



The East Carolinian

YOUR CAMPUS NEWS SOURCE SINCE 1925

Tuesday, 9.4.18

VOLUME 93, ISSUE 5



East Carolina University running back Hussein Howe carries the ball down the field for the Pirates. Howe ran for 15 yards on two carries vs NCA&T.

IFC rush begins

Trajan Warren
TEC STAFF

The East Carolina University Interfraternity Council (IFC) updated its recruitment process this year to incorporate more informal events to allow Potential New Members (PNMs) a chance to build better bonds with one out of the 16 fraternities on campus.

The 16 currently active IFC chapters that will be a part of ECU's formal and informal recruitment include Alpha Sigma Phi, Alpha Tau Omega, Beta Theta Pi, Chi Phi, Delta Sigma Phi, Kappa Alpha Order, Kappa Sigma, Phi Gamma Delta, Phi Kappa Psi, Pi Kappa Alpha, Pi Kappa Phi, Pi Lambda Phi, Sigma Nu, Sigma Tau Gamma, Sigma Pi and Theta Chi.

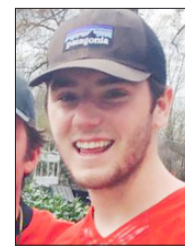
Informal rounds of recruitment will be held in various locations in Greenville by each individual fraternity through Sept. 4, according to the IFC webpage.

Unlike past years, senior Sigma Tau Gamma active member, Chris Fallacaro, said each fraternity was expected to host two separate informal events for PNMs to attend in order to give both the individual fraternity and PNMs an opportunity to get to know each other in an informal setting.

"Last year, it was all in one week. It was just a one week period and it was basically formal recruitment and then preference night after that," Fallacaro said. "This is the first time that we're doing a two week period where people can actually come out and do things like the pig pickin' and do things like the basketball tournament."

Fallacaro said this is the first time he remembers IFC Recruitment stretching over the course of two weeks while including a number of informal activities.

Student Government Association



Chris Fallacaro

ONLINE | FULL STORY

> RUSH page A2

Coach Mo' takes blame Pirates look to bounce back from NCA&T

Staff Report

East Carolina University head football coach Scottie Montgomery took the blame for the Pirates' 28-23 loss to NC Agricultural & Technical State University on Monday, its second consecutive loss to an FCS team to open the season.

Montgomery said he thought the defense played much better than it did last season, and that the offense did well at times, but the difference of the game came in the red zone. Montgomery pointed to the turnovers in the red zone and ECU not being able to step up in pressure moments as the difference, and took the blame for it.

"We don't point fingers. It's part of who we are as Pirates, we're not going to point the blame. I'll take it. Because that's where it belongs," Montgomery said. "Our kids will feel much better when they go in because I'm not going to allow our coaching staff to walk in and place the blame. Everything that happened out

there is directly connected to me."

Montgomery admitted the pressure to win negatively affected the team's play on the field last week. Montgomery said the players respect him and the coaching staff, but with the program going 6-18 in the last two seasons, there is pressure for the team to start winning games.

"These kids love this staff, these kids love me and I love these kids. They felt the pressure of needing to perform. I think it was good that we understand, all that pressure that mounts and becoming tight, it does nothing. It does nothing at all," Montgomery said.

The critical moments Montgomery specifically pointed out included the interception quarterback Reid Herring threw in the red zone which was returned for a touchdown, and two third-and-long situations the defense allowed the Aggies to get a first down on. Montgomery said many people played well, but it's on the

coaching staff to have everyone ready.

"The critical errors of us getting certain people prepared and ready to play games better," Montgomery said. "We can't have eight, nine or 10 guys be right, 11 guys need to be right. I have to do a better job of that."

Montgomery thought the critical errors in big moments of the game came from the Pirates preparation in practice leading up to Saturday's game. Montgomery said ECU practices two-minute drills every day, but will add more game-winning situations and red zone situations, as opposed to playing out in the middle of the field. This critical situations include 3rd and 15's and fourth and goal to win situations, Montgomery said.

Montgomery expressed his trust in the coaching staff; defensive coordinator David Blackwell, offensive coordinator Tony Peterson and special teams coach Kirk

> FOOTBALL page A6

ECU SOTD gives overview of fall semester



Pierce Williams and Madeline Whallen on stage during a rehearsal of ECU's "A Midsummer Night's Dream."

Blessing Aghimien
TEC STAFF

Chauncey Scarlet Gilliam
TEC STAFF

As students continue to settle into the year at East Carolina University and begin sizing up the local entertainment landscape, ECU's School of Theatre and Dance (SOTD) has created a calendar of dynamic programming that shouldn't be missed.

For dance performances, the ECU Dance program has a full lineup. This semester, students and the greater Greenville community have the opportunity of seeing original work by ECU students such as Fall Dance 2018, the Fall Senior Choreography Dance Concerts and "Lights Up!"

When most people hear the word "concert," the first thought that comes is the music. However, in a dance concert such as Fall Dance 2018, the movement is the focus. Fall Dance 2018 offers original choreography and dance performances of jazz, contemporary, ballet and tap styles.

"Each piece is unique to the

choreographer and performers, and the show as a whole highlights the incredible range of talent and creativity among students in the Dance BFA Program," Marissa Nesbit, assistant professor and coordinator of the Dance Education program for ECU, said.

In addition to multiple styles featured in the dance concert, the performances of Fall Dance 2018 will also depict various emotions, ranging from playful to passion. Performances for Fall Dance 2018 will take place Oct. 16-21 in McGinnis Theatre, according to the official ECU event calendar. Those interested can visit the ECU Arts website for more information on ticket purchasing and more.

Later in the semester is the "Fall Senior Choreography Dance Concerts," where ECU seniors with Bachelor of Fine Arts concentrations in dance performance will showcase original work on the stage of

> SOTD page A5

ONLINE

» ECU Volleyball impresses early on in the season

» VIDEO: Sup Dogs' rooftop opened to the public last Friday

SOCIAL MEDIA



@theeastcarolinian



Facebook.com/theeastcarolinian



@TEC_Newspaper

BRIEFS

College of Business to help prepare students for future

The College of Business Career Readiness will host a Drive Through on Sept. 4 beginning at 9 a.m. and ending at 9:30 a.m. This workshop will be held for new or returning students to learn skills pertaining to the workplace to allow a smooth transition from college to future employment.

