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East Carolina University cheerleaders line up and sit on top of their float as it was driven down Fifth Street in town during this year's homecoming parade. HANNAH ROBBINS | THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Women's golf takes fourth

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The East Carolina University women's golf team traveled to Louisville, Kentucky this past weekend to compete in the Cardinal Cup hosted by the University of Louisville. The match was the third of the fall season for the Pirates, and the second fourth place finish for the team, who finished fourth at the Minnesota Invitational in September.

The team finished in fourth place with a 54-hole score of 31 over par 903 (303-320-290). Being in sixth place going into the last round of the tournament, the Pirates stepped it up, jumping to fourth.

The fourth-place finish brings the Pirates record to 21-20, and gives the team an impressive finish above No. 44 ranked University of Mississippi who also had three players finish inside of the top 25. The team struggled in the first two days, but rallied behind an improved third round score of 290.

"I think we had a really solid last round which was really good for the team," senior Kate Law said. "We beat two other teams we needed to pick up into fourth, and with the bad conditions, so we did good."

The tournament was marred by bad weather as the team faced cold temperatures and wind during its play. Head coach Kevin Williams was proud of his team's effort in the final round, but also knows there is room for improvement.

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Festivities come to an end

ECU homecoming events concluded on Saturday

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Ethan Hageman
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN



East Carolina University's 2018 Homecoming came to an end on Saturday night after the football game against the University of Central Florida, concluding a week filled with numerous student organization competitions, celebrations and Pirate pride festivities.

Numerous events made up this year's Homecoming week which began Oct. 15 and concluded on Saturday night including, a banner competition, food drives, skit night, annual homecoming parade down Fifth Street and a football game.

Chancellor Cecil Staton said homecoming is about connecting with the ECU alumni while, boosting pirate pride among all students, faculty and staff. Staton reflected on some of his favorite experiences this past week.

"I think the alumni awards celebration, the homecoming parade, the crowning of the homecoming king and queen are all special parts of our traditions," Staton said. "But seeing the promise of current students and the pride of our alumni reveal a lot about what makes ECU



Cecil Staton

such a special place."

Staton said ECU has much to be proud of and added he enjoys spending time with the ECU alumni and talking about the progress the university has made. This year there was a lot of talk about the new student center, Staton said.

According to the online schedule, one of the homecoming events which occurred last week included the canned food drive, which was held on Friday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Greenville Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina (CENC).

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Crown Me to crown ECU student

Taylor Mumma
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

The Miss ECU (East Carolina University) Pageant is not just an evening full of crowns and evening gowns, but an organization teaching women interpersonal skills they will utilize for the rest of their collegiate years and beyond.

"Crown Me: The Miss ECU Pageant" was established in November 2017 and according to member of Crown Me's executive board, a lot of women have shown interest and are eager for their return to campus in 2019.

This organization was formed by its current

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ECU to race in championship

Staff Report

The East Carolina University Cross Country team will travel to New Orleans, Louisiana this Thursday to compete for the American Athletic Conference Championships, which is the first time the championships are being hosted there.

After a strong season, the Pirates hope to emerge victorious come time to compete for the title.

The Pirates are coming off their only home meet of the season in which both the men's and women's sides took second place as a team scoring 53 points and 50 points respectively.

While the men's side took second place, senior Nick Ciaccia brought home the individual crown running the 8K in 24:34.46 minutes which earned him a place in ECU Cross Country records tying for



Nick Ciaccia runs in a race for the Pirates.

the 10th fastest time in the 8K.

The next Pirate to finish behind Ciaccia was senior Alex Boseman who finished in fifth place with a time of 24:44.21.

ECU men's cross country has had a

good season, starting it off with a win at the "Carolina Challenge" being led by senior Nick Ciaccia and freshman Ethan Hageman. Men's cross country has been powering along ever since and look forward to pushing through the conference championship.

The women's team has also had a strong year being led by senior Grace Sullivan and freshman Anna Bristle.

Bristle is coming in after leading the Pirates on the women's side, while Grace Sullivan was absent from the meet, finishing in fifth place in the women's 6K race with a time of 21:27.16.

The AAC Conference Championships are set to kick off at 10 a.m. CDT, according to the American Athletic Conference website.

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BRIEFS

Study Abroad to host information session

East Carolina University's Campus Recreation and Wellness will host a class for people interested in becoming certified fitness instructors tonight. The course will cover important topics for people interested in becoming instructors such as group fitness fundamentals, preparation for group fitness classes and elements of leading group fitness classes.

The class costs \$50 for students and \$125 for non-students. The event will take place at the Student Recreation Center.

Campus to host ghost walk

East Carolina University's Campus Recreation and Wellness, will offer Halloween-themed tours around campus. This will be held on Wednesday from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. This event is free for all who attend.

Students will meet at the Bate Building and take a tour around campus with their guide. On this walk students will listen to ghost stories and other mysterious events which have happened on campus.

ECU counseling center to host seminar

East Carolina University's Center for Counseling and Student Development and the Collegiate Recovery Community will host a seminar about the potential risks of drugs and alcohol. This lecture will be held in the Mendenhall Student Center in room 221 on Thursday. The discussion will be an hour long from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m.

This event is made to educate students of the risks of using harmful drugs. This session is to avoid students from having conflicts with ECU's Campus Living and the Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities.

Greenville to close Jarvis Street

The city of Greenville will be closing areas of Jarvis Street due to work being done to the curb and to fix a part of the drainage gutter. Students, and other community members, may find the area on Jarvis Street between E. First Street and E. Second Street closed today through Friday.

