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Former ECU player sues NCAA

Chase Carroll
TEC STAFF

It is well known and documented today the dangers that the sport of football presents to the brain and head of football players. For former East Carolina University offensive lineman Hagen Mason, he says those risks were not explained to the players back when he played from 2001 to 2004.

Mason has placed a Class Action Complaint and Demand for Jury Trial against both the NCAA, as well as Conference USA, after receiving what he believes to have been "three to four" concussions per year during his time playing college football. Mason said the concussions have paid a toll on his every day life resulting in headaches, mood swings, memory loss, as well as depression. Mason said he believes the NCAA and C-USA, ECU's former conference, are responsible for not making its players aware of the dangers of football.

"As a student-athlete, we were part of the NCAA organization and understood that they were overseeing contact sports and supposed to be taking care of us," Mason said. "They didn't train us, or even tell us, about concussions and what the symptoms could be to look out for, what concussive and sub-concussive hits were or meant, and what the compounding risk could be if we ignored the symptoms, when they were aware this all existed."

Mason said he understood the risk of injury to his limbs, bones and ligaments, however it was not explained just how dangerous the sport was to the brain.

"We knew about the major limb injuries from simply watching the game, like blowing out a knee, shoulder injury, neck injury," Mason said. "We didn't know about brain injuries or long term

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East Carolina University Football head coach Scottie Montgomery addresses the media on Monday prior to Saturday's season opener. COURTESY OF ECUPIRATES.COM

ECU names starters Pirates to start season against NC A&T

Dylan Johnson
TEC STAFF

ECU began its first game week of the season on Monday as it prepares for its season opener against NC Agricultural & Technical State University on Saturday. According to third-year head coach Scottie Montgomery, the work really began eight months ago.

Montgomery kicked off the week addressing the media during his weekly press conference Monday. Montgomery reiterated during his opening statement that this offseason is the best he's been apart of since he came to ECU.

"We're coming off the most successful training camp that we've

had since I've been here, not only from a health standpoint but from how we're playing on the field. We're on a pursuit of excellence for this football program," Montgomery said.

Part of this successful offseason consisted of challenges to the players to give their all to the program and to "work the body," the team's mantra all offseason. Montgomery referenced adding in new recruits, coaches, mandatory breakfast meals, and the new facilities and locker room as things that all made the Pirates better before they even took the field this offseason.

On the football field, the Pirates moved their spring practice schedule up

earlier than usual to allow the players to perfect all of the changes being made to the offense, defense and special teams. Montgomery has liked everything he has seen from the players this offseason, saying they have met every expectation.

"There's one final box that we need to check as a football team and that's our team performance on the field," Montgomery said.

ECU also released its depth chart for the season opener. Many positions have undergone change from last season, including running back, where a player

> **FOOTBALL** page A6

ECU BSU to unite campus in Wright

Anais Roller
TEC STAFF

East Carolina University's Black Student Union will hosts its annual Unity Showcase event tomorrow evening at 7 p.m. in Wright Auditorium.

The doors of Wright will open at 6:30 p.m. and will feature performances from National Pan-Hellenic Council Greek life chapters such as Sigma Gamma Rho and Phi Beta Sigma fraternity. The showcase will also feature music and dance-based performances by Fashion Above Modern Expression (F.A.M.E.) Modeling Troupe, Diamonds Productions, ECU's Gospel Choir and more.

Black Student Union was founded on ECU's campus in 1998 to bring minorities together in a predominantly white institution. The organization began putting on the Unity Showcase to unite other minority organizations and show off what they do on campus.

President of ECU BSU Mariah Rhodes said instead of just inviting organizations and people to perform, the showcase will have a theme of encouragement.

"Being (that the showcase is centered around) unity, the theme for the performances is all about



Motomakassi, ECU African Student Organization's all-female dance team, performs on the stage of Wright Auditorium. ARCHIVED | THE EAST CAROLINIAN

encouragement and just supporting one another because that's what we would like to see throughout the school year," Rhodes, a senior psychology major, said.

ECU BSU's Vice President Nia Davis said there is no better way to start off this year's theme of unity for all the black organizations and minorities on campus than with a Unity Showcase, showing new and old students that they're "one big family."

"Sometimes it gets intimidating

being a minority on campus," Davis, a senior psychology major, said. "So, I feel like when they (students) see stuff like this and seeing us (the performing organizations) all come together really makes them want to take on things that are greater than themselves."

Second year Motomakassi performer Kayla Benoit, junior family and community services major said after losing so many graduating senior teammates this past spring, the African Student

Organization's all-female dance team is looking to create a new team.

Benoit said by showcasing the team's performance, which will feature a fusion of hip-hop and African dance styles on the Wright Auditorium stage, she hopes the Unity Showcase will attract new students to want to join.

"It's a lot of high energy songs," Benoit said. "We like to have the crowd entertained and interactive."

Amongst the many performers

is singer Corey Ballance, a senior information and computer technology major. Growing up in the church, where he began singing at the age of two, Ballance said he plans to "take the audience to church."

Closing the show out as the final performance of the night, Ballance said his song choice will serve as a reminder to the new students to have faith during their new college experience, while reminding older students to never lose faith during hardships.

"I remember when I first went to the Unity Showcase (and) I was like, really overwhelmed, in a good way," Ballance said. "I was like, 'Oh man, look at all these organizations (with members) that look like me.'"

Ballance said he has attended the Unity Showcase events since his freshman year. He believes it is a great way for incoming minority students to see all the different cultural organizations they can join at a predominately white institution.

"Going to the Unity Showcase and seeing all these orgs, it really was like, 'Okay, now I can find somewhere where I belong,'" Ballance said.