The event is additionally sponsored by the ECU Career Center and will take place in Bate Building, room 1200.

Recreation & Wellness to host climbing clinic

There will be a free climbing clinic held at the East Carolina University Student Recreation Center rockwall on Wednesday for any student interested in learning how to climb. The event will begin at 3 p.m. and end at 5 p.m.

The event is open to all students and are asked to come ready with their ECU OneCard. SRC encourages interested students to RSVP online at <https://crwregistration.ecu.edu/Program> ahead of arrival.

CORRECTIONS & CLARIFICATIONS

If you feel there are any factual errors in this newspaper, please contact Matthew Prenskey at editor@theeastcarolinian.com.

Wdowik named director

Darby Hubbell
TEC STAFF

Jenna Price
TEC STAFF



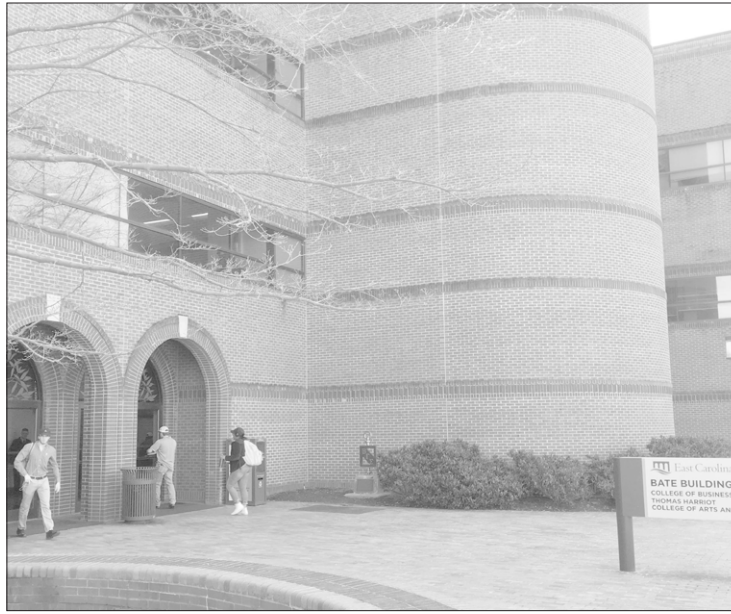
East Carolina University appointed Mark Wdowik as the new Executive Director of the Office of Innovation and New Ventures, which is a recent office addition to the College of Business (COB).

According to Wdowik, the office was created to establish and oversee the University's expansion on discovering, developing and commercializing ideas and inventions created by ECU students, alumni, faculty and partners. Wdowik added the office is meant to connect ECU community members to potential funding and business prospects.

Wdowik said his leadership role in the new COB office is to support students in both their creative and innovative endeavors. Wdowik said he will be working toward pulling together different resources from all across ECU's campus and create a platform for students to grow.

According to Wdowik, the office was established through the Division of Research Economic Development and Engagement at ECU. Wdowik said the purpose of this new office is to serve and help ECU's micro-business program flourish.

"As the only university in the



ARCHIVED | THE EAST CAROLINIAN
Bate Building will hold the new office of Innovation and New Ventures.

state with a medical school, a dental school and a college of engineering, ECU has an unrealized potential to generate intellectual property that can be commercialized," Jay Golden, vice chancellor of Research Economic Development and Engagement, said according to ECU News Services.

Wdowik said his office will stand as an "office of encouragement" toward different types of research and projects dealing with economic development and engagement. Wdowik said he wants students to take on ideas together for the next four years while enduring the entrepreneurship, innovation and

business training at ECU.

"It is geared towards a couple of things, but the primary thing is regional impact," Wdowik said.

Michael Harris, director of ECU Small Business Institute, said he is excited about the opportunities this new office can provide for students. Harris said he was the chair of the search committee in charge of finding a new executive director for the Office of Innovation and New Ventures.

Harris said the process was extremely competitive, but he feels confident he has the "right guy."

"It was a competitive process," Harris said. "We had a great pool of

candidates from across the country. A lot of experience, entrepreneurs and program directors. He stood out. He was certainly the right choice and we're excited to have him here."

Wdowik said the new office will be reviewing current ECU projects and will then evaluate how specific projects can continue to help contribute to the community.

Wdowik said he hopes to see two different funding programs, philanthropic and profit, aimed to help COB students in the future. The philanthropic fund could help ECU students, faculty and alumni pursue their ideas and projects, which Wdowik said is expected to reach one million dollars.

According to Wdowik, the profit fund, which will be used by private investors to fund incoming projects being produced throughout the University, will probably evolve "a little further down the road." Wdowik said he hopes this fund will amount to \$3-5 million from future private investors.

"We would love to produce graduates, some who decide to start ventures others who have entrepreneur careers," Harris said. "We really want to use entrepreneurs to create a vibrant energy in the community."

This writer can be contacted at news@theeastcarolinian.com.

Brody School awards three scholarships

Jenna Price
TEC STAFF

Three diverse North Carolina undergraduate students were awarded the East Carolina University Brody School of Medicine, Brody Scholarship in August.

According to Mark Notestine, president of the Medical and Health Sciences Foundation, three North Carolina natives, Amber Priester, Ross Masters and Helina Gan were the recipients of the BSOM Scholarship, which is estimated at \$115,000.

According to Notestine, the three candidates were picked by BSOM based on their applications and experiences shown through their undergraduate success. Notestine said BSOM believes the scholars will go on to become successful doctors through the program, but they additionally recognize that these three individuals will continue on to serve their community as great citizens.

"They're all great people," Notestine said. "Academically they're strong. They were all able to articulate why they wanted to go into medicine and they're the type of people that we can project are going to be great physicians, but also great citizens."

Amber Priester, a Brody scholar recipient, said this scholarship "means the world to her." Priester

said she was concerned about student debt while trying pursue her medical degree, but this scholarship has greatly alleviated some of that stress.

Priester said being in debt after school was something that was scary to her. She said by being a



Amber Priester

first generation college student, she doesn't quite know how to navigate both undergraduate and medical school finances, so this scholarship will continue to help her succeed financially.

Priester, a Brunswick County native, added she feels this medical degree is for more than just herself, and it will stand as a positive influence for her family.

"My brother jokes that he's going to have to be president to beat me, but he tells me that he wants to go to college and that he wants to pursue school after undergrad," Priester said. "To think that could be because me is really special."

