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Get a Clue returns

Trajan Warren
TEC STAFF

The East Carolina University Mall was filled with hundreds of student organizations displaying their unique attributes as ECU students attended the annual Get a Clue event yesterday afternoon.

According to Chris Cooper, coordinator for organization development with Student Activities and Organizations at ECU, Get a Clue has been a tradition at ECU for years. This year the event hosted approximately 150 organizations, ranging from the American Red Cross to the Student Activities Board.

One of the student organizations present at Get a Clue yesterday was the Young Democratic Socialists of America. The president, Zachary Osmond, a sophomore majoring in mechanical engineering, said the "equal standing ground" the event offered to both big and small organizations gave them a chance to promote their individuality.

"It's a great way to get the word out there about your club," Osmond said. "Especially, if you're not a huge club on campus, it kind of gives everyone equal standing ground."

Owner of local fitness and footwear store, Fleet Feet, and ECU alumnus, Chris Loignon, said the event was a way to interact with students and provided him with a chance to "reach back out" to the university that "gave me what I have."

Loignon said Get a Clue will help his business appeal to a younger generation.

"I think the big thing is being able to talk to students that are active and always on their feet walking around, running around," Loignon said.

President of the ECU chapter of Information Systems Security Association (ISSA), Daniel Beynon, senior information and computer technology major said ISSA is a student organization which prepares and educates

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The East Carolina University football team running sprints at practice. The Pirates open the 2018 season against NC A&T at 6 p.m. on Saturday.

Pirates set for NC A&T

ECU football ready to open the 2018 season

Dylan Johnson
TEC STAFF

East Carolina University lost its season opener to an FCS team last season when it lost 34-14 to James Madison University. This season the Pirates open against another FCS team, NC Agricultural and Technical State University, trying to not repeat a mistake that started off a disappointing 3-9 season.

A&T is coming off of a 20-17 win over Jacksonville State University last weekend, making it 1-0 in Sam Washington's first season as head coach, after previous head coach Rod Broadway retired after a perfect 12-0 season. A&T has now won 13 games in a row and ECU third-year head coach Scottie Montgomery is not underestimating this Aggies team going into Saturday's opener, saying it has picked up right where it left off.

"We have a big time game on our

hands against a great football program," Montgomery said. "Sam Washington has done a fantastic job of continuing the culture of football at North Carolina A&T."

Along with crediting the culture Sam Washington has continued in his first season at A&T, Montgomery said the defense is fantastic. Washington has led the defense at A&T for years, and Montgomery said he considers him one of the best defensive minds in the country. Montgomery said A&T plays as hard as anyone he has ever watched on tape, and is led by the group's commitment to stopping the run.

Behind star defensive players such as defensive end Darryl Johnson and cornerback Franklin McCain, Montgomery said A&T can do it all. Johnson had 6.5 sacks last year, tied for the team lead, and McCain had 50 tackles, second best on the team.

On the offensive side of the ball, the Aggies are led by star quarterback Lamar Raynard. Raynard, who passed for 27 touchdowns and 2,932 yards last season, is the returning MEAC player-of-the-year and Montgomery noted it isn't often a team plays against the conference player-of-the-year to start the season. Montgomery said the Aggies return their starting running back and wide receiver as well, something he says will challenge the Pirates' defense.

Montgomery said the A&T special teams' unit is an effective group as well. Montgomery said the special teams group was critical to the Aggies defeating Jacksonville State University. Montgomery said all of these factors add up to present

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Students react to rollback of campus dining options



East Carolina University students talk to West End Dining Hall staff member Ms. B as she swipes their OneCards.

Blessing Aghimien
TEC STAFF

As the construction of the new student center progresses through yet another semester, East Carolina University students have been left with limited dining options to invest their meal plans and money on campus.

In the spring, ECU removed dining options from the Mendenhall Student Center's Destination 360 such as Panda Express, Chick-fil-A, Bleecker Street and the Pirate Grill. The early closure of Mendenhall's Destination 360, a result of building transitions and the ongoing construction of the new student center, was done because the student center was to be open in the fall 2018 semester.

Originally slated for Nov. 1, the opening was moved due to the date being too close to Thanksgiving and fall exams. Additionally, extending the deadline was due to the 10th Street Bypass construction and a need for a longer transition period to make sure the center runs smoothly, according to ECU Associate Vice Chancellor Erik Kneubuehl.

The new dining options in the new student center include Raising Cane's, a

fast-food chain that specializes in chicken, a French restaurant called Au Bon Pain, a creamery and a gourmet burger bar named '1907' after the year ECU was founded. The new building will also include campus dining familiarities such as a full-sized Starbucks and Panda Express, relocating from Mendenhall's Destination 360 dining area, according to the ECU's student center website.

As her four years as a Pirate draw to a close in December, senior fashion merchandising major Ashley Barber said she's "disappointed" to graduate without seeing the new student center and the dining options it has to offer.

"I'm from Nevada and going to Raising Cane's was literally a tradition I had with my friend group growing up. I was beyond excited to finally have one at my second home in Greenville," Barber said. "Now my plans are put on hold and



Ashley Barber

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BRIEFS

Pirates After Dark to host bingo night

Pirates After Dark will host a bingo night at Mendenhall Student Center on Friday beginning at 8 p.m. This event will feature prizes for the winners of bingo ranging from gift cards to technology.

The event will also have free food for attendees to enjoy. This event is only open to ECU students and is free. The event will end at 11:45 p.m.

