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Annual festivities begin

Lauren Bright
TEC STAFF

East Carolina University's week-long homecoming activities started on Monday with the Cannonball Kickoff and Involvement Fair located in the Mall area on main campus as students, faculty, staff and alumni begin to come together and celebrate Pirate pride.

This year's homecoming theme is "Pirate TV," which was chosen by the student body and is sponsored by the Student Government Association, according to Lillie Rhodes, SGA vice president. She said SGA gave \$35,000 toward homecoming this year plus a few one-time donations.

Rhodes said her favorite part about homecoming is bringing the entire Greenville community together, not just ECU students and alumni.

"I'm a Greenville native, so I grew up going to homecoming parades and it's a fun opportunity to see all of ECU interact with all of the different people that live here in town," Rhodes said.

The Cannonball Kickoff and Involvement Fair started the activities Monday from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. on the Mall, where the top 10 candidates for homecoming king and queen were announced.

The final candidates for 2018 Homecoming king are Justice Obasohan for ECU Ambassadors, Tanner Johnson for Alpha Sigma Phi, Rhys Collins for Sigma Nu, Wesley Paul for Delta Sigma Phi and Jon Cockerham for Pi Lambda Phi.

The final candidates for 2018

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Lil Baby opens up for T-Pain at Nashville, Tennessee's Commodore Quake on Oct. 11. The rapper will headline tonight's homecoming concert at 7 p.m. COURTESY OF INSTAGRAM

SAB says 'Yes Indeed' Rapper Lil Baby to perform tonight in Wright

Anais Roller
TEC STAFF

Up-and-coming rapper Lil Baby will kick off East Carolina University's homecoming week with a performance tonight beginning at 7 in Wright Auditorium.

The rising artist sold out Wright Auditorium in about six hours, according to the director of ECU Student Activities and Organizations Justin Janak. Janak added this year's homecoming concert ticket sales surpassed last year's headliner, 21 Savage, whose performance took three days to sell out.

"I think everybody that picked up tickets is talking about showing up at the event," Janak said. "It seems like people are really excited to see him perform."

The announcement of the homecoming headliner was made via Twitter by ECU's Student Activities Board on Sept. 21. The announcement tweet, as of Monday, has generated more than 100 retweets and 150 likes. Tickets went on sale the Tuesday after the announcement and were free of cost to ECU students.

"After we dropped the homecoming artist, we got a lot of feedback via social media," Kaitlyn Carr, the chair of the SAB Entertainment Committee, said.

Carr, a junior communication and art double major, said she believes this concert will have a lot of energy because Lil Baby should "attract a diverse crowd of students."

Carr said she noticed a high population of the student body who seemed most excited about the homecoming concert were freshmen. In Carr's opinion, this is because Lil Baby's music really seems to resonate with them the most when compared to upperclassmen students.

"(When selecting the artist,) we looked at who was relevant, up-and-coming, has fresh music coming out and is popular amongst our age group," Carr said.

In previous years, SAB has brought other notable hip-hop artists to ECU's campus

to headline homecoming concerts such as Future, Wiz Khalifa, Rae Sremmurd and North Carolina native, J. Cole.

A self-described aficionado of Lil Baby's music, ECU student Khadijah Gunther said she is looking forward to seeing the rapper live in Wright Auditorium tonight.

Gunter said she likes how the rapper carries himself and remains lowkey and less flashy, unlike many other rappers in the industry. Gunter added how she believes he was chosen to come to ECU because "he's a great performer" and "less aggressive when compared to others in his genre."

"I'm a true Lil Baby fan and I've been following him for a while now," Gunter, a junior communication major, said. "My brothers put me on to him (and) I like the way he vibes with his beats."

The 23-year-old Georgia-bred rapper's debut album, *Harder than Ever*, was released this May and peaked at No. 3 on the Billboard 200 chart. The 17-track album featured

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The ECU Club Dance Team practices choreography in the Student Recreation Center. ECU Club Dance won first place in ECU's skit competition last year. COURTESY OF FACEBOOK

Orgs act out skits for Pirate TV

Chauncey Scarlet Gilliam
TEC STAFF

From campus organizations to Greek life chapters, 16 groups are set to channel surf through the nostalgia of television tomorrow night on a stage in East Carolina University's Minges Coliseum, all for the sake of winning the coveted Homecoming Spirit Cup.

Headlined as the Homecoming Skit Competition, more than 30 student organizations will participate in this year's Skit Night, with the majority of organizations

partnering up with others to compete in the themed theatrical performance.

Each year, the participating organizations are tasked with coming up with skits inspired by the theme of Homecoming Week. With this year's theme of "Pirate TV," the competing groups were required to come up with skits inspired and influenced by TV shows.

According to the chair of the ECU 2018 Homecoming Committee Sydney McLeod, most Skit Night performers in the past

incorporated ECU's opponent for the homecoming football game in their skit performance. With this year's homecoming opponent being

University of Central Florida (UCF), McLeod said she doesn't expect a difference when it comes to referencing the homecoming game in the skit performances.

"I expect a lot of knife and

sword fights between Peedee (the Pirate) and the University of Central Florida Knights at this year's competition," McLeod, a senior marketing major, said.

This year will mark the fifth year Skit Night has been held in Minges Coliseum since moving to the venue in 2014 from Wright Auditorium to accommodate growing crowds, according to McLeod and Krista Wilhelm, ECU's assistant director of Student Activities and Organizations.

