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Mayor praises city staff

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The Greenville City Council met Monday night to discuss the continuous community-driven Hurricane Florence relief efforts conducted by both city departments and individual members.

According to the Mayor of Greenville, P.J. Connelly, city council members came together to tackle the problems the city and its neighboring communities were facing. Councilmember At-large, Brian Meyerhoeffer, and District 5 councilmember, Will Litchfield said they both personally responded to needs throughout Greenville, including areas near the Tar River.

"My peers really immersed themselves into the community despite what was going on with them personally and in their families throughout the storm," Connelly said.

Connelly said the Greenville Police Department were "heroes" in how they responded to the amount of rescues which took place in New Bern, North Carolina and the amount of service required in the city during Hurricane Florence.

According to Connelly, GPD volunteered 80 officers and 17 swift water rescue members to aid New Bern in responding to flooded roads and flying debris during the storm's impact.

"It's incredible. We are thankful for these departments and their immediate willingness to help," Connelly said.

Meyerhoeffer said he felt the community was prepared for the worst and Greenville ended up being very lucky.

"We need to count our blessings, thoughts

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East Carolina University departments volunteered and assisted in areas around eastern North Carolina in the aftermath of Hurricane Florence.

Hurricane relief efforts ECU continues to support Florence victims

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East Carolina University students have responded to the devastation left behind by Hurricane Florence by employing several different areas of the University with missions to assist afflicted communities.

The Brody School of Medicine, ECU Police Department and students who are part of the Army Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) have all reached out to different areas of North Carolina which have been impacted by the hurricane, according to sources from all three departments.

According to Lt. Col. Melissa Coleman, professor of military science for ROTC, 17

ECU students in ROTC have been deployed to areas across eastern North Carolina for a variety of missions.

Coleman said some ROTC cadets are assisting in passing out sandbags, handing out generators or working with the engineer corps to clear debris over all areas of North Carolina.

"Some are doing fire and rescue team working with the FBI and some were actually doing rescues," Coleman said.

Coleman said some of the students who were deployed have been put on leave and have returned to campus, but there are several still stationed in different areas assisting.

Clinical Associate Professor for Family Medicine at BSOM, Dr. Susan Schmidt, said the medical school students were in the Greenville community preparing for the

storm before Florence arrived.

"They went to the American Red Cross training prior to Hurricane Florence hitting and they helped to set up shelters, provide medical assistance, that sort of thing," Schmidt, an associate dean for student affairs said.

Schmidt said she thinks it is important for BSOM students to become involved in disaster relief and it fits the profile of the type of students they recruit for their program.

"This is what Brody is all about," Schmidt said. "We recruit students that are committed to our area, committed to taking care of people, who are committed to doing the right thing in the time of crisis."

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Swim and dive ready for new season

Daniel Roberts
TEC STAFF

The East Carolina University swim and dive team has been preparing for the new year, and now look to open up the season on a high note hosting meets in Minges Natatorium this upcoming Friday and the following Friday.

Both teams came off seasons which did not result in either team hoisting an American Athletic Conference Championship trophy. Before last season, the men's team had won the conference championship three straight times and looked to four-peat, but fell short to the University of Cincinnati

906-795. The women's team finished in third place at the conference championship, losing to the University of Houston and Cincinnati.

This year, the team will be welcoming nine new swimmers to the men's team and 14 new swimmers to the women's team. Head coach Matthew Jabs has confidence in his veterans and first year swimmers that they will step up and give it their all in every meet.

"We have a really good group this year," Jabs said.

"This is going to be a learning type season, we have a lot of

people that have to learn how to swim in college, and learn what the collegiate format is like and that is exciting. It is something different for the coaches to have that amount on the team being that new."

Even though swim and dive has team scores for both men and women, Jabs and the coaching staff try to focus more on the swimmers setting personal bests instead of focusing on what the scoreboard says at the end of every meet. Returning swimmers this

season have set the bar high for themselves, as they all look to try and bring home another conference

championship trophy to ECU. Junior freestyle swimmer Catherine Johnson has taken her goals for the year to another level, as she looks to surpass her 50 meter freestyle race time of 23.06 seconds set at the AAC Championships back on Feb. 15.

"I have definitely set some goals for myself," Johnson said. "Last year my goal was to go under 23, and I did not quite reach that, I was .06 seconds off, so close. Not only is that my goal this year, but I want to take it up a step higher and maybe go a 22.5, and also make the B cut for the NCAA championship meet I've been working really hard to try to get up to that level, and I want to show what I can do in the pool."

While the coaching staff will have to deal with helping the freshmen swimmers adjust and transition into the collegiate swimming, veteran swimmers have taken on the responsibility of showing them what it's like to swim for "Pirate Nation" on top of what it takes to win races.

"I want to show the freshmen

and all the new people that we have our culture, how we compete, what it means to be on this team," senior Victor Santos said.

This Friday, Jabs and company will host their annual intrasquad meet in Minges at 3:30 p.m. Jabs said the environment will not be the same as if they were competing in a dual meet, but they should still expect a nice crowd of fans who will get the opportunity to see what the team is capable of this season.

"I want to see how the team execute races," Jabs said. "I am sure that we will see things that will surprise us as far as really good swims early on that we may not expect right away, but we will also see some things that we will have to make adjustments and just better prepare for the way they are going to compete once we get a real team in here that we are going against. This will be another learning step for this squad."

