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## ECU holds memorial

Ethan Hageman  
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

East Carolina University faculty, staff, students and families gathered together Sunday afternoon at the Mendenhall Memorial Garden to remember the 11 students who passed away in the last year.

According to Associate Vice Chancellor, Lynn Roeder, the memorial service is about paying tribute and honoring the students who have been lost while strengthening the Pirate community.

Roeder said a brick is laid and engraved with both the student's name and the time they spent at ECU. She said it's a great way to remember the students, who have been lost, at the end of Family Weekend at ECU.

"I think it brings the community closer together because there will be faculty who attend this so if they remember," Roeder said. "So I think for the family it says to them the impact their student had on the community."

Roeder said not every institution does this, but thinks of it as a way of building overall community and support. Roeder said she believes a memorial service for those who have been lost brings the community closer.

"It's a way of bringing the community together over a loss, but yet recognizing the spirit is here. Like I always say, they're forever a Pirate," Roeder said.

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CONTRIBUTED BY KRISTEN HUNTER

Trumpet, K9 of the Day, was brought around to local businesses to meet with Greenville locals and spend time outside of the Humane Society.

## GPD K9 for a Day

Local program seeks out homes for animals

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FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Through the continuing partnership between the Greenville Police Department and the Humane Society of Eastern Carolina, the K9 for a Day program recently featured Trumpet, a six-month-old bloodhound puppy.

Public Information Officer for GPD, Kristen Hunter, said the K9 for a Day initiative is a program sponsored by both organizations to promote the adoption of shelter animals.

Hunter said the concept originated earlier this year after seeing other police departments throughout the country adopt similar programs. Hunter said the program

officially launched last April.

"Overall, the whole goal of the program is to give exposure to shelter animals who may not otherwise be seen," Hunter said.

Each month, Hunter said a pair of officers is chosen to accompany a locally chosen shelter dog on a ride along throughout the community of Greenville for a day. She said the K9s get to visit various public places such as local businesses, East Carolina University's campus and city hall.

"Trumpet got to see a little bit of everywhere in Greenville," Hunter said.

"We gave him (Trumpet) the chance to track one of the officers, took him to a local pet store, Pet Supplies Plus and got him some toys and treats."

According to Hunter, there is a certain stigma surrounding shelters which causes people to avoid them. She said many shelters are deemed as a "sad place."

Hunter said shelters throughout the entire country are currently overcrowded, and this in turn leaves an extensive amount of shelter animals waiting to find their forever homes.

"Finding them a home is one of our missions," Hunter said. "These animals that have so much love to give and are in need of a much deserving home."

Hunter said the more exposure GPD can give to the shelter animals, the better. She

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## SAB to host rapper in Hendrix

Charles Baker  
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Celebrating pride month at East Carolina University, ECU's Student Activities Board will host rapper, Taylor Bennett, in Hendrix Theatre tomorrow.

Headlined as "SAB Initiatives Presents: Taylor Bennett," the event will feature Bennett as a keynote speaker, where he will discuss his life as an African-American bisexual male and his journey in the music industry.

The event will consist of a 45 minute guided discussion, followed by a 15 minute Q&A with the audience. There will also be a listening party for Bennett's upcoming and previously released music if time permits, according to the event's OrgSync page.

"It's important to have a discussion on issues and topics and different cultures on campus," Joshua Lockhart, the advisor for SAB Initiatives Committee and coordinator for student programming at ECU, said. "While the LGBT+ group has lots of resources on campus, it's important for those who still do not understand the community (to know



COURTESY OF TAYLORBENNETT.CO

Rapper Taylor Bennett will speak tomorrow night in Hendrix.

that) there is a celebrity figure with a platform who is openly bisexual and may help others better understand."

Hailing from the West Chatham neighborhood of Chicago, Bennett is an independent hip-hop recording artist and the younger brother of Grammy-winning hip-hop artist Chance The Rapper.

Growing up, Bennett's parents worked in local government. His father assisted the Chicago mayor and his mother worked for the attorney general, while he and his brother both spent their early years of life displaying an

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## Basketball teams hold first practice

Dylan Johnson  
TEC STAFF

Over the weekend both the East Carolina University men's and women's basketball teams kicked off their first fall practices of the season inside Williams Arena in Minges Coliseum.

On Saturday, the ECU men's team held its first practice of the fall as it prepares for the regular season.

The return of Joe Dooley as head coach has given both fans and players excitement this offseason.

"This time of year, everyone is excited," Dooley said. "The guys had a really good preseason, we got through it relatively healthy and made improvements in the strength and conditioning part of it. We did some testing (earlier this week), guys really tested well and are ready to get after it."

Dooley has already put his own touch on the Pirates



Joe Dooley

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## BRIEFS

## ECU invites seniors to send-off event

The East Carolina University Office of Student Transitions is inviting seniors to its send-off event to celebrate their upcoming graduation. Seniors are invited to attend Senior Send-off, which will be held outside of Dowdy Bookstore plaza today, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

To celebrate the graduating class of 2018, seniors who attend this event will be given a free t-shirt and treats.

## Student activities to host Leadership Lunchbox

Omicron Delta Kappa National Leadership Honor Society and East Carolina University Student Activities and Organizations will host the G.O.L.D Series, Leadership Lunchbox today in Mendenhall Student Center from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.

ECU students are invited to hear ECU and community leaders share their stories about leading by example. Catering will be provided for students who R.S.V.P. For more information, contact ODK@ecu.edu.

## SAB to host Open Mic Night

The East Carolina University Student Activities Board will host an Open Mic Night tonight from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the Mendenhall Student Center Great Rooms.

Students are invited to perform their favorite songs and watch their fellow Pirates. This will be followed by free food, which will be served in the Great Rooms. Sign-ups will be held at 6 p.m. before the event begins.

## Wright Cultural Center to host "What's the Tea?"

The Ledonia Wright Cultural Center continues to host its weekly discussion series, "What's the Tea?" today, from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. located in the Ledonia Wright Cultural Center/Bloxtown House.

"What's the Tea?" is a weekly series in which participants will be encouraged to share opinions on hot topics and create civil discussions in an environment that is safe for all pirates.

## CORRECTIONS &amp; CLARIFICATIONS

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Demonstrators call for the repeal of HB2 in Raleigh, North Carolina on April 25, 2016. The ACLU is currently challenging the replacement to HB2.

# Residents can challenge NC bathroom laws

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Civil rights groups on Monday celebrated developments in a lawsuit that challenges North Carolina's ban on local nondiscrimination ordinances and questions the state's stance on transgender people's bathroom use.