Priester said she was with her mother shopping when she found out she had received the scholarship.

According to Priester, she immediately knew when she saw the Greenville area code that she had earned the money.

"It just meant the whole world to me," Priester said. "When I received this, I was walking into Walmart with my mom and I just made the most insane face when I saw a 252-number come up on my phone and I just started crying and my mom started crying."

Masters, a Robeson County native, said the scholarship is an "incredible blessing." Masters said he chose ECU because he felt he would get the best value for his education, and once he found he was getting the Brody Scholarship, he was committed.

Masters said he chose family medicine as a discipline because he likes the relationships that can be formed with the patients.

According to Masters, he started off his medical career in emergency medicine as a paramedic in Robeson County. After realizing the lack of opportunity on "real high certainty calls" to sit down and create a more personalized relationship with his patients, Masters said he then decided to push his career further and applied for the Brody Scholarship.

"I was an EMT for several



LESLEE DZORVAK/POR | THE EAST CAROLINIAN
Brody School of Medicine selected three North Carolina natives for scholarships.

years and I liked being able to sit down with my patients and talk to them and educate them on what's going on," Masters said. "I've really enjoyed my medical school so far, I've only been here a month and I feel like I already know everybody, and the faculty has been great."

Both Masters and Priester said they have enjoyed their experience with BSOM so far and added they look forward to their future time at ECU.

The Brody Scholarship is unique in many ways, according to Notestine, as he said the purpose of BSOM is to train doctors interested

in practicing family medicine in North Carolina. Notestine said BSOM is also unique because they only accept North Carolina residents.

"Brody scholars is a very unique program and Brody scholars are excellent students," Notestine said. "According to the history of the program, not only do those students graduate, but they do what we train them to do, which is to practice medicine in North Carolina and mostly go into primary care medicine."

This writer can be contacted at news@theeastcarolinian.com.

Apply to become the ECU Student Media...

Day Student Representative

The board is seeking a full-time student interested in serving as the day student representative on the Student Media Board, the 13-person board that governs Student Media

WZMB • Rebel • The East Carolinian • Hook Expressions • Anchors Away • The Agency

To qualify, you must be a student living off campus who is not a member of a sorority or fraternity. You will be expected to attend a late afternoon meeting monthly.

For applications, contact:

252.328.9238
spellerch16@ecu.edu

ECU Student Media
100F Self Help Building
301 Evans Street
Greenville, NC 27858

RUSH

continued from A1

President, Jordan Koonts, and an active member of Alpha Sigma Phi, said he believes this year's recruitment is an improvement on last year. Koonts said the work being done by both Rhys Collins, IFC president and Justin Giacalone, IFC rush chair, have created a new process where PNMs now have a better chance to search for their brotherhood.

"Rhys and Justin have done a good job starting to create a process that gives guys a little more time to get to know more about chapters, see which ones fit them so that way, in the long run, it will create more retention within the chapter," Koonts said.

According to Koonts, who also serves as a member of Chancellor Cecil Staton's Greek Life Task Force, he would suggest more fraternities adopt some of the formal recruitment ideas being accomplished by Panhellenic sororities to help expand the IFC recruitment process.

Koonts said it's interesting to see and meet the guys who are going to be the future of Greek life and potentially stand with the future of his specific fraternity. Koonts added he is excited about this year's IFC recruitment because he enjoys getting involved in the process and helping be a part of recruiting

new members that will one day "carry on our (Greek life) legacy into the future."

According to Collins, all PNMs are encouraged to attend every formal and informal event held throughout the week by each fraternity, but are not officially required by IFC to participate.

Collins said despite the closures of fraternities in the past year, IFC fraternities are on pace to reach their goal of having 400 undergraduate students go through the recruitment process.



Rhys Collins

Collins said he recognized Greek life has been affected by the negative events of the past year through reading circulating news articles and seeing the different closures affect recruitment numbers. However, Collins said he is confident in this year's recruitment process and feels IFC recruitment will continue on to be a great way to build connections for the future.

This writer can be contacted at news@theeastcarolinian.com.

OUR VIEW

Dining situation highlights mistakes

With students entering the third week of classes, East Carolina University's Campus Dining chose to take the year and make renovations to the dining options students have on campus.

Last year, students had the opportunity to grab food from Destination 360, which offered Chick-Fil-A, Panda Express, Grille Works and Bleecker Street. There was the Croatan which had Chick-Fil-A and Chili's Too inside, the list goes on.

This year, Destination 360 has been closed after the promise of the new student center, which is still under construction. The dining halls have decided, instead of closing at 11 p.m. like in previous years, to close at 9 p.m., inconveniencing late-night eaters all across campus.

We, the editorial staff of The East Carolinian, believe the recent dining situation on campus is the result of illogical and out-of-touch decision making on the part of Campus Dining.

Closing the dining halls at 9 p.m. does nothing but inconvenience students who spend late nights studying and whose dining options are already limited without Destination 360. Campus Dining has said the dining halls opening up at 7 a.m. make up for this cut time, but the dining halls already opened at that time and still leaves students in a bad situation at night. If Campus Dining really wanted to optimize the food options on campus, it should have asked students what they want and need.

OUR STAFF

Matthew Prenskey	Editor-in-Chief
Julie Estep	Managing Editor
Robbie Milton	Copy Editor
Darby Hubbell	News Editor
Jenna Price	News Chief
Blessing Aghimien	A&E Editor
Danielle Schmid	A&E Chief
Chase Carroll	Sports Editor
Daniel Roberts	Sports Chief
Andy Li	Opinion Editor
Amanda Shea	Multimedia Manager
Anh Ha	Social Media Manager
Thomas Weybrecht	Visual Arts Editor
Jordin Williams	Visual Arts Chief
Mollie Pittman	Design Chief
Dagi Bayunga	Business Manager

Serving ECU since 1925, The East Carolinian is an independent, student-run publication distributed Tuesdays and Thursdays during the academic year and Wednesdays during the summer. The opinions expressed herein are those of the student writers, columnists and editors and do not necessarily reflect those of the faculty, staff or administration at East Carolina University or the Student Media Board. Columns and reviews are the opinions of the writers; "Our View" is the opinion of The East Carolinian Board of Opinions.

As a designated public forum for East Carolina University, The East Carolinian welcomes letters to the editor limited to 250 words. Letters may be rejected or edited for libelous content, decency and brevity. All letters must be signed and include a telephone number.