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ECU swim and dive is set to begin its season on Friday at 3:30 p.m. in Minges Natatorium.

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BRIEFS

University leaders present public speaking skills

Virginia Hardy, East Carolina University vice chancellor of student affairs, Heather Macy women's basketball head coach and Jordan Koonts, president of ECU Student Government Association, present the importance of excellent public speaking skills and how to manage speaking anxiety next week.

The event will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 3 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. in Joyner Library, room 2409.

ECU Adventure Program to host Climb Night

ECU Adventure will host a ladies climb night at the Student Recreation Center tonight beginning at 9. This climb is specifically for females and will have an all female staff.

Students who attend the event will need to bring their OneCard. The event will end at 10 p.m.

School of Art and Design presents new exhibit

The Gray Gallery is presenting an exhibition reflecting glass art, from study abroad in Poland from Summer 2018. The exhibition is hosted in the Burroughs Wellcome Gallery in the Jenkins Fine Arts Center.

The exhibit is open for viewing until Friday during the galleries operating hours. The work for this exhibit is curated by Lacey Hargroder.

Office of Undergraduate Admissions to host Preview

The Office of Undergraduate Admissions and various other academic departments will be hosting a preview day on Friday, September 28 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in Mendenhall Student Center and Speight Building room 203.

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Faculty Senate leads

New officers build bridges with administration

Trajan Warren
TEC STAFF

East Carolina University has the unique aspect of allowing its faculty and student body to work in close collaboration with the administration to help create and implement policies for the University.

According to the Faculty Senate website, the Faculty Senate was implemented 53 years ago to provide a way for the faculty at ECU to collaborate with the higher administration on the workings of the University.

For the 2018-19 academic year, faculty officers, according to the faculty manual, are elected by a majority vote of the faculty senators present. These four officers were elected in May and June. The new Faculty Senate officers includes Jeff Popke, chair of the senate, Crystal Chambers, vice chair, Amanda Klein, senate secretary and Don Chaney, parliamentarian.

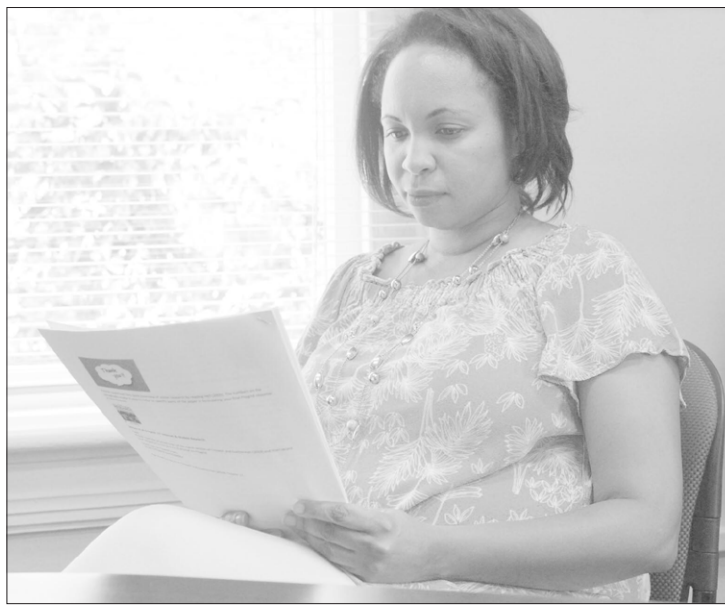
Popke, a professor in the Department of Geography, said he has been a faculty senator for six years before deciding to run for the chair position.

According to Popke, the 58 member Faculty Senate is not legally a rule-making body, but the tradition of ECU has been in favor of taking the recommendations of the faculty to implement policies for the University.

According to the Faculty Manual, before Chancellor Cecil Staton adopts a regulation or recommends a proposed policy to the Board of Trustees, Staton seeks advice from the Faculty Senate.

"The Faculty Senate is a part of a governance structure that's sometimes called shared governance," Popke said.

According to Popke, the Faculty Senate holds monthly meetings and the Faculty Officers meet separately once a week. He added at senate meetings, which are open to anyone, the chancellor and various administrators



Crystal Chambers, ECU Faculty Senate secretary, reads a piece of paper.

discuss agenda topics with the faculty senators.

Popke said some of the topics covered in the meetings included the approval of university calendars, curriculum changes or budgets.

"We get to ask the administrators to address particular issues," Popke said. "So part of the Faculty Senate meeting is actually about an exchange of information, which is a very important part of this idea of shared governance."



Jeff Popke

policies and a lot of the work is done by a network of committees.

According to Popke, there are 27 different committees at ECU. He said each of them are comprised of elected faculty as well as members with expertise in those respective areas.

Crystal Chambers, associate

professor in the College of Education, said she was elected last spring as the vice chair of the faculty. Chambers said she spent four years on various faculty committees before joining the senate and eventually becoming vice chair.

According to Chambers, she is the first non-white person to be a faculty officer. Chambers said she wants to make sure the work of the minority faculty members do not go unrecognized or are under represented.

"There's nothing to be gained if you open up the door for other people and then shut it behind you," Chambers said.