Ledonia Wright Cultural Center to host mentoring

The Ledonia Wright Cultural Center will hosts a mentoring event for females from diverse and under-represented backgrounds called Sister 2 Sister. The event will be taking place at the Bloxton House this evening and will begin at 5 p.m.

Sister 2 Sister is to celebrate multiple identities while also teaching different skill building activities. This will be a weekly event to help create an open space for personal growth.

CORRECTIONS & CLARIFICATIONS



Christopher Cooper

In Tuesday's edition of The East Carolinian, an inaccurate headshot of Christopher Cooper was published. This is the correct image of Christopher Cooper.

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ECU launches Handshake

Jenna Price
TEC STAFF

The East Carolina University Career Center will host its Handshake Launch Party in the Mendenhall Brickyard through this afternoon to make ECU students aware of their new job database.

Patrick Roberts, associate director at the ECU Career Center, said the new database should be used as an organized place for students and alumni to search for potential job listings. Roberts said Handshake, the name of the database, includes job listings for full and part time positions, internships and different learning experiences that ECU has to offer.

"I think my biggest thing that I'd say is the database has currently over 2,500 jobs and internships listed and has over 300 internships listed," Roberts said. "Again, it's a database that houses both on and off campus opportunities. Inside of this system there are over 200,000 employers contacts listed so from across the country as well as nationally and internationally."

According to Roberts, ECU Career Center is using this Handshake Launch Party to introduce students to the service. ECU Career Center will be at Mendenhall Brickyard from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. during its launch party. Roberts said if students pull up Handshake on their electronic devices and log onto the database, they are given a free Kona Ice and Handshake T-shirt.

Roberts said ECU had "a real need" for a database which could serve both current students and alumni in search for a job both before and after college. Roberts said ECU is approached by more than 2,000 employers a year to post jobs for ECU students and he thinks this database will make it easier for students to access those opportunities.

Patrick Roberts

Roberts said he feels anyone who intends on pursuing a higher education shares a common goal of full-time employment after graduation. Handshake can take a student one step closer to their occupation goals, Roberts said.

"Why do most students come to college? They're looking for full time employment once they graduate, as well as internships or learning



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ECU students are given the opportunity to log onto Handshake and receive a free T-shirt and Kona Ice.

opportunities while they're here so we want to provide those opportunities in some organized matter which a system like this provides that opportunity," Roberts said.

According to Sarah Lage, ECU Career Center counselor, students should be taking advantage of these opportunities created by the ECU Career Center from the moment they walk onto ECU's campus.

"Student's need to start seeing us and using us from day one," Lage said. "I hope that with this, (Handshake) since we've got on campus job on there now, so I'm hoping even if they're just looking for an on campus job they're getting used to it so that when they're ready for a co-op an internship a full time part job they're already used to it."

Lage said she is most excited for the customization of the database. She added students have the ability to answer a few preliminary questions and fill in their major and will then receive recommendations based on their interests.

According to Lage, Handshake has the ability to create immediate alerts for new job listings available to individual students rather than having to constantly log on and check.

Lage said ECU students can log on with their ECU ID and passphrase and customize their account to fit their needs. She said if students are looking for a job in a specific location or a specific industry, they can simply just select occupations that pertain specifically to them.

"It's customized for each student's experience it takes your major and then it asks you a few questions when you first log in, so say you're an engineer, it's going to show you jobs that you are specifically interested in," Lage said.

Anna Watson, freshman intended exercise physiology major, said she attended the event because she wanted to learn more about what ECU has to offer its student body.

"I came out just to learn about jobs and stuff that I can get at ECU," said Watson. "I just think it's good for the college to allow us to do this for us."

Lage said her biggest piece of advice to students is to take advantage of the resources available to them on campus "before it's too late." Lage said ECU career center has walk in hours Monday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. or students can make an appointment.

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students on using current security protocol and how to protect their information.

Beynon said Get a Clue provided direct contact between his organization and students without the middleman of emails or posters.

"I don't want to send out a mass email to everyone cause that's hard, and OrgSync, which is what we're supposed to use to post events, not every single person uses that," Beynon said. "So I think it's one of the better ways to find new students or new members and educate people about it."

Latoya Joyner, community relations coordinator for Carolina Donor Services, said the event will help to reach out not just to students within the Pitt County area, but to students from other states or areas and start the conversation in their households.

Joyner said she spoke with the associate director for the Center for Leadership and Civic Engagement, Tara Kermiet, about how to get more volunteers involved with Carolina Donor Services.

Joyner said due to the limited staff Carolina Donor Services has, gaining

volunteers through Get a Clue would be very helpful in getting the word out about the benefits of becoming a donor.

"Because it's only three of us that covers all of North Carolina, our volunteers for our organization can actually go out to community events like this with us to spread awareness and educate on the importance of being a donor and also register people," Joyner said.

Anna Young, a junior biology major, was one of the students looking for an organization



Anna Young

to catch her interest at the event. Young said she did not have a particular organization in mind, but used the event to browse different things that the ECU and Greenville community has to offer.

"There are clubs I see that I didn't even know existed so it's really cool for them to come out and figure out the type of things that are out here at ECU," Young said.

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OUR VIEW

Awareness required to end drug abuse

International Overdose Awareness Day is today in Pitt County. According to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, there were approximately 66,000 deaths from drug overdose between June, 2016 and June, 2017. This is the highest the death rate due to drug overdose has been in several years.

On a local level, there are 65 deaths due to overdose per 100,000 residents in Pitt county, according to countyhealthrankings.org. However, with such high numbers, this is only the second year that Pitt county will be acknowledging Overdose Awareness Day.