Jarvis Street will be closed from today through Friday to the public starting at 8 a.m. and will reopen at 3:30 p.m. on through the rest of the evening.

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Thonen leaves legacy

Editors' perseverance changes an industry

Matthew Prensky
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Robert Thonen was a man who was determined to do what was right no matter the costs, says those who knew him. Thonen changed constitutional law thanks in part to his beliefs, the United States justice system and a four-letter expletive directed at an East Carolina University leader.

Robert R. Thonen was born in St. Petersburg, Florida on March 13, 1946. He grew up in northern Virginia and was extremely bright, says those who knew him. Thonen was a member of the Mensa Society, a Green Beret during the Vietnam War and believed in the constitutional rights of all Americans.

Thonen's beliefs on the independence of the press and speech played into his leadership of The Fountainhead, now The East Carolinian, which serves as the college newspaper at ECU, said Tom Peeler, the newspaper's managing editor in 1969-70.

Peeler said Thonen was a straight shooter and wanted his writers to report stories exactly how they happened.

"Bob wasn't much on censoring of any kind," Peeler said.

Thonen started as the newspaper's business manager. After the prior editor-in-chief left, Thonen assumed leadership of the newsroom, Peeler said.

Thonen led a newsroom in controversial times

Rob Luisana, a junior sports writer for The Fountainhead under Thonen's leadership, said Thonen was a good editor.

However, Thonen governed the publication at a controversial time. As the Vietnam War raged, Luisana said students were seeking more input on university rules. One of those rules Luisana said, were visitation policies in dormitories.

Many students were upset over ECU's visitation policy which governed when students of a particular gender could visit those of the opposing sex, Luisana said.

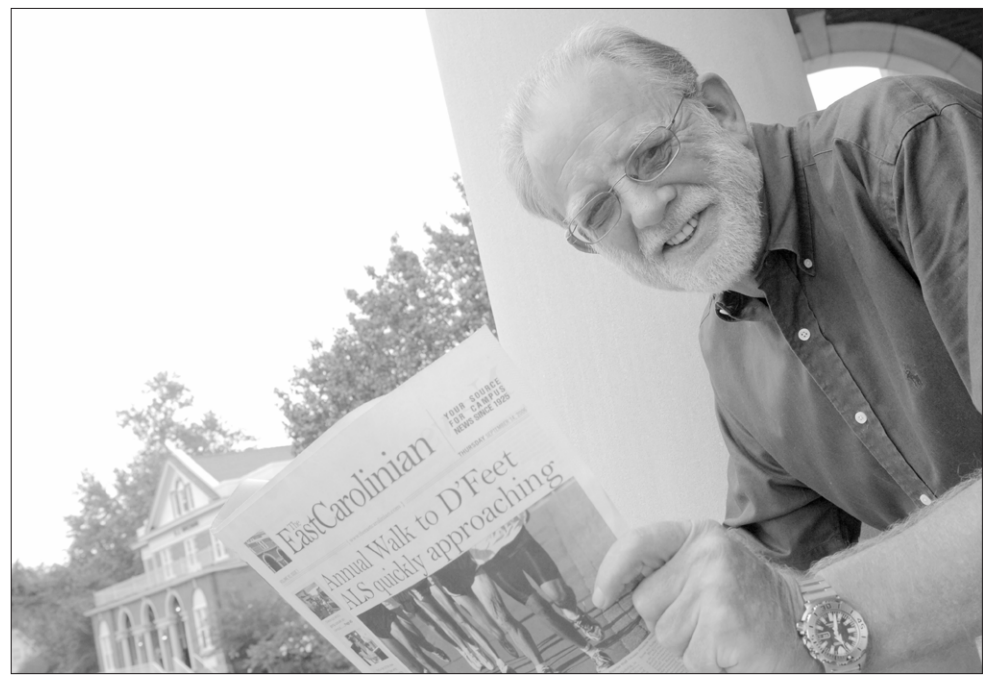
"The school at the time had a policy for visitation which was you could only visit the dorm of the opposing sex on Saturday and Sunday and I think Wednesday," Luisana said. "I was on the men's residence council at the time and we pushed to say this is crazy, we're adults. If we can go into each other's dorms on Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday, why can't we on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday?"

Even as the men's residence council and Student Government Association worked to pass a seven-day visitation policy, ECU administrators didn't change the rule, Luisana said.

Student outrage continued to build and some turned to The Fountainhead to express their opinions about the visitation policy, Luisana said.

During this time, Luisana said Thonen had a clear rule on expletives. Thonen told his staff they couldn't use expletives in their writing, but made it clear that letters to the editor from students were different.

Thonen decided to sue ECU for expelling him and recruited the help of the American Civil Liberties Union to represent him, according to a 2007 profile of Thonen in East Magazine, ECU's official university magazine.



Robert Thonen, former editor-in-chief holds a copy of The East Carolinian at East Carolina University.

Luisana said from the beginning Thonen decided the newspaper wouldn't censor letters which students submitted. The reasoning behind it, Luisana said, was students paid for the newspaper.

Karen Blansfield, the features editor at The Fountainhead during Thonen's leadership, said Thonen's rule on four-letter expletives was clear: Thonen only allowed his writers to use expletives when it was crucial to the story.

Blansfield said Thonen told his staff to always keep in mind that their audience were college students.

"If we were to limit ourselves to material which would be appropriate for a six-year-old or 'little old ladies,' we would not be fulfilling our primary responsibilities," Blansfield said, referring to what Thonen told the staff.