A federal judge partially dismissed an attempt by six LGBT North Carolinians and their attorneys to overturn the law that replaced HB2 -- but allowed them to keep challenging the part of that law that bans cities and counties from passing transgender-friendly bathroom rules and other anti-discrimination measures.

That was a blow to state Republican legislative leaders, who had been trying to stop any such challenge.

## Aftermath of HB2

The American Civil Liberties Union, which is representing the six LGBT challengers, announced the news in an email Monday. The ACLU and Lambda Legal had challenged HB2, which drew national boycotts in 2016 over its requirement that people in schools and other government facilities use the bathroom matching the gender listed on their birth certificate.

HB2 was passed as a reaction to the city of Charlotte expanding its nondiscrimination ordinance to

cover LGBT people. The blocked ordinance would have allowed transgender people to use the bathroom of the gender with which they identify. (Nondiscrimination policies typically prevent governments and businesses from specifically mistreating people based on their race, religion, gender, gender identity or sexual orientation.)

Then last year, state leaders replaced HB2 with another law that prohibited municipalities from regulating restrooms while also blocking them until 2020 from enacting nondiscrimination policies that go farther than state law.

The ACLU and Lambda Legal challenged the ban on nondiscrimination policies and continued their case against the state's laws on bathroom access, essentially arguing that the new law is vague and doesn't explicitly allow transgender people to use the bathroom that reflects the gender with which they identify.

On Sunday night, U.S. District Court Judge Thomas Schroeder gave plaintiffs the green light to move forward with their challenge of the ban on nondiscrimination policies. Schroeder is a George W. Bush appointee.

## 'Does not regulate restroom access'

Schroeder on Sunday also dismissed the plaintiffs' claim that the HB2 replacement still prohibited transgender people from using the

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-Joaquin Carcaño

bathroom reflecting their gender identity because, he clarified, there is no law blocking transgender people from using a particular bathroom. "HB142 does not regulate restroom access in any fashion," Schroeder wrote in his ruling, referring to the replacement law.

Joaquin Carcaño, lead challenger in the lawsuit, welcomed the news.

"I am relieved to finally have the court unequivocally say that there is no law in North Carolina that can be used to bar transgender people from using restrooms that match who we are," Carcaño said in the ACLU's email announcement.

"For the past two and a half years, I have been unable to use restrooms in my home state without worrying that I will be subject to discrimination, harassment, or even arrest," Carcano said.

Tami Fitzgerald, who leads the NC Values Coalition, accused the

ACLU of "fanning flames of fear" while attempting to "elevate the rights of transgender people above the rights of the vast majority."

She also took issue with the notion that there's no law banning transgender people from using the bathroom of their choice.

"Judge Schroeder's ruling identifies the real problem with HB142 -- that it does not bar transgender people from using restrooms based on their identity," Fitzgerald said in an email to the N&O. "However, there are other laws that would, and Plaintiff's characterization of the decision that 'there is no law in North Carolina that can be used to bar transgender people from using restrooms that match' how they identify is blatantly false."

And Judge Schroeder, she said, "is allowing the ACLU to make North Carolina into California."

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# Council seeks better pedestrian safety

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The Greenville City Council will continue to discuss pedestrian safety changes by introducing plans geared toward cyclists, pedestrians and auto traffic. The renewed efforts come after a recent car accident involving an East Carolina University student last week.

On Sept. 24, a student was struck by an SUV while walking over the crosswalk located on Charles Boulevard at Ficklen Drive toward the Bower apartments.

Will Bell, District 3 city council member, said he has been in conversations this past week with fellow council members on the issue of pedestrian safety in the community.

"It is extremely sad to hear of the pedestrian who was hit (last Monday)," Bell said.

"Going forward, we will have to develop and implement a plan on protecting crosswalks in the city of Greenville."



Will Bell

Rick Smiley, District 4 council member, said the issue the community faces with safety changes when they cross Charles Boulevard and Ficklen Drive is the North Carolina Department of Transportation (DOT), meaning it is a state owned road all the way up until drivers hit 14th Street.



City of Greenville officials continue their ongoing discussion with the DOT for pedestrian safety on local crosswalks.

Smiley said the decision for what type of pedestrian crossing goes there depends upon what the DOT is willing to put there. He said the same thing is true for 10th Street as well.

Smiley said there is the Greenway crossing on 10th Street, just east of campus, and all of the crossings on 10th Street down next to the post office and up toward the Krispy Kreme are DOT owned and managed.

According to Smiley, to strike change in pedestrian cross ways, the DOT completes a survey annually to determine the volume of how many pedestrians are using a particular crosswalk.

"When it gets up into a certain point, I think they (DOT) can

do more sophisticated signaling," Smiley said. "My question to the city staff and I've asked them to speak with the DOT and say, 'Look, where are we with that? What is the volume, do accidents like this change calculus?'"

Smiley said some places seem to be more dangerous than others when it comes to specific pedestrian crossing locations in Greenville.

According to Smiley, the city is in constant contact with DOT, discussing safety changes for the roads and crosswalks owned by the state in Greenville.

Smiley said the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) is a committee between the city, county and DOT where it discusses topics and changes to be accomplished

around Greenville.

"We will, no doubt, if we haven't happened to already, the city and the DOT will be having conversations about that intersection and I imagine they already have," Smiley said.

ECU Transit Director, Wood Davidson said, as one would expect, bicycle and pedestrian activity in the area around ECU's campus is a major safety item for ECU Transit.

Davidson said bicycle and pedestrian traffic has increased this semester from existing adjacent student housing, new student housing in Uptown and the LimeBike program.

"We teach our bus operators defensive skills and a part of that training enforces looking ahead, looking around, and identifying

potential hazards," Davidson said. "Unpredictability creates significant concern as pedestrians and bicycles cross or enter the roadway in mid-block situations and areas not marked for safe crossing."

Davidson said in order for everyone to have safer interactions, pedestrians should cross the street at designated crosswalks and bicycles should cross at intersections, be alert and limit distractions such as cell phones and headphones.

According to Davidson, these "simple" rules help to remove some of the unpredictability as vehicle operators try to identify potential hazards and give them attention.

"It ultimately takes vehicle operators, pedestrians and bicyclists looking out for one another while safely sharing the same space," Davidson said.

Greenville Public Works Twitter account, @Greenville\_PWD, posted yesterday afternoon about a new pedestrian crossing sign located on Charles Boulevard which has now been run over twice throughout the course of family weekend.

"Hey everyone. This poor pedestrian crossing sign on Charles Boulevard got run over twice over the weekend," according to the Public Works' tweet. "It's back up now, and it really doesn't deserve that. It's a nice sign that never hurt anybody. If you guys could pretty please do us a favor and not hit it, that'd be great."