We, the editorial staff of The East Carolinian, believe it is important to localize the issue of overdose awareness because it is the only way the community will be able to help its own members.

Drug use and overdose is an epidemic, not only nationally, but internationally. It is important to start the discussion in Pitt County. As the home to not one, but two teaching institutions, it is an ever-present issue. By creating a discussion, we are one step closer to finding a solution.

It is important to recognize when someone is struggling with a drug addiction to get them the help they need, and without creating a safe environment to foster conversation, they will never be able to get help.

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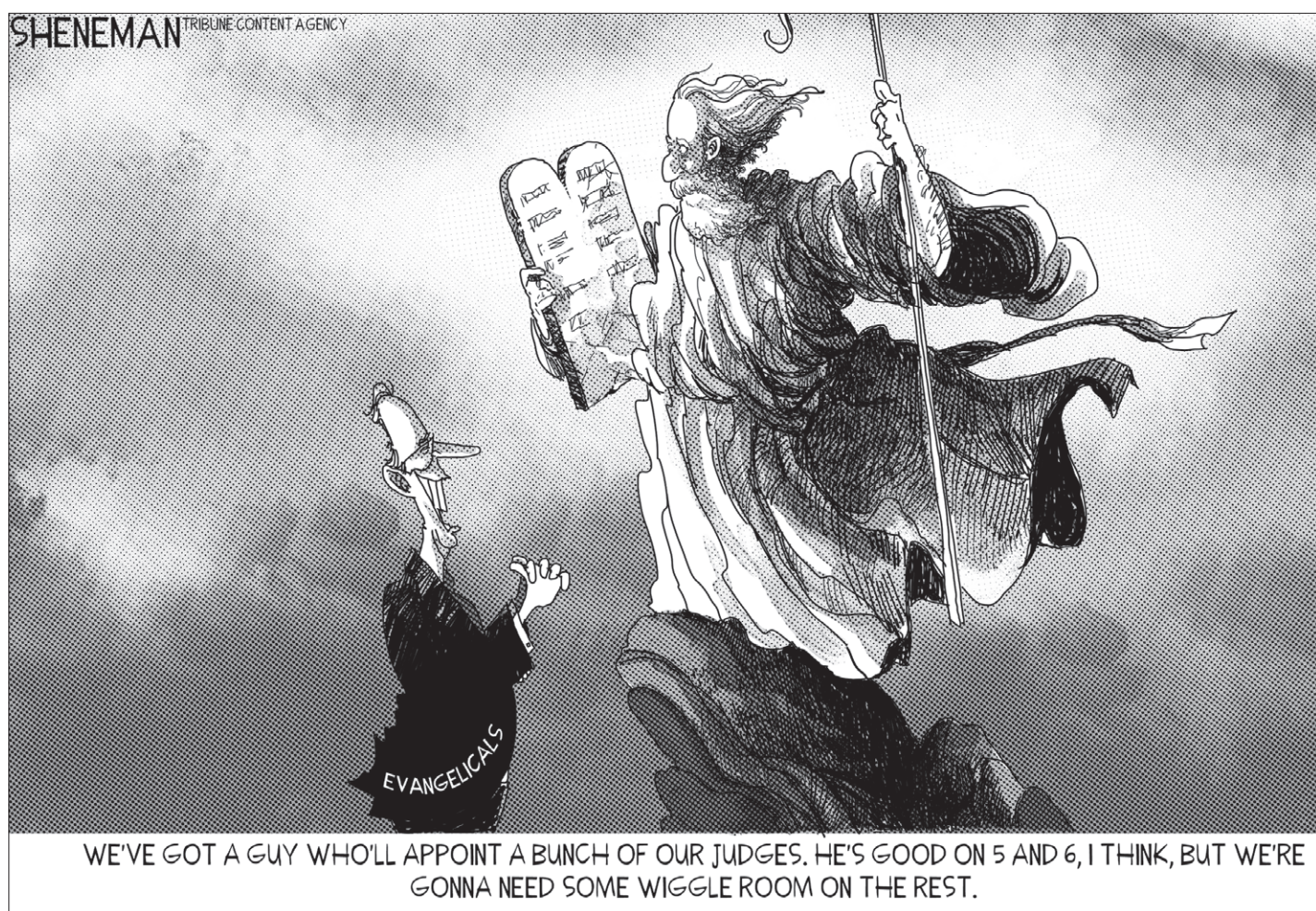
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WE'VE GOT A GUY WHO'LL APPOINT A BUNCH OF OUR JUDGES. HE'S GOOD ON 5 AND 6, I THINK, BUT WE'RE GONNA NEED SOME WIGGLE ROOM ON THE REST.

Accusations muddies waters

Claims against #MeToo activist sparks controversy



Andy Li
TEC STAFF

On Aug. 19, The New York Times reported Asia Argento, an actress, director and leading figure in the #MeToo Movement, had reached a financial agreement with Jimmy Bennett, a young actor and musician who alleged Argento assaulted him when he was 17. Since the original report, several rather disturbing facts have been revealed.

Argento originally denied the allegation she and Bennett had sex and claimed the money she paid him to help him out of his financial troubles. Pictures of the two in bed and texts between Argento and an unnamed friend seem to confirm the incident took place. Bennett said he was scared to reveal his abuse because of the stigma against male victims of sexual violence.

And that fear is not unfounded. A quick search on Twitter can find people shaming Bennett, saying he should be happy he got to have sex with Argento or accusing him of being gay.