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Updates affect student parking

Jennifer Flippin
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Recent projects have now begun to take away more student-available parking spaces as East Carolina University continues to construct and renovate buildings on prime campus land.

Deb Garfi, the director of ECU's Department Parking and Transportation Services, said there are roughly 1,000 parking spaces dedicated to on-campus parking. She said hundreds of spaces will soon be lost in order to advance ECU.

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BRIEFS

SustainECU to host film and discussion

SustainECU will continue its monthly sustainability film and discussion series in room C209 of the Science and Technology Building tonight at 6:30. The series aims to provide a platform for environmental sustainability and climate issues.

The series focuses on environmental issues and provides students with impactful discussions.

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

Tonight the Ledonia Wright Cultural Center will continue their weekly discussion series "What's the Tea?" at Bloxton house beginning at 5 p.m. This event is held weekly to provide students with an opportunity to have a healthy discussion around sensitive issues.

The event is free for students and will end at 6 p.m.

SGA to host student fee forum

East Carolina University's Student Government Association to host a student fee forum this afternoon in Mendenhall Student Center room 221 beginning at 2 p.m.

Students are encouraged to attend so they can be aware of these proposals and have the opportunity to provide their feedback to the members of SGA.

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Homecoming queen are Alex Raynor representing Alpha Xi Delta, Rebecca Parada for Alpha Omicron Pi, Makenzie Evans for Alpha Gamma Delta, Brett Hinkamp for Delta Zeta and Meaghan Nedoma for Phi Mu.

The Cannonball fair also had an array of free activities for students which included inflatable activities, free food, giveaways and live entertainment with DJ Born Finesser.

McLeod said Friday will be full of events, beginning with the non-perishable canned-food

drive from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. The event is co-sponsored by Campus Kitchen at ECU and Pirate Pantry.

According to the SGA homecoming rules and regulations, anything in glass will not be accepted. Placement will be determined based on the highest total weight of food donated.

Rhodes said the 2018 Homecoming committee encourages all student organizations to participate in this event to give back to others in the community.

The Homecoming parade and float competition will be from 9 a.m. until 11 a.m. on Saturday beginning along Fifth Street and ending at Reade Street. Participating

"Traditionally, homecoming has been almost only Greek (life) participants, so it's nice to see some branching out and new changes."

- Jordan Koonts

organizations will debut "Pirate TV" themed floats to the Greenville community to be judged by a small panel of homecoming committee members, according to the 2018 Homecoming committee.

SGA President Jordan Koonts said all floats and banners have to incorporate PeeDee within their "Pirate TV" themes, similar to last year's Olympics "Going

for Gold." Koonts said he is looking forward to the events offered this year because the homecoming committee was aiming to get a different variety of events and stepped up to get other organizations involved.

"Traditionally, homecoming has been almost only Greek (life) participants, so it's nice to see some branching out and

new changes," Koonts said.

During halftime at Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium on Saturday, homecoming festivities will come to a close as the ECU 2018 Homecoming king and queen will be announced, as well as the winner of the spirit cup competition. The game will kick off at 7 p.m. against the University of Central Florida.

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Parking has been seen as a huge issue on college campuses everywhere, according to Garfi, and the parking currently on ECU's campus is slowly being transformed.

Garfi said ECU has enough parking for now, even though it may not be what everyone considers to be convenient parking. She said everyone wants to park next to "their building," which is impossible as more prime campus land goes into constructing new buildings, classrooms and research facilities.

Spaces at Minges are roughly \$127 a year, Garfi said. Considering a traditional flat parking space costs around \$200 a year to maintain, Garfi added ECU may actually be losing money to maintain the parking lot.

"Parking is moving further out, transit is one of your best bets to access campus, parking itself can't solve all the access problems," Garfi said. "The prospect of adding parking decks and ultimately



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ECU Parking and Transportation continues to develop new ideas for parking.

becoming a pedestrian campus seems to be ECU's hope for future parking resolutions."

Garfi said ECU Parking is excited to open a new parking deck alongside the student center to better accommodate students. She said this parking deck will have more than 100 spots dedicated to \$1, hourly parking.

According to Garfi, a yearlong permit to park in the new parking garage, which will allow 24/7 access, is estimated to be \$720. Students who plan to park at Minges during the day and simply park in the garage on

evenings and weekends will be around \$400 a year, Garfi said.

Jenny Kavel, a freshman business marketing major, said she resides on the West End side of main campus and parks in the B-2 lot. Kavel said she thinks the construction is necessary and it is inevitable to hold back progress because even parking garages and parking lots require construction to be built.

Kavel said her only complaint may be the loudness which can sometimes come from the construction, but said the workers are very respectful toward not

working too early into the morning and late into the night.