Chambers said having an active faculty leadership is something not all universities have, but the fact ECU does creates a "healthier" environment.

"Certainly not all campuses have (a faculty senate), however, I think healthier campuses tend to have them," Chambers said.

According to the Faculty Senate, ECU students have the opportunity to serve on numerous committees at ECU. Jordan Koonts, president of the Student Government Association, said he has been in charge of finding the student representatives to sit on

these committees.

Koonts said these students are not members of SGA because he wanted to involve students from various organizations to get a larger representation of the student body.

"I definitely didn't want to do just SGA, so I have made a point of reaching out to organizations or promising leaders or promising students that I've worked with in various capacities and getting them appointed to those different positions," Koonts said.

Amanda Klein, an associate professor of film studies in the English Department, said she forewent the second year of her term on the Faculty Senate to run for secretary of the faculty senate.

Klein said she was recently elected as the secretary and her department elected another faculty member to fill the open senate position.

Klein said the issues Faculty Senate is currently working on includes free speech, faculty compensation and faculty retention. Klein said she feels the shared governance ECU displays gives the faculty, staff and students a platform to have interactive conversations with administration.

"All of these bodies are really important because all of these different components make up the University," Klein said. "We all need to have our perspective shared."

According to Popke, the University works best when the administration and faculty are in agreement on serious issues affecting the workings of ECU.

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This just fits beautifully with the students we recruit and what we're all about."

According to Schmidt, since the storm didn't have the original impact anticipated on Greenville, BSOM students are back on campus trying to regroup and see where they can best aid in recovery efforts.

"When we saw that Hurricane Florence was coming, John Hurley (BSOM student) reached out very early to the student body of the medical school, but also across the health science campus, and got folks together for that type of effort," Schmidt said.

ECU Police Deputy Chief Jason Sugg and Lt. Chris Sutton, the department answered calls to serve eastern North Carolina and contributed by providing officers to the communities and universities who were in Hurricane Florence's path.

"We sent four officers to UNC Pembroke and we sent four a day down to New Bern and five to UNCW. We partnered up with the officers at UNC Pembroke," Sugg said.



Susan Schmidt

Sugg said the officers who were dispatched to affected areas were performing a variety of different missions to assist the afflicted communities.

"We were going around doing damage assessment, we were checking (if) various properties which were flooded, we were working with these facilities people, making sure there was no remaining danger in their facilities," Sugg said.

According to Sugg, officers from several University of North Carolina system campuses were sent out to affected areas to assist. He said when talking to the citizens, they were surprised places such as ECU, North Carolina State University and many others had sent their own resources.

"They were probably a little

surprised that a lot of these resources were coming from the universities," Sugg said. "We explained to them that this is a UNC system and we do try to share resources, especially in times of need."

Along with assisting areas closer to the coast, the ECU PD said it also chose to make an impact closer to home in Grifton, North Carolina, a town located roughly 20 miles south of campus.

Sutton said ECU officers worked with Campus Recreation and Wellness, the College of Education,



Jason Sugg

ECU News Services and First Year Experiences to pass out backpacks filled with school supplies at Grifton Elementary to aid families affected by the hurricane.

According to Sutton, natural disasters and crises in a community can have a huge impact on children. Sutton said they gifted the children of Grifton with school supplies and candy to help kids get back into a normal routine.

"When something like this happens in a community, it has to be pretty impactful to a child," Sutton said. "We just wanted to be able to help them to get back to a more normal routine as quick as possible."

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Meet representatives from over 40+ graduate degree programs at ECU!

2:30-4:30 PM
Tuesday, October 2

Student Recreation Center, main campus
Free to all ECU students, staff, and faculty!

Graduate School Admissions Fair

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and prayers to our neighbors who didn't see the same positive fate as Greenville," Meyerhoeffer said.

District 2 councilmember Kandie Smith said she was proud of the community and how everyone came together to step up and assist when help was needed.

"The city staff and residents put aside their differences to help others that were less fortunate than Greenville was," Smith said.

Connelly said he encourages both residents and city staff to continue to donate because many surrounding mayors are saying their communities are still in desperate need. Connelly said a group out of Oklahoma, Feed the Children, met with a Greenville pastor to address neighboring communities' needs.

"Sometimes the worst situations bring the best out of people and I think our community showed how great we really are," Connelly said.

According to Connelly, Belhaven, North Carolina will receive three "tractor-

loads" of goods this week to help restore their community.

Connelly added he has been in contact with other local mayors and both Greenville's city staff and residents have offered non-stop assistance for affected communities. Connelly said the community outreach has been unbelievable.

"Storm relief efforts don't end in a couple of weeks, it takes time," Connelly said.

Connelly said Greenville will continue to work hard and help throughout the area because "we are all brothers and sisters," especially in this time of need.

In their closing comments, all city council members expressed their appreciation for the city staff and all departments for their hard work and coming together as a community to help out residents and local businesses.

"You never know when you're going to be that person, we could all be one flood away from a tragedy," Smith said.

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P.J. Connelly

OUR VIEW

Voting integral to society

With the 2018 midterm elections quickly approaching, it is important to be completely prepared for this important part of the democratic process. On Tuesday, Community Voters Project, a nonpartisan voting registration organization, was on East Carolina University's campus to register students.