One copy of The East Carolinian is free. Each additional copy is \$1. Unauthorized removal of additional copies from a distribution site constitutes theft under North Carolina law. Violators will be prosecuted.

Contact Info

The East Carolinian
Self Help Building,
Greenville, NC, 28889-4353

Email: editor@theeastcarolinian.com

Newsroom: (252) 328-9238

Ads: (252) 328-9245

Fax: (252) 328-9143

SHENEMAN TRIBUNE CONTENT AGENCY



PREACHING TO THE CHOIR

Homophobia is deadly

Straight people must take responsibility for LGBT deaths



Andy Li
TEC STAFF

Andy CandidLi

Jamel Myles hung himself on Aug. 23, after coming home from school. He had only recently come out as gay, and his mother says the incessant bullying contributed to his

suicide. He was nine years old.

On Aug. 20, 2008, my mother passed away after a long battle with breast cancer. I remember doing my spelling homework in the living room when my pastor - the man who I would one day call Dad - came to take me to the hospital. I was 11 years old.

The trauma Jamel and I went through as gay boys was incredibly different. Obviously, I was bullied intensely for my perceived gayness, but unlike Jamel, I would remain firmly in the closet until my junior year of high school. While I did not ever confide in my parents or my teachers in the bullying I was facing, Jamel's mother did and says she contacted the school's administration several times to help deal with the bullying. While our situations might have been different, both of us went through a dark period. Both Jamel and I contemplated suicide. I get to be here to write about. Jamel does not.

There are a thousand think pieces on bullying in young people and how social media, electronics or any other scapegoats are to blame. But it's important to understand the root of Jamel's torture, the

“ Saving LGBT kids is a burden which falls to straight people, and it is a burden they have shrugged. ”

reason his mother walked in to his room to find his body hanging— homophobia.

Children bully what they do not understand, what is abnormal, what is mocked at their family dinners. Would Jamel Myles still be alive today if his classmates' parents had told their children that LGBT people were just regular people and deserved respect? Or if his teachers had been diligent when confronting bullying, and clear that homophobia would not be tolerated? Or if his school system had made it a priority to educate its students about LGBT people?

Homophobia is the shame and responsibility of straight people. There is only so much the LGBT community can do. Saving LGBT kids is a burden which falls to straight people, and it is a burden they have shrugged.

Leelah Alcorn was a 17-year-old transgender girl in Ohio. After coming out to her parents, they kept her isolated from her friends, sent her to several conversion therapies and consistently berated her for her gender identity. On Dec. 8, 2014, Leelah Alcorn killed herself by walking in front of a truck. In her suicide note, she lamented the constant suffering she had to go through

each day because of her family.

"I'm sad enough already, I don't need my life to get any worse. People say 'it gets better' but that isn't true in my case. It gets worse. Each day I get worse," Alcorn wrote. "That's the gist of it, that's why I feel like killing myself. Sorry if that's not a good enough reason for you, it's good enough for me."

LGBT people grow up in a world controlled by straight people and often, our lives are at their mercy, whether that is in the schoolyard or at home. If straight people are not using their power to combat homophobia when it is presented to them, they are complicit to its results, including the unnecessary deaths of Jamel and Leelah.

I do not know what forces allowed me to survive my suicidal tendencies, and not Jamel and Leelah. Maybe I had more support, or a better family environment or I was a stronger person. But what I know is that their deaths did not need to happen. I know there is a world where all three of us get to be our most authentic selves. It hasn't happened for us, but maybe for our children, we can make it a reality.

Andy is a senior majoring in communication and political science. To contact this writer, email opinion@theeastcarolinian.com.

Joyner East needs new staircase



Thomas Weybrecht
TEC STAFF

The East Carolina University School of Communication, located on main campus in Joyner East, *desperately* needs a larger staircase.

With 1,021 students currently enrolled in ECU's communication program, according to PiratePort, one narrow staircase is simply insufficient to effectively transport students to and from the school's lecture halls, labs, offices and classrooms in between classes. Students must wait for dozens upon dozens of others to trudge down the steps, single-file, before taking the same path in reverse in order to get to their classes on time. Other students think they can play the system and squeeze through, but this leads to the inevitable traffic jam, wasting even more precious time.

Every hour, every day. Old Faithful, meet Joyner East.

The hundreds of millions of dollars allocated by the university to arguably nonessential projects such as the expansion of Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium, the new Main Campus Student Center and various renovations and beautifications around the campus could certainly spare a few thousand dollars toward a simple staircase.

No - scratch that - by the time this is all said and done, I want a luxurious,



THOMAS WEYBRECHT | THE EAST CAROLINIAN
The staircase of Joyner East on ECU's campus.

spiral-bound, bronze-plated staircase to escort me comfortably and elegantly to my 12 p.m. Sports Media Survey lecture. There's certainly money for that somewhere. Just do me a favor and make

sure it's more than three feet wide.

I'm sure I and a few hundred of other communication students would be willing to spend a couple extra dollars in our student fees in order to facilitate the construction of a suitable staircase at Joyner East. That's where our fees go, right? Or would Chancellor Cecil Staton just see a little boost in his paycheck?

All joking aside, I think it is time for a serious discussion of budget priorities at ECU. Certainly the administrators must know that putting money toward a more functional campus infrastructure is more important than installing a fourth (or is it fifth?) Starbucks Coffee. And I'm all for the idea of providing more incentives for Pirate fans to contribute to the athletics program, as is the case with the box seating expansion of the stadium, but let's make sure the campus has enough sidewalk space for our school's pedestrians and cyclists to coexist peacefully (and that's a whole debate itself).

Here at Eternal Construction University, we're accustomed to seeing pop-up fences, orange cones and yellow machinery as a sign of growth on campus. With a little foresight, we can minimize the negative consequences of such progress.

Thomas is a senior majoring in communication. To contact this writer, email opinion@theeastcarolinian.com.