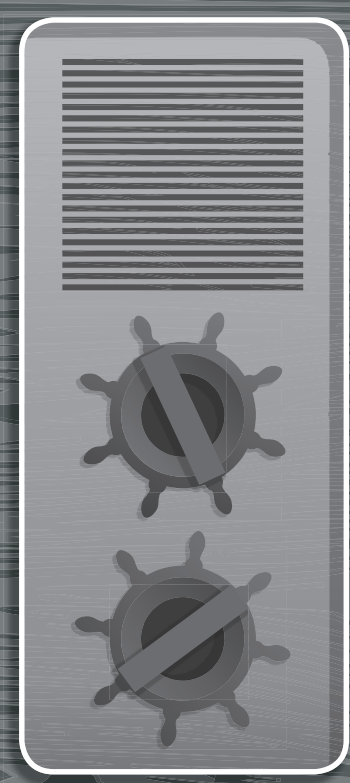
According to Garfi, ECU parking is not funded by the state nor tuition given to the University. Parking is a state auxiliary which includes fixing potholes, putting signs up and painting spaces which comes directly from ECU Parking's budget.

A common misconception, according to Josh Rossnagel, the external operations supervisor of ECU Parking and Transportation, is ECU Parking gains money on parking tickets and citations given to students, which he said is far from the reality.

"We actually lose revenue on every ticket we write because the vast majority of it goes into the North Carolina school system and the money that we do get from the ticket isn't enough to cover even the salary of the person giving the ticket," Rossnagel said.

Rossnagel said he wants to make sure people understand the act of ticketing is not to punish students or gain a profit for parking, it is to educate students.

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ECU HOMECOMING 2018

Schedule of Events

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OCT 15 MONDAY
Cannonball Kickoff and Involvement Fair
4-7 p.m. on the campus Mall (rain site: Student Recreation Center)

Outdoor Movie presented by SAB
7 p.m. on the campus Mall (rain location: MSC Hendrix Theatre)

OCT 16 TUESDAY
Banner Competition Viewing/Judging
Noon at the Student Recreation Center

Concert/Major Event
7 p.m. at Wright Auditorium

OCT 17 WEDNESDAY
Skit Competition
6:30-8:30 p.m. at Minges Coliseum
Participants arrive at 6 p.m.

OCT 18 THURSDAY
ThinkFast Game Show: ECU Trivia/Pop Culture
7 p.m. at Hendrix Theatre

OCT 19 FRIDAY
Canned Food Drive
11 a.m.-4 p.m. at Food Bank

Freeboot Friday
5 p.m. at Five Points Plaza, Uptown Greenville

National Pan-Hellenic Council Step Show
7 p.m. at Wright Auditorium

OCT 20 SATURDAY
Parade/Float Competition
9 a.m. on Fifth Street

Football Game
Time TBA at Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium

Announcement of King and Queen
Halftime during football game



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OUR VIEW

Festivities create community

East Carolina University's home football game against the University of Central Florida on Saturday will cap off a homecoming week filled with festivities for students and alumni to enjoy.

We, the editorial staff at The East Carolinian, believe homecoming is great for the Greenville community and brings in much needed school spirit from ECU alumni. It is a great way for the University to be more inclusive of other groups on campus and is great for businesses around town in general.

As organizations come together in order to make homecoming a success, many groups around campus will get to engage with each other in ways they may never have before. The events planned this year, including a banner and skit competition, allow groups who normally do not get the spotlight to come together and celebrate their ECU pride. It is great for these organizations to come together and promote healthy bonding among campus representatives.

Businesses will also profit off of the added number of Pirate fans back at school. This adds to the growth of the Greenville business community, which is good for ECU as well.

No matter how you feel about ECU's football team, homecoming is the time to come together as a university and as a town to celebrate the community we all are privileged to be a part of.

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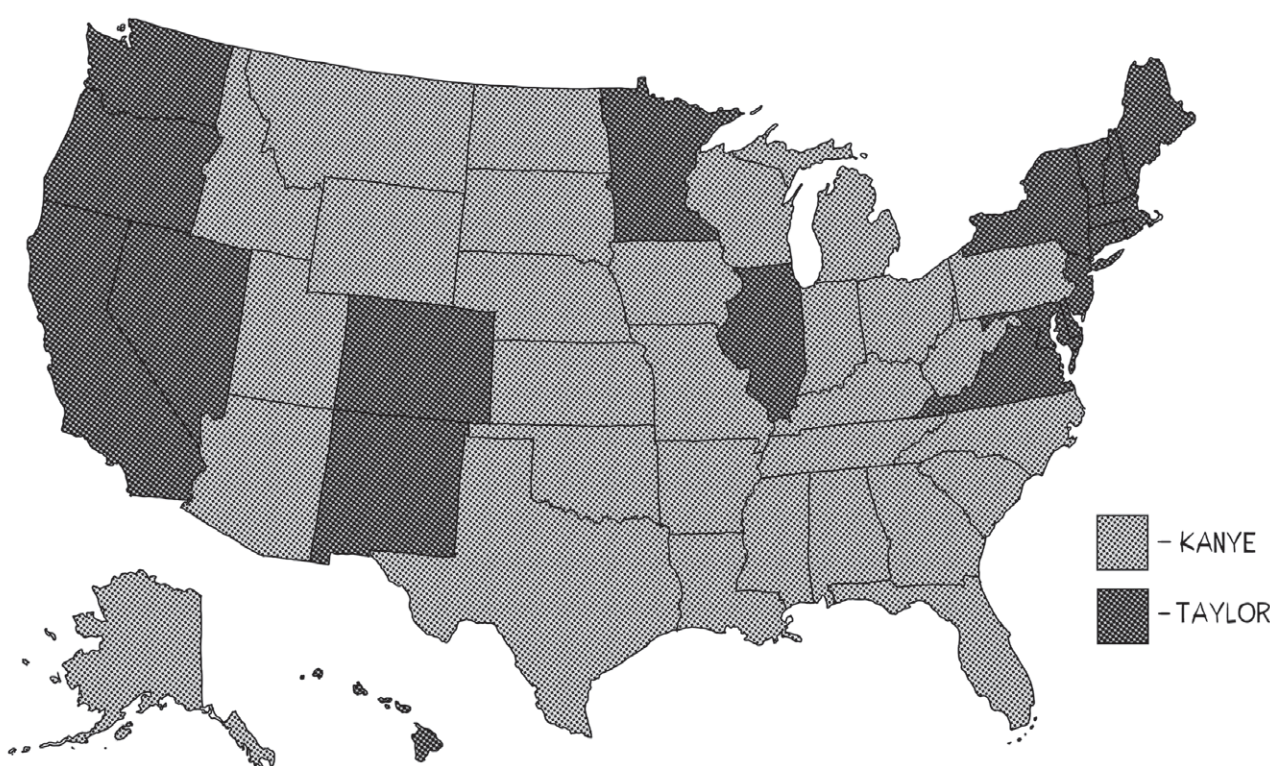
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>> LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Defender of free speech