Under Thonen's leadership, the newspaper would come head-to-head with this issue, Luisana said.

Students say 'F*** you Leo'

"During all this there were letters to the editor and a guy named Bill Schell wrote a letter to the editor which was otherwise coherent, but in the salutation of the letter was 'F*** you Leo,' which was a reference to (ECU president) Leo Jenkins," Luisana said.

Schell's letter to The Fountainhead centered around the university's visitation policy and implored Jenkins to change the rules, according to the letter from Apr. 1, 1971. Schell ended the letter with "F*** you Leo" followed by his name.

Schell's letter drew the ire of the university as both he and Thonen were disciplined, Luisana said. During Thonen's trial, Thonen remained committed to his beliefs and refused to apologize for publishing the letter.

Luisana recalled how Thonen walked out of his disciplinary trial because of his unwillingness to apologize for his decision. As a result Thonen was expelled from ECU, Luisana said.

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Thonen sues ECU over First Amendment rights

Frank LoMonte, director of the Brechner Center for Freedom of Information said Thonen v. Jenkins revolved around the United States' First Amendment and freedom of speech, particularly for college journalists.

LoMonte, a professor at the University of Florida, said ECU believed Thonen and Schell created disorder on campus with the letter, which was against university policy. LoMonte added in 1973, the United States Court of Appeals ruled ECU couldn't enforce "a disciplinary rule in a way that tramples on students' constitutional rights."

"The key aspect of the case was that profane words had been allowed in the newspaper before and the university hadn't taken any action against them," LoMonte said.

Thonen v. Jenkins was a victory for college journalists, LoMonte said. The case established that universities couldn't engage in viewpoint-based discrimination against journalists and if they did, colleges could be held both legally and financially responsible.

Thonen legacy lives on

After being readmitted to ECU and finishing his degree in 1977, Thonen would go on to work for the United States government, including for the Army in numerous roles, according to his obituary.

Thonen passed away on Oct. 6 at Vidant Medical Center at the age of 72, according to his obituary.

Ultimately, Alexis Thonen, his daughter said she will always miss her father. She added Thonen's legacy was one of perseverance.

"As a Green Beret, he overcame great adversity. As EIC of The Fountainhead, he stood for what he believed in at the cost of his reputation and education," Alexis said. "As an employee of the Defense Department, he held a position never held by a civilian before him. And as a parent and grandparent, he taught his family how to persevere as he did, how to fight for what is right, how to stand on our own, how to (be) strong, self-sufficient, loyal and kind."

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Joyner Library brings innovation to campus

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East Carolina University has recently acquired a laptop kiosk in Joyner Library which is capable of dispensing and charging 30 MacBook Air laptops for use by students at any point during the operating hours of the library.

Mark Sanders, the assistant director for ECU Public Services said the plan for adding this kiosk has been in the works for years based on the amount of traffic seen at Joyner's service desk from students wanting to rent laptops.

A huge benefit of this kiosk is the hours of operation for Joyner, which is open 24 hours a day, five days a week, said Head of IT Operations for Joyner Library, Chris Hodges.

Students are now able to check out and return laptops at any point during this period with no hassle of late fees or worries of how and where to return the laptop if no one is working behind the main front

desk, Hodges said.

"Since Aug. 7, when we brought it online and were testing it the week before classes, we have done 4,226 transactions at that kiosk as of today (Thursday) so it's heavily used much more than I actually thought it would be," Hodges said.

Transactions have been steadily increasing since this initial test and are planned to only continue throughout the advancements and advantages this kiosk brings.

Sanders said he thinks the big appeal of the kiosk is the aspect



Chris Hodges

of being able to do the transaction all yourself. "Last month the number of laptops checked out at the desk was 759, the number we checked out at the kiosk was 1,978 so nearly three times as

many," Sanders said. "I'm kinda convinced people just want to do it themselves and not have to deal with people or lines or anything, and we see that in grocery stores, in airports and all kinds of settings now."

Sophomore Josh Harvey, biomedical engineering major, said he commonly uses the laptop kiosk because of the fast transaction rates which leads to more productivity.

Harvey said it creates an even playing field for students to all have access to this technology at any moment.

"I don't have to ask, I can just swipe my one card and grab it so it saves time and gives me more time to study," Harvey said.

Sanders said Joyner is looking to increase its support for free or low cost textbooks, making them readily available to students for a significantly lower cost than they would have to pay elsewhere.

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George Young, the eastern regional director of CENC, said this year's drive surpassed last years with collecting 22,388 pounds of food through donations.

Young said there were approximately 60 volunteers representing more than 40 ECU organizations who were involved in this year's homecoming food drive.

"We are so grateful to the administration at ECU and each year's student body that says 'we're going to get behind the food bank and support people in need,'" Young said.

Young said the coordination between CENC, the ECU homecoming committee and the Center for Leadership and Civic Engagement paired with the student volunteers made the food drive possible.

"We literally could not do the projects and the movement of food without volunteers, we literally have thousands of ECU students come through here every year to support us," Young said. "We could not do what we do without volunteer support."

Young said ECU has been recognized as one of the 10 best

volunteer groups CENC works with across the 34 counties and six branches they operate in.

"What we're so thrilled about is that this kind of activity and effort has taken place, and yet the campus is saying 'yes, we're still stepping up with our homecoming food drive,'" Young said.

At halftime of ECU's football game against the UCF, two seniors, Rebecca Parada, representing Alpha Omicron Pi, which stands as a Panhellenic sorority, and President of the Interfraternal Council Rhys Collins, additionally representing Sigma Nu, were announced as this year's homecoming king and queen.