Unsurprisingly, Bennett's accusations have also brought attacks against the #MeToo Movement itself. Argento was a prominent figure in the movement as one of the several women who accused producer Harvey Weinstein of assaulting her. Bennett's

“ **This entire situation has thrown the discussion about sexual violence into a whirlwind that the world may not be ready for.** ”

accusations have been used by some as proof that the #MeToo Movement is a joke, corrupt, hypocritical and useless. Rose McGowan, another prominent #MeToo activist, has come under fire for her friendship with Argento, despite her tweets reaffirming her support of victims everywhere. The founder of the movement, Tarana Burke, also tweeted the #MeToo Movement has always been for all people, no matter their gender.

This entire situation has thrown the discussion about sexual violence into a whirlwind that the world may not be ready for. It requires maturity and compassion from men and women who have never experienced sexual violence, that I do not believe they possess. Any conversation about sexual violence requires maturity, but one which involves a public champion of the greatest movement of victims in history? Forget about it.

For me, it's easy to understand that those who are abused often become abusers themselves. It's easy to see that toxic masculinity has created an environment that would

shame and mock a man who was open about the abuse he underwent as a child. It's easy to see Argento not as the only bastion of support that made the #MeToo Movement relevant, but as one person whose actions are reprehensible. However, these actions do not invalidate the abuse Weinstein perpetrated against her. It's easy for me, but it's not easy for everyone.

So as the investigation into Bennett's claims continue, and as we as a society dissect and examine sexual violence, it's important to remember that if you don't understand, your job is to listen, not speak. If you cannot understand what would be traumatic about a 37-year-old sexually assaulting a 17-year-old, listen to victims of sexual assault. It is so hard to not speak, to not rant on Twitter, to not shout over voices quieter than your own, but it is vital to providing a safe space for victims to share their experiences and to allow those of us who have never been in their position time to reflect before sharing our opinions.

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Political debates require listening



Robbie's Rumbles

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With the NFL regular season about to start back up, the players' "anthem" protest is still in the discussion. However, this column isn't about the kneeling in the NFL, but instead the latest trend in people not truly listening to one another.

I have seen it more and more especially around politically 'charged' (and I hate to use that word but it fits best) topics that people will allegedly be listening to someone's stance on an issue, but they aren't listening with the right intentions.

Too often people will listen to find a point that the other person is making and start thinking of a counter argument. So as soon as the point which sparks a counter the individual creating the rebuttal tunes out everything else the original speaker is saying.

I brought up the NFL protesting because it is the perfect example of a topic where people don't listen to the whole story when someone is giving their opinion on the matter. Recently I was on Twitter scrolling through my feed when a friend of mine quoted a tweet about Beto O'Rourke, a senate candidate running against Ted Cruz in Texas. O'Rourke was asked about the NFL protesting and he gave an eloquent



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Beto O'Rourke is currently running for Senate against Ted Cruz, former presidential nominee.

response which most people wouldn't take the time to listen to.

In the clip O'Rourke talks about how the protest is about a group of people in America who have also given a lot to help this country make advancements. He gave recognition to the veterans of our great armed services and how they have fought and died for our rights.

O'Rourke gave a different viewpoint than the standard argument, but because we as a nation have this great issue of listening just for an arguing point most people will miss a deep message within the video.

This video truly drove home the point that as a nation being divided through ideological differences, the lack of us having open dialogues is present now more than ever.

Ideology differences aren't the true part of dividing us as a nation, it's the selfish attitude of wanting to be right in a disagreement or argument. The sooner individuals put their own ideologies aside and listen to the other viewpoint, the sooner we can start to make greater strides of progress.

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Focus to grow family account balances. Your head is full of ways to make money. Don't charge forward blindly. Adapt to a surprise. Reinforce and strengthen structures.

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

could get chaotic at work. Stay flexible to deal with unscheduled interruptions. Expect a test. Get support from your team. A fascinating option appears.

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

7 -- Guard and monitor your energy. Build it with exercise, rest and good food. Try not to break anything. Adapt to changing circumstances. Prioritize health.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) -- Today is a 9 -- You're more

confident and powerful today and tomorrow. Take advantage of good news. Keep your word; above that, stay true to yourself.

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

seminars and workshops provide satisfying results. Research and study for valuable new skills. Find tricks to adapt to recent changes. Imagination pays.

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

7 -- Relax with people you love. Savor simple moments together. Make an amazing discovery. Show your true feelings. Harmonize together, and create something beautiful.

Gemini (May 21-June 20) -- Today is a 6 -- Take time to

embrace recent changes. Rest, and soak in peaceful contemplation. Consider unusual ideas and possibilities. Ponder dreams and visions. Privacy soothes.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) -- Today is an 8 -- Resist the

temptation to throw your money around. Stick to practical priorities. A windfall could fill your baskets. Harvest what you can.

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

6 -- Domestic disruptions grab your attention. Stick close to home, and monitor the situation. Shop carefully. Unscheduled changes offer hidden opportunities. Watch for them.

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

gets a surprise. Connect to assess impacts. Find out what's up and what's needed. Keep your cool, and carry on. Do your part.

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

your partner by doing all that stuff you said you would, on time or early. You're making a good impression. Good things come of it.