Former TEC EIC passes away, leaves legacy



Matthew Prensky
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

The East Carolinian and all of collegiate journalism lost an important figure on Oct. 6. This man paid a price in the name of free speech and ultimately helped create a world where college newspapers such as this one can thrive without fear of repercussions.

This man was Robert Thonen, the former editor-in-chief of The Fountainhead, a previous version of The East Carolinian. Thonen, an alumnus of ECU, graduated with a degree in journalism and history in 1977.

However, while Thonen was studying at ECU and working for The Fountainhead, his collegiate career was halted. Thonen was expelled in October of 1972, because of a piece of content ran in The Fountainhead, according to the Student Press Law Center.

"East Carolina University student William Schell wrote a letter in the student newspaper about residence hall regulations that contained a vulgar four-letter reference to University president, Leo W. Jenkins," according to the SPLC website.

Thonen and Schell were both expelled because of the letter, which was written and protected by our guaranteed right to freedom of speech.

The two would go on to sue Jenkins and ECU in federal court to regain their status as students. The case moved up



Robert Thonen was TEC's editor-in-chief in 1972.

through federal court and on May 29, 1975, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth District upheld a lower court's ruling in favor of Thonen and Schell, according to Justia, an online U.S. legal database.

Thonen and Schell were victorious. They were allowed to return to ECU and the First Amendment was upheld and protected. The same protections to speech given to professional journalists were now extended to collegiate journalists and I believe every college journalist should be thankful for that.

Sometimes I find it's hard for people to understand just how vulnerable a college journalist can be. College journalists take on the world as reporters, a job which is bound to anger someone

at some time, and yet are vulnerable because of their status as students. When we achieve great feats of reporting, people praise us, but when we fail, they demean us as second-class journalists.

I for one can speak from experience on these issues. As a college journalist and student, I haven't always written favorable stories about ECU or the city of Greenville. I've been yelled at, belittled and my staff has even had to endure people's misdirected anger. I've even been reported to the ECU Police Department because of my reporting, but thankfully my status as a student has never come into question.

Today, it's hard to believe Thonen had to go through so much to defend his rights as an American. I myself find it hard to imagine going through what Thonen did just to defend my newspaper and the content my staff produces. Luckily, I will never have to endure that struggle because Robert Thonen did. I will always be grateful to him for that.

To Robert Thonen's family and loved ones, on behalf of everyone at The East Carolinian, we send our condolences. I hope you understand just how thankful we are for Mr. Thonen's sacrifices.

To Robert Thonen, wherever you may be, thank you. I hope you rest in peace. Your hard work and sacrifices have allowed future generations of college journalists to report the news without repercussions and for that, we should all be thankful.

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'Witch hunt' mislabels movements



Jenna Price
TEC STAFF

With the prevalence of movements such as #MeToo and #WhyIDidntReport, we've seen men defending those who are being held responsible for their actions referring to these movements

as "witch hunts" or "lynch mobs," terms traditionally used for female and minority oppression.

It's ironic to consider the fact that men that have the level of privilege some of the men accused of these crimes and the men defending them would be referring to this social reckoning of sexual assault by using these terms.

The phrase "lynch mob" has a weird and unreliable history. It's most commonly traced back to Charles Lynch of Virginia. According to NPR, the "official court system" wasn't well established and there was a war going on, so Lynch is said to have created his own system which allowed citizens to be judge, jury and executioner.

Though at the time of the coining of the term lynching did not refer to the modern idea of hanging, but rather

39 lashes given to those who were found guilty. However, today the term invokes ideas of the unjust murders committed against African Americans, Native Americans, Jews, Asians and European peoples before and even during the Civil Rights movement. The modern idea comes from the treatment of minorities, specifically African American people, in the deep south.

This form of massacre was encouraged by the government. At one point, as a governor from Georgia in 1903 said it was necessary to maintain "white supremacy" in the south. We can see examples of these things in literature as well, from Harper Lee's "To Kill a Mockingbird" to John Steinbeck's "Of Mice and Men." This isn't something that was ever really a concern for the men currently claiming lynch mob.