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# University presents symposium

## Sustainability gathering discussed reusable, solar energy

**Maggie Riddle**  
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

The Second Sustainability Symposium on Solar Energy took place yesterday at the East Carolina Heart Institute to discuss the benefits and challenges of residential solar units and community solar farms.

The second Sustainability Symposium webpage said the event was split up into four parts, keynote speaker Dr. Elaine Ulrich, two panel sessions and a student poster session.

A major funding opportunity, highlighted by Ulrich, is the American-made Solar prize, according to the second Sustainability Symposium webpage. The website added the prize for the competition is \$3 million and is designed to revitalize U.S. solar manufacturing through a series of contests.

The second Sustainability Symposium webpage said the main discussion topics included legal and economic challenges to community solar farms, homeowner perspectives on rooftop residential solar units, environmental impact of solar use and better back-up and energy storage issues for solar units.

Pat Colwell, co-owner of Carolina Heritage Vineyard and Winery, spoke at the symposium on the benefits and challenges of using a portable tank system and solar powered hot water systems for small businesses.

"When we realized how



Posters displayed at the symposium demonstrating different environmental topics discussed throughout the day.

much electricity is being used by wineries, we decided we needed to do something to have our carbon footprint reduced," Colwell said.

Colwell said since she began her vineyard, she has been committed to being organic and never uses chemicals in any of her products.

Colwell said she was excited to see so many young people who care about sustainability and all it takes is a conversation to make things happen.

With its research and developmental technology, Colwell said East Carolina University has the potential to bring students together

and create amazing opportunities.

Alexis Harmon, Elizabeth City State University student, said she attended the symposium looking to find answers to her questions about solar energy and how her university could begin implementing similar tactics on their campus.

"I definitely think this has been an effective way to bring awareness to solar energy," Harmon said. "Personally, I care a lot about the earth and think it's better to reduce the amount of carbon in the air and if there are better ways to use energy then why aren't we using them?"

Harmon said she is studying engineering technology with a concentration in mechanical engineering and is looking to attend ECU for graduate school.

She said she plans on becoming an architect to eventually develop her own solar panels.

Paul Safrit, a regional sales director for Sigora Solar, graduated from ECU last May. He said he spent much of his time in college growing in his passion for solar energy and developing a small solar company which sold portable solar systems.

Safrit said he attended the

symposium yesterday hoping to recruit students who might want to work for Sigora in the future.

"I would definitely say it was a success," Safrit said. "Everyone that was there was able to accomplish answering some of the questions they may have been looking for."

Safrit said they are looking into implementing the use of solar energy on ECU's campus and this could be a benefit for the University.

Dr. Elaine Seeman, chair of Management Information Systems in the ECU College of Business, said she has had an interest in solar energy since she was a college student.

"I have always believed in renewable energy," Seeman said.

According to Seeman, she has always had a green footprint. Seeman said she has been living in Winterville, North Carolina since 2015 and uses a solar powered hot water system for her home. Seeman said she attended this event to learn more about her town's solar electric policy because as of now, there is not one.

According to Safrit, ECU's Sustainability Committee has developed a "master plan" for implementing the use of solar energy throughout campus. He said one of the plans consists of using the North Campus Recreation Center as space for a community solar farm, but this is still in the discussion phase.

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said it's rewarding to witness these animals find homes and have "a happy ending" after the adoption process.

According to Hunter, with this program GPD is able to connect with the animals, animal lovers and animal advocates of the community.

"By bringing exposure to the wonderful shelter animals locally here in Greenville, we are working to hopefully find them their forever homes," Hunter said.

According to Hunter, the program is not limited to getting out and meeting people in the community, but is about social media engagement as well.

She said the police department posts throughout the day on various media

platforms whenever a ride along occurs to draw attention to the dogs.

"We get a big response from that," Hunter said.



Kristen Hunter

According to the GPD's Instagram account, they post photos and videos which are available to the public for viewing. The GPD Instagram account uses captions such as, "Trumpet has stolen our hearts and he's sure to steal yours too!" and the "#AdoptDontShop" hashtag.

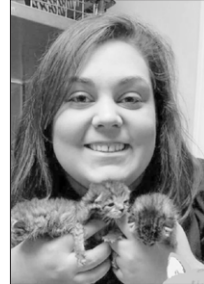
Hunter said GPD hopes it will be able to begin a trend and see more police departments creating their own similar

initiatives in the future.

Trumpet was up for adoption by "application only" according to the Humane Society of Eastern Carolina's assistant director, Shelby Jolly, who was at the shelter last weekend.

Jolly said every single dog who has been featured as the K9 for a Day by GPD was adopted following the exposure given to the shelter through the initiative.

"Most of them are adopted the first weekend after being featured as the K9 cop for a day. It definitely gives them added exposure," Jolly said. "It's not only a positive for the shelter



Shelby Jolly

but the animals themselves individually."

According to Jolly, a dog may be selected if they have remained at the shelter for a period of time without peaking a lot of interest. She said the HSE Carolina may choose a K9 for a Day candidate who maybe has been "overlooked" since there is a great deal of exposure through the program.

According to Jolly, an adopted animal has so much to give no matter what they go through. She said some shelter dogs have had harder lives than others, but no matter what, it shows how "loving and forgiving" animals are.

"We know that the right person is out there for every dog, and they just need to see that dog to fall in love with them," Jolly said.

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due to the number of students who were lost in the past year.

Thorn said she believes having this service on Family Weekend also had an impact on the larger turnout.

"This past year we had 11 students we were remembering and many of the families wanted to bring extended family members and friends," Thorn said. "I would say we probably had around 75 in attendance today (Sunday) which is usually about double of what we typically have seen in the past few years."

According to Thorn, a brick is purchased by The Parents Council for each individual who lost their life while being a student at ECU. She said through The Parents Council purchasing these bricks, these students will now always have a place on ECU's campus where others can honor those who have been lost.



Lauren Thorn

According to Thorn, having the memorial service in the Mendenhall

Memorial Garden allows family members to feel "peace and goodwill" during their time at the service.

"It's a wonderful, sort of global, image that a lot of people can relate to regardless of any type of faith background or any sort of belief system," Thorn said.

According to Student Body President Jordan Koonts, having the memorial service at the end of Family Weekend is important because he also believes it symbolizes the fact they are still apart of the pirate family.

"Regardless of if they're with us or not, they're always pirates," Koonts said. "Once a pirate always a pirate, so being on family weekend

signifies that they might be gone, but they're not forgotten and they are always apart of our family."

According to Shane Willis, recent ECU graduate in engineering, it hit home when this service occurred on family weekend after recognizing the loss of his friend Joe Albany.

