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Staton denies buyout rumors

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East Carolina University Chancellor Cecil Staton is denying rumors that he is looking for a buyout from the University of North

Carolina System's Board of Governors. In a statement to the university, Staton said he's committed to staying at ECU.

Staton was reportedly looking to leave his post on Jan. 1, just before UNC President Margaret Spellings' departure on Jan. 15,

according to various media reports. Staton was also allegedly seeking a severance package greater than what Spellings will receive.

Kieran Shanahan, chair of the ECU Board of Trustees, said in a phone interview that media reports about Staton's

departure aren't accurate.

"Cecil is continuing to lead ECU ably and with Board's (Board of Trustees) support and there was no discussion during our Board meeting regarding a possible departure," Shanahan said.

Jason Tyson, director



Cecil Staton

of media relations for the UNC System, said in an emailed statement, the UNC

System office will not be commenting or issuing a statement on the topic at this time, as it concerns a personnel matter.

Staton addressed the

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Signs posted outside of the Willis Building which is a polling location for faculty, staff and students to cast their votes for the 2018 midterm elections.

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ECU helps students vote

Faculty and campus organizations prepare for polls

Pat Polomchak
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

East Carolina University and the Center for Leadership and Civic Engagement have provided students with the means to participate in today's midterm elections.

For students who live on campus, a flyer was issued out by ECU's Center for Leadership and Civic Engagement with a shuttle route to and from voting locations. The flyer said these shuttles will run from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. today, and are open to any students who needs transportation.

According to the flyer, the campus is split between five polling locations including Hooker Memorial Church, First Presbyterian Church,

St. James United Methodist Church, Cypress Glenn Auditorium and the Willis Building. The shuttles will pick up students at College Hill and Wright Auditorium on campus.



Dennis McCunney

to make democracy work, everyone needs to participate, everyone needs to be informed, everyone needs to be engaged."

Dennis McCunney, director of CLCE, said the shuttle system is in place to prevent transportation from being an issue when it comes to participation.

"All of us are members of our democracy," McCunney said. "To make democracy work, everyone needs to participate, everyone needs to be informed, everyone needs to be engaged."

McCunney said one of the biggest ways people can achieve this democracy is by exercising their right to vote, which he described as a unique American tradition. He said the CLCE has been working to eliminate barriers for accessing the polls so students can be a part of the voting experience for midterm elections.

McCunney said CLCE has been running programs to encourage civic engagement. He said he has tried to put on an array of events from bringing in guest speakers on current issues to actively encouraging voter registration.

McCunney said some students may have a harder time participating than others, but

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ECU pledges against assault

Summer Tonizzo
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

East Carolina University continues to be an active participant in bringing education and advocacy for sexual violence, harassment and bullying prevention to campus through the Pledge Purple yearlong initiative and organized events dedicated to the cause.

The Pledge Purple initiative was originally introduced to ECU four years ago by Erik Kneubuehl,



Erik Kneubuehl

vice chancellor of Student Involvement and Leadership (SIL). Pledge Purple Week began yesterday and will last through Wednesday, Kneubuehl said. He said even though they refer to it as Pledge Purple Week, it only lasts three days. There will be events held on both ECU's main campus and the Health Sciences Campus (HSC), according to a press

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Killinger makes debut as head coach

Samantha Walsh
TEC STAFF

East Carolina University women's basketball head coach Chad Killinger was recently announced as the interim head coach in mid-October only after being added to the Pirate crew in June.

Killinger was hired as an assistant head coach for ECU in early June, but after former head coach Heather Macy abruptly resigned, Killinger was put to the challenge. After being a head coach for many years at other levels, ECU believed Killinger was the best choice of the staff to become interim head coach.

"I've been a head coach for 14 years, but you develop

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Men's basketball begins

A new and improved men's team ready to tip off

Dylan Johnson
TEC STAFF

When East Carolina University tips off its season opener with Delaware State University tonight at 7:45 in Minges Coliseum, it will be the first game in the head coach Joe Dooley era. Not the first Dooley era, when he was head coach from 1995 to 1999, but his second act as head coach instead.

With it being a second start with a familiar place, Dooley compared himself to Billy Martin. Martin famously spent five different stints as the New York Yankees' manager in the 1970's and 1980's.