We, the editorial staff of The East Carolinian, encourage the ECU and Greenville community members to go out, raise their voices and vote.

Voting is the cornerstone of a democratic society and it is important for every citizen to make an informed decision and vote. Community Voters Project employee Stuart Thomas said many students often feel under or misrepresented by their local, state and national governments.

"There's people in government who don't want students to vote so for me it's a form of resistance," Thomas said. "It's a form of helping people to understand their rights and to get more young people involved in voting."

According to a ProPublica report, North Carolina will have nearly 20 percent fewer early voting locations during the 2018 elections than it did in 2014, and almost half the state's counties are shutting down polling places for early voting. With these restrictions, it is even more important for students to make their voices be heard.

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The scourge of sequels

Reboots, remakes undermine storytelling



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Taking mainstream audiences by storm in 2018, "Call Me By Your Name" has been lauded as a new iconic gay film, praised for its heartbreakingly beautiful

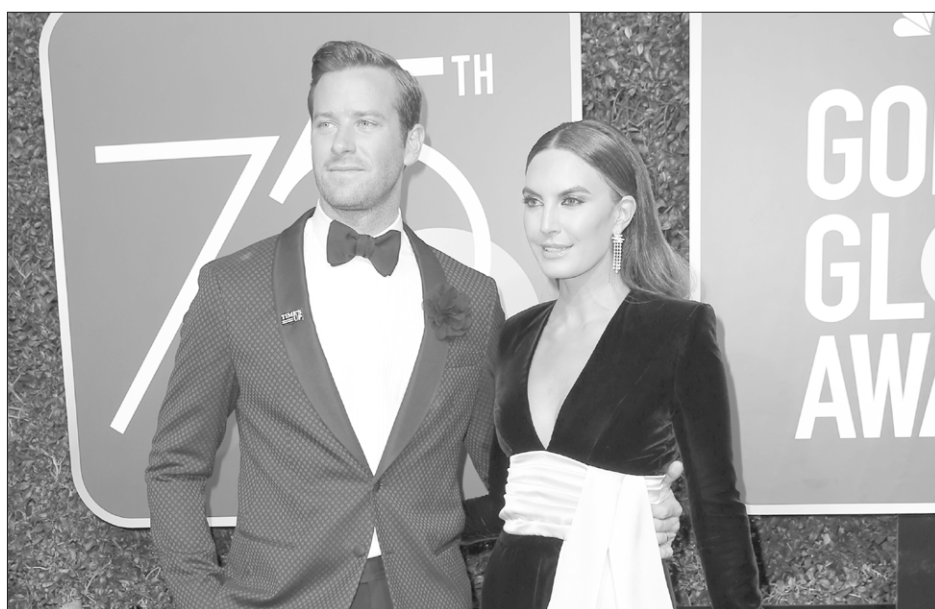
cinematography and elegant performances by Timothée Chalamet and Armie Hammer, earning four Oscar nominations, winning one as well as earning a 95 percent on Rotten Tomatoes. On Sept. 8, Hammer said in an interview a sequel was definitely in the works.

"It will happen because there are already people working on it and trying to make it happen," Hammer told Variety.

For most people, this would be a victory. In Hollywood, a sequel or second season is a sign of success. "Jurassic Park" is one of the most iconic films of all time, let's reboot it. "Frozen" became a cultural phenomenon, time to make a franchise. "Predator" was pretty good, let's make 17. So how could this be a bad thing?

Because, as strange as it seems, stories have a beginning and an end. Artists, and audiences must respect when a story has reached its end.

This can be a shock for many people. If something is good, let it go on forever- "Friends," "The Office" and "Parks and Recreation." Let these series keep airing until the heat death of the universe. But what this mentality does is placate



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From left: "Call Me By Your Name" star Armie Hammer and Elizabeth Chambers on the red carpet.

audiences at the expense of storytelling. It stretches out a story unnaturally, forcing writers and actors to dig deeper and scratch at the bottom of the barrel.

HBO's miniseries "Sharp Objects" has gained critical acclaim for the jaw-dropping performances of Amy Adams, Patricia Clarkson, Chris Messina and Eliza Scanlen. It's unique directing, writing, cinematography and music has fully cemented the show as one of HBO's finest pieces of art. And in July, HBO announced there would be no second season. This isn't a defeat or a statement about the success of the show. The story is done. The murder is solved, the bad guy defeated, blah blah blah. Were there unanswered questions? Of course. Unraveled mystery? You betcha.

But as audiences, we have to learn not to consume movies or TV simply to have something to do. We watch because of story. And sometimes stories are unresolved and filled with complexity that is not neatly tied up at the end of 90 minutes.

"Call Me By Your Name" was about first love, desire that consumes a young man for a brief period of joy and ends in sorrow and disappointment. To continue this story would be a disservice to the original material. Audiences must learn to love the questions, love the feeling of dissatisfaction, instead of settling for reboot after reboot.

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Music education deserves support

Alyssa Coleman
GUEST COLUMNIST

Budget cuts for music programs are a reality for many middle and high school students. In fact, a musician from the Red-Hot Chili Peppers, named Flea, recently spoke out about these budget cuts, by calling it "child abuse" when instruments are taken away from students who need them. Flea helped create the Silverlake Conservatory of Music in 2001, to make sure every music program has enough instruments for students, according to Rolling Stone.