"It just gives me comfort that I'll know that (Albany) always got a place at ECU and it's something me and all my friends can come back to and talk about the good times that we had with him, so I think it's really cool that ECU does this," Willis said. "It's kind of cool that they try to involve parents ...and they try to show them that ECU is a family."

According to Tom Hart, campus minister for Reform University Fellowship (RUF), it is "amazing" ECU hosts a memorial service to honor the students they have lost.

Hart said the families who have lost a loved one must feel alone and he can only imagine how they are hurting.

"This gives them a place where they can feel like they are apart of something and that they're sons and daughters, or friends, or brothers and sisters that they lost, were and continue to be apart of something even though they're gone," Hart said.

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## OUR VIEW

# Greenville must lead recovery

More than 80 police officers from the Greenville Police Department were sent to different areas of North Carolina dealing with the aftermath of Hurricane Florence. The Greenville Fire/Rescue Department have reported making a record breaking amount of rescues in the New Bern, North Carolina area.

East Carolina University's Police Department sent 12 of its own officers to different campuses impacted by the storm to provide some relief for the officers that had been working since the hurricane came.

We, the editorial staff of The East Carolinian, commend the efforts made by the Greenville community in the wake of the disaster left behind by Hurricane Florence.

More than that, there has been an outpouring of donations for hurricane victims from Greenville residents. People who have never lived through hurricanes and substantial flooding usually don't realize that the worst part is the recovery.

The Greenville community has seen several devastating hurricanes, so this is a community that fully understands how long it takes to get back to a normal routine. The community has taken this opportunity to show love and support to areas which weren't as fortunate as Greenville.



# Kavanaugh vs. Ford

## Ford's courage empowers victims



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### Shea Shares

Imagine you're at a party with your friends. Imagine a man you don't know grabs you by the waist, sexually assaults you and tells you that it's "our little secret." You're in shock

and it takes you a few moments to move, but when you do, you're already left feeling violated, ashamed and sick to your stomach.

There's a stigma in our society around even consensual sex. Keep your voice hushed, don't tell anyone, if you do, you should be ashamed of yourself. Imagine the fear of those eyes following you. Now imagine it times ten.

Earlier this year, according to the Washington Post, "Christine Blasey Ford wrote a confidential letter to a senior Democratic lawmaker alleging that Supreme Court nominee Brett M. Kavanaugh sexually assaulted her" while they were in high school. Once this knowledge became public, Dr. Ford faced a public lashing and people blamed her for making it up. Just one of these many accusations came from the hand of President Trump on Twitter.

After the tweet, people rallied for Dr. Ford with the "#WhyIDidntReport" hashtag. The hashtag shows the personal struggle of many people facing the harsh



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**Dr. Christine Blasey Ford testified before Congress.**

reality of their trauma. Whether they were too young to understand, their friends and family told them not to report it because it would be awkward or they were ashamed of what happened, thousands have shared their stories. The pervasive trauma of our society has been put on display just so it can be taken seriously.

The fact Dr. Ford didn't report him has no bearing on the fact that her trauma is real. Even in the year 2018, there is little that has been done for victims of sexual assault or abuse. She shouldn't have to relive her trauma purely so it can

be validated by men who have had the privilege of obliviousness on this matter.

According to RAINN, the Rape, Abuse & Incest National Network, an American is sexually assaulted every 98 seconds and "ages 12-34 are the highest risk years for rape and sexual assault" among women.

This behavior, especially for young men, shouldn't be normalized. Sexual assault isn't a rite of passage that all men must do and all women must go through, or even vice versa. There shouldn't have to be 60 women who come forward for an accusation to be taken seriously.

Most women do not seek fame or fortune when accusing someone of sexual assault. If you asked someone, could they name one of the 60 women who came forward against Cosby? Or could they name one of the 16 women who accused Trump of sexual assault? Even Dr. Ford first accused Kavanaugh anonymously before agreeing to come forward.

People say it could ruin someone's life if they were accused of sexual assault, but they don't see that it has already damaged someone who was assaulted.

Even if the assault happened decades ago, Kavanaugh should be held accountable for his actions. As a victim of sexual assault, I stand with Dr. Ford, and I only hope that one day we can live in a society where this trauma is taken seriously.

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# Racism within Ford, Hill comparison



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Dr. Christine Bailey Ford gave her testimony before the Senate Judiciary Committee on Thursday. Her voice was strong, if unsteady at times, and her vulnerability

touched thousands. CNN and NPR commentators observed that Ford's vulnerability made her more sympathetic and believable in comparison to Anita Hill, a black attorney who accused Associate Justice Clarence Thomas of sexual harassment in 1990.

When Thomas was nominated to the Supreme Court by President George H.W. Bush, a private interview with the FBI was leaked in which Hill alleged that while working under Thomas at the Department of Education, he routinely sexually harassed her. During her own testimony before Congress, Hill displayed strength and poise, contradictory to the identity of victims the public was familiar to. Thomas was eventually confirmed and currently serves on the court.

This comparison between the two women is not only deeply insulting to all survivors of sexual harassment and assault who are brave enough to come forward about their experiences, but it is reflected of the racist double standards black and white

women must adhere to.

As a black woman, Hill is expected to maintain strength even during the most strenuous times. The stereotype of the 'Strong Black Woman' forces her to have composure while facing a committee of all white men. Kimberlé Crenshaw, who assisted Hill's legal team, wrote in The New York Times that she was worried about the two forces fighting over Hill's testimony.

"I worried that she would be trapped between an antiracist movement that foregrounded black men," Crenshaw said. "And a feminism that could not fully address how race shaped society's perception of black victims."

Crenshaw goes on to mention that although Thomas' actions were textbook harassment to white feminists, to black communities, Thomas was simply trying to build a relationship "that affirmed their shared racial background."

Now, there are some stark differences between the two cases. Thomas had widespread support. Kavanaugh does not. Ford is speaking in a post-#MeToo world. Hill was not. But it is important to recognize the nuance of the racial tension of expectations for victims.

I could write a textbook on the complexities of the Kavanaugh accusations



**Anita Hill**

**"I worried that she would be trapped between an antiracist movement that foregrounded black men, and a feminism that could not fully address how race shaped society's perception of black victims."**

*-Kimberlé Crenshaw*

and how strong I feel he is unfit to serve on the Supreme Court. But I will leave it at this: I believe Dr. Ford. I believe Ms. Hill. And I hope, in November, the American people vote for a government where women who have suffered as they have do not have to be saved anymore.

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**Leo** (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Today is a 5 -- Meditate and consider. Imagine what could be possible. Keep your wallet in your pocket. Focus your energy on work. Avoid risk. Conditions are unsettled.

**Sagittarius** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) -- Today is a 6 -- Work things out with a partner privately. You may get strong feedback. Learn and adapt. Put in corrections. Persuade by speaking to another's interests.