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BRIEFS

Office of Global Affairs to hold study abroad workshop

Mendenhall Student Center will host the Office of Global Affairs' financial planning workshop for study abroad this afternoon. At the workshop students will learn how best to budget their money and apply for scholarships so they can create a feasible plan to experience study abroad.

The workshop begins at 2 p.m. and will end at 3 p.m. in Mendenhall room 221.

Office of Global Affairs to host information session

The East Carolina University Office of Global Affairs will host an information session for potential study abroad students at the International House this afternoon to showcase the different experiences that East Carolina University offers through study abroad.

The event begins at 4 p.m. and will also include information about relevant scholarships for study abroad students.

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Overdose awareness day

Pitt County to host second annual fundraising event

Dylan Johnson
TEC STAFF

For Elaine Wainright, who lost her son Kennedy to an overdose in November of 2015, International Overdose Awareness Day stands as a day of significance. Realizing there was no specific event recognizing overdoses in Pitt County, she took action.

In Pitt County alone, there were 66 drug-related overdose deaths in 2017, according to countyhealthrankings.org. When Wainright lost her son, she said she made it her mission to be there to support other families affected by overdose deaths as well by starting a localized version of International Overdose Awareness Day (IOAD).

"I reached out with an idea of bringing it to Pitt County and sadly, there were more than enough people who wanted the same thing," Wainright said.

Wainright created the Pitt County International Overdose Awareness Day event. According to a flyer from the Pitt County International Overdose Awareness Day, the second annual event is Thursday and is free to the public. The event will be held at H. Boyd Lee Park starting at 5 p.m. and concluding at 8 p.m.

Wainright said there are people who want to help fight a battle against overdose on a local scale through including



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Pitt County Overdose Awareness Day will be held on Thursday in town.

individuals who have experienced drug overdose from both sides.

"Not only parents who have suffered the unthinkable, but people in the medical field as well who have seen this first hand," Wainright said. "It is saddening and amazing in the same breath to lose so much yet still want to make a difference for others."

According to the flyer, the event will feature 30 educational partners such as support groups, treatment options and community resources. The flyer says keynote speakers for the event include North Carolina house District 68 Rep. Greg Murphy, North Carolina

House District 9 Rep. Craig Horn and Tony Williams from the Pitt County sheriff's office.

The flyer said there will be a hands-only CPR demonstration presented by Vidant Medical Center staff along with free food and soft drinks to be provided.

Both Alpha Sigma Phi and Pi Kappa Alpha fraternities have volunteered from East Carolina University's Greek life to help with the event, said the flyer.

Carla Griffin, who lost one of her sons to a drug overdose in 2016, oversees the memorial photo board that will be hung up to honor lost loved ones, similar to

one which was presented last year at the first Pitt County Overdose Awareness Day event. The theme this year for the memorial photo board is "Somebody's Someone." Griffin said the memorial photo board serves as a visual reminder to people that these are "brothers, sisters, daughters, sons, friends. Their lives mattered, and they are very much missed and loved."

Along with remembering loved ones, Wainright and Griffin said they hope the event raises awareness for overdoses, reduces the stigma of drug related deaths and educates the public on community resources. Wainright said these three points can be summed up by the group's slogan, "Time to remember, time to act."

According to Griffin, a stigma is something that can prevent people from reaching out for help from the resources that they need, such as the Collegiate Recovery Center (CRC) for ECU students.

Wainright said the significance of an individual's participation could mean much more. She said the Pitt County IOAD mission is both to provide education and resources to attendees and also to fundraise for Pitt County outreach and recovery programs.

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Annual 'Get a Clue' gets students involved

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Tomorrow East Carolina University's students will be able to discover what on and off campus organizations best fit their interests at Get a Clue located on the Mall.

According to the coordinator of the event, Christopher Cooper, there will be about 150 organizations at the event, with approximately 48 Greenville businesses, 36 ECU campus organizations and 28 Greenville community organizations from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Cooper, coordinator for organization development with Student Activities and Organizations at ECU, said the university has worked hard to establish a culture where they encourage new and returning students to get involved with, in hopes that Get a Clue can help develop an individual student holistically.

"I would say Get a Clue, outside of the fairs at summer orientation, is the first chance for new students or returning students to see almost all of the student organizations in one location," Cooper said. "It's their first chance, and probably their only chance of the semester to compare and contrast on sight to see what organizations they want to be a part of."



Christopher Cooper

According to Associate Director for the Center for Leadership and Civic Engagement, Tara Kermiet, Get a Clue has been an ECU staple for years and

she's now hoping to expand the event to include more city organizations.

"For my office, our focus is on recruiting community partners that provide service opportunities for our students, providing them with that opportunity to come to campus and meet our students and for students to meet them and know how they can get involved in the community as well," Kermiet said.

Kermiet said the Center for Leadership and Civic Engagement has "over 140 community partners" they work with on a regular basis and have offered them all the opportunity to come participate with Get a Clue. Kermiet said having community partners involved at the event will be a "positive way for ECU students to engage with the Greenville community."

Erik Kneubuehl, associate vice chancellor of Student Involvement and Leadership (SIL) at ECU, hopes students will see the "many types of unique and interesting organizations" ECU has to offer. Kneubuehl said students will explore not only the organizations present at the event, but the other "200 to 300" organizations that will not be there.

"There are events that are passive and events that are active. Passive events are ones that you do the event and you hope people come to them and active events are, you do the event and you bring it to the people," Kneubuehl said. "So this is obviously an active event."

Kneubuehl said Get a Clue is one of the few times in a school year that SIL is able to take over the Mall and showcase the diversity



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East Carolina Mall area will be open from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Wednesday for 'Get a Clue'.

of the student organizations ECU has.