CLASSIFIEDS

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF UNCLAIMED PROPERTY

The East Carolina University Police Department gives notice that certain items of unclaimed property have been in possession of the police department for over 180 days. These items were found, confiscated or seized during lawful investigations and included various types of property such as but not limited to scooters, skateboards, documents, duffel bags/book bags, suitcases, keys, wallets/purses, electronics, car stereo equipment, clothing, power/

hand tools, home décor, home improvement items, U.S. currency and bicycles. Some matters concern property in which the case has been disposed of in the judicial system and the property is no longer considered evidence in this matter. Persons who may be entitled thereof are required by law to make such a claim within (30) days of this notice. Owners may contact the ECU Police Department at (252) 737-2626 or (252) 328-6787 or in person at 609 East 10th Street, Greenville, NC. A description of the property along with the serial number or reasonable proof of ownership will need to be provided in order to

claim property. After (30) days, the property will be administratively forfeited and disposed of according to law. Property items of value that remain unclaimed will be turned over for auction to PropertyRoom.com, all bicycles not claimed will be donated to non-profit charities and all remaining items will be destroyed.

References: N.C.G.S. 15-11.1, N.C.G.S. 15-12 through 15-16

First Date of Notice: September 4, 2018

Last Date of Claim: October 4, 2018

HOROSCOPES

Aries (March 21-April 19) -- Today is a 7 --

Household issues require attention. Stick close to home for a few days. Handle practical matters first. Avoid controversial moves. Hide out and recharge.

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

Investigate solutions to a structural problem. Spontaneous distractions could pull at your hem. Find solutions through communication. Get expert advice. Instill order within the chaos.

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

efforts get profitable over the next two days. Apply your energies to making money, and maintain momentum. Budget carefully for positive cash flow.

Cancer (June 21-July 22) -- Today is a 9 -- Personal

discipline raises the level of your game. Practice and refine your techniques. Imagine your vision accomplished, and then put your back into it.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Today is a 6 -- Take

it easy today and tomorrow. Review plans and watch for opportune moments. Finish old projects and put things away. Clear space for what's next.

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

ideas, information and resources between friends. Connect for mutual support. Choose private over public gatherings, and avoid overspending. Discuss a vision and possible strategies.

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

-- You're attracting attention, and someone you care about is in the audience. Put on a fabulous show. Keep it short and simple. Deliver a powerful pitch.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) -- Today is an 8 -- Give in to your

adventurous side. Can you mix business with pleasure? Business travel or research reveals unexplored territory. Handle chores first and then go play.

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

is an 8 -- Discipline with shared finances pays in compound interest. Save money by plugging leaks. Cancel unnecessary subscriptions or fees. Hone in on your interests to build foundational strength.

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

is an 8 -- Negotiate and compromise. Flexibility with changes supports your collaboration. Share tasks and chores. Refine plans and budgets to save time and money.

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

8 -- Things could get busy at work. You may have disappointment or resistance around physical goals. Cutting corners would cost you. Prioritize health and wellness.

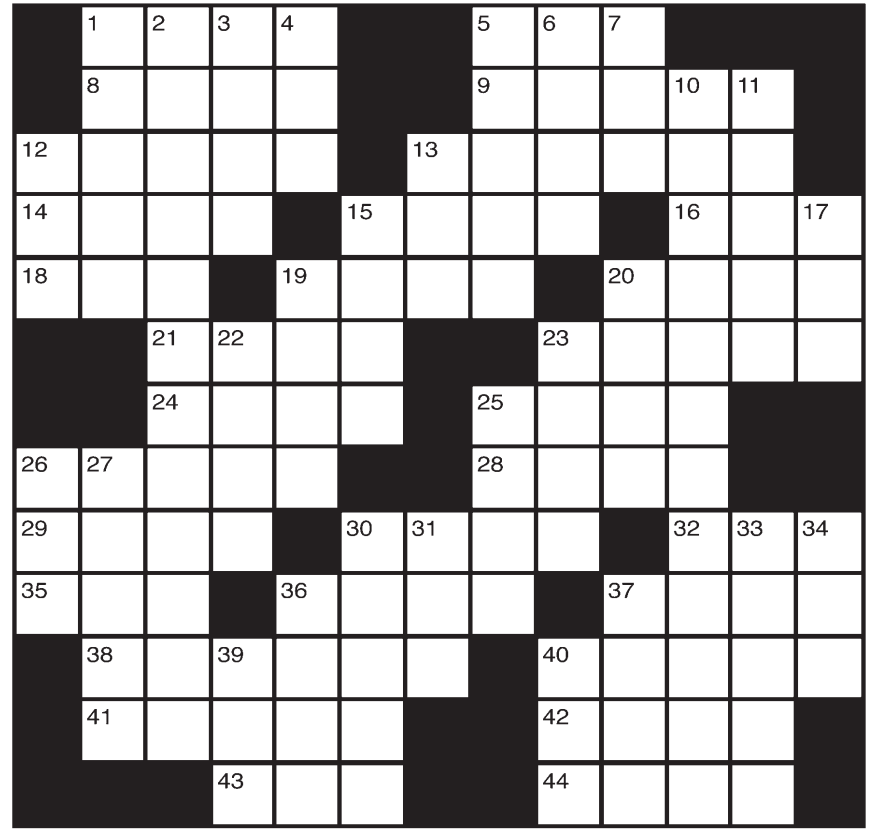
Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) -- Today is a 7 --

You may need to do something you don't want. A conflict between love and duty or obligation could arise. Communication resolves family or partner challenges.

CROSSWORD

THE TV CROSSWORD

by Jacqueline E. Mathews



ACROSS

- 1 "Howie ___"
- 5 "Wheel of Fortune" host
- 8 "Grand Ole ___"
- 9 "___ of Two Cities"
- 12 Susannah and Michael
- 13 "Last ___ Hero"; Arnold Schwarzenegger movie
- 14 Historical periods
- 15 Ellen Pompeo's role in her current series
- 16 Canada's neighbor to the south: abbr.
- 18 Bit of sooty residue
- 19 Pesci and Mantegna
- 20 Name for 12 Popes
- 21 "What Not to ___"
- 23 Misplaces
- 24 Actress Skye
- 25 "___ Case"
- 26 "The ___ Reed Show"
- 28 ___ about; approximately
- 29 Klutzes
- 30 Actress Spelling
- 32 Sixth sense, for short
- 35 Go astray

- 36 "Here's the story of a lovely lady, who was bringing up three ___ lovely girls..." (Theme song from "The Brady Bunch")
- 37 "Auld Lang ___"
- 38 More spine-chilling
- 40 "60 Minutes" correspondent
- 41 "Blowin' in the Wind" singer Bob
- 42 Water, in Mexico
- 43 Sylvester Stallone, to friends
- 44 Piece of office furniture