**Taurus** (April 20-May 20) -- Today is a 7 -- You can see what wasn't working. Revise earlier decisions. Silence can say more than words. Don't overspend, even for a good cause. Anticipate disagreement.

**Virgo** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Today is a 7 -- Compromise with a team project. Review what's been done and what's needed together to avoid mistaken assumptions. Consider imaginative solutions. Music soothes a beast.

**Capricorn** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Today is a 7 -- Slow down if you reach a dead end. Look around and choose a new direction with your work, health and service. Discuss research in private.

**Gemini** (May 21-June 20) -- Today is an 8 -- No need to argue details; an unexpected development changes all. Be willing to compromise. No stretching the truth now. Temporary confusion could muddle your view.

**Libra** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) -- Today is an 8 -- You can learn what you need for the job. Don't believe everything you hear. Stick to tested routines and practices. Compare suppositions against new data.

**Aquarius** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) -- Today is an 8 -- You're attracted and attractive. Don't let financial constraints stop you from pursuing love. Settle an argument in your own mind. Take a small step forward.

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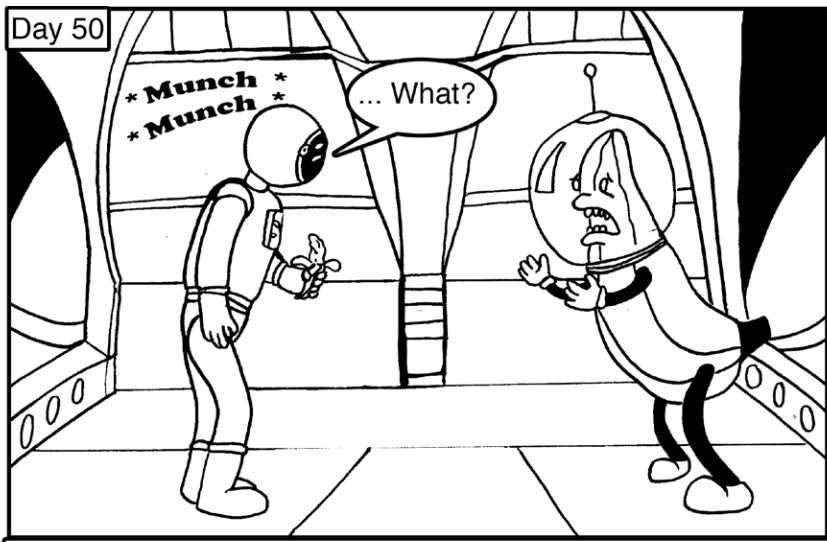
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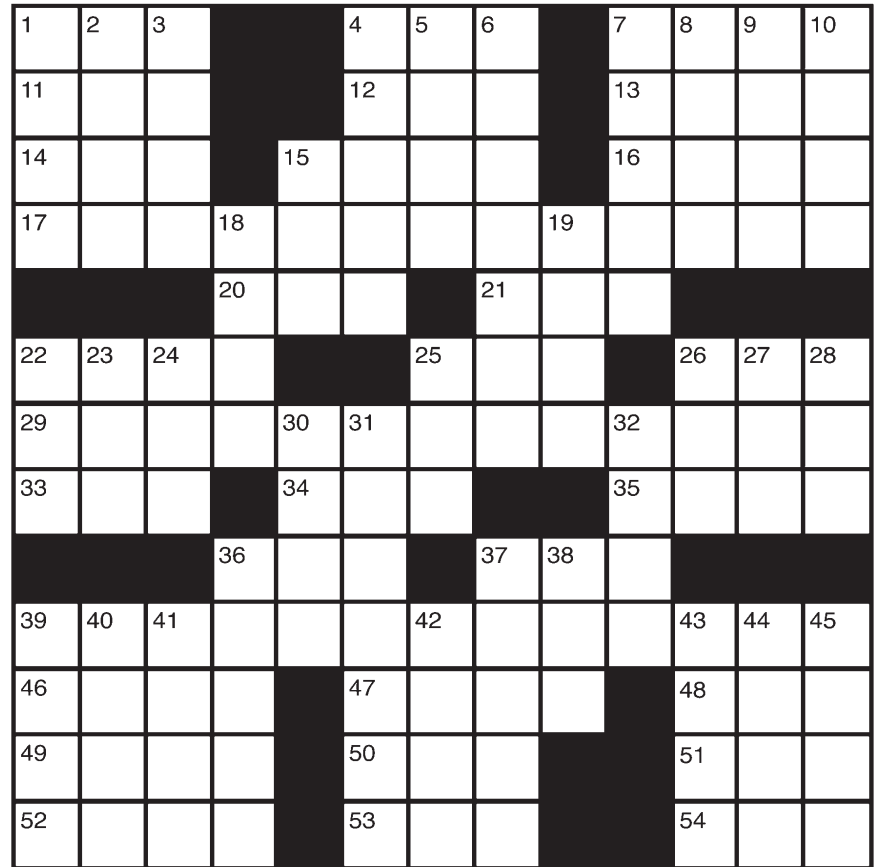
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## CROSSWORD

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by Jacqueline E. Mathews



- ACROSS**
- Pacino and Gore
  - "It's Me or the \_\_\_"
  - "The \_\_\_ Orman Show"
  - "A \_\_\_ Like Love"; Amanda Peet movie
  - Go wrong
  - "When the frost \_\_\_ the punkin..."
  - Bart Simpson's grandpa
  - \_\_\_ mater
  - Take care of
  - "The \_\_\_ of Old Christine"
  - Remick or Majors
  - Potato chip accompaniment
  - Cain's brother
  - King Kong, for one
  - Actor McBride
  - Series for Jay Mohr
  - Greek letter
  - Actress Jasmine
  - \_\_\_ St. Vincent Millay
  - Type of sandwich, familiarly
  - "\_\_\_, Lose or Draw"
  - Abraham Benrubi's role on "ER"
  - "Able was I, \_\_\_ saw Elba"
  - Role on "Desperate Housewives"

- Paul's cousin on "Mad About You"
- Watermelon's outer coating
- "America's \_\_\_ Talent"
- And not
- Leg joint
- NNW plus 180°
- Explosive substance, for short

### DOWN

- "Two and a Half Men" role
- Part of the ear
- One-dish meal
- Dig deeply
- "Coffee, Tea \_\_\_?"
- Character on "The Munsters"
- Exercise for the abs
- Drug addict
- "The Twilight \_\_\_"
- Conclusions
- Lemony drink
- Actress Sheedy
- Wedding cake layer
- "Ice \_\_\_"; hit animated movie
- "\_\_\_ Masterson"
- Historical period
- "Judging \_\_\_"
- "El \_\_\_"; Charlton Heston film
- Egg layer
- \_\_\_ Lupino
- "\_\_\_ Betty"
- Spices to sprinkle on eggnog
- City in western Nevada
- "December \_\_\_"; old Harry Morgan sitcom
- Take pen to paper
- Tina Turner's ex
- Schmuck
- Ms. Moran
- Actor Auberjonois
- Comotions
- Berry's role on "Mama's Family"
- Press clothes
- Pony-drawn vehicle