According to Kneubuehl, his overall goal for Get a Clue is to make sure it is safe and productive for all students at ECU.

"In this case, it markets our student organizations, it gets students to learn about the different ways they can get involved at ECU no matter what their degree, major, background, or interests and it's one that shows off the incredible diversity of our ECU community," Kneubuehl said.

Cooper said the process of coordinating the event involved creating a form to fill out on OrgSync for participating school organizations and departments. Cooper said OrgSync is the website for new and returning students to join and learn more about various school and community organizations.

Kermiet said she is most excited to get

the chance to meet new students and help them connect with community partners so they can make their "experience here at ECU worthwhile."

According to Kermiet, some of the community partners that will be at Get a Clue include the American Red Cross, Victory Junction, MacGregor Downs Health and Rehabilitation Center and the Humane Society of Eastern Carolina.

"I think the purpose of Get a Clue is for students to find a connection point, both on and off campus," Kermiet said. "Especially for incoming, first-year students, it can be overwhelming, so a lot of the purpose of this event is to help students find that connection."

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OUR VIEW

Parking using students for profit

With the construction of East Carolina University's new student center now extending into the spring semester, ECU Parking and Transportation has created its own solution by forcing students to pay extra in order to park on campus, while at the same time, ticketing students who are dropped off.

The new policy states students can no longer park in faculty and staff lots after hours without purchasing a \$100-150 permit. Health Science's students are also forced to purchase an additional B4 pass, which is \$69 more than the standard C pass, if they wish to park on main campus. Without adequate parking, students must walk to their distantly parked cars.

We, the editorial staff of The East Carolinian, believe ECU has put the student body in a terrible parking situation and is using this as an opportunity to make a profit off its students.

The new policy changes made by both ECU Parking and Transportation and the ECU administration shows how both institutions care more about profit than about the safety of its own students.

ECU is a learning environment where students already pay thousands of dollars to attend. It's wrong to force students to spend more money on top of the large amount of tuition just to be to park legally in their academic environment. This situation reaffirms the fact that ECU students safety is not a priority of the administration.

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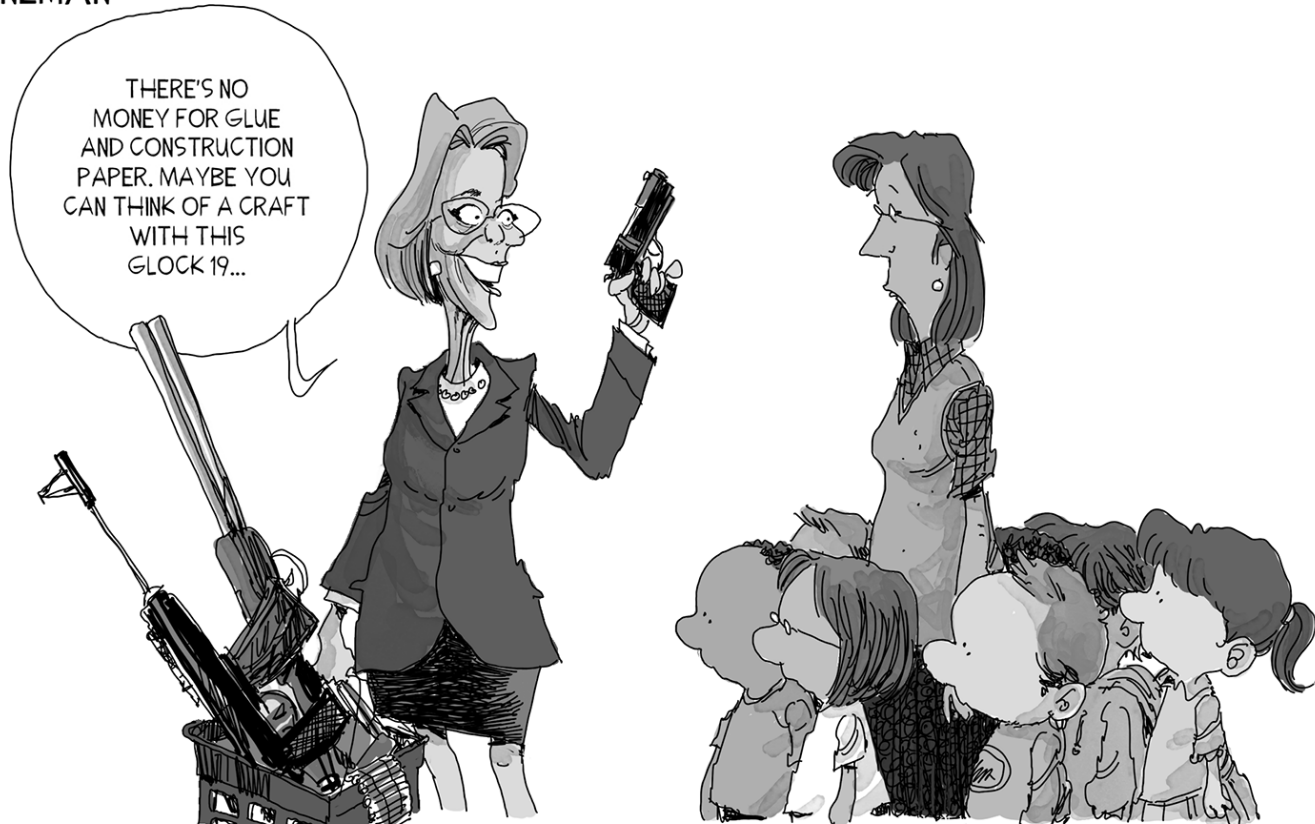
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The loss of a true leader