"Witch hunts" can be traced back for centuries. The target of these heinous crimes were typically women who were most likely unmarried and therefore untrustworthy. While men have also been the victims of "witch hunts," it was more commonly women who suffered.

When people invoke the term "witch hunt," they typically refer to the Salem Witch Trials, one of the most hysterical times in American history. We've seen

people refer to different things as "witch hunts" from Nixon talking about Watergate to President Trump referring to the Russia probe. Like most people who invoke these terms, neither of these men had any right to use them to refer to their crimes.

Maybe people refer to times of accusation as "witch hunts" or "lynch mobs" because they feel that same hysteria, however, it's disrespectful to the people that were murdered by these groups. Words have significant power. When we equate the unjust murders performed during these times to a movement dedicated to giving voices to those who have been silenced, we take away the true meaning of all these movements.

People should consider these things before referring to sexual assault accusations as women acting in lynch mobs or performing "witch hunts." The difference is "lynch mobs" and "witch hunts" murdered innocent people based on sexual orientation, race, or gender. #MeToo and #WhyIDidntReport are providing a platform for those who have been oppressed to tell their stories.

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EVENTS

TODAY

October Wine Tasting

Jarvis Street
Bottle Shop
5 p.m.

Exercise in the Park

Town Common
6 p.m.

Stranger Things Trivia

Uptown Brewing
Company
7 p.m.

TOMORROW

**DAP House
Rum Tasting**
Dickinson Avenue
Public House
5:30 p.m.

Karaoke Night
Fire American Tavern
8 p.m.

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

Banners takeover SRC

Xavier Johnson-Graham
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Eighteen campus organizations will channel East Carolina University's homecoming week theme of Pirate TV in the form of banner art with the top three winners competition being announced today.

Since yesterday, ECU students have been able to walk all around the Student Recreation Center to view banners from various chapters of ECU Greek life such as Pi Kappa Alpha and other student organizations such as ECU Ambassadors, who won the Spirit Cup during ECU's 2016 Homecoming week.

The horizontally-formatted banners for this year's competition must be designed with this year's homecoming theme, "Pirate TV," according to this year's rules and guidelines for the homecoming events. Each banner was required to incorporate the ECU mascot in the form of PeeDee or a Skull and Crossbones design and the mascot or symbol for University of Central Florida, the college football team set to oppose the Pirates at this Saturday's homecoming game.

The banners for this year's competition were dropped off to be hung on Sunday afternoon and will be judged by a panel of judges, which includes ECU alumni and faculty members, tomorrow morning. The winners, according to ECU's Assistant Director of Student Activities and Organizations Krista Wilhelm, will be announced at the end of the business day.

"The judges will be looking for creativity, originality, representation of ECU beating UCF and the week's theme of Pirate TV," Ayisha Ihtasham, a chairperson for this year's Homecoming Banner Competition sub-committee, said.

The top three banners will be labeled later today for everyone to see. Banners will remain hung up for the rest of homecoming week for students to observe and will be returned to the organizations Sunday



Ayisha Ihtasham



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Views from a basketball court in the Student Recreation Center show organizations' banners hanging.

afternoon, according to Ihtasham.

As is tradition, the top three winners of this year's banner competition will earn points toward the Spirit Cup. The first place winning organization will earn 300 points and the second and third place winning organizations will earn 225 points and 150 points, respectively, according to the rules and guidelines for the 2018 ECU Homecoming Competition.

The banner competition is just one of five ways the participating organizations in this year's homecoming competition can earn points toward the Spirit Cup, with the other four ways being a parade float, skit night, the canned food drive and Cannonball. Last year's top three winners of the banner competition were Alpha Omicron Pi & Delta Chi, Chi Omega & Pi Kappa Alpha and ECU Ambassadors & Sigma Nu.

In an effort to diversify the competition of homecoming week, the ECU 2018 Homecoming Committee has made efforts to incorporate new organizations such as Pi Lambda Phi and the ECU Residence Hall Association in this week's themed festivities.

"I think it's awesome that the ECU Homecoming Committee is open to welcoming all different organizations of any kind, no matter the size or origin," Nya Moten, a former representative of ECU Hall Government for Fletcher Hall, said.

The goal for the competition is to boost school spirit and to bring excitement from the organizations participating in the competition, according to members of the ECU 2018 Homecoming Skit sub-committee.

ECU freshman Autumn Davis said homecoming events, such as banner competition, will help students like herself to learn about the various organizations on campus she could get involved in.

"I can't wait for the banner competition so I can see what the organizations come up with," Davis, a computer science major, said.

In order to participate in ECU's Homecoming Competition next school year, contact the ECU Homecoming Committee via OrgSync.

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collaborations with various artists, including fellow Atlanta-natives such as Offset, Lil Uzi Vert and Young Thug.

One of Lil Baby's most notable songs is "Yes Indeed," a collaboration with Canadian rapper Drake and the second single for *Harder than Ever*. The song is certified platinum by the Recording Industry Association of America (RIAA) and peaked at No. 5 on the Billboard Hot R&B/Hip-Hop/Rap Songs Chart.

Lil Baby is also well known for his songs "My Dawg" and "Freestyle," which both



Justin Janak

peaked No. 71 and No. 6 on the Billboard 100 chart, respectively. Lil Baby has more than 14 million monthly listeners on Spotify and held the No. 1 spot on Billboard's Emerging Artists chart in May.