Collins said he felt nothing but pure excitement and honor to be able to represent ECU as its 2018 Homecoming King.

For Parada, winning Homecoming Queen was something she had dreamt about since her freshman year at ECU.

"I knew the homecoming queen (freshman year) and I looked up to her and I just thought it would be such an amazing experience to represent ECU in this way and just like show my pirate pride and have everyone else feel that too," Parada said.

ECU student organizations, faculty and alumni will slowly begin to prepare for next year's, week-long homecoming celebration, which will be held next October.

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George Young

OUR VIEW

University shouldn't increase fees

East Carolina University's Student Government Association met Wednesday to hear a presentation from athletics, Education and Technology Services and student affairs about a proposed increase in student fees.

Athletics is proposing a \$75 increase in student fees, while Education and Technology and student centers both propose for an \$8 increase. The overall fee proposals equals \$91, but with a \$15 debt service fee reduction, students will only see a \$76 increase if the proposals are approved. The overall increase would equal to \$1.6 million for athletics, \$200,000 for the Education and Technology and \$176,000 for the student centers.

We, the editorial staff of The East Carolinian, believe SGA should not pass this proposal on to the Board of Trustees and Chancellor Cecil Staton.

During the meeting, it was made clear the Athletics Department is in a large deficit and these fee increases aim to make up for falling ticket sales and other expenses. However, this isn't students' responsibility. The mismanagement of the department and the failure of the football team falls on the shoulders of the University, not the students.

Lee Workman, acting chief operating officer of the athletic department, said the athletic department is the "front porch of the University" due to it being the most visible part of ECU. However, if the department is failing and in debt, perhaps the better plan is to focus on the parts of ECU which are succeeding— research and academic success— instead of pouring money into an athletics program that loses games in empty stadiums.



Setting the record straight

SGA president gives facts behind fee increase



Jordan Koonts
SGA PRESIDENT

In the midst of fall semester, at a time when events such as homecoming, football games and concerts are in full force, there is seemingly something much more pressing. Something which has garnered the attention of students, faculty and community members alike. What I am referring to are the proposed fee increases to full-time student fees.

These proposed fees of \$75 to Athletics, \$8 to Education Technology and \$8 to Student Centers have become the subject of many people's anger and frustration. As I go through social media, I have become dismayed at the amount of misinformation being circulated about these fees. As these pages and sites that exist solely to drive discontent and raise anger amongst our fan base grow in their followings, I feel it is my duty as your student body president, to give you all the facts. It is up to you to decide where you stand on them. Don't let misinformation or anger posted on a Facebook page or a Twitter feed by someone who doesn't even go here or pay fees, speak for you.

To begin with, I'll go through the process. The UNC System and the Board of Governors have not permitted any tuition hikes for in-state, undergraduate students. Even though they have the option to raise them, ECU's commitment to student support and affordability led to the decision to not raise out of state

“ As I go through social media, I have become dismayed at the amount of misinformation being circulated about these fees. ”

and/or graduate tuition. Additionally, the amount of fee raises available is capped for the 2018-2019 year at three percent or \$76 for ECU. This, coupled with the partial elimination of a debt services fee gives the university a total of \$91 available for allotment.

Next, for the fees themselves. The ones that have been seemingly overlooked, but are equally as important are the Student Center and the Education Technology fees in the amounts of \$8 each. The student center fee would be used to staff and operate our brand new student center which will open on January 7th. The education technology fee would be used to upgrade the university's computing technologies and internet capabilities within classrooms.

Now the big ticket item, the one capturing all of the attention and conversation: athletics in the amount of \$75. The proposed raise of an athletics fee is not a response to "mismanagement" or students having to cover for "poor decisions" by athletics, as some people have alleged. Our athletics program is the third largest in the state while having the

12th largest athletics fee out of 17 system schools. This fee increase would make us only the sixth largest.

This fee is simply targeted to keep us competitive in an environment where we are at a disadvantage. North Carolina is one of the few states where state dollars cannot be used for athletics which greatly limits the options of any UNC System school.

That coupled with much lower TV ad revenues in comparison to other schools, puts us in an even tougher place. For reference, what the aforementioned schools receive in TV ad revenue alone is larger than our entire annual athletics budget.

As I hope you can see, there is no malice or greed behind any of these even though some may have you believe otherwise. I am asking each student to gather the facts and then decide where you stand. I am not writing this to advocate for or against the fees or tell you how to feel, I just don't want to see our students divided by the anger that has permeated some outliers of our fan base.

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ECU failed students during Florence



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East Carolina University resumed classes after Hurricane Florence far too soon. The students living in highly-affected areas such as Wilmington and New Bern were unable to drive due to road closings, flood destruction and car damage.

Therefore, people stuck in these areas could not make it back for the start of classes or they would put their safety at risk trying to drive.

Although this was labeled as a "university excused absence," the ECU administrators were not thinking about the stress of the students. I am the type of student who stresses when I miss class, club meetings and other important parts of college, and I bet there are many more like me who couldn't get back in time for classes.

Before the hurricane hit, problems arose with ECU staff as well. When Florence was supposed to be a Category Four hurricane, the effects to Greenville were forecasted to be catastrophic. Staff members were told that it would be in their best interest to evacuate. However, the staff were forced to use vacation days



A boat washed onto land during Hurricane Florence in New Bern, North Carolina.

on Sept. 13 and Sept. 14 if they chose to leave. The main consequence of this was that financially unstable staff members were forced to choose between a paycheck or safety.