John McCain served as example for America



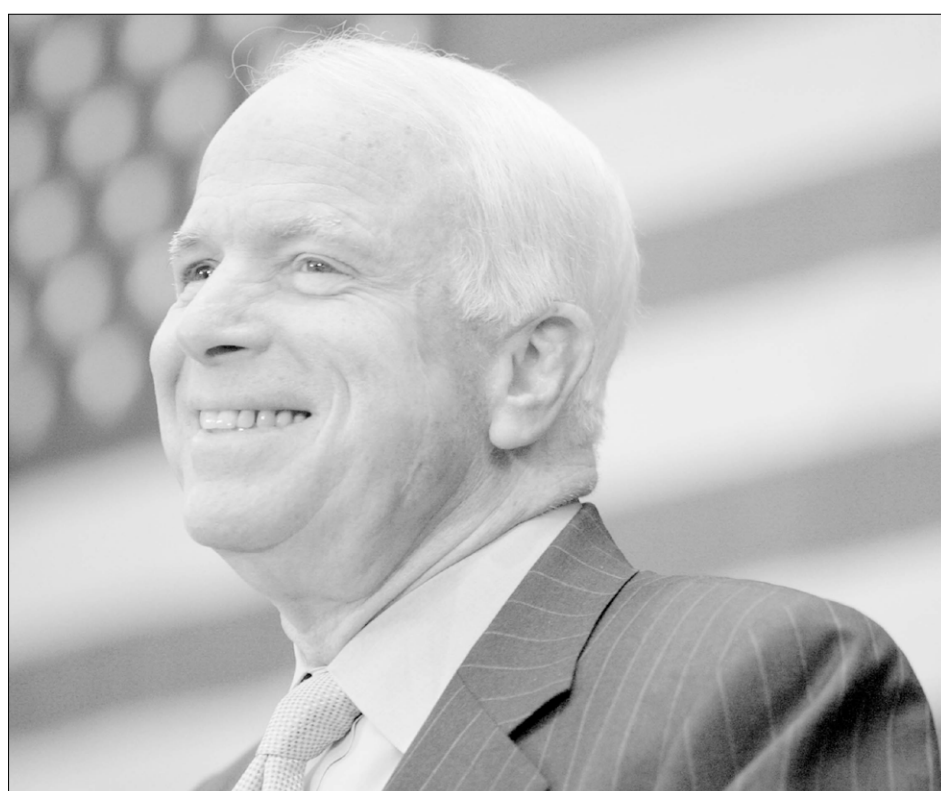
John Goodie
GUEST COLUMNIST

Sadly, Senator John McCain from Arizona passed away Saturday, Aug. 25, 2018 near the beginning of our fall semester. Although, as a Democrat, now, in our current times, mainly due to the ineptness and gross

style of Donald Trump's divisiveness, I have the greatest respect for the late Republican Senator McCain.

He brought people together, people from all parties, races and points of view. Unlike our current commander-in-chief, who once ridiculed the hero, John McCain, in a speech by belittling his prisoner of war status, stating, "I like people who weren't captured." Trump, himself, by the way, dodged the draft.

Unlike Trump, McCain, a U.S. Senator for more than three decades, served in the U.S. Navy during the Vietnam War. *Time* magazine named McCain one of the "25 Most Influential People in America" in 1997. He pushed for immigration reform many times that would include a path to citizenship for some undocumented immigrants, a move as a U.S. Air Force Veteran I wholly support. McCain also voted no on the effort of the GOP to repeal and replace Obamacare, a move I also supported as I believe Obamacare was at least an attempt to give everyone in the country healthcare without leaving



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Senator and Presidential nominee John McCain passed away on Saturday from brain cancer.

thousands of human beings without affordable coverage as the Trump Administration has done.

McCain was awarded the Liberty Medal Award in 2017 for his "lifetime of sacrifice and service." That award, which my bet is one that Trump will never see, is "given to men and women of courage and conviction who have strived to secure the blessings of liberty

to people the world over," as stated by the Liberty Medal Constitution Center.

He was a real leader of all the people and will truly be missed by Democrats and Republicans alike, unlike the divisive uneducated trash we have in the White House now.

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State Theatre disappoints Cherub fans



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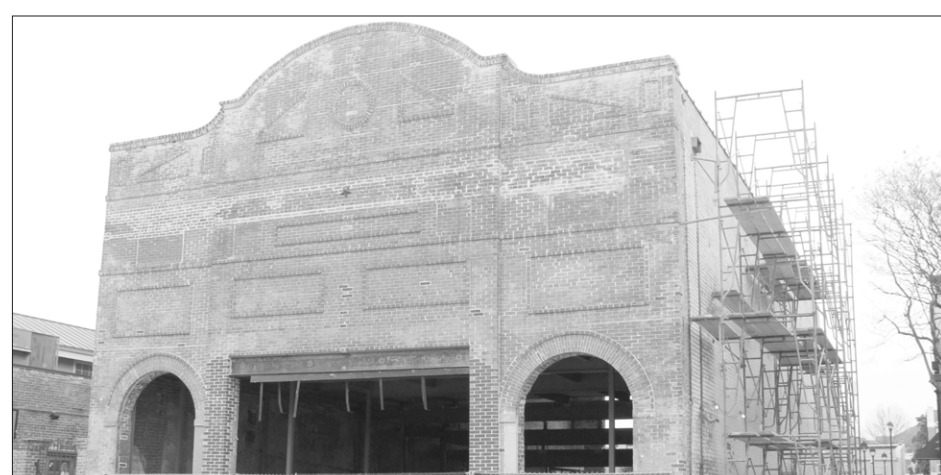
Dani's Good Vibes

East Carolina University students who are fans of pop duo group, Cherub, woke up last Tuesday to a disappointing email stating Cherub will not be making their way to Greenville in September for

their fall tour anymore due to, "unforeseen construction delays at State Theatre."