According to Janak, tonight's concert is expected to be a "good show" and should be something for students to really enjoy.

"I think there are lot more students that wanted to see this artist, more than we even expected," Janak said.

The ECU 2018 Homecoming Concert will take place tonight at 7 in Wright Auditorium. Purses or bags will not be permitted inside the venue. 1Cards and tickets are required for entry into the concert.

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SKIT

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General and executive members of this year's homecoming committee said attendees can expect this year's audience to surpass previous years in both size and energy.

Participating groups in this year's Skit Night met with homecoming officials on Sunday during a five-hour long practice session in Mendenhall's Hendrix Theatre to verify that skits are appropriate and contain no offensive content.

Other than avoiding lewd material in their skit routines and adhering to a five-minute time limit, the groups have creative control when it comes to the choreography of their performances, according to the former emcee at the ECU 2017 Homecoming Skit Competition, Molly Roth. The freedom groups get and the competitive aspect of Skit Night has generated plenty of original ideas from ECU students, from members of the ECU Homecoming Committee to participants of Skit Night themselves.

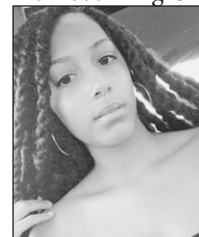
"It's one of my favorite events for homecoming," Roth, a senior hospitality management major, said. "It's probably one of the most competitive events. The costumes are always really fun and the skits are really different, so you see a lot of variety (in the performances)."

Tomorrow's Skit Night will be the first to have audience voting, which is a part of the ECU Homecoming Committee's effort to get the audience even more involved in the event, according to Ayisha Ihtasham, coordinator of the ECU 2018 Homecoming Skit sub-committee.

"This year, we changed it (the voting) to include an audience vote so they (the audience) can have a say (for the winning organizations) too," Ihtasham, a senior public health major, said.

While many fraternity and sorority chapters of ECU's Greek life are involved, cultural heritage organizations such as Black Student Union, leadership groups such as ECU Ambassadors and special interest clubs such as ECU Club Dance have been Skit Night participants and past winners in recent years.

Members of this year's homecoming committee, including co-lead of the Homecoming Skit sub-committee Alexis



Alexis Burkhart

Burkhart, said they believe the diverse range of organizations who participate in Skit Night is one of the many parts which make skit "a homecoming activity for all ECU students to enjoy."

"Skit Night is a great (way) to see what different orgs are doing on campus (and) that they're not just about themselves. It gives a different side to ECU that you normally wouldn't see," Burkhart, a sophomore elementary education major and an emcee at this year's Skit Night, said.

Skit Night will take place at Minges Coliseum tomorrow night. The event is free for students and the general public to attend. The doors for Skit Night will open at 6:30 p.m. and performances for Skit Night will start at 7 p.m.

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Aries (March 21-April 19) -- Today is a 9 -- A major industry revelation opens new opportunities. Stay focused. If an option goes against your grain, turn it down. Do the work to expand your territory.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) -- Today is an 8 -- Expand your exploration. An enticing opportunity presents itself. A formidable barrier blocks the path, so take care. Check the road ahead, and choose the best route.

Gemini (May 21-June 20) -- Today is a 9 -- Take care of business. Focus on sales, marketing, accounting and management. Maintain existing accounts while expanding new growth possibilities. Collaborate on a profitable venture.

Cancer (June 21-July 22) -- Today is an 8 -- Together, you can reach the stars. Release excess baggage. Don't get talked out of what you want. You can get what you need. Everything seems possible.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Today is an 8 -- Your energy, health and work are on the rise. Physical action now leads to long-term benefit. Don't force your limits. Build endurance and strength.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Today is an 8 -- A lucky break lands you into a fine romance. Creativity flowers. Weave a harmonious song with long-term implications and possibilities. Stay sensitive to another's feelings.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) -- Today is an 8 -- Home improvements made now have lasting value and benefit. Consider and plan. Research for best value. Test colors before committing. Paint makes an outside difference.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) -- Today is an 8 -- The more you learn, the more you discover you don't know. Fact and fantasy clash. Edit and clarify. What you write and express serves lasting value.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) -- Today is a 9 -- Costs can vary widely. Monitor your budget carefully to increase savings. Research for best value. Keep generating income. A profitable project has expansion potential.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Today is a 9 -- Take advantage of a beneficial personal development. Step up to the next level. Things may not work perfectly the first time. You grow into it.

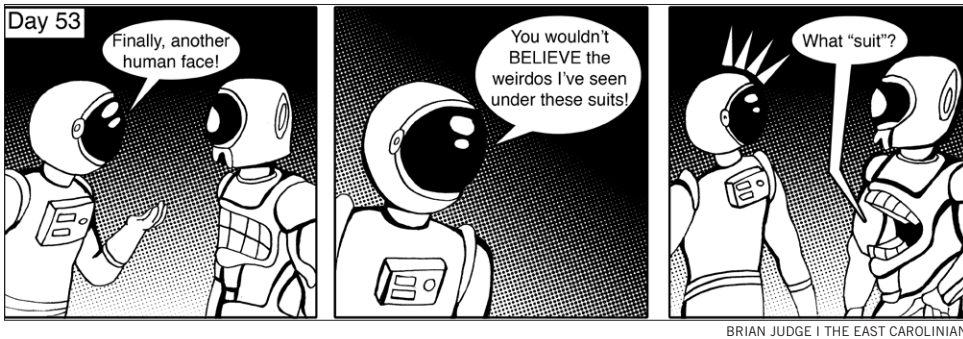
Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) -- Today is a 6 -- Rest, and envision a delightful future. Consider the past as you imagine what's ahead; and then choose. Meditate on your desired outcome, and organize plans.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) -- Today is a 9 -- Success comes through team diversity. Old assumptions could get challenged. Your game is picking up momentum. Do your part to contribute to a shared effort.