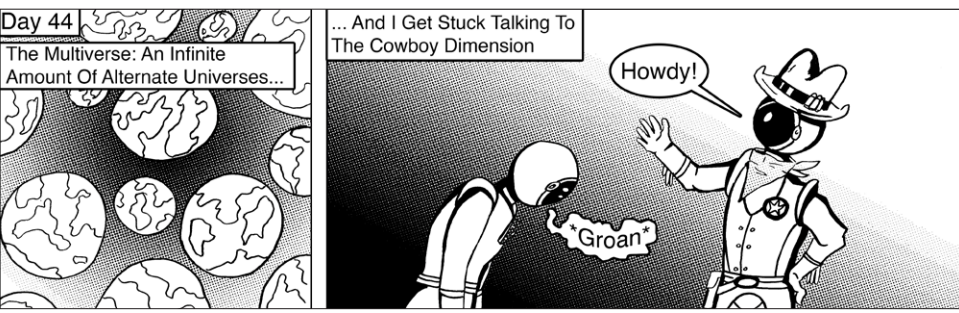
Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) -- Today is a 7 -- Hold your

temper. Avoid passionate outbursts. Do your detective work. Discover a valuable puzzle piece. Put the story together bit by bit.

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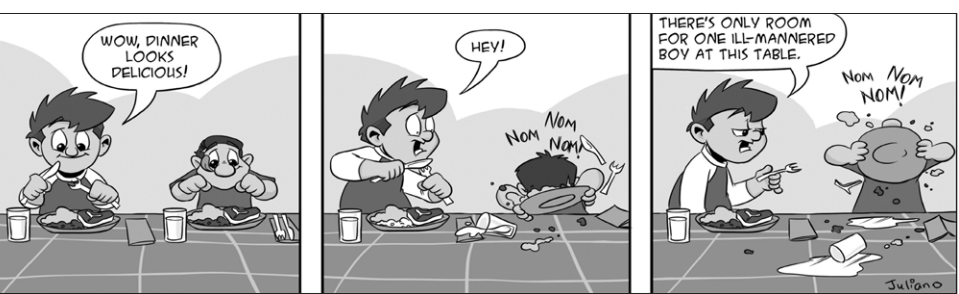
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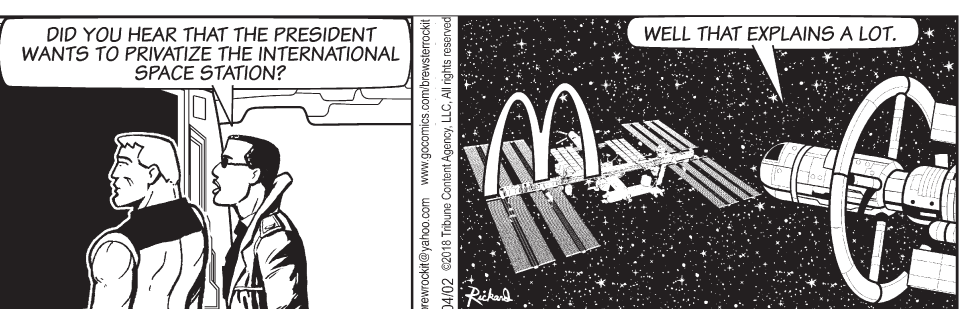


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- Vardalos and Long
- "Star ___"; Mark Hamill film
- Historical period
- "Coffee, Tea ___?"
- Televangelist Roberts
- Holiday or Hampton
- Actor on "Everybody Loves Raymond"
- Kingdom
- Eddie's "Green Acres" co-star
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- Morning show co-host
- Ms. Arden
- Cruising
- Monogram for boxer Mr. Leonard
- Intellectually alert
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- Actor on "Cold Case"
- Michelle Gellar
- Mr. Wyle
- "Presidio ___"
- "Caroline ___ City"
- CNBC financial show host

DOWN

- "I'm With ___"
- Sitcom for Sherman Hemsley
- Relaxation
- MacGraw
- "Promised ___"
- Stir-fry pans
- "Jon & Kate Plus 8" network
- Israel's Golda
- Sea eagle
- Dog in "Peter Pan"
- ___, Ohio"; John Goodman show
- One of Cybill's exes
- "Judging ___"
- Dry
- "The Bionic ___"
- Coach Parseghian
- Hightailed it
- ___-pitch softball
- "Crossing ___ With John Edward"
- "___ Smile Be Your Umbrella"
- Singer Johnny
- One of HOMES
- "The ___ Hunter"; De Niro movie
- "Unhappily ___ After"
- Declare untrue
- Pads by the front door
- Huge continent
- Rip
- "Sesame Street" fellow
- Actress Madeline
- "The Cosby Show" role
- Lyndon ___ Johnson
- Change for the better
- "The Price Is Right" host
- "___ '70s Show"
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- Actor Close
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Trollingwood Taproom & Brewery
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Comedy club connects campus

President of People's Comedy Club talks comedic chops, career

Blessing Aghimien
TEC STAFF

The organization's sole purpose is to foster laughter amongst the student body and according to the People's Comedy Club President, Jake Weddle, this mission statement has translated into his eventual career goal.

"Stand up is not a thing many people see live, so with the People's Comedy Club, students have an opportunity to witness comedy in person and even do it themselves, if they're interested," Weddle, a senior theatre arts and communication double major, said. "Basically, the PCC (People's Comedy Club) exposes students to an art form by making them see others perform the art in real time."

Through the comedic styles of stand-up, sketch and improv, the members of the People's Comedy Club express a range of versatility with every performance. Originating back in 2005 by East Carolina University alum and Greenville comedian Matt White, the club has since grown into a close-knit collective of students, serving as a "safe space" for aspiring comedians and a "practice ground" for veterans of the comedy scene.