Music programs are needed because they help children do well in school. Music programs help students focus more, remember information, think critically, respond to emotions effectively and coordinate movements. Most music students also have fewer discipline problems than their classmates. Other than reduced discipline, music helps improve logic and creativity, which are essential to success in every class.

Math skills, in particular, are improved for music students because they recognize patterns and rhythms. Second, English skills are mastered by music students because music, itself, is a language. Third, vocabulary and writing skills are achieved by most music students, that recognize music as a language. Moreover, music students do better at tests, especially SAT's and the Stanford Achievement Test for literacy abilities, then their classmates because of



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ECU student Alyssa Coleman with her clarinet.

enhanced learning abilities. Music students also learn to improve their skills over time. Improving skills is barely learned these days because of social media, cell phones and technology. However, music students are learning to increase their skill sets.

Music students not only succeed in the classroom but have been known to participate in more extracurricular

activities than their classmates. "Confidence, citizenship, creativity, and innovation," as well as working with others, taking risks, determination to do well and connecting with others, allow music students to help solve problems in their communities. Communication, analysis and self-expression skills also allow music students to volunteer in their communities, remain active in clubs and help others. As a result, music students are less likely to use drugs than their classmates.

In fact, librarians at North Carolina State University have recognized the value of music education by implementing jazz and reading sessions. Documentaries of jazz musicians and a jazz concert are included in those events. Event dates are Sept. 10 and 24, Oct. 8 and 22, and Nov. 5.

Students: Are you having trouble deciding what class to take? Do you need a one credit Fine Arts class? Then join band, orchestra or chorus! You could also attend a local band concert on ECU's event calendar.

Faculty and Staff: Please make sure your children join band, orchestra, or chorus. Music classes will allow them to succeed in school, gain confidence skills, and peruse through leadership opportunities. Support a local middle or high school band program!

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TODAY

September Wine Tasting

Dickinson Avenue
Public House
5:30 p.m.

Music Bingo
Uptown Brewing
Company
7 p.m.

TOMORROW

TGIF

The Painted
Peacock
6 p.m.

**Restorative
Soundbath Class**
Purple Blossom
Yoga Studio
6:30 p.m.

SATURDAY

**Bring Your Everything
Talent Show**
Greenville
Convention Center
4:30 p.m.

Jessica and Thorne
Uptown Brewing
Company
8 p.m.



East Carolina University cheerleaders walk in the 2017 Homecoming Parade. This year's parade will take place Oct. 20 on Fifth Street, beginning at 9 a.m.

Watch out for Pirate TV

ECU's Homecoming Committee preview events

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Anais Roller
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One of the biggest weeks of East Carolina University's fall semester is now being planned behind the scenes by a group of thirty students, dedicated to making six days in October an event-filled week worth watching for.

ECU Homecoming 2018 will take place from Oct. 15-20 and will consist of traditional activities such as the banner competition, skit competition and the canned food drive. Taking notes from the small screen, this year's homecoming theme is "Pirate TV."

The 2018 ECU Homecoming Committee started to come to fruition in the spring 2018 semester, according to ECU's Assistant Director for Organization Development Krista Wilhelm, and consists of veteran members and newcomers who showed interest via OrgSync or in their respective committees within the ECU Student Activities Board.



Anfernee Williams

Anfernee Williams, the leader of the homecoming Cannonball subcommittee, said students should expect to be amazed and have lots of fun at this year's homecoming.

"Homecoming will kick off with Cannonball on the campus Mall, which is a big welcome event, (that) gets everyone excited for homecoming and to be a part of homecoming," Williams, a senior university studies major, said.

Cannonball will begin with the Parade of Pirates on Oct. 15, which is a parade that any

ECU student can partake in. Students who choose to dress up as pirates or with ECU gear will have the opportunity to march on the campus mall during Cannonball.

"At Cannonball, students can expect lots of games, inflatables, music, free food, t-shirts and giveaways," Williams said. One new attraction Cannonball is offering this year is a graffiti art station.

Molly Roth, a member of the ECU 2018 Homecoming Committee, said the committee is trying to make homecoming more inclusive this year, therefore students who aren't members of organizations on campus will have a chance of winning the spirit cup.

Following Cannonball will be the banner competition, which will take place on Oct. 16. The banner competition allows different organizations on ECU's campus to design banners which meet this year's theme and will be hung in the Student Recreation Center. Winners of the banner competition will be announced on the Tuesday before the homecoming concert, which is headlined by Atlanta rapper Lil Baby in Wright Auditorium, according to members of the ECU 2018 Homecoming Committee.

Moving into the middle of the week on Wednesday, Oct. 17, the homecoming committee will host a "Pirate TV" themed skit night in Minges Coliseum. There, each organization will perform a dance with a story that relates back to the theme of the week, according to members of the ECU 2018 Homecoming Committee.

"That's probably one of the more populated student events because everyone likes to come out and watch the organizations compete," Roth, a senior hospitality major, said.