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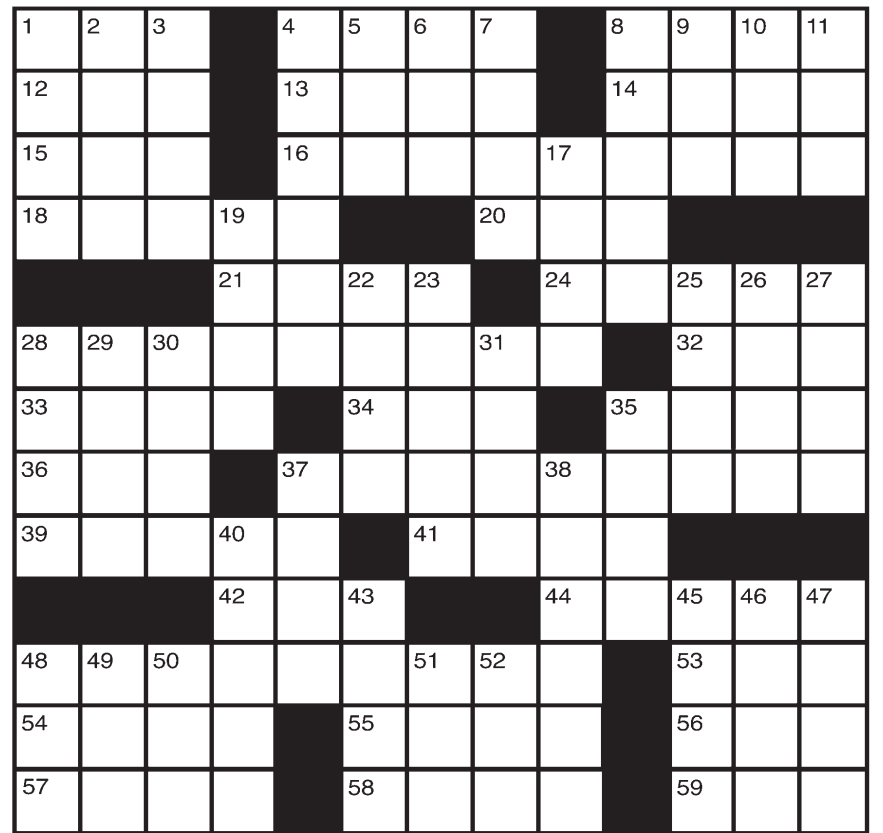
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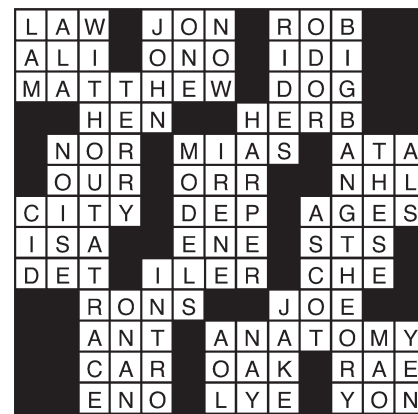
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- 36 Here, in Paris
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- 39 Japan's capital
- 41 "Auld Lang ___"
- 42 "What Kind of Fool ___?"
- 44 Bernie Mac, to Nessa & Jordan
- 48 Actor on "Scrubs"
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- 6 Mr. Linkletter
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- 9 "Car 54, Where ___ You?"
- 10 "The Adventures of ___ Tin Tin"
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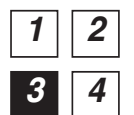


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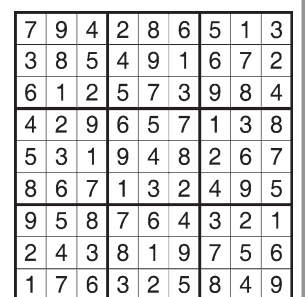
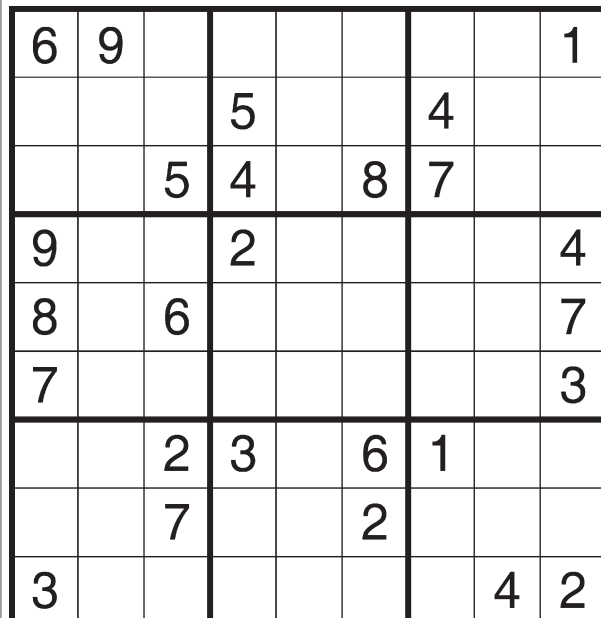
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Ahlers to start against UCF

Dylan Johnson
TEC STAFF

Facing offensive struggles, East Carolina University head coach Scottie Montgomery will turn to hometown freshman Holton Ahlers as the starting quarterback.