The email comes months after tickets went on sale and although money spent on the tickets will be returned, fans now have to drive to Raleigh or Winston Salem, N.C. to see the "Doses and Mimosas" and "Freaky Me, Freaky You" singers. Even though Raleigh is only an hour away, it would have been extremely nice to go see Cherub live on a stage within walking distance from campus.

The State Theatre, which is located on Fifth Street next to Starlight Cafe, began renovations in 2017 and has come nowhere close to completing renovations. A contract with the city claimed the construction was supposed to be done back in March. However, since then, the theatre looks as though it hasn't been touched. Now we all understand things get a little crazy in Greenville. Rain and other factors tend to hold up construction. For instance, Stilllife opened months after they were supposed to and even SupDogs is a week



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Currently under construction, The State Theatre is located at 110 West Fifth Street in Uptown.

behind. But to be more than six months behind with no noticeable progress, it's safe to say we saw this coming.

While a show cancellation usually isn't a big deal, it's frustrating considering Cherub is the first known group in years to come to Greenville on their own, for no specific reason. In the past, when bigger artists such as Jesse McCartney, Lil Jon, 21 Savage or even the Plain White T's have come to Greenville, they've come for a reason such as Pirate Fest, Barefoot on the Mall, homecoming or Doggie Jams. The last time a big artist just came to a venue in Greenville just for the hell of it was at least five years ago.

Cherub was set to be the first of many shows at the theatre, however, since the place is still completely gutted, they won't

be having any shows there for at least another year with the pace they're going.

This mess could easily affect other artists coming to town. Smaller artists often copy similar artists tour list and when they seen Cherub had to cancel, they're obviously not going to even consider making it down to Greenville.

Now I wouldn't be as mad as I am if they had to cancel "90s rock night" or something, but the fact they booked a big show and couldn't follow through is just disappointing and careless. They should have realized they weren't going to finish and shouldn't have booked the show in the first place.

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MOVIE REVIEW

'Slender Man' misses the mark

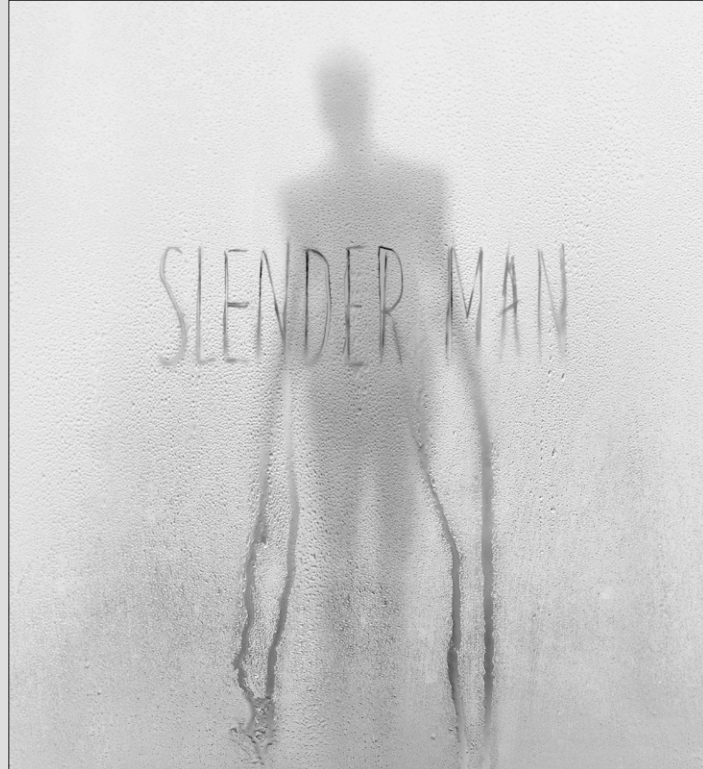


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TEC STAFF

Slender Man is a gloomy horror film which may not be for true horror film lovers. The film received

mixed reviews based on different interpretations of 'scary' from the film's viewers. *Slender Man*, directed by Sylvain White, is based on the faceless mythological legend who abducts children in the woods. Those familiar with the internet legend back in their younger years may already know the story of how he haunts his abductees and even taunts them before abduction.

The phenomenon of Slender Man started in 2009, according to QualityLogoProducts.com, after an online forum held a contest for users to submit photoshopped paranormal pictures — and one post stood the test of time by standing out above the rest. The entry of the tall, faceless Slender Man received so much feedback, others began to respond by creating more Slender Man entries. Soon, violent acts all across the globe were done in the name of the eerie online meme, most notoriously in Wisconsin, where a 12-year-old girl was almost stabbed to death by her two friends in the woods as an intended sacrifice to Slender Man, according to The Guardian. The movie begins with four



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Released on Aug. 10, *Slender Man* is a supernatural thriller-horror film.

friends — Katie, Chloe, Wren and Hallie — hanging out and drinking for a girls' night of fun. The mood shifts from fun and playful once they decide to conjure Slender Man by jokingly looking at his pictures and watching the actual video which conjures him. The series of events which follow, starting with the disappearance of their close friend Katie (played by Annalise Basso) on a high school field trip through the cemetery, make the friends rethink their decision as things start to become less of a joke and all too real.