"During meetings for the People's Comedy Club, we've implemented



Jake Weddle a writer's workshop where we exchange joke ideas and punch off of each others' jokes," Weddle said. "A lot of the time, people want to try stand up, but are scared to, so our meetings can serve as a safe space to have a joke heard in a non-threatening environment. An



President of the People's Comedy Club Jake Weddle poses outside of Wright Auditorium with other PCC members.

actual audience may not be so kind." Making a name for himself on campus throughout his collegiate years, Weddle's momentum as a comedian shows no sign of stopping.

A regular performer at ECU Student Activities Board's Open Mic Nights and a finalist for ECU's Pirates' Got Talent last spring, Weddle is no stranger to the stages of Hendrix Theatre and Mendenhall's Great Rooms. Jasmine Johnson, an ECU alum and 2018 Pirates' Got Talent judge, said she was "mesmerized" when she got a first taste of the young comedian's talent.

"His jokes had a dark element to them, but I couldn't help but die of laughter. I was literally choking on my water from laughing so hard," Johnson said. "I know I wasn't the only one, but he had my vote for sure and he was one of my top performers of the night."

Starting his comedic career at only 14 years old, Weddle was

drawn to the comedy specials he would watch on the small screen as a kid and felt compelled enough to give his "funny chops" a try.

"I love the idea there's something you can do to make people forget issues at home," Weddle said. "My home life was sort of rough, but I put the tragedies in my act."

As he grew up, Weddle learned how to mold tragedy into comedy and to this day, cites his tragic home life as material for his comedic routines.

Growing up with divorced parents and an abusive father, Weddle implemented his current style of dark humor early in his career to evoke laughter from the audience members of his who may deal with family issues similar to his own.

"In a sense, using the dark humor in my material has been a form of retribution for me," Weddle said. "Comedy is a way

to distract people from their issues and at the same time, cope with issues of your own."

When it comes to the future of the People's Comedy Club, Weddle said the People's Comedy Club is looking to increase its presence beyond ECU's campus by having its members serve as regular performers at the Crossbones Tavern, Whirligig Theatre and the Pitt Street Brewing Company.

"Greenville is becoming a hub for stand up, which is food for the aspiring comedians who want to get a feel for different demographics and audience types," Weddle said. "We want to get people excited about the local comedy scene growing in the city."

For more information about the organization and its upcoming fall semester events, visit the People's Comedy Club's Instagram.

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Freeboot to kick off season opener

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Lining Uptown Greenville with the essence of purple and gold tomorrow will be Freeboot Friday, uniting East Carolina University students and the greater Greenville community together as one in an evening of fun.

Described as a "free, alive-at-five event," Freeboot Friday is an annual event which takes place at Uptown Greenville's Five Points Plaza every year to kick off the start of ECU's football season. Set to be held from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. on every Friday before a home ECU football game, the Freeboot Friday events unite the people of Greenville with food, arts and crafts and an atmosphere filled with school spirit.

"Freeboot Friday is the official pep rally of home football events,"

Meredith Hawke, the events and branding director for Uptown Greenville, said. "It's a chance to truly showcase your Pirate pride among the purple and gold of Pirate Nation."

Comprised of mostly Jamaican natives, the members of Jamrock Reggae Band have made a name for themselves in the North Carolina



Rock band Jupiter Jones performs on the stage of Freeboot Friday in 2017.

Triangle's music scene since the band's founding in 1995. With a self-described sound that will transport its listeners "to the tropics," Jamrock Reggae Band's bass player Dean Irwin said he is "excited" to bring a tropical element to a college town such as Greenville.

"We provide music to take our audience back to Jamaica," Irwin said. "After hearing our performance, we want the attendees of Freeboot Friday to leave feeling relaxed and like they had a good time."

The members of Jamrock

include vocalist Carl Baxter, vocalist Gerald Mulvaney, bass player Dean Irwin, band manager Colin McEwan, saxophonist Graham Mulvaney, keyboardist Sylvester Percival, keyboardist Neal Boyke and drummer Eric Broadway.

According to Irwin, the band started through the members' desires to hear authentic reggae music on a local scale. Irwin said they hope to bring their homegrown love for reggae music to the Five Points Plaza stage.

"I've been involved in music since I was seven years old and as a

founding member of the Jamrock Reggae Band, the formation of it happened organically," Irwin said. "Simply put, we're a collection of guys who decided back in 1995 to fulfill our love and need for reggae music together."

A father of two current ECU students, ECU alum Hank Haines has made it a family tradition to go to at least one Freeboot Friday every year. With its "irreplaceable atmosphere," Haines said he is excited to spend time with his sons in Uptown this Friday, especially since he knows how busy they are with coursework during the week.

"One of my sons is a nursing major, while the other is a medical student at Brody," Haines said. "Freeboot Friday gives us a chance to catch up during a week and helps my boys take the weight off of an already long and hard week at school, all while having fun in the process."

In correlation with the ECU home football games, Uptown Greenville will host six Freeboot Friday events — tomorrow, Sept. 7, Sept. 28, Oct. 12, Oct. 19 and Nov. 2. Those interested in volunteering, sponsoring, hosting a booth or becoming a vendor can find the forms on Uptown Greenville's website.

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after I graduate, I'm not so sure I want to come back just to eat a few chicken tenders."

As for Todd Dining Hall and West End Dining Hall, its hours are set in order to "give students more time to eat before classes," according to the ECU Campus Dining webpage. Opening at 7 on weekday mornings, both dining halls

now close at an earlier time, which is 9 p.m. from Monday through Thursday and 8 p.m. on Friday.