DOWN

- 1 Choices for "Let's Make a Deal" contestants
- 2 Talk show host
- 3 Annoys
- 4 Cobb and Burrell
- 5 Walks the floor
- 6 Perry Mason or Ben Matlock: abbr.
- 7 Skater Babilonia
- 10 Julia ___
- 11 Follow
- 12 Affirmative vote
- 13 "Car 54, Where ___ You?"
- 15 AI or Tipper
- 17 Pompous fool
- 19 Actress ___ Marie Hupp
- 20 "The Sport of Kings"
- 22 Long, long times
- 23 Actress Anderson
- 25 "___ in the House"
- 26 Bambi's mother, for one
- 27 Rowed
- 30 ___-weeny
- 31 Hockey's Bobby
- 33 Move furtively
- 34 Pay ___ view
- 36 Small glass bottle
- 37 Wise one
- 39 Monogram for the author of "Kidnapped"
- 40 Unhappy

Solution from 8/30

B	O	B		R	O	D		S	H	O	W
A	P	E		E	R	E		L	I	M	A
N	I	A		I	D	E	A	A	V	A	S
G	E	R	A	L	D	O	R	I	V	E	R
				S	L	Y		E	D	S	
U	S	E	S		E	S	L		B	E	A
M	A	R	T	H	A	S	T	E	W	A	R
A	L	A		A	B	E		H	A	R	M
				O	W	S		A	T	E	
W	H	A	T	N	O	T	T	O	W	E	A
H	A	L	T		R	O	O	M		A	L
E	L	M	O		B	U	N		R	L	S
T	E	A	S		S	T	E		N	Y	E

SUDOKU

SUDOKU

THE SAMURAI OF PUZZLES By The Mepham Group

6	2		9			8		
5			8	3				6
		1						
			1					2
	7		9			4		
2			6	5				
					3			
4		7	8				5	
		6		4		9	7	

Level:

- 1 2
3 4

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit www.sudoku.org.uk

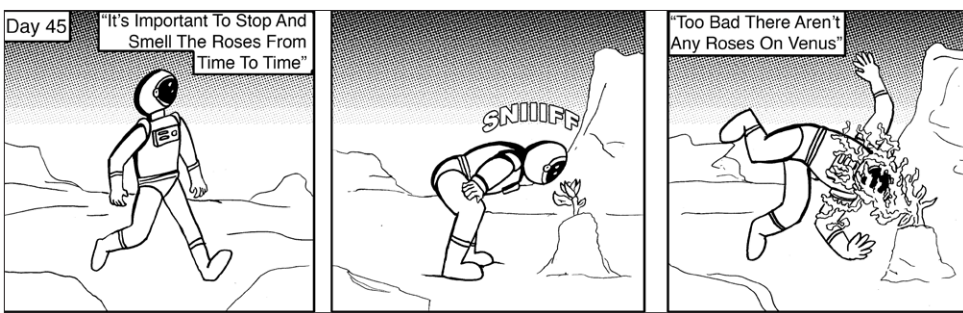
Solution from 8/30

7	2	9	4	1	5	3	8	6
3	8	5	9	6	2	4	1	7
1	6	4	7	3	8	9	2	5
9	7	2	6	8	3	1	5	4
6	5	8	1	4	9	2	7	3
4	3	1	5	2	7	6	9	8
5	9	3	2	7	6	8	4	1
2	4	6	8	5	1	7	3	9
8	1	7	3	9	4	5	6	2

© 2017 The Mepham Group. Distributed by Tribune Content Agency. All rights reserved.

COMICS

ONE AND ONLY



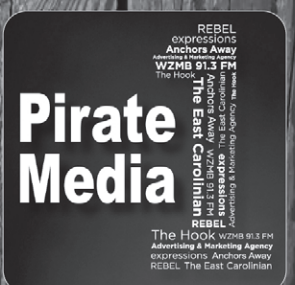
BRIAN JUDGE | THE EAST CAROLINIAN

TAP THE APP

GET YOUR FILL OF NEWS, SPORTS, ARTS AND MUSIC

COMING THIS FALL

The Agency ★ The East Carolinian ★ Anchors Away ★ The Hook ★ The Rebel ★ Expressions ★ WZMB 91.3



EVENTS

TODAY

Super Smash Bros Casual Night
Blue Ox Games
5 p.m.

SAB Welcome Back Cookout
Mendenhall
Brickyard
5:30 p.m.

Beginner Hip-Hop Class
Student Recreation Center
5:30 p.m.

FRIENDS Trivia
Uptown Brewing Company
7 p.m.

TOMORROW

Dungeons & Dragons
Well Played Games
7 p.m.

Comedy Pitt Open Mic
Pitt Street Brewing Company
8 p.m.

Karaoke Night
Fire American Tavern
8 p.m.

Sports Trivia
AJ McMurphy's
8 p.m.

MOVIE REVIEW



The movie poster for "Adventures in Public School," which debuted on Netflix on Aug. 21. The film was directed by Canadian writer Kyle Rideout.

'Adventures' is a humorous hit

'Adventures in Public School' focuses on relatable issues



Anais Roller
TEC STAFF

As if starting high school wasn't hard enough, imagine starting after being schooled at home your entire life by your overprotective mother. *Adventures in Public School* introduces the audience to the socially awkward Liam, played by Daniel Doheny, who lives in a closed-off reality separate from those his own age.

Directed by Kyle Rideout, this coming of age comedy is a Canadian film which originally premiered at the Toronto International Film Festival last year. The Canadian comedy is now available on Netflix and is a must see if you have a "different" sense of humor.

The movie begins with protagonist Liam studying with his mother Claire, played by Judy Greer, for his GED test. After studying for months, he purposely fails his exam to enter public school because he falls instantly in love with Anastasia, a girl with one leg. However, the idea of Liam no longer being up under her watch nauseates Claire because she knows her sheltered son has



Wes (Alex Barima) and Liam (Daniel Doheny) in a scene at the school gym.

never been exposed to a life filled with drugs, sex, bullies and gangs.

Liam insists his mother allow him to leave her homeschooling because he's tired of being a loner and being thrown parties where his only guests are his mother and grandmother. After a lot of convincing, his mother gives in and Liam is able to enroll in public school under one condition — he takes the place of Maria, a student who is out due to illness.