In addition to the negative aspects associated with the safety of the students and faculty, ECU did not give people enough time to prepare to get back. People stuck in areas devastated by the storm were essentially trapped due to the aftermath. But, what I could not wrap my head around was that people living in areas that were completely undisturbed by the wrath of Florence seemed to be trapped as well. This was partly due to

Greenville's airport not opening until Sept. 19. Students that needed to fly in immediately had no option but to fly into Raleigh-Durham International. However, the only day ECU offered shuttles to students was Sept. 18. If a student could not fly into Raleigh until the following day, then ECU offered no support.

A college that students and the faculty can trust to help accommodate everyone's needs is crucial. I love ECU, but I feel that the University fell short of this goal.

Hannah is a sophomore in ECU's Honors College. To submit a guest column, email opinion@theeastcarolinian.com.

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TODAY

Daytime Painting and Drawing
Emerge Gallery and Art Center
1 p.m.

Hocus Pocus Trivia
Uptown Brewing Company
7 p.m.

TOMORROW

Daytime Potter's Wheel
Emerge Gallery and Art Center
10 a.m.

The Chicago Capers: Murder Mystery Dinner
Whirligig Stage
6 p.m.

Specialized Recreation Costume Party
Drew Steele Center
6 p.m.

Mears stuns with acoustics

Singer shares passion for music, musical therapy

Katherine Spade
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Fresh out of high school, a now East Carolina University senior didn't know what she wanted to do for a living, only that she "just wanted to play music."

Now, Mandy Mears has almost finished college with a bachelor's degree in music therapy, making a name for herself as a singer and songwriter in Greenville.

Mears is a transfer student from Durham Technical Community College, who finished her general education courses there before attending ECU in 2016.

Mears said she began playing the piano at five or six years old. Mears added she began songwriting around five years ago when she joined a band in Chapel Hill called Joe Romeo & the Juliets.

Mears now plays the guitar, sings and plays the ukulele at shows around the Greenville area in locations such as Blackbeard Coffee Roasters, the Whirligig Stage, Crossbones Tavern and Uptown Brewing Company.

In addition to going to school and performing, Mears released a six-track extended play called *The Tiniest Mess* earlier this year. Mears, according to her website, has channeled inspiration from Regina Spektor, Ingrid Michaelson and Sufjan Stevens in her performances and songwriting.

"I think a good word for my songs on the E.P. is 'cozy,' like (a) sweater and coffee cozy," Mears said.

Mears has made her musical abilities known at ECU, according to several of her peers and professors. One of those professors, Chair of the Music Education and Music Therapy Department at ECU Michelle Hairston, said she can't help but praise Mears for her "innate talent."

"She (Mears) constantly amazes me with her musical talent, so I'm always impressed with that," Hairston said. "I'm going to be sorry to see her go. She's been a really good strength for our



Mandy Mears, an ECU student, performs at Uptown Brewery Company, which is located on 418 Evans St.

(music therapy) program (at ECU)."

Hairston added Mears' abilities with the guitar, piano and her vocals are the "complete package" when it comes to the field of music therapy.

"I know she's going to be really successful wherever she goes," Hairston said.

Mears is also known by her peers, such as senior music education and music therapy double major Taylor Sigmon, for her artistry. Mears, according to Sigmon, is "a sweet person who also has a fierce side."

"She (Mears) is one of my favorite friends in the (ECU) School of Music," Sigmon said. "Mandy is such a cool person (who's) very passionate and down-to-earth."

When it comes to the future in her degree field, Mears said she already has three interviews

arranged for a music therapy internship after graduation. After a six-month internship, Mears said she will take an official test to become a board-certified music therapist.

Giving credit to those who have helped her pursue her dream in music, Mears said she has her former bandmates, collaborators and family members to thank.

"I have to thank Joe Romeo for pushing me to come out (with my music)," Mears said. "I also have to thank my mother as well for her support and Seth Poppe for playing the violin (accompaniment for me) during my gigs."

Mears' next gig will be on Nov. 2 at Trollingwood Taproom & Brewery, followed by a Nov. 16 gig in Uptown Greenville.

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ALBUM REVIEW

Quavo disappoints fans with debut album

One-third of Migos receives mixed to negative reviews on 'Quavo Huncho'



Anais Roller
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Migos member Quavo recently released his debut solo album, *Quavo Huncho*, earlier this

month on Oct. 12. Many fans were excited to hear the artist's first solo project, but since being released, the album has received mixed to negative reviews.

Quavo was the titled the breakout star of the rap group by numerous Migos followers, according to Pitchfork. Outside of Migos, Quavo has been featured on four singles which have peaked within the top 10 of the Billboard Hot 100, including DJ Khaled's "I'm the One" and rapper Post Malone's "Congratulations," which both earned the rapper his first Billboard Music Award nominations this year.

Granted, with the success of his featured singles with other artists, fans began to believe it was only a matter of time before he broke off and began making

his own solo discography aside from his rap trio. However, after *Quavo Huncho's* release, people are starting to reevaluate if the rapper's star quality holds true when compared to Offset and Takeoff's contributions to Migos as a whole.

Before the album was released, Complex reported solid projections for *Quavo Huncho*, as the magazine predicted the debut album from Quavo would top the Billboard 200 by selling more than 125,000 units in one week. In reality, *Quavo Huncho* peaked at the No. 2 spot on the Billboard 200 after selling 110,000 units in one week.

Quavo spent a lot of time working on the album and turned down several features with other artists in order to focus on his own work, according to Billboard.com.