As intended nursing major, sophomore Tierra Grant said she is torn when it comes to how much she benefits from the new dining options.

"Being that I have a week full of 8 a.m. classes, the early opening of the dining halls gives me a chance to eat breakfast in the morning before I start my busy day," Grant said. "However, I do have a night lab and I study every

night, so I'm left resorting to other means to eat dinner, being that the dining halls are closed by the time I get back to my dorm."

To provide something different for students to eat on campus this semester, a new full-service Chick-fil-A opened at the Croatan this past Monday, which features menu options such as market salads, wraps and milkshakes in addition to the traditional menu, according to ECU News Services. During the first week of classes,

ECU Campus Dining featured a Surprise and Delight promotion at the Chick-fil-A location, where students lined up outside the Croatan to get free Chick-fil-A menu items, according to ECU News Services. For junior business administration major Michael Perry, the free chicken sandwich meal was "something worth the wait."

"It was hot and the line was longer than you could imagine," Perry said. "But who doesn't love free food?"

Freshman Emily McIntyre said she wants to put her meal plan to good use this semester and the lack of dining options make her look forward to the student center's opening.

"It could be worse. I mean, the food truck are great and so is a full-service Chick-fil-A, but I would love to have more variety of what I can spend my Pirate meals and bucks on," McIntyre said. "January 7th can't come soon enough."

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From left: Sophomore running back Darius Pinnix, junior wide receiver Deondre Farrier and redshirt sophomore quarterback Reid Herring each run the ball in games for the East Carolina Pirates.

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Football faces tough schedule



Chase Carroll
TEC STAFF

The East Carolina University football team is coming off its second straight 3-9 campaign under head coach Scottie

Montgomery. ECU is looking to reach a bowl game after Montgomery guaranteed his team would reach the postseason in 2018 following its loss in the season finale to the University of Memphis.

Overall, the Pirates play multiple teams coming off strong seasons, including two which are currently ranked in the NCAA AP Top-25 in the Virginia Polytechnic Institute at No. 20 and the University of Central Florida at No. 21. They also open their season on Saturday against one of

the top teams in the FCS in NC Agricultural and Technical State University, a team which went undefeated at 12-0 last season. NC A&T started its season last week against Jacksonville State University, coming away with a 20-17 win in the opener.

If the Pirates are able to scrape out a win over a tough FCS opponent that they are supposed to beat, they must turn around and host in-state rival University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill on Sept. 8, an Atlantic Coast Conference opponent which much like ECU, has something to prove coming off a 3-9 season. UNC also enters the 2018 season with controversy that will keep multiple players out against ECU. 13 players were suspended for selling team-issued Jordan shoes.

The Pirates gets little time to rest following the UNC game as they have to travel to No. 20 Virginia Tech on Sept. 15, another

ACC opponent that the Pirates have had somewhat of a rivalry with over the years. In both 2014 and 2015 the Pirates pulled off upset victories over the Hokies. However Virginia Tech has had lopsided victories over ECU in the last two seasons. In 2016, ECU was embarrassed by Virginia Tech 54-17, and 2017 was an even worse showing for the Pirates as they were blown out 64-17. VT returns starting quarterback Josh Jackson who comes off an impressive redshirt freshman season where he led all Power Five freshmen quarterbacks with 2,991 passing yards, 236 completions and ranked second with 20 touchdown passes.

The Pirates then start their American Athletic Conference schedule on Sept. 22 with one of the conference's powerhouses, the University of South Florida. USF had one of the top offenses in the AAC last season, and in turn came away with a 10-2 season including

a 61 point outburst in the team's 61-31 win over ECU.

The Pirates will split it's conference play up with a home game against Old Dominion University on Sept. 29, who comes off a 5-7 2017 campaign before restarting AAC play on the road against Temple University on Oct. 6. Temple went 7-6 in 2017, with its most lopsided victory of the season coming against ECU 34-10.

The Pirates' next three games will all be against AAC teams which have had big success in the conference in the past few years. The Pirates will face the University of Houston on Oct. 13, a team which has received national recognition over the past couple seasons. After a slight drop-off in 2017 to regain its form it showed off two seasons ago.

On Oct. 20 ECU will then face the defending AAC champion University of Central Florida, who

comes off a perfect 13-0 season and a Chick-fil-A Peach Bowl victory over the University of Auburn. The Knights lost former head coach Scott Frost to the University of Nebraska, and will be led by Josh Heupel as its new coach.

After a bye week, ECU will face a Memphis Tiger team on Nov. 3 that demolished ECU 70-13 in the Pirates' season finale last year. They will then take on Tulane University on Nov. 10 and will attempt to avenge a 31-24 overtime loss last season.

The Pirates' final two games come on Nov. 17 against the University of Connecticut and on Nov. 23 against the University of Cincinnati. They look to be two of the Pirates' best shots at picking up wins as the Pirates defeated both of them last season to combine for two of their three wins on the season.

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ECU set for second tournament Volleyball to compete in the Golden Eagle Invitational

Samantha Walsh
TEC STAFF

This upcoming weekend, the East Carolina University volleyball team is traveling to Cookeville, Tennessee to compete in the Golden Eagle Invitational to take on Hampton University, University of South Carolina Upstate and Tennessee Tech University.

"I'm looking forward to team bonding, winning and becoming closer with the team this weekend," said sophomore right sider Bri Wood.