As the movie progresses, viewers begin to question the overbearing actions of his mother as almost incestual. She takes it upon herself to teach her son the ropes of being a teenager by doing things such as smoking

weed with him in the school parking lot and taking him to his first college party where she forces him to chug a beer before entering. Not your typical mom behavior, right? Things get even more weird when Liam begins secretly "dating" Anastasia and his mother's reaction is less supportive, but rather jealous.

Although, *Adventures in Public School* is a trending movie on Netflix, its crude humor may not be for everyone, especially if you can't get past the mother's obsessive tendencies toward her son, which is where most of the film's humor lies. On Rotten Tomatoes, *Adventures in Public School* was rated at 71 percent, with an average rating of 5.9/10.

"*Adventures in Public School* isn't for everyone. But this oddball high school comedy from director Kyle Rideout has a distinct voice and a wry sense of humor that sets it apart from the standard teen film," Kimbre Myers, a Los Angeles Times Top Critic, said in reference to the film on Rotten Tomatoes.

The distinct humor of *Adventures in Public School* draws viewers in as they try to understand the unusual dynamic between Liam and his mother, while following Liam's teenage love story with his crush Anastasia. Although the closeness between the mother and son is creepy, it's hard to stop watching. This movie isn't for everyone but for those that understand the humor, it can be a hit. If you're looking for new movies to watch on Netflix, *Adventures in Public School* is definitely worth a try.

RATING:



4.5 out of 5

This writer can be contacted at arts@theeastcarolinian.com.

SOTD

continued from A1

Messick Theatre Arts Center. The Fall Senior Choreography Dance Concerts will cost \$5 per seat, and performances are Dec. 1 at 4 p.m. and 8 p.m. and on Dec. 2 at noon and 4 p.m., according to the ECU official event calendar.

Natalie Pruitt, a 2016 ECU graduate of the School of Theatre and Dance, said the event is something which takes weeks of preparation and implored students to attend and support their peers, "regardless of their own majors."

"Just like one would support a senior recital or help a friend out with a thesis paper, this event warrants the same support from



Natalie Pruitt

those in the ECU community," Pruitt said. "To perform is one thing. To perform in front of supportive faces means another." Rounding off the semester is "Lights Up!," a student-led informal performance where dance and musical theatre students will perform their own original work, which will take place Dec. 10 at 7 p.m. Admission is free, but ticketed, before marking the calendar, those interested in attending should contact the box office of the School of Theatre and Dance.



ECU's Messick Theatre Arts Center will feature the shows and performances put on by the ECU SOTD program.

ECU's SOTD fall productions consists of both mystery and magic, as both of its casts now prepare months in advance for a production to remember on the Messick Stage.

In an effort to bring the world of Neverland to the Messick stage, "Peter and The Starcatcher" will be the fall play this semester. Adapted from a best-selling 2004 children's novel, "Peter and The Starcatcher" is described as "a play with music" and won five Tony Awards in 2012, including Best Sound Design of a Play and Best Scene Design of a Play.

Later this fall, the ECU SOTD will host its rendition of a musical by Rupert Holmes called "The Mystery of Edwin Drood," which is based on

an unfinished novel by English author Charles Dickens. Described by The Kensington Theatre as "delightfully loony," the murder mystery comedy is said to promise "an evening of laughter to its audience." The show runs from Nov. 13-17 at 8 p.m. and Nov. 18 at noon, according to ECU's official event calendar.

Participating in productions isn't limited to theatre and dance students, as anyone who is genuinely interested in being a part of a production can partake in what ECU's SOTD has to offer. Auditions for ECU productions are open to everyone in the community regardless of experience. There are multiple

ways for students to get involved, from acting on stage to lending a helping hand on the stage crew, according to ECU SOTD associate professor Michael Tahaney.

Students who aren't SOTD majors are eligible to take many design and production classes and are encouraged to volunteer if they aren't available or interested in taking the production classes. ECU's SOTD also has partnerships with student organizations, which is another option for ECU students interested in what the theatrics have to offer, according to the ECU SOTD's webpage.

"There are also three student

"**To perform is one thing. To perform in front of supportive faces means another.**"
-Natalie Pruitt

organizations associated with our school — East Carolina Theatre Association, East Carolina Dance Association and (the) Fifth Street Players. Organization membership for these are open to all students," Tahaney said.

To some, theatrical productions may seem boring or even something just for "theatre geeks" to indulge in, but according to Tahaney, those who take the time to experience it up close may find a pleasant surprise.

"Students need to know that we're (the ECU School of Theatre and Dance) here, providing a safe space to be challenged, dazzled, excited and affirmed through stories told in words, music and movement," Tahaney said.

This writer can be contacted at arts@theeastcarolinian.com.

>> COLUMN

UNC possibly Mo's last shot



Chase Carroll
TEC STAFF

East Carolina University football head coach Scottie Montgomery acknowledged after the 28-23 season opening loss

to FCS opponent NC Agricultural and Technical State University that blocking out the fan disappointment and anger would be difficult. He placed much of the blame on himself, which is something that has drawn the support of many of his players.

While the players love to play for Montgomery, and he has done a strong job in recent months of recruiting, the fact of the matter is, he went 6-18 in his first two seasons as head coach at ECU, and started his third season losing to an FCS team for the second straight year.

Despite the Pirates leading the game in nearly every category, late game clock management and turnovers in the redzone ultimately cost the Pirates against NC A&T. Each are a direct correlation of poor team discipline, and while this cannot be fully blamed on Montgomery, it has to be mentioned. The team has been horrid in the redzone for the last two seasons, and appear to not have made up much ground since then. Montgomery was quick to focus the blame on himself, which is an admirable trait as a head coach. But that admirable trait must win games as well.

Montgomery guaranteed a trip to the 2018 postseason following



THOMAS WEYBRECHT | THE EAST CAROLINIAN

East Carolina University head football coach Scottie Montgomery discusses a call with a ref during the NC A&T game.

last year's ugly season finale where the Pirates were beat down 70-13. But an opening day loss to one of the Pirates' worst opponents on the year does not bode well for those chances, leaving much of Pirate nation wanting answers, and in turn change.

Montgomery may have his last opportunity to silence those doubters this weekend against UNC-Chapel Hill, in a matchup

of programs with coaches on the hot seat. Coming off such a heartbreaking loss last week, many Pirates' fans' opinions will be extremely hard to change regarding the job status of Montgomery, but he has a chance to change some minds.