The three frightened friends decide to risk their lives and

summon Slender Man in the hopes to get their good friend Katie back. As Slender Man begins to become a recurring character in the movie, the special effects appeared "cheesy" to certain horror film watchers. Although the circumstances were creepy, Slender Man himself appeared the opposite and looked humorous, resulting in harsh criticism from general viewers and renowned film critics.

As the movie progresses, the girls begin to hallucinate after their last encounter with Slender Man, and either fall ill or gradually lose their minds. When the hallucinations worsen,

Slender Man continues to taunt his prey. A shocking realization is made between the friends at the end of the movie, demonstrating the sacrifices people are willing to make in desperate times in order to save themselves.

Slender Man performed fairly well in its opening weekend, garnering more than \$4.5 million dollars the day of the film's release and finishing fourth in the box office that week. However, when it comes to *Slender Man's* ratings, the numbers don't hit as high as the film's revenue. On Rotten Tomatoes, *Slender Man* holds an approval rating of 11 percent based on 38 reviews, with an average rating of 3.4/10, and audiences polled by CinemaScore gave the film an average grade of "D—" on an A+ to F scale.

Overall, as a viewer, if special effects don't matter or don't make or break a movie then this movie may not be so bad, but if it does, it can make it less scary. *Slender Man* ignites the feeling of "what if" and makes viewers reconsider the kind of searches they may make online. One lesson which can be learned after watching the film is once you conjure Slender Man, he doesn't stop until he gets what he wants.

RATING:



3 out of 5

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ECU modeling troupe talks campus confidence

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No matter how high the heel stands, members of East Carolina University's "one and only active" modeling organization have made it more than a mission statement to bring the confidence out of ECU's diverse student body.

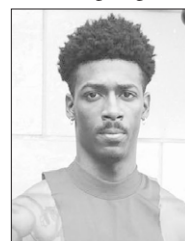
Founded in the spring semester of 2008, the Fashion Above Modern Expression (F.A.M.E.) Modeling Troupe combines original choreography and the runway aspect of fashion in a series of routines, which are typically performed on stage.

Differentiating themselves from other dance groups on campus is the heel aspect of their performances, which requires each female member of the modeling troupe to execute each routine in heels, ranging from 4-6 inches in height.

"We dance in heels, we walk in heels, we do everything in heels," Jada Boyd, the president of F.A.M.E. Modeling Troupe and a senior communication major, said. "Learning the skill set of performing in high heels isn't easy."

While the organization is predominately female, F.A.M.E. Modeling Troupe features and welcomes male students to join their organization. As a member for two years, F.A.M.E.'s Vice President Maurice Watson said being a male member of this organization has made him more secure and confident in his masculinity.

"From the outside looking in, I know a lot of guys may think joining a predominately female modeling organization is not very masculine,"



Maurice Watson

Watson said. "However, modeling is what you make of it. F.A.M.E. accepts males and we do a lot of male routines." With more than 30 members in the organization, the F.A.M.E. Modeling Troupe prides itself on its diversity, which consists of members from all cultural backgrounds, races, body types and gender and sexual identities. United as one "FAMEily," the organization's rehearsals serve as a bonding ground, with members complimenting others as they walk the runway and veteran members exchanging laughs with newer members in order to bring them to their comfort zones.

"We are a FAMEily and at the end of the

day, we'll always love and support one another. When someone's in need, we help each other with money and rides," Boyd said. "That's one aspect of our organization that we're going to push in order to make new and incoming members feel comfortable."

Advertising a "REVAMPed" organization by having F.A.M.E. members market on social media, the first presentation of the "REVAMPed" modeling troupe will be shown to the ECU community on the Wright Auditorium stage tomorrow evening at the annual Black Student Union Unity Showcase, taking place at 7 p.m.

Headlined as "The Famians: Friend or Foe," the intergalactic-themed performance will present new dance routines and runway poses to attendees of the showcase in hopes of giving the ECU community "something new from the org" and exposing potential new members to the what the organization is all about.

After meeting members of F.A.M.E. at her orientation, freshman intended nursing major Hallie Washington said she is looking forward to seeing the modeling troupe in action, especially since they "captured her interest before she even set foot on campus."

"I've always been interested in modeling, but I've never had enough confidence or willpower to become a model," Washington said. "It's crazy how only a five minute conversation changed my outlook on possibly getting on a runway one day."

One of those "confidence-builders" of the organization happens to be its very own secretary, Tanizha Shearin. Shearin joined F.A.M.E. during her sophomore year at ECU, after seeing members of the organization perform on stage at a campus event. Shearin said because she has "always been a confident person," she loves to share her positive self-esteem with her fellow members in order to boost theirs.

"To get on a stage in front of people you have to have a certain level of confidence, which in turn, helps to boost your self esteem," Shearin said. "That's what F.A.M.E. has always been about...instilling that lifelong confidence in others."

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HOROSCOPES

Aries (March 21-April 19) -- Today is an 8 -- Discover a structural problem with a personal project. Stick to reliable routines. Handle responsibilities on time. Resolve practical details. A mentor has a plan.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) -- Today is a 6 -- Finish projects, and put things away. It's emotion versus reason for the next two days. Something you try doesn't work. Let go of worn out assumptions.

Gemini (May 21-June 20) -- Today is a 7 -- Make sure what you build is solid. Get feedback from experienced friends. Share what you're learning with your team. Their views broaden your own.