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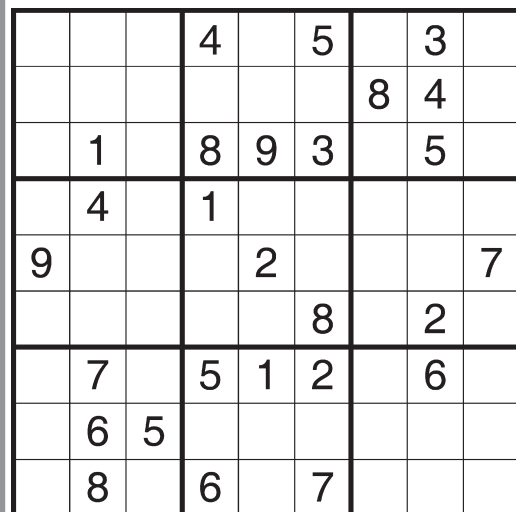
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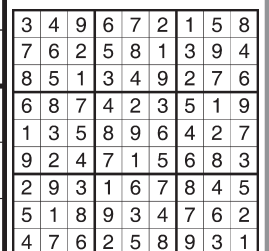
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#### SAB Open Mic Night

Mendenhall Great Rooms  
7:07 p.m.

#### Hollywood Trivia

Tiebreakers Sports Bar & Grill  
8 p.m.

#### Live Music & Martinis

AJ McMurphy's  
8 p.m.

### TOMORROW

#### YuGiOh! Tournament

Blue Ox Games  
6 p.m.

#### Fleet Feet Running Club Pub Run

Uptown Brewing Company  
6:15 p.m.

#### Karaoke Night

Fire American Tavern  
8 p.m.

#### Comedy Pitt Open Mic

Pitt Street Brewing Company  
8 p.m.



East Carolina University alumni, students and staff pose in portraits for the "True Colors: We Are The Change" photographic exhibit in Mendenhall. TINA GARRETT / THE EAST CAROLINIAN

## 'True Colors' shine through

**Elizabeth Johnson**  
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

For the third year in a row, the East Carolina University School of Art and Design and the ECU LGBT Resource Office aim to collaborate to share their vision for the LGBTQ community in the form of student art.

"True Colors: We Are The Change" is a collaborative photography exhibit between the ECU School of Art and Design and the ECU LGBT Resource Office, which debuted on campus in 2016.

In the year of its debut, Associate Director for the ECU LGBT Resource Office Mark Rasdorf was emailed about a trans identities exhibit, which was brought to UNC Asheville. Rasdorf then met with Angela Wells, the associate professor of ECU's School of Art and Design, at a Safe Zone training session to tell her about the email.

Upon their discussion, Wells suggested the two offices work together on an exhibit for ECU's campus. Within a few weeks, Wells' suggestion soon became the birth of the "True Colors" exhibit.

"It's (The 'True Colors' photographic exhibit) a good way for the (ECU) School of Art and Design to work with other offices on campus," Kate Bukoski, the director of ECU's School of Art and Design, said. "It is also a great way to celebrate diversity on campus."

The title of the photographic exhibit stems from the 1986 Cyndi Lauper song, "True Colors." "True Colors," which earned Lauper a No. 1 spot on the Billboard Hot 100 and a Grammy nomination for Best Female Pop Vocal Performance, has been an anthem for the LGBT community since its release. The song, according to Lauper, was written

and released in honor of her gay brother.

"The inspiration for the title is to be true to yourself and show your true colors," Rasdorf said.

With former subtitled themes such as "Celebrating the Spectrum of Sexual and Gender Diversity at ECU" in 2016 and "We Are Family" in 2017, this year's exhibit subtitle is "We Are The Change."

The subtitle was selected in honor of the ECU LGBT Resource Office, which is currently located in the Brewster Building, but will be moving into the Dr. Jesse R. Peel LGBTQ Center in the new student center. Once the new student center opens in January 2019, the Dr. Jesse R. Peel LGBTQ Center will be the largest center of its kind in the UNC system, according to the ECU LGBT Resource Office's official website.

"We have a lot of very positive forward momentum as we prepare to move (into the Dr. Jesse R. Peel LGBTQ Center) and we wanted to explore with people what positive change looks like for them," Rasdorf said.

This is the first year, according to Rasdorf, that the photographs in the "True Colors" exhibit have been in color. The rainbow photography theme was inspired by the White House rainbow-color lighting on June 30, 2015, which was done to celebrate the Supreme Court decision affirming same-sex marriage. Initially, Rasdorf said the lighting wasn't vibrant enough when the backdrop was set up as the colors on

the White House, so it had to be readjusted to get a satisfactory final product.

"The rainbow shadows went behind everybody and that made each photo unique," Rasdorf said.

There are 18 portraits in this year's exhibit, which is located on the second floor of Mendenhall, and depicted in the portraits are students, faculty, staff and their partners. In addition to the photographs, the exhibits features 18 stories, one for each person featured in the exhibit's photos.

"I think it's powerful, in any exhibit, to have artist statements or personal statements because it helps give dimension to the picture," Rasdorf said. "We gave all of the participants a very simple prompt. 'How do you impact positive change in your community in 100 words or less?' The statement is with their photo, their name, their pronouns and who they are on campus."

Senior music education major Cory Whaley is one of the eighteen subjects who is featured in the portraits of this year's "True Colors" exhibit. Whaley served as his church's pianist from the time he was 12 until he was 19, when he was asked to resign because of his sexual orientation.

Whaley said he wanted to be a part of the "True Colors" exhibit because of his interest in celebrating the LGBT community on ECU's campus.

"I grew up in a place that didn't celebrate anything other than straight white men," Whaley said. "Nothing remotely related to celebrating homosexuality, so it was nice to be a part of something that celebrated who I was."

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**Mark Rasdorf**

## BENNETT

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affinity for music.

"I think my music is extremely versatile and I think one main thing that I always try to do is try to make my music and make the perspective okay for everybody to listen to and understand," Bennett said in a 2017 interview with NYLON Magazine.

Bennett's latest release, "Be Yourself," was released on July 13. The 6-track third extended play from the Chicago rapper includes features from recording artists such as Young Thug, Super Bwe, Zxxx and Bianca Shaw.