Chair of the ECU's 2018 Homecoming Committee, Sydney McLeod, said she's expecting "a good turnout" for ECU's homecoming trivia

night, which will take place Oct. 18 at 7 p.m. This is the first year, according to McLeod, that ECU is having a homecoming trivia night where students will be questioned on ECU and pop culture. The trivia night will consist of teams with up to six competitors and the winners have the opportunity to win \$1,000.

"Dr. Hardy (the ECU Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs) has kind of challenged the homecoming committee to reach out again to students that aren't necessarily always involved in organizations," McLeod, a senior marketing major, said.

To conclude the homecoming week, the ECU 2018 Homecoming Committee will be partnering with ECU Club Sports for the canned food drive, taking place on Oct. 19 at the food bank from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Last year, the committee raised up 24,000 pounds of food and they hope to raise even more this year.

Later that night, during the pep rally at Freeboot Friday in downtown Greenville, the top three skits from the skit competition will perform and the runner ups for ECU Homecoming King and Queen will make an appearance.

Commencing this year's homecoming week will be the announcement of Homecoming King and Queen during the homecoming parade, where competing and non-competing organizations will show off their "Pirate TV" themed floats on Fifth Street. The parade will also include cheerleaders, a high school band, alumni recipients and more.

"We really like the theme too," Roth said. "I think it'll be fun and it'll be easy to not get the same thing for every skit, for every float [and] for every banner. There will be a lot more variety this year."

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ALBUM REVIEW

Aminé's sophomore album stands strong

ONEPOINTFIVE undeservingly goes under the radar after its release



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Rapper Aminé's latest album seems to be on the brink of entering the dreaded sophomore slump, a reality many artists face after a strong first debut into the mainstream.

However, if given a comprehensive listen, *ONEPOINTFIVE* is an underrated release that lives up to and beyond his "Caroline" roots. Released on Aug. 15, *ONEPOINTFIVE* is Aminé's second studio album and follows up his 2017 debut album, *Good For You*. A complete 180 from its brighter-sounding predecessor, Aminé exchanged his familiar bubbly and playful sound for compelling mood music — even trading in his debut album's canary yellow cover in exchange for a photo of himself with a dead-eyed gaze on *ONEPOINTFIVE*.

In addition to straying from the mainstream in terms of lyrical content and song material, Aminé's surprise project has been mockingly marketed as an "EPLPMixtapeAlbum," a strategy which could have added to the diluted hype around his latest release.

"Mixtapes are albums and albums are mixtapes," Aminé said in a minute-long promotional video for the album.



Aminé bathes in bubbles in his latest music video, "REEL IT IN," which released on Sept. 5.

"(Rappers) call they (their) albums mixtapes because if it flops, it's an EP. Nah, that's like a B-side, bro."

ONEPOINTFIVE opens with "DR. WHOEVER," a track framed as a confessional therapy session with Aminé acting as the patient and the listener taking on the role of his therapist. With lyrics such as, "Man, I've thought about suicide a hundred times, but, I'd hate to displease and see my momma cry / birthdays these days be the worst days, 'cause I know I'm gettin' older and not happier."

A notable track on the album which is gaining traction on social media is "REEL IT IN." The song incorporates a looping acoustic guitar line and whiffs of a flute-rap beat. The music video features Vine

star and YouTuber, Rickey Thompson, whose ad-libs appear throughout *ONEPOINTFIVE* on tracks such as "DR. WHOEVER" and "STFU2."

"I was stalking his (Rickey Thompson's) Instagram page one night while I was in the studio, after I finished recording 'Reel It In,' and I DM'd him. We met up for lunch, and the rest is Internet history," Aminé said in the interview with *FADER Magazine* about the 'Reel It In' music video, which currently has more than 7.1 million views on YouTube.

Songs such as "BLACKJACK" and "CHINGY" are also lyrical standouts. "SHINE" is a song which lyrically relates to "DR. WHOEVER," with its mellow tones and all-too-real bars from Aminé, who

raps about his flaws and nerves when it comes to attracting women.

Only three songs from *ONEPOINTFIVE*'s 13-song tracklist are collaborations, which gives Aminé a chance to showcase his skills as both a rapper and executive producer throughout the album's entirety.

One of his most significant collaborations happens to be with a New York female rapper on the rise, Rico Nasty. Titled "SUGARPARENTS," the album's tenth track reflects both artists' candid honesty about the importance of acquiring wealth and also serve as a warning to listeners about the dangers of 'gold diggers.'

While the sunny-vibed tracks on *Good For You* were a suffice debut for the mainstream, true fans of alternative hip-hop and trap will be in for a treat with *ONEPOINTFIVE*. Aminé still sticks to his roots of funny rap, as Thompson's obnoxious rants and comical narration style in various song intros add a lighthearted nature to the album's subdued sound.