Cancer (June 21-July 22) -- Today is an 8 -- You may need to make a spontaneous professional decision. Listen to your angels. Prioritize local options. Weigh the pros and cons. Measure thrice and cut once.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Today is a 7 -- You'd rather play than work. Can you mix business with pleasure? A trip or research investigation offers a welcome escape. Revisit beloved scenery.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Today is an 8 -- Study financial strategies for growth. Draw up a plan together with your partner. Don't rush into anything, but don't neglect action either. Consider, and then move.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) -- Today is an 8 -- Hunt for solutions with a partner. Be receptive to new ideas, technology and tricks. Consider abandoning an old assumption. Your view is not the only one.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) -- Today is a 9 -- Strengthen foundational supports for your work and health. Your workload may seem intense; a workout energizes. Pace yourself, rest and eat well.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) -- Today is an 8 -- Reinforce support structures with your sweetie. Pool your resources, and come up with shared efficiencies. It's more fun to cook together. Get sizzling.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Today is an 8 -- Family comes first today and tomorrow. Make home upgrades and repairs. Keep systems functional. Tend and water your garden. Protect your resources.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) -- Today is a 7 -- Resolve misunderstandings before issuing statements. There's a conflict with the status quo. Clarify the message. Otherwise, risk confusion and corrections. Edit and polish.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) -- Today is a 9 -- The next two days could get lucrative. Pay expenses before splurging. Do the work now, and play later. Set up infrastructure. Get deals in writing.

CROSSWORD

THE TV CROSSWORD

by Jacqueline E. Mathews

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- 12 ___ Gabor
- 13 "___ a Name"; Jim Croce song
- 14 Long and Peebles
- 15 "The ___"; Robert De Niro movie
- 16 Animated primetime series
- 18 "___ Gordon"
- 20 "Mad About ___"
- 21 Winfrey, Letterman or Ferguson
- 24 "___ Standing"
- 28 "___ in Seattle"
- 32 Hawaii's Mauna ___
- 33 Japanese delicacies
- 34 "___ Lazy River"
- 35 Repair
- 36 "How the West ___ Won"
- 37 Popular game show emcee
- 39 SeaWorld attraction
- 41 Jacob's twin
- 42 "Judging ___"
- 44 Role on "Frasier"
- 48 Series for Eric Mabius
- 53 Actress Arden

DOWN

- 1 "The ___ Foxworthy Show"
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- 3 Dog in "Peter Pan"
- 4 Joey of the "Rat Pack"
- 5 Sense of self-esteem
- 6 Role for Edward Asner
- 7 Perry Mason's occupation: abbr.
- 8 Two cents' worth
- 9 ___ Farrow
- 10 Listener's need
- 11 Disapproving click of the tongue
- 17 Role on "Bonanza"
- 19 "___ the Sheriff"
- 22 Insulting remark
- 23 Cone-shaped dwelling
- 25 Robert of "The Sopranos"
- 26 "The ___ Ranger"
- 27 "___ and the Tramp"
- 28 Stitches
- 29 Actress Remini
- 30 Lioness in "Born Free"
- 31 Tools with teeth
- 35 Hawaiian island
- 37 "___ & Dumber"
- 38 Comic strip "Steve ___"
- 40 Title for Barry Bostwick's character on "Spin City"
- 43 Stiff-leaved evergreen trees
- 45 Nighttime host
- 46 "Unhappily ___ After"
- 47 "Hide and ___"; De Niro movie
- 48 Actress Thurman
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- 50 Caustic substance
- 51 Tit for ___
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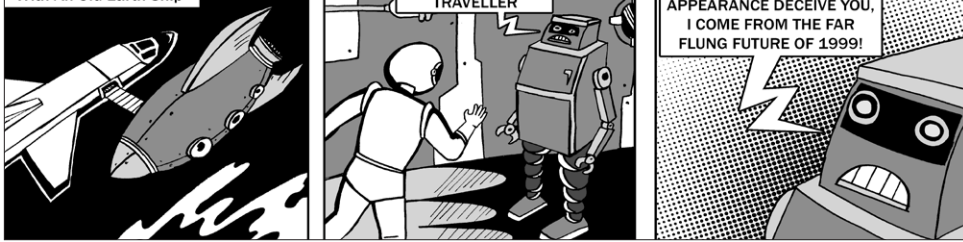
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Solution from 8/22

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From left: Sophomore defender Kim Sanford, sophomore midfielder Cashlin Copley, and junior forward Jenna Dages protecting the ball for ECU in the 2-1 win against Davidson College on Sunday.

>>ANALYSIS

Soccer off to impressive start



Daniel Roberts
TEC STAFF

The East Carolina University Women's Soccer team has had a great start to their season after competing in four games

establishing a 2-0-2 record.

The Pirates have proven to not only be able to defend home field effectively, but they also have proven to find a way to bounce back, whether to win in the end or make the game end in a draw. Home field advantage brings teams that extra momentum which seems to put them over the edge. The two road matchups have shown how resilient ECU really is as a team. After finishing last season 6-10-2, the Pirates look to bring this level of momentum into every matchup as they look to have a better season.

Posting a 2-0-0 record at home has definitely shown that ECU looks to put their 4-3-2 home record

from last season behind them. The Pirates started off last season 2-0 at home as well and 2-0 on the road. When conference play began, ECU struggled to capitalize and win at home. The matchup against No. 16 ranked NC State University showed how much better the team has gotten in the offseason.

"We know that we have to be the team that works our opponents to be successful," head coach Jason Hamilton said in an interview with ecupirates.com. "On the road against a nationally ranked opponent, it was great to see our girls fight back and even create a couple chances later in the game."

When they matched up with the Wolfpack, the Pirates took on their toughest opponent of the year. On top of the game with NC State, ECU also has managed to matchup with Radford University and Davidson College really well, managing to outscore them by a combined score of 7-2.

In their past matchup against Davidson, ECU had to prove it could bounce back and make



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Sophomore defender Alexia Moore bringing the ball down the field for ECU.

halftime adjustments to take the win in the second half 2-1.