In the album, Bennett focuses mainly on issues relative to being who he is as well as his journey of self reflection.

On Jan. 18, 2017, the day before his 21st birthday, Bennett came out as a bisexual male via Twitter. While in Malibu, Bennett said he decided to come out to his fans and the rest of the world because he was entering a "huge step for manhood" and he wanted to show to his younger fans who may be struggling with their sexuality how "okay it is to be themselves," according to Billboard Magazine.

"Growing up I've always felt indifferent about my sexuality and being attracted to one sex and today I would like to openly come out to my fans," Bennett wrote in a series of tweets in January 2017. "I do recognize myself as a bisexual



Rapper Taylor Bennett poses with his love interest in his 2015 13-minute long YouTube short film, "Broad Shoulders." COURTESY OF YOUTUBE.COM

male & do & have always openly supported the gay community & will keep doing so in 2017. #ThankYou."

As a member of the LGBT+ community himself, Bennett has long been an advocate for struggling LGBT+ youth and an activist for LGBT+ rights, frequently intertwining his bisexuality into interview discussion and his art form of music.

In addition to his avid advocacy for the LGBT+ community in his work and daily life, Bennett has taken on an active role in the community he grew up in, collaborating with charities such as Kids Off The Block and SaveChicago, which are both aimed toward ending Chicago's violence issues and reforming the

Chicago school system.

"I think there's a conversation that needs to be had," Bennett said in a 2018 interview with "The Today Show." "It's about knowing, because when it comes to a lot of the issues in the world, like racism or people who are prejudice towards gays, bisexuals, blacks, whites, there's an ignorance there, because they have an ignorance."

"SAB Initiatives Presents: Taylor Bennett," according to the Pirate 411 webpage, was planned to take place in honor of LGBT History Month at ECU. Occurring in the United States every October, LGBT History Month is an annual observance of LGBT+ history and related civil rights movements, according to

GLAAD's official website.

Like Bennett, sophomore music therapy major and former SAB initiative member Harris Washington also identifies as a African-American bisexual male, and he believes Bennett's perspective will be unique one for ECU's student body to hear.

"I'm excited to have an independent artist like Taylor Bennett speak on campus," Washington said. "He's a great speaker with a unique background, so he'll have a lot of insight to offer during his visit to ECU."

Sophomore gender studies major Jennifer Gates said she is excited to have a younger speaker from the LGBT+ community speak in honor

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-Harris Washington

of the historical-based month.

Gates said she is also a fan of Bennett's and she hopes more people will learn about what he has to offer as an artist, rather than simply comparing him to his brother.

"It's important for LGBT+ students to hear from a relatable face, with Bennett both being within our community and our age group," Gates, who is also a Pirate Ally at ECU, said. "I'm excited to learn more about his story and career tomorrow."

"SAB Initiatives Presents: Taylor Bennett" will take place tomorrow at 6 p.m. in Mendenhall Student Center's Hendrix Theatre. To find out more information or to RSVP for this event, visit ECU SAB's Twitter or OrgSync page.

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## ECU looks to improve off win

Dylan Johnson  
TEC STAFF

East Carolina University football head coach Scottie Montgomery held his weekly press conference Monday, speaking about ECU's win over Old Dominion University as well as its upcoming game with Temple University.

Montgomery said he was pleased with the performance of the defense against ODU. Montgomery cited the run defense, recording nine sacks and 15 tackles for loss.

"I thought our rush defense is playing as well as I've seen a defense play. There's a couple of things in our pass defense that we've got to get corrected," Montgomery said.

Montgomery said he knew ECU would make a big jump defensively this season when the Pirates were



Scottie Montgomery

just a couple weeks into spring practices, but wasn't sure ECU's defense would come as far and as fast as it has.

Montgomery credited all the coaches who helped with that.

ECU defensive end Nate Harvey and placekicker Jake Verity were named American Athletic Conference Defensive and Special Teams Players-of-the-Week on Monday by the conference.

Harvey booked six tackles (four solo), three sacks and three-and-a-half tackles for loss in ECU's win over Old Dominion.

Currently, Harvey ranks first nationally in tackles for loss per game (2.8), while standing fourth in sacks per game (1.63). He has been



Multiple East Carolina University defenders pursue the opposing running back in ECU's 37-35 win over Old Dominion. HANNAH ROBBINS | THE EAST CAROLINIAN

credited with a sack in three of four contests (1.5/N.C. A&T, 2.0/USE, 3.0/ODU) this season and registered at least one tackle for loss in all four games (4.5/N.C. A&T, 1.0/UNC, 2.0/USE, 3.5/ODU).

"He's a very mature kid (Harvey) and also a guy that leaves it all out on the field. If you tell him to do something, that's exactly what you're going to get," Montgomery said. "I know I can go to him in just about every situation. Whether it's defense, special teams, or even on offense. If we need it, he'll get it done."

Verity picked up his second career league player-of-the-week accolade after connecting on a 38-yard game-winning field goal with 46 seconds remaining against Old Dominion.

Verity is perfect on the season in

field goal tries (8-of-8), which stands first at the FBS level based on number of makes, and also ranks first in field goal percentage, third in field goals made per game and 28th in scoring. Additionally, Verity has converted on 12-of-13 PATs (point-after-tries) and scored a team-best 36 points.

Montgomery was pleased with facets of the offense too, such as the creativity of the run game and the hustle displayed by the team chasing down the ODU defender who had returned the Herring interception 75 yards, and the special teams play (Jake Verity's game-winning field goal).

Montgomery also is not yet ready to commit to whether ECU will use Holton Ahlers moving forward or if it will sit him in order to preserve his redshirt season.

Montgomery said not only is

Ahlers package not limited, but it's actually growing. Montgomery said the biggest thing that limits Ahlers and his ability to throw downfield and his inexperience with fixing the protection calls at the line of scrimmage.



Holton Ahlers

"(Ahlers is) one of the best football players that we have on our football team and we have some good football players on the team," Montgomery said. "I think the people around him are starting to do better because of him and he's starting to do better because of them. So that package is growing."

Montgomery acknowledged that it's a unique situation having to rotate between three quarterbacks, but it's one he wouldn't trade away. He also believes that each of the ECU quarterbacks makes those decision-making mistakes, but their youth should be considered.

"One of the things we're seeing is first-year mistakes from all three of them," Montgomery said. "If we can clean up some of the first-year mistakes with the talent we have around them and the creativity we have going on now around them, they have a chance to be pretty special. I like our three and I'll take those three all the time."

As for Temple, Montgomery said the Temple offense uses many different formations throughout the game, presenting any defense with a challenge. Montgomery also said ECU will have its hands full with the Temple skill players, led by its running back Ryquell Armstead.