That change starts with defeating an in-state rival from the Atlantic Coast Conference, something Montgomery was able to do in his

second game at ECU against North Carolina State University, when Montgomery had the hope and support of nearly all of Pirate nation.

Since that game against NC State, the Pirates' defense has been one of the worst in the country, in both rushing the passer and in coverage. In the first game, however, Montgomery's defense under new defensive coordinator David Blackwell looked much

improved from a season ago. Despite the improved defense, the Pirates stalled offensively when it mattered most. If this cannot be fixed against UNC, a team also coming off a poor 3-9 2017 season and a 2018 season opening loss, it basically shatters ECU's chances at a playoff berth, and perhaps could even be the last straw for Montgomery in Greenville.

I, like many others, am rooting for the success of Montgomery, and truly want to see him prove the doubters wrong. The fact of the matter though, is if he cannot convert the trust and support he has from the players into wins, someone must be brought in who can. The attendance at the games is clearly dwindling away, and it is apparent the fan support is as well.

Call me crazy, but I think ECU comes out and plays hard next week for a coach that is depending on his team to show up. If the Pirates can get a win for their head coach, it brightens the outlook on the season tremendously. A loss likely kills any chances of a bowl game, and makes it more and more difficult to keep a head coach who guaranteed a bowl appearance in his third season at the helm.

For the sake of Montgomery and Pirate nation, let's all hope the Pirates can right the ship and pull off a big win on Saturday against UNC. One win is all it takes to gain some momentum in college football and could spark a run at a bowl. If he cannot win this weekend, the chatter will only get louder among ECU fans.

This writer can be contacted at sports@theeastcarolinian.com.



Nick Ciaccia and Ethan Hageman run in the men's 5k for the Pirates.

CONTRIBUTED BY JOSEY WEAVER

Cross country teams start season with a bang

Austin Walker
TEC STAFF

The East Carolina University men's and women's cross country teams traveled to Columbia, South Carolina this weekend, where they competed in the Carolina Challenge hosted by the University of South Carolina. The teams had a great performance in Columbia, bringing home the team and individual titles in both the men's and women's events.

Coach Josey Weaver is proud of his teams, and knows the success of the teams will bring further individual success.

"We opened up the season just about as good as we could have," Weaver said. "We always push team success over individual success, because when you have the team success, individual success will follow. Grace and Nick had some great performances in their first event of their senior season, and we hope continue that success the rest of the season."

The men finished first by one point with a score of 27, edging No.12 ranked Clemson University who finished with 28 points. The Pirates also beat Coastal Carolina University

(98), Winthrop University (110) and South Carolina State (125) on Friday.

In the men's 5k, senior Nick Ciaccia finished first in the tournament, winning the individual title for the Pirates with a time of 15:26.2. He was followed closely by Pirate freshman Ethan Hageman, who finished with a time of 15:26.3.

Ciaccia is proud of the teams' effort, and knows it will serve as a confidence booster to start the season.

"The win definitely gives us some confidence, because our big thing as a team is trust," Ciaccia said. "Now we've seen some results, we will be able to trust our abilities and in coach Weaver's training. The win will also help some of the younger guys adjust to competing at a college level, which will help us moving forward."

The Pirate women also finished first in the team scores, blowing away their competition with a score of 22, which was 24 points better than Clemson who finished in second with 46 points. The team went on to put away the rest of their competition in the University of South Carolina (52), Georgia Southern University (132), Winthrop (138), Gardner-Webb University (175), Coastal Carolina

(183) and South Carolina State (237).

Senior Grace Sullivan brought home the individual title in the women's 5K for the Pirate women with a time of 17:08. Freshmen Anna Bristle (3rd) and Abby Yourkavich (4th), and junior Nuria Tillo-Prats (5th) also finished inside the top five for the Pirates.

Sullivan thinks this team has huge potential this season and is proud of the younger players stepping up in the first match of the season.

"It was a great feeling to come out with wins on the men's and women's side. It's been great watching the younger players and freshmen develop and I'm excited about our group this year," Sullivan said. "I feel like my role is to show them a good work ethic and to help them along in my last year. So far this year, in the first three weeks, we've come together and we have a great team this year."

The win starts off the fall season for the Pirates, who will look to continue the success from their first match, while integrating 22 newcomers into the teams.

This writer can be contacted at sports@theeastcarolinian.com.

FOOTBALL continued from A1

Doll, and again took fault for the Pirates not practicing to be prepared for critical situations.

"The preparation happens during the week. What happened during the game is more connected to what we did or didn't do to prepare," Montgomery said. "That's on me. I put together the game plan, I put together the practice plan."

Montgomery addressed the status of Herring this week. Herring was banged up during Saturday's game and had to be replaced for a

play by backup quarterback Kingsley Ifedi while he was checked out on the sideline. Montgomery said Herring was hit more than ECU would have liked and would be reevaluated during the week, but that he was in good spirits on Monday.

As for Herring's play on the field, Montgomery said the coaching staff needs to do a better job of getting Herring to carry out fakes on runs and to use his legs to run more himself in the offense. Herring finished with more than 300 yards passing on 37 completions in 65 attempts, but Montgomery said after the game that Herring did not play as well in the second half as in the first half.

When talking about if the Pirates would be keeping a shorter leash on Herring at quarterback in next week's game, Montgomery said some of the responsibility



Scottie Montgomery

for mistakes falls on those around Herring and not just on the quarterback's shoulders. Montgomery said ECU will get better in its running game, and to do better in third and fourth down situations, but reiterated the

team must keep patience with the quarterback position.

"Coming out of training camp, one of the things we saw was that there was a remarkable difference between Reid Herring and our other two quarterbacks," Montgomery said. "We can't think that just because we're going to put a new person in there, everything is going to change. We need to base it off production. Right now, Reid has produced more in practice, more in scrimmages and more over the last eight to nine months than the other two."

Montgomery said to address the running game, he would have liked to see more rotation among the Pirates

four running backs. Montgomery specifically said fans can expect to see more of Darius Pinnix in next week's game. Pinnix did not play at all against A&T, despite being ECU's second leading rusher last season.

On the offensive line, Montgomery said they struggled with smaller, faster rushers coming from further away. Montgomery said that center John Spellacy handled the rush the best of all the offensive linemen on Saturday.

ECU will prepare to take on the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill on Saturday.

This writer can be contacted at sports@theeastcarolinian.com.