RATING:



5 out of 5

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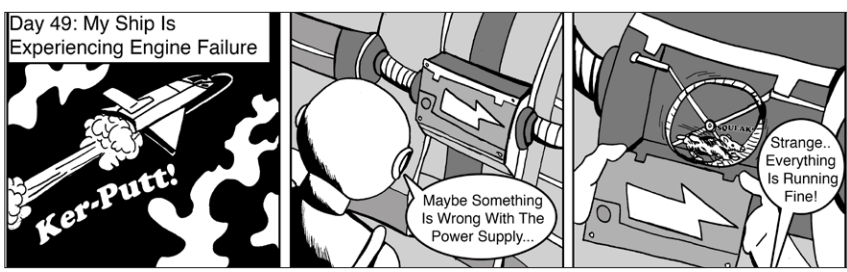
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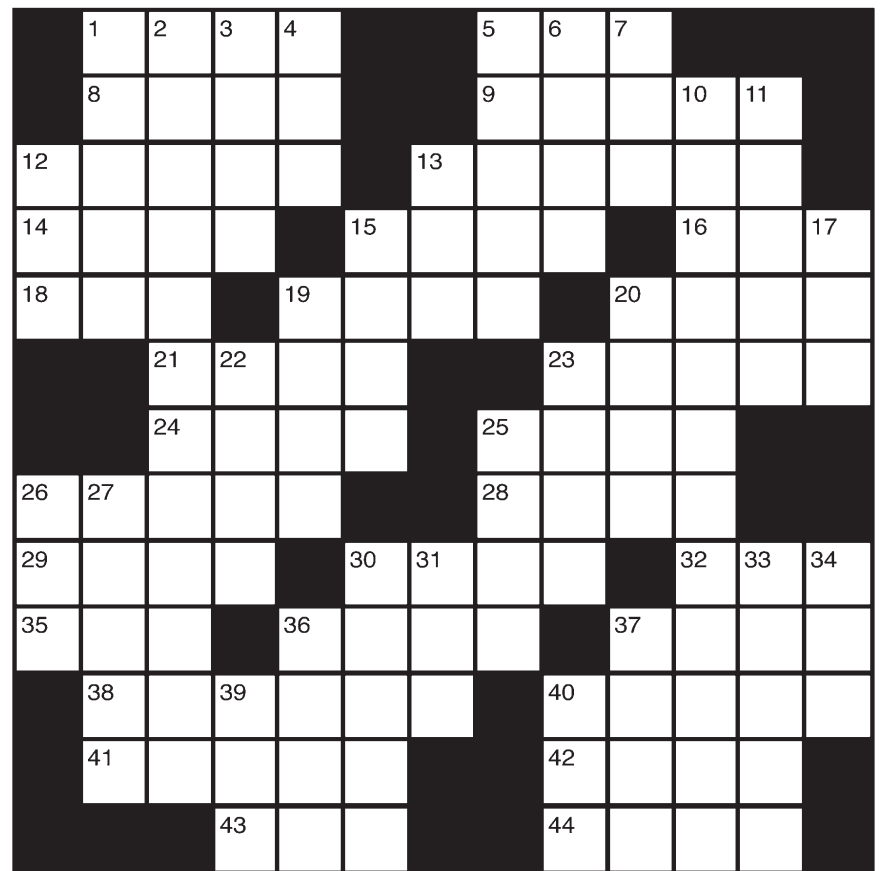
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- 12 Fable's lesson
- 13 Actress Ladd
- 14 "___ Trek"
- 15 Gnaw
- 16 "What ___ to Wear"
- 18 Bit of sooty residue
- 19 "___ Hand Luke"; Paul Newman film
- 20 One of The Three Bears
- 21 Blanket material
- 23 "Designing ___"
- 24 "___ la Douce"
- 25 "Cold ___"
- 26 "Wheel of Fortune" letter turner
- 28 One who votes "Nay"
- 29 News, for short
- 30 "___ Charles"; spin-off of "General Hospital"
- 32 Role on "Cheers"
- 35 Broadcast
- 36 Em, to Dorothy

DOWN

- 1 Cowboy's footwear
- 2 Talk show host
- 3 When doubled, a Jim Carrey movie title
- 4 Rock-and-roll singer ___ Shannon
- 5 Lucy Ricardo's landlady
- 6 "The Price is Right" emcee
- 7 "To ___, with Love"; Sidney Poitier film
- 10 Series for Jason Lee
- 11 Skier's hill
- 12 Monogram for Mary's portrayer on "Little House on the Prairie"
- 13 Comedian Margaret
- 15 Popular soft drink
- 17 Light brown
- 19 Near-death state
- 20 Emily or Markie
- 22 Yes ___?
- 23 "What Women ___"; Mel Gibson movie
- 25 Golfer's vehicle
- 26 By way of
- 27 ___ Van Buren; Merckerson's "Law & Order" role
- 30 Heartbeat, as detected in the wrist
- 31 "___ Day at a Time"
- 33 Jennifer Garner's CIA series
- 34 "The ___ from U.N.C.L.E."
- 36 "Planet of the ___"
- 37 Young lady, in Mexico: abbr.
- 39 "Scarecrow and ___ King"
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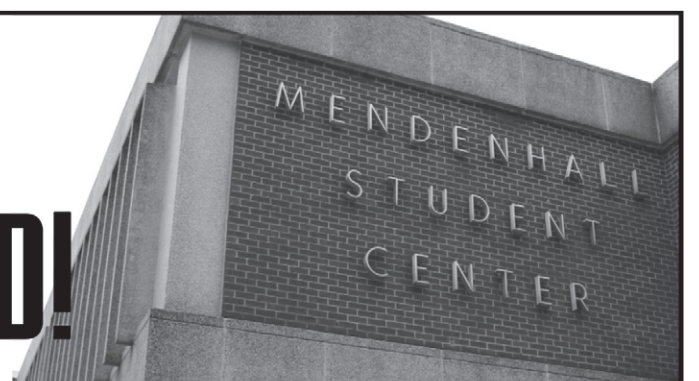
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ECU offense looks to improve

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East Carolina University sophomore quarterback Reid Herring was a full participant during Wednesday's practice at the Cliff Moore Practice Facility, after sitting out Tuesday's practice with an ankle injury suffered in the loss to the University of South Florida last Saturday.