"Right now, I'm just going to chill and work on my album and calm down on features," Quavo said in a Sept. 13 interview with Billboard Magazine. "I just want to tuck away and go into kill mode with this album... I've turned down projects all the time. Not on some disrespectful



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Quavo Huncho, Quavo's debut solo album, debuted at No. 66 on Billboard.

(stuff), but I don't want to oversaturate my sound."

The 19-track debut album includes features from several notable hip-hop artists such as Drake, Cardi B, Travis Scott and Kid Cudi, 21 Savage, Lil Baby and more.

Despite the negative reviews, the album wasn't a complete bust and does have a few enjoyable

hits. "Workin Me" and "Bubble Gum" were both released in August, and the two songs definitely have the ability to put you in a good mood. "Workin Me" has an upbeat tempo and a deep bass which makes it a great dance song and "Bubble Gum" has the effects of making female listeners feel more confident, as it showcases the rapper's softer

side with the lyrical content addressing his pursuit of women in a respectful manner.

The ninth track of the album, "Champagne Rose," features up-and-coming rapper Cardi B and Madonna and is inarguably "the best song on the album," according to Highsnobiety. Between Madonna's hypnotic hook and Cardi's playful verse over the intoxicating beat of flutes, the unlikely collaborative record has become an instant fan favorite to listeners of the album.

If you're a Migos fan and haven't listened to Quavo's debut solo album, I suggest you listen to the album for yourself in order to decide if the artist can stand alone or should stick to the roots of the chart-topping trio which brought him to the hip-hop limelight.

RATING:



2.5 out of 5

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PAGEANT

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president Autumn Hubbard, a senior hospitality major. Hubbard said she wanted a pageant that would be welcoming to women of all kinds and women with no pageant experience. Her experience in the Miss America Organization and her top-five placing in Miss North Carolina gave her the idea that the skills and lessons she learned would be beneficial to ECU women. Hubbard said she wears



From left: Aumirikel Branch, Zhane Brown, Maggie Fox, Kinsley Johnson and Lauryn Taylor.

many "crowns," being that she works as the middle-woman between all the moving parts in the organization. As president of Crown Me, Hubbard assists in the

production management of the event, overseeing contestant applications and scheduling appearances on campus for the current Miss ECU. With the help of

her executive board, who also helped her establish the organization last year, Hubbard said she is able to give the contestants the most educational and memorable

experience possible.

This semester, the organization's main goal is to let all the women on campus know how much this pageant can offer, according to the Crown Me's OrgSync page. Next semester, the contestants will be participating in activities such as volunteer opportunities in the community as well as workshops to help get ready for the pageant.

During its triumphant debut on campus, Crown Me crowned its first ever Miss ECU, Maggie Fox. Having no prior experience in the

pageant world, Fox applied through the organization's page on OrgSync after she learned about the competition on Crown Me's Instagram page.

The Miss ECU Pageant, according to Hubbard, is a place where women with no prior experience are welcomed and can learn life-long lessons.

"We are a whole bunch of normal girls who not only enjoy dressing up, but enjoy being able to grow with each other," Hubbard said.

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Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) -- Today is a 6 -- Get productive in peaceful privacy. Turn your thoughts inward this month, with the Sun in Scorpio. Complete old projects and invent new possibilities.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) -- Today is an 8 -- Take your relationship to the next level. Develop partnership over the next month, with the Sun in Scorpio. Romance and friendship flower. Foster collaboration.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Today is an 8 -- Research and write your discoveries. The next month under the Scorpio Sun benefits communications. Get the word out for a cause that's close to your heart.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Today is an 8 -- Social events provide valuable connections. With the Sun in Scorpio this month, participate with friends, groups and your community. Teamwork generates powerful results. Together, you can move mountains.

Gemini (May 21-June 20) -- Today is an 8 -- Balance work with play. Prioritize health and well-being over the next month under the Scorpio Sun. Feed and nurture your body, mind and spirit.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) -- Today is a 9 -- Track income and outflow closely to generate profit. It's easier to make money over the next month, with the Sun in Scorpio. Research investments carefully.