The Pirates (2-1) will take on Hampton (0-3) to kickoff the weekend, on Friday at 3:30 p.m. Hampton has lost its first three games this season only winning one set of the three games. The Pirates played Hampton last year and defeated them in three sets, sweeping the match 25-13, 25-12, 25-19. Out of all matchups in history against Hampton, ECU has always come out on top leading with a record of 8-0.

ECU will play Upstate (0-3) Saturday at 10 a.m. for its second game of the weekend. Upstate has



The East Carolina University volleyball team celebrates a point victory in last weekend's Southern Miss Classic.

also lost all three of their games so far this season. ECU has only played Upstate once in the team's history, and came away with the victory to lead the series 1-0.

The third game of the weekend for the Pirates will be held on Satur-

day at 3 p.m. against the host, Tennessee Tech (2-1). Tennessee Tech has posted a 2-1 record so far this season which matches up perfectly with ECU's. Both teams have matched up four times, splitting the meetings with the Pirates taking the last matchup to

even the all-time series at 2-2.

With such a young team for the Pirates, being coachable is something head coach Julie Torbett acknowledges is so important to the growth of her young players as the season progresses.

"Coachability, you know there is a lot that goes on on the volleyball court," Torbett said. "A lot for these young players to learn, you know we are mostly freshman and sophomores so it will take them a little bit to adjust to the college game."

After a weekend with only one loss, including 19 errors against Southern Miss University, the team has been working on consistency with the line up, blocking and defense. Chemistry combined with smarter shots and being patient will pay off in the end, according to Torbett. The more games the Pirates play, the more experience they will have going into future games with such a young team.

"I hate losing in anything. I get competitive in dodgeball, Jeopardy, school so I just want to win anything I can," Torbett said. "That's just something that's in me and coach too. She really pushes all of us to want to win for each other."

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Pirates look to take strong start to Spiders



Sophomore defender Kim Sanford kicks the ball.

Austin Walker
TEC STAFF

The East Carolina University women's soccer team (2-0-2) is looking to continue its hot start to the season as it travels to the University of Richmond (0-3-0) to face the Spiders at 7:30 p.m.

The Pirates are hot right now, coming off a week which saw the team tie 1-1 with No.13 ranked North Carolina State University in Raleigh, North Carolina on Thursday, and beat Davidson College 2-1 at home on Sunday. The team will have a great chance of continuing their success into this week against the winless Spiders tonight.

Pirates' head coach Jason Hamilton is ready for the challenge, and has set some goals for his team.

"Every week is a new challenge for us," Hamilton said. "We've had

some adversity so far this year between being down a player at Old Dominion and then playing a ranked team at home, but I think those experiences will help us down the road. My goal for the team is to score first in every game because that really gives us momentum we've only had once so far this season."

Sophomore Kim Sanford was named the American Athletic Conference defensive player of the week last week. This is the second week in a row the Pirates have taken home that title, as Sanford follows junior Jayda Hylton-Pelaia who was named defensive player of the

week for the previous week.

While the AAC has noticed Sanford for her performances last week, she knows she could not have accomplished what she has without her team, and she is still hungry for more.

"We've been working really hard as a team, and that's what motivates me because I couldn't do it without my team," Sanford said. "Going forward, I'm really motivated to get better, because I want to win it every week."

Sanford was joined in her conference honor by senior forward Courtney Cash and sophomore goalkeeper Melanie Stiles, who were both named to the AAC weekly honor roll. This is the second straight week Cash has been included on the weekly honor roll and she scored the tying goal in the team's game against NC State. Stiles did not come out

of a game last week, playing all 200 minutes and making nine saves in the two games.

The Pirate defense has shown what it can do, and the AAC has recognized it. Stiles knows how hard the defense has worked this year and is proud that they are getting the recognition they deserve.

"It's so great that our defense is getting recognized, because we've really been trying to fix our shape," Stiles said. "We really focused on not letting fast teams like NC State behind us, and as long as we can continue to shut down forwards, we'll be fine. The fact that our defenders and whole back line is getting recognized for that is so encouraging to our team."

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quite a challenge for ECU.

"Overall, we're looking at an incredibly well-rounded football team that is extremely talented, well coached and they complete the trifecta by playing as hard as anyone I've seen play on tape," Montgomery said.

A&T will be coming off of

a week one win, where as the Pirates are preparing for their season opener. Montgomery said the impact this can have on the game goes both ways, with pros and cons for both teams. Montgomery said A&T has already experienced a game and dealt with the pregame jitters which often occur for players and coaches. A&T has also shaken off some of the rust which comes with putting everything the team has

practiced into game situations.

The Pirates also hold an advantage in that their schemes haven't been seen yet and that some surprises remain, instead of having played a game and revealed more schemes.

"There's a certain group of people that think the biggest jump happens between week one and week two. I don't necessarily believe that," Montgomery

said. "I feel the biggest jump happens between January and August and that's what we're concentrating on right now. We're really trying to focus and be ready for this football team."

While Montgomery said the win was a grind it out game for A&T, he also said there were a few plays where they were close to having an explosive game. Despite a close final score

against Jacksonville State, Montgomery is certainly not underestimating A&T.

"They're a team that will get better, but I thought they picked up right where they left off," Montgomery said. "They're going to be a hard team to beat for us and for a lot of opponents this year. They have their culture intact."

Washington complimented ECU, but he

and his team are certainly ready to prove themselves going into Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium this weekend.

"I don't know what to say other than they're a football team. They're big, they're fast and strong, but so are we. But like I said last week, put the ball down and let's see," Washington said.

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