Montgomery called for big changes after the offense scored just 26 points combined in consecutive blowout losses, and Ahlers gets his first start at quarterback with a chance to fix that with No. 10 University of Central Florida coming to town.

"I am energized to see what Holton (Ahlers) can do," Montgomery said. "He managed a lot of the concepts we gave him in the second half and fourth quarter well. I thought he listened really well throughout the game and got better from start to finish."

Ahlers has been a prominent fixture in the running attack since the second game of the season, running for 248 yards and five touchdowns, but has struggled in the passing game, throwing just 2-for-8 going into last Saturday.

However, in the 42-20 loss to the University of Houston on Saturday, Ahlers gave a dormant offense life in the fourth quarter.

Ahlers led two consecutive scoring drives which ended in a touchdown pass to senior wide receiver Trevon Brown and a rushing touchdown. Ahlers finished 11-for-18 on passing.



Scottie Montgomery

Sophomore quarterback Reid Herring started the first five games, but has struggled with inconsistency. Herring is 144-for-260 on the season with seven interceptions to six touchdowns. Redshirt freshman quarterback Kingsley Ifedi entered the game against Houston in relief, but was quickly removed after throwing an interception.

Montgomery was non-committal when



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East Carolina University freshman quarterback Holton Ahlers runs the ball against the University of Houston. Ahlers will start Saturday against UCF.

saying if the other two quarterbacks would still rotate in, but was adamant in saying he would give Ahlers every chance he deserves.

"Holton does not have a leash this week. I am taking it off. He will play as long and hard as he can," Montgomery said.

Montgomery said Ahlers' response to learning he would start on Sunday night was "let's go" and that's it, and added that he loves Ahlers personality.

Montgomery said he understands Ahlers will have his ups and downs in his first start, but his one concern is Ahlers' first start being too intimidating.

"A lot of times you get all this emotion

and energy built up when it's your first opportunity to start," Montgomery said. "We can do some things early in the game plan with which he feels really comfortable. I will spend the majority of my time this week making sure he feels comfortable."

Montgomery said Ahlers will have no limits in terms of the amount of offense ECU could run. Montgomery said the days are gone where coaches give players playbooks to memorize. Today, teams prepare week-by-week for the upcoming opponent.

"With Holton, he challenges you as to what you can do. He can do more so you have to put in more. It feels like we

have a chance to be more innovative this week and I believe he can handle it," Montgomery said.

Regardless, Ahlers will be up against a big challenge with a top-10 team coming to Greenville for his first start. Ahlers will be going up against UCF Heisman candidate quarterback McKenzie Milton.

"He understands what he needs to do in the next 72 hours to be successful. It's a lot. If I had to pick someone at his age to do it, it would be him," Montgomery said.

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Junior midfielder Marianna Shurina prepares to kick the ball down the field for ECU against Temple.

Soccer earns close win against Temple

Austin Walker
TEC STAFF

The East Carolina University women's soccer team defeated American Athletic Conference opponent Temple University on Sunday 1-0 in a hard-fought game.

The win takes the Pirates to 8-5-2 overall and 3-4 in conference play.

The game was hard-fought from the beginning, as neither team could gain the upper hand for most of the first half. Temple got a chance at the lead in the 35th minute when a free kick bounced off the Pirate goal post. The Pirates got a chance five minutes later when they appeared to take the lead off a header by senior forward Courtney Cash, but the goal was called back when Cash was ruled off sides.

Neither team could capitalize for the rest of the first half, which showed the great defensive effort by both teams. "I feel like we came out with a little less energy than we would have like in the first half," Hamilton said. "We made some adjustments at half time, and I think the girls really responded and came out much stronger in the second half."

Both teams came out in the second half with energy, trading shots on goal until the

54th minute, when sophomore Morgan Dewey sent a high cross from the left side where sophomore forward Tori Riggs was waiting to drive home the goal for the Pirates.

"It felt amazing and much overdue to get out there and score," Riggs said. "Morgan has been playing good balls all year, and I'm glad I was able to finish one today."

The Pirate defense was able to clamp down and defend the lead for the rest of the second half, only allowing the Owls three shots on goal in the second half. Temple thought it had tied the match up in the 61st minute when a ball found the back of the ECU net, but the goal was called back after an off side penalty was given.

The Pirates created more opportunities at the goal compared to the Owls, owning a 12-10 advantage in shots, but were out shot in corner kicks 6-3. Sophomore keeper Melanie Stiles was able to keep Temple scoreless for her fourth shutout of the season.

"We knew heading into these final three games that we needed to win at least two, and we all wanted to get one today," Stiles said after the game. "I think our defense had a really good game. We played as a unit instead of individually, and I think it really showed in our play."

The Pirates return to action on Friday, as they host the University of Cincinnati at 7 p.m. in Johnston Stadium.

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