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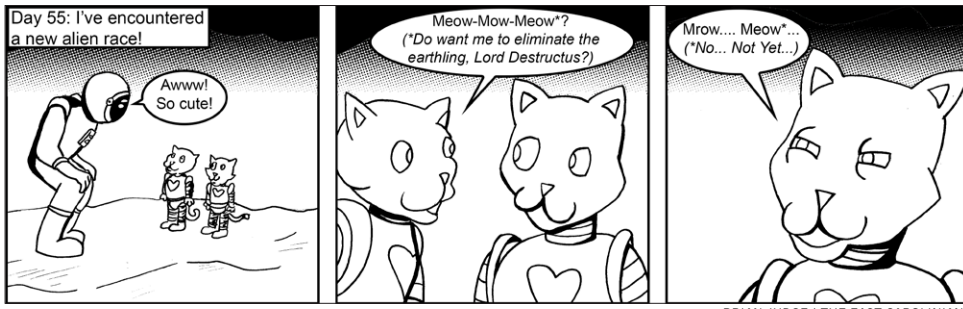
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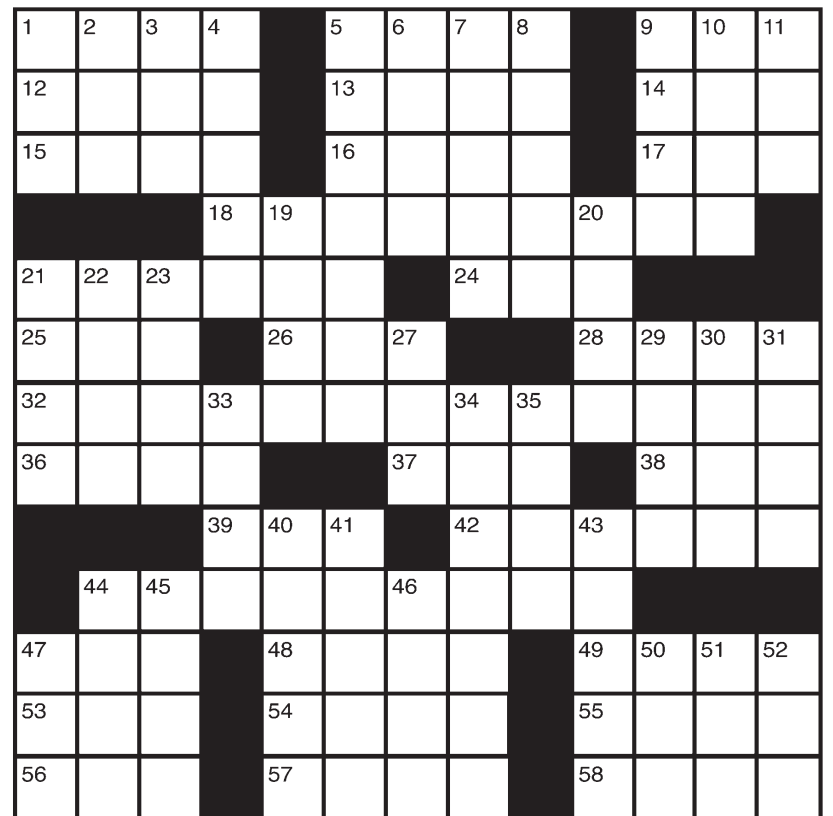


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THE TV CROSSWORD

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- 9 Katie Couric's employer
- 12 Gregory Peck's "Moby Dick" role
- 13 Ms. Swenson of "Benson"
- 14 Battery size
- 15 Commanded
- 16 Reddish horse
- 17 Diamond or ruby
- 18 Adam of "CSI: Miami"
- 21 Prey
- 24 Butterfly catcher's need
- 25 Give ___ go; attempt
- 26 On the ___; fleeing
- 28 American soprano Gluck
- 32 Actress on "Ghost Whisperer"
- 36 General Robert ___
- 37 "___ Age"; blockbuster animated film
- 38 Actress Leoni
- 39 Denials
- 42 Cable network owned by MTV
- 44 "Whose Line Is It Anyway" host
- 47 When repeated, Yogi Bear's pal
- 48 "The ___ Boat"

DOWN

- 1 Capture
- 2 Cry of discovery
- 3 "___ About You"
- 4 Film critic Roger
- 5 "___ of Alcatraz"
- 6 ___ about; approximately
- 7 "Once and ___"
- 8 "Home on the ___"
- 9 Actor Nicolas
- 10 Singer Joan
- 11 Rob Lowe's role on "The West Wing"
- 19 Greasy
- 20 Home for the Osmonds
- 21 "Miami ___"
- 22 Sophia Loren's first language: abbr.
- 23 "Then ___ You"
- 27 2001, in old Rome
- 29 "___ Smile Be Your Umbrella"
- 30 Bearing
- 31 "It's ___, Mad, Mad, Mad World"
- 33 Actor Auberjonois
- 34 "Fat ___"; Kirstie Alley sitcom
- 35 ___ Campbell
- 40 Baby hooter
- 41 Biscuit often cooked on a griddle
- 43 Telling fibs
- 44 Role on "The King of Queens"
- 45 Chocolate-and-caramel candy
- 46 Cosmetics brand
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- 50 Cow's comment
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Freshman quarterback Holton Ahlers drops back to pass in his first start for the Pirates against the University of Central Florida. Ahlers accounted for 475 of ECU's 496 total yards of offense on the day.

Ahlers promising for Pirates



Dylan Johnson
TEC STAFF

The hometown star, true freshman Holton Ahlers laid on the ground with his head down while the University of

Central Florida defensive lineman Nate Evans ran the entire field for a touchdown after scooping the Ahlers fumble at the goal line.

Offensive lineman and team captain Garrett McGhin helped Ahlers to his feet, and much of the team rallied to Ahlers side despite the freshman shouldering much of the loss on his shoulders.

"Even though I'm a freshman, I can't make freshman mistakes. I'm the starting quarterback. My job is to lead them to wins and I feel like tonight (Saturday) without those

three turnovers, we're in the game," Ahlers said.

It was unfortunately the most memorable play from ECU's 37-10 loss to No. 10 UCF on Saturday in Ahlers starting debut. Although there were bad mistakes, Ahlers did account for three of the five ECU turnovers, there were more good signs from Ahlers debut. To say the loss was on Ahlers shoulders is harsh, considering just about the entire offensive workload was also on Ahlers' shoulders throughout the game.

Ahlers was the first quarterback to play a game start to finish for ECU this season, and as a result he passed the ball 53 times. Ahlers ran the ball 27 times as well, compared to 11 times for all other ECU runners.

Ahlers accounted for 475 of the Pirates 496 total yards of offense (his 475 yards was 68 more

than the entire UCF team gained). It's been a theme for ECU all season long, as the Pirates minus 12 turnover margin offsets the fact that it's out gaining opponents 2903 to 2534.

Montgomery and offensive coordinator Tony Petersen knew going in that Ahlers would make mistakes in his first start and live with them, but his turnovers weren't so reflective of his age.