Herring should be fine to play this Saturday against Old Dominion University, but head coach Scottie Montgomery indicated all three ECU quarterbacks could play.

"The good is that our quarterback took every single snap today," Montgomery said. "He looked great today. I don't know if he's 100 percent because we didn't run him on many quarterback runs today. We did move the pocket, he did a lot of things well. I still would expect to see another quarterback in the game at certain times."

The backup quarterbacks redshirt freshman Kingsley Ifedi and freshman Holton Ahlers got more reps in practice this week with Herring limited. Ifedi has yet to play since the offensive series he played in the season opener against North Carolina A&T. Montgomery said ECU was close to putting Ifedi in during the second half against USF,



Scottie Montgomery

but Herring convinced the staff his mobility wouldn't be limited and stayed in. Ahlers meanwhile was a big part of the ECU running attack. Ahlers finished with 12 runs for 54 yards and his third touchdown run of the season. Ahlers again attempted just two passes, and has yet to throw the ball regularly.

Montgomery said ECU is not concerned with Holton Ahlers being casted as a run-only quarterback. Ahlers is the best option ECU has in short yardage situations, according to Montgomery.



ECU sophomore quarterback Reid Herring on looks toward the field on the road against USF.

"It's really not about the running package for Holton," Montgomery said. "A lot of people are asking questions about the running package or what are we doing with him. In certain situations, we just feel really comfortable with him. The more we feel more comfortable with him in situations, and with Kingsley in situations that are not running or short-distance situations, they'll play more."

Montgomery is confident in either quarterback moving forward. The extra practice reps this week should allow Montgomery to have more confidence in putting either quarterback out onto the field. "We're trying to bring Holton along as fast

as we can. We felt like Kingsley is in a good spot. They did a good job today. I was really, really happy with the way they went through the day," Montgomery said.

Perhaps affected by the ankle, Herring had his least efficient performance of the season. Herring finished 21-for-48, for a 44 percent completion percentage, 253 yards, no touchdowns and one interception.

"He was much better against UNC than at South Florida," offensive coordinator Tony Petersen said. "We had a road game versus a good conference opponent and for some reason, he didn't have the same game. Now, it's his third game. He's still a young quarterback. It's going to be a rollercoaster with a young

quarterback. There are going to be some ups and downs. What we've got to do is try to get it on more of an even keel right there."

Herring said after the game Saturday it was frustrating for the offense to not score more often, as is its job. Part of that can be contributed to the cornerbacks of USF, who Petersen called the best cornerbacks that ECU will play all season. Wide receiver coach Keith Gaithers said he would have liked to see more out of the receivers.



Reid Herring

Montgomery said the game plan was to maintain possession of the football as long as possible and to control the run game. ECU had 156 rushing yards to USF's 115, which would have been much lower without the 80 yard touchdown run in the fourth quarter. ECU ran 96 plays compared to 52 by USF and had 38 minutes of possession compared to USF's 21.

"This was the type of game we wanted. We wanted a long, low-scoring game and to run the football effectively," Montgomery said. "Unfortunately, we did all those things, but we did not win the football game. We're in a position now where we're a much better football team, there's no question about it. Our playmakers have to make plays in some of those critical situations, so we can change the outcome of such a tight ball game on the road."

Regardless of which quarterback is on the field, look for ECU to involve more throws across the middle of the field and to involve the running backs more. Montgomery said it is important to get playmakers the ball in space, and that running backs Hussein Howe and Anthony Scott are two of ECU's best playmakers who need the ball more.

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The East Carolinian Sports experts predict this weekend's football game

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Who wins? ECU 28-24. Why? ODU is coming off its best win in program history against Virginia Tech, but will come back down to earth against an improved ECU defense. The real Old Dominion team will likely come out on the road against the Pirates who need to start a run in order to reach the postseason.

Who wins? ECU 35-21. Why? Even though ODU took down Virginia Tech, they'll be taking on an ECU football team that has improved drastically on both offense and defense. After the unfortunate 20-13 loss against USF, they'll to capitalize on both ends and finish the game strong, and come away with the victory to go to 2-2 on the year.

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Who wins? ECU 24-17. Why? ODU took VT by surprise with its spread attack under its backup quarterback, but ECU has seen it now and won't be caught as off guard. The ECU offense still won't be exactly explosive, as Herring is still fighting off an ankle injury and all he, Ifedi and Ahlers will all be mixed in. Without Herring able to throw as well, ECU will look to slow the game down and win the possession battle again.

Who wins? ODU 35-17. Why? ODU is coming off a great win against, at the time, No. 13 VT. That win came from their back up quarterback, Blake LaRussa, who threw for 495 yards and four touchdowns. ECU is coming off a conference loss to USF and though the defense has gotten better the secondary isn't strong enough to keep up with the air attack of ODU.