"Probably the engine in their offense is their running back. (Ryquell) Armstead is a hard, downhill runner. He'll be one of the toughest backs we will see this year. So, we have our work cut out for us defensively," Montgomery said.

Montgomery said Temple's defense is headlined by two star linebackers and a lot of veterans. On the Temple special teams, Montgomery said ECU will "have our work cut out for us."

ECU (2-2, 0-1 AAC) will be back in action on Saturday, Oct. 6 when it travels to Temple. Kickoff is slated for noon (EDT) and will be televised on ESPNNews.

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## Volleyball earns historic win against SMU

Daniel Roberts  
TEC STAFF

The East Carolina University volleyball team welcomed American Athletic Conference competitor Southern Methodist University to Minges Coliseum on Sunday in what would result in a 3-1 victory for the Pirates.

After finding themselves down 5-0 early to SMU (5-9, 2-2 AAC) in the first set, ECU (10-4, 2-1 AAC) fought back with a 3-0 run to put themselves right back into it. In a set which was full of runs from both teams, ECU found itself tied at 20-20, but went on a 5-1 run to go up 1-0 in the match, winning the set 25-21.

The second set was very similar to the first early, it was a back and forth battle with it appearing that fans were going to be in for another wire-to-wire finish. This time however, the Mustangs led 14-10 and never looked back after that. SMU finished the second set on an 11-6 run to win the second set 25-16 to notch the match at 1-1.

The third set brought out another back and forth battle between the Pirates and Mustangs. SMU would get a point and ECU would respond with one of its own. The Mustangs went up 18-15 at one point, but the Pirates tied it up at 18-18. With the score being 24-23, ECU finished the set winning

25-23 after forcing SMU to hit the ball out of play to go up 2-1 in the best of 5.

In the fourth set, the Pirates took control of the set after being tied at 7-7 early. ECU went up 16-10 at one point before the Mustangs pulled within three. After the score was 16-13, ECU went on a 6-2 run to go up 22-15. The Pirates added the finishing touches to win the fourth set 25-18 and win the match 3-1.

"Our talk after the second set was very motivational," sophomore right side Bri Wood said. "It had us focused going into the third and fourth sets and made us keep pounding to the end."

Sophomore outside hitter Sydney Kleinman had perhaps the best game of her collegiate career. Kleinman posted a career-high 18 kills with a hitting percentage of .394 along with eight digs.

"Things really just clicked for me," Kleinman said. "I was really supported by my entire team today, and my setter was great. I owe it to them."

Wood had another strong performance adding 13 kills and eight digs. Sophomore setter Shelby Martin collected six kills with 46 assists on the day.

"I can say that for me and Kleinman, we

have a personal vendetta against SMU," Martin said. "They're from our hometown and we don't particularly like them very much. There



Sydney Kleinman

was a spark lit because of that and the whole team was behind us every step of the way, making it so we had unstoppable energy today."

This win against SMU was the first since 2008 and the first since ECU joined the AAC back in 2014. Until Sunday, the Pirates had lost to SMU in 13 straight matchups, with 11 of those games being 3-0 sweeps.

"We have been knocking on the door against SMU the last couple of years," head coach Julie Torbett said. "We lost in five sets against them last year in heartbreaking fashion but our home court advantage gave us that edge today."

ECU will travel to Storrs, Connecticut on Friday to take on the University of Connecticut in Gampel Pavilion with the game set to begin at 7 p.m.

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Sophomore setter Shelby Martin after an ECU point. COURTESY OF ECUPIRATES.COM

## BASKETBALL continued from A1

practice court, adding motivation. Dooley requested banners of each team in the American Athletic Conference be put up along one end.

On the other end, there are two banners marking the two ECU NCAA tournament appearances in 1972 and 1993 and a third one at the end that simply says "are you next?"

Freshmen Tyler Foster, Jayden Gardner, Tae Hardy, Rico Quinton and DeShaun Wade all went through their first fall practice with their new coach.

"I think all of the freshmen will make their imprints at some point during the season," Dooley said. "We're very young. Nine of our scholarship players are underclassmen. That's the good news and the bad news."

The returning group of underclassmen on scholarship features sophomores K.J. Davis,

Dimitrije Spasojevic, Justin Whatley and 2018 American Athletic Conference Rookie-of-the-Year Shawn Williams.

"We've been working so hard, we don't have a choice, but to be ready for (the season)," Williams said. "It's serious now. We've been getting ready for it, but now we really have to be focused and ready for this ride."



Shawn Williams

Suiting up beside Williams in the backcourt will be the Pirates' lone scholarship senior, Isaac Fleming, who said he was challenged by Dooley to lose more than 20 pounds since the end of last season in order to remain the starting point guard.

"There's no playing around," Fleming said. "It's strictly business. We are jogging everywhere and running everywhere and if he catches us

walking anywhere, we are on that base line. It's high intensity all the time."

ECU went 10-20 last year including 4-14 in AAC play. Dooley believes the team has vastly improved over that team a year ago.

"I think from a conditioning standpoint, the improvements are really drastic," Dooley said. "The other big thing is we've gotten a little bit better shooting the ball. Our guys have gotten a little bit of a better feel for what we want to do. I think they've done a good job working on those things and are making strides."

That excitement has stretched down to the players as well, who can't wait for the season to begin.

"I can't even sleep at night sometimes because I'm so ready for the season," Williams said. "We've been working so hard. We've got no choice but to be ready for it the way we've been working every day."

The day before on Friday afternoon, ECU women's basketball had its first practice as head coach Heather Macy begins

year number eight.

"The build-up for the first day of practice is important, especially now that we can be around the team a lot more than we used to be able to," Macy said. "We gave them a couple of days off leading up to this first day which I think created this energy level that felt great."

Macy returns a deep roster with an AAC-high 11 returning players to go along with four newcomers. That depth and veteran leadership is allowing the Pirates to grow quickly, according to Macy.

"The players are coaching the players," Macy said. "There's a lot of talk between drills where they're helping each other and bringing the four new ones along. It's really enabled us to move at an even faster pace."

ECU is coming off a 16-15

season which included eight wins against AAC opponents, the second-highest total in program history. The Pirates will have 16 games in Minges this season, starting with the first five games of the year.

Macy believes this year's team is ready to go further than last year's team, relying on two program staples and one new aspect.

"The offense is a little farther along than it normally is at this time of the year," Macy said. "Defense and rebounding, those are our two staples so that's an everyday thing that we do, that's non-negotiable in our program, and we expect that. What we'd like to see is the execution offensively getting better."

Both the men's and women's teams open its season Nov. 6 at home, with the men's taking on Delaware State and the women's playing against Maryland Eastern Shore.

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Heather Macy

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