Ahlers' fumble came on the fourth consecutive quarterback run, and the fumble only happened because Ahlers took the defender head on, an instance of Ahlers trying to fight for more yards, instead of sliding down. Montgomery and the coaches are trying to teach him to understand when to slide and when not to. Montgomery hinted on Monday that a mental error in Trevon Brown's route had a big part in

Ahlers lone interception. A wet football caused the fumble on the goal line, something which could have happened to anybody.

For all the mistakes, Ahlers also had several instances of flashing his playmaking ability. Ahlers made multiple throws after moving outside of the pocket,



Scottie Montgomery

notably his 41-yard pass to Deandre Farrier as he was approaching the sideline. He flashed his ability to pass within the pocket as well, shown on his 29-yard touchdown dime to Brown. Coaches and teammates have also talked up his natural ability as a leader.

After Ahlers' first interception, Montgomery immediately went and put his arm around the young quarterback as the two watched the replay on the video board. It was a teaching moment. Montgomery talked to Ahlers after almost every drive as he left the field. It was a night filled with learning moments, as it was supposed to be, but it was also a night Ahlers solidified himself as the quarterback of the future for ECU.

"Holton Ahlers played just an incredible game," Montgomery said Saturday after the game. "He did have a couple mistakes. I think he's going to be a fantastic quarterback here in the next few weeks or so. He's doing everything we ask him to do."

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Baseball wins exhibition over PCC



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Redshirt junior Jake Washer ran bases for ECU.

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TEC STAFF

A big day from redshirt junior catcher Jake Washer powered the East Carolina University baseball team to a 9-0 win over Pitt Community College on Sunday at Clark-LeClair Stadium.

On offense, ECU started the scoring with a three run third inning. The Pirates scoring in the third came from a Bryant Packard RBI double, an RBI single from Washer and Brady Lloyd scoring on passed ball. Spencer Brickhouse and Washer added RBI singles in the fourth inning to make it 5-0.

In the sixth inning, Ryder Giles and Brickhouse each tallied RBI singles before Washer wrapped up his big day with a two-run home run to put ECU's lead to nine.

Carter Spivey started the exhibition game on the mound for ECU and went

three innings, allowing just two hits. Cole Beavin entered in relief to throw three innings, followed by one inning from Noah Jones. Stephen Wilmer went 1.1 innings and Cam Colmore 0.2 to finish out the game.

ECU previously played the University of Virginia in an exhibition game on Oct. 6, defeating the Cavaliers 5-2 at Clark-LeClair Stadium. Washer



Spencer Brickhouse

accounted for one run batted in during that exhibition. After the exhibition game, coach Godwin and his team completed the Hot Pepper Challenge, a challenge in which each player ate Chili Pepper to

raise awareness for the fight against ALS. After completing the challenge, Godwin challenged the University of Michigan and the University of Memphis' baseball teams to complete the challenge.

"ECU baseball is going to take that request for the Hot Pepper Challenge, and we are going to challenge Michigan baseball and Memphis baseball to raise awareness for Lou Gehrig's disease," Godwin said via a video posted to ECU baseball's Twitter account.

This is not the first time ECU baseball has raised awareness for ALS, as the team traditionally partakes in "Mustache March," where each member of the team grows out their mustaches in awareness for Lou Gehrig's disease.

This awareness is especially important to the team, as ECU's former baseball coach, Keith LeClair, was forced

to step down in 2002 due to the disease after leading ECU to four straight NCAA Regional appearances, three Colonial Athletic Association championships and one Conference USA title. LeClair fought the disease for five years before the disease ultimately took his life on July 17, 2006. ECU's stadium, Clark-LeClair Stadium, is in part named after him.



Cliff Godwin

The Pirates continue to prepare for the annual Purple-Gold World Series, which will be held Nov. 2-4.

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"We are just putting horrible. We putted bad in Chicago two weeks ago, we putted bad in Louisville," Williams said. "I'm just scratching my head and we are trying to figure out why, cause I know we are a pretty good putting team, we just have not putted well at all."

The team struggled controlling the ball throughout the weekend. Williams is looking to fix that before their invitational on Friday. Side by side with putting, improvement on the touch of the ball was mentioned as Williams compared their putting to "a bull in a china shop."

The team was led individually by sophomore Kathryn Carson, who finished the

tournament tied for 15th with a seven over par final score of 223 (72-78-73). She stood out as the top individual for ECU as she putted well and did not have any three-putts all weekend.

"I think I did pretty well. The conditions were tough this weekend with (the) cold and the wind," Kathryn said. "I putted very well, my short game was really good and I just tried to stay patient and play as best as I could."

Joining Carson in the top 20 finishers was junior Dorthea Forbrigt whose score of 225 (75-77-73) was good for a tied 20th place finish. Law finished with a score of 226 (79-76-71) which earned a tie for 22nd place. Senior



Kathryn Carson

Carley Cox who shot a 234 (81-80-73) and junior Grace Yatawara who shot a 235 (77-79-79) rounded out the Pirate lineup tied for 42nd and tied for 50th place finishes.

The Pirates will now head into their final match of the fall season this weekend at the Alexa Sterling Women's Invitational in Atlanta, Georgia.

"I'm excited for the club (ECU's team). It's a very prestigious course and not many people have the opportunity to play there," Law said. "I think if we learn how to control the ball with the wind, work on putting and speed, I think that we will do really well as a team. Hopefully we bring the (Alexa Sterling Women's Invitational) trophy home."

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Junior Dorthea Forbrigt takes a swing for ECU.