to us."



David Blackwell

Montgomery thought the defense did better than it seemed and that it was more a result of the offense having weapons and doing its job than the defense not doing its job.

"Defensively we clogged up a lot of stuff on the inside," Montgomery said. "We have some things we need to clean up. Once we go back and look at it on tape, I would think our defense performed a little bit better than what we feel like just because of some of the plays that were made on the perimeter. But that's the ebb and flow of the game. When you have weapons outside and you get them the ball, things like that happen."

The Pirates, now finished with camp, had one more light practice Sunday and begins its regular season practice schedule starting tomorrow.

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Taurus (April 20-May 20) -- Today is an 8 -- Travel and

explore over the next two days. Discover solutions through another's experience or your own. Good news comes from far away. Make long-distance connections

Gemini (May 21-June 20) -- Today is a 9

-- Opposites attract, especially through tomorrow. Talk about shared finances. Responsibilities fall into place. Thrift and self-discipline pay off. Regular small amounts grow over time.

Cancer (June 21-July 22) -- Today is an 8 --

Collaboration grows naturally. Your talents mesh. Partnership takes a shared goal further. Develop a mutual attraction. The temperature rises over the next two days.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Today is an 8 -- Practice

makes perfect today and tomorrow. Your physical routine builds strength and stamina. Balance action with rest and good food. Nurture your health and vitality.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Today is an 8 -- Romantic

dreams materialize. Love is the bottom line; pursue it where it takes you. Things fall together. Express your honest admiration. Share a mutual passion.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) -- Today is a 7 -- The next

two days favor making home improvements. Choose balancing colors and styles. Practical functionality takes priority. Research for best quality and value.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) -- Today is an 8

-- Conversations get productive and valuable. Learn new tricks and ideas. Opportunities arise in communication. Exceed expectations and deadlines. Generate positive buzz.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) -- Today

is an 8 -- Pay bills, and manage financial obligations. Adapt to changes. Make bargains, negotiate sales or deals and sign on the dotted line. You're on a roll.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Today is a 9 -- Take

charge for what you want to make happen. Tally up what you have and what's still needed. Your self-discipline inspires others. Follow through.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) -- Today is a 6 -- Lay

low, and take it easy. Allow yourself time to process recent events. You may feel especially sensitive. Gain comfort from familiar routines.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) -- Today is an 8

-- Participate with a group endeavor. Figure out who will do what. Keep your part of the bargain. Coordinated action produces triumphant results.

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by Jacqueline E. Mathews

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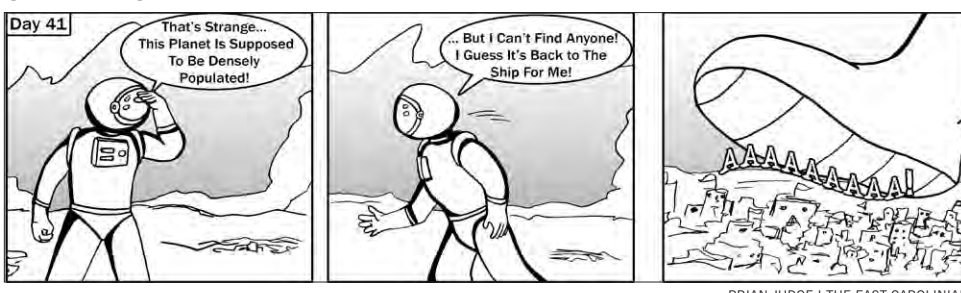
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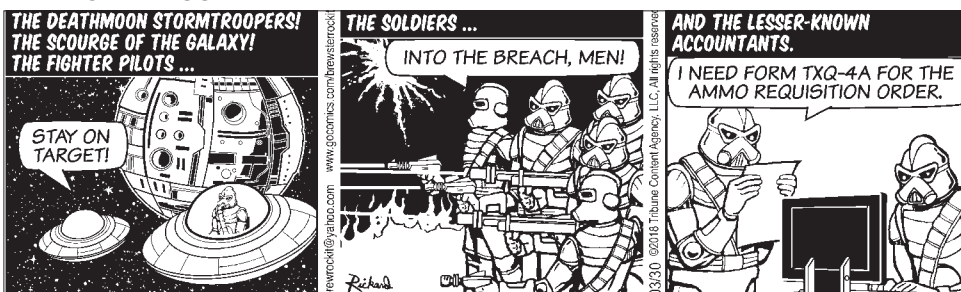
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East Carolina University redshirt sophomore point guard Shawn Williams protects the ball from a University of North Carolina at Wilmington defender in their matchup during the 2017-18 season. COURTESY OF ECUPIRATES.COM

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NCAA rule change is a strong step



Chase Carroll
TEC STAFF

The NCAA has largely been known to be unfair to its student athletes, as many rules are in place that are detrimental to these players that helped bring in more than \$1 billion to the NCAA this year.

The NCAA took the correct step in changing one rule for college basketball players on Aug. 8, as players who are invited to the NBA combine and go undrafted in the NBA draft will now be allowed to re-enroll in school.

As the NCAA continues to not pay its student athletes, this rule change is a great one. Players who may need the immediate financial stability the NBA offers, go undrafted, get the chance to go back to school and play college basketball again. If a player is invited to the NBA combine and goes undrafted, they must tell their school's athletic director by the Monday following the NBA draft of their intentions to return to school and to the team.

While this rule is a great step toward the NCAA being more fair to the athletes which bring them such high profits, it realistically only affects a select few players. Just 69 players were invited to the NBA combine in 2018, and many of those players were drafted. If this rule change had been in place this year, it would have allowed just six players to have gone back to school. UNLV's Brandon McCoy, Duke's Trevon Duval, South Carolina's Brian Bowen and Arizona's Rawle Alkins and Allonzo Trier went undrafted in this year's NBA draft. These select players would have been given the opportunity to continue with their education as well as get another shot to reach the NBA after playing college basketball again.

While this rule is a favorable one, it also brings up many questions. What happens if a coach has already used up all available scholarships? Will a player be allowed to transfer to another school and play immediately if those scholarships are all used? That answer is no. That player would be able to transfer, however he must sit out a year before playing again. This likely would prevent most players

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from wanting to return to school.

Most coaches likely will not save a scholarship on hopes of their former players going undrafted, when most college basketball rosters are set in June when the NBA draft takes place. This rule is definitely more beneficial to the players than it is to the college coaches in that sense. The rule change also likely means more players will be inclined to test the NBA waters more often, leading to many players trying their luck who may not have the best chance at being drafted.

Despite the questions which remain

unanswered with this rule, it is a good step in regards to the benefit of student athletes, and could lead to more important rule changes down the road which can answer the questions that do remain.

While it is unlikely this rule change affects any of the current ECU players, the rule change could pay dividends to future Pirate basketball players. The NCAA appears to be making a shift in the right direction, and actually caring for its student athletes.

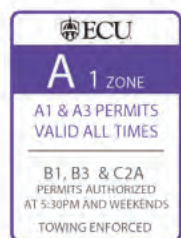
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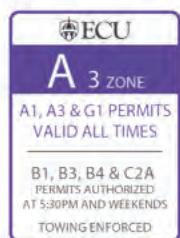
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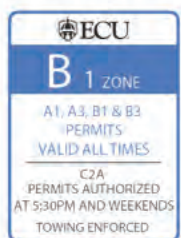
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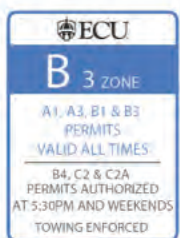
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