After not having an ideal start to the game, giving up the first goal in the 28th minute of the first half, the Pirates knew they had to turn things around. That in turn helped them finish the job after sophomore defender Kim Sanford tied the game for ECU. Sanford was also huge in the Pirates getting the game-winning goal after she won a header which set up a breakaway for junior

forward Jenna Dages that resulted in ECU going up 2-1 and in the end getting the win.

Against their most anticipated non-conference opponent of the season in the Wolfpack, the Pirates proved they could compete against one of the nation's best in one of their road matchups.

Much like other matchups so far this season, ECU fell behind early when it gave up the first goal of the game for NC State in the 15th

minute of the game. The Pirates responded in the 35th minute of the half with the tying goal, and both teams had opportunities in the second half to take the lead, but some shots that were just off. ECU and the Wolfpack played great defense on top of that keeping the other from scoring, making the game end with a 1-1 tie.

Looking at games such as the one against Radford, the Pirates have the capability to take off from the beginning of the game and never look back. Defensively, ECU has been strong through the first four games.

This team has managed to turn things around so far, but when conference play begins that will determine how good the Pirates really are this season. ECU will look to bring its momentum into Thursday as they will hit the road for a weekday matchup against the University of Richmond with the match set to begin at 7:30 p.m.

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FOOTBALL

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who wasn't on the field last year will start.

While Montgomery said ECU hopes to get everyone involved in running the ball, it is senior Anthony Scott, returning after missing all of the 2017 season, who is listed as the No. 1 starter at running back. Redshirt sophomore Trace Christian is at No. 2, followed by last season's two leading rushers, Hussein Howe and Darius Pinnix. Montgomery said the running back position was determined by who could make the most impact plays.

"Pure performance, nothing else. We told them way back in January and February, we were going to make it about pure performance," Montgomery said.

Montgomery already announced Reid Herring as the starter at quarterback for week one, but Kingsley Ifedi beat out Holton Ahlers for the No. 2 spot behind Herring. Montgomery said ECU is keeping it close to the vest on what the plan will be with Ahlers this season as far as redshirting and playing time.

Although it was an off-season that Montgomery called the healthiest the

program has had since he arrived, there are three players listed as out for the season opener; Chance Purvis, Donovan Noel and Ben Norris. Norris was set to be the starting tight end, but is dealing with a concussion.

Norris has suffered from multiple concussions through his football career, and Montgomery said he's mindful of the seriousness of multiple head injuries. Because of that, Montgomery said Norris will likely be done for the season, and possibly his playing career is over even.

"With the medical advice that we have here at ECU and my belief in putting the student-athlete first, he's in a situation where he's not going to play football at this time," Montgomery said.

Now the tight end spot will be split between Johnny Bogle and D'Angelo McKinnie. At 6'5 and 260 pounds, Montgomery is excited about how well McKinnie has fared at tight end since coming over from the defense and thinks his size and ability there gives ECU a good situation at that position.

As for the Pirates' mentality going into

the game, Montgomery said instead of a change in attitude for ECU during game week, it has been more of a change in attitude since February for the Pirates. Montgomery points out that many of the players and coaches have not been around for what ECU has gone through in the last couple of seasons, but that the Pirates are keeping a heightened sense of urgency.

"That's why we lean on Garrett McGhin and him having a very passionate speech to the team on where we were and where we are now and what we're able to do on the field," Montgomery said. "We have a lot more talent on the field, but the attention to detail and sense of urgency shows we're at a really good point with our football team right now."

On a longer term scale, Montgomery noted he feels different about going into week one this season than he did before his first game as head coach. Montgomery said two years ago, he was trying to cover up inadequacies the team had, but now is trying to display what the team has to bring.

Montgomery also said he is calmer now and not as reactionary in tough times, and the time spent in the program has given him a better understanding. The development of the program

over the last two years have allowed him to feel better about the situation than when he first came in, which has changed his thought pattern.

"My thought pattern is that we have to go out and perform well," Montgomery said. "I just feel a lot better with where we are and who we are, on the football field and on the sidelines."

Montgomery also addressed the Pirate Nation fans who will be waiting inside Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium on Saturday. Montgomery said the Pirates have done everything all offseason to make sure the product on the field is a better one, and Montgomery expects a great atmosphere.

Montgomery talked about a lot of change, growth and newness within the program since last season's disappointing 3-9 finish. After going 6-18 in the last two seasons combined, Montgomery, similar to the fans, is happy to start fresh with a new and promising season.

"It feels really great to be able to start the season, it's fresh. We're looking forward to a great start to the season and a performance that's excellent. We're hunting excellence this weekend," Montgomery said.

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CONCUSSIONS

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effects. We were given helmets and told this would protect us. We didn't know there was something else to be concerned about."

Mason said he felt both the NCAA and C-USA could have made adjustments in order to make his time playing football safer, and that they did not do everything in their power to inform the players of the long-term problems football presented.

"They could have told us about the dangers of concussions so we could have made a choice to accept that or not," Mason said. "Every year when students come back to school, when we have to report before we start a contact sport, NCAA could have been there to explain all of that,

what could happen long term, what to look for, and what to do. They didn't do that."

As a former student athlete, Mason said he believes getting the story out on his experiences with concussions he obtained while playing football is important to current student athletes that may not understand the risks they are putting themselves into.

"I think it's important that student-athletes understand the risk and getting my story out is one piece of that," Mason said. "It may get someone else to know the risks of playing football. What's never discussed is what you're going to do 10 years after playing when you're struggling, when football is no longer in the picture. People should know."

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Former East Carolina guard Hagen Mason (63) blocks for the Pirates against Texas Christian University.