"It is different, been gone



The ECU men's basketball team to make its season debut tonight.

19 years, but we still feel very comfortable here and I think walking through Minges and starting to see the game setup it's starting

to feel familiar," Dooley said.

Dooley said he is both nervous and excited about tonight. Nervous because coaches always are on opening

night, but excited to finally start the season with the Pirates as they look to improve upon last year's 10-20 record.

Dooley isn't the only one who faces a fresh start beginning tonight. While Dooley has been hard at work establishing his culture since he took over in May, it is senior point guard Isaac Fleming who has bought into it most, taking on a leadership role.

Fleming notched the first triple double in ECU basketball history late last season, and followed it up with the second one right

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BRIEFS

Student Activities Board to host Financial Literacy

Student Activities Board will host a workshop for East Carolina University students geared toward financial literacy tomorrow at Mendenhall Student Center in Great Room three beginning at 6 p.m. The event will feature speaker Dean Smith who will speak on the importance of financial literacy and how students can maintain their budget.

The event is free and open to all ECU students. The event will have a 30 to 45 minutes lecture followed by a Q&A portion.

Ledonia Wright Cultural Center to host discussion

The Ledonia Wright Cultural Center will host its weekly discussion series, "What's the Tea?" today at the Ledonia Wright Cultural Center beginning at 5 p.m.

The event is open to all students, and students that attend are encouraged to speak and to come with open minds.

Dean Of Students to host Overwhelmed & "Over It!"

The Dean of Students and Religious Life will host Overwhelmed & "Over It!" : How to Hang On Until the End of the Semester tomorrow from 4-5 p.m. in Mendenhall Student Center in Great Room one.

This event will be open for all students to learn and share tips and techniques on how to manage stress levels. A panel will be presented to encourage others on how to get through the end of the semester and allow students to ask questions and learn more about resources offered on campus.

Lambda Theta Phi to host interview skills workshop

The brothers of Lambda Theta Phi Latin fraternity will host an interview skills workshop tomorrow from 7 p.m. until 8 p.m. in Bate building, room 1011.

Lambda Theta Phi will work in collaboration with the East Carolina University Career Services to host this free event and help any students with their interview skills.

Student Government Association to host assembly

East Carolina University's Student Government Association will host its weekly assembly tomorrow from 6 p.m. until 7 p.m.

The assembly will be held in Rivers West building, room 105A and is open to all ECU students to attend.

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campus community in an ECU News Services email statement. Staton said he plans to remain at ECU.

"Chancellor Staton is currently en route to Florida, where he will be

representing ECU at the AAC Board of Directors meeting. He confirms that he has neither accepted any deal nor resigned as Chancellor. 'My focus will continue to be on serving ECU,' he said," according to Staton's statement.

Ron Mitchelson, senior vice chancellor of

academic affairs said he has no information and as far as he knows, this recent information is unconfirmed, according to an emailed statement.

Jordan Koonts, SGA president, said he wasn't aware of speculation surrounding Staton's departure.

Koonts said he thinks highly of Staton and regardless of what happens, his opinion of Staton won't change. Koonts said he feels Staton cares deeply about the university and its students and believes Staton has ECU's best interest in mind.

"I think they've had

a great vision for this university and for students," Koonts said. "It's I guess, for lack of a better word, a shame he wasn't dealt a better hand as far as, he had all of these amazing goals and ideas, and we've gotten so held up in the politics." These writers can be contacted at news@theeastcarolinian.com.

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added it is as important to encourage fellow students to vote as it is to make sure people are paying taxes or following federal and state laws.

"None of us are individuals," McCunney said. "All of us are part of a community. So, to make sure we are supporting each other, to being informed, to making sure that we're being represented well, that we need to all participate."

McCunney said there are certain actions citizens of the United States all need to do to make this community and country work and run smoothly.

McCunney said the center will host an election day viewing party tonight in Mendenhall Student Center while midterm election results are being tallied and announced.

"We are hosting an election night watch party on election day to bring together students and provide some good food in celebration of this important part of our culture that's really free and open to all students," McCunney said.

Alex Dennis, associate director of the CLCE, said tonight's event will be held in Cynthia's Lounge starting at 7. He said this party will serve as a celebration of democracy, complete with American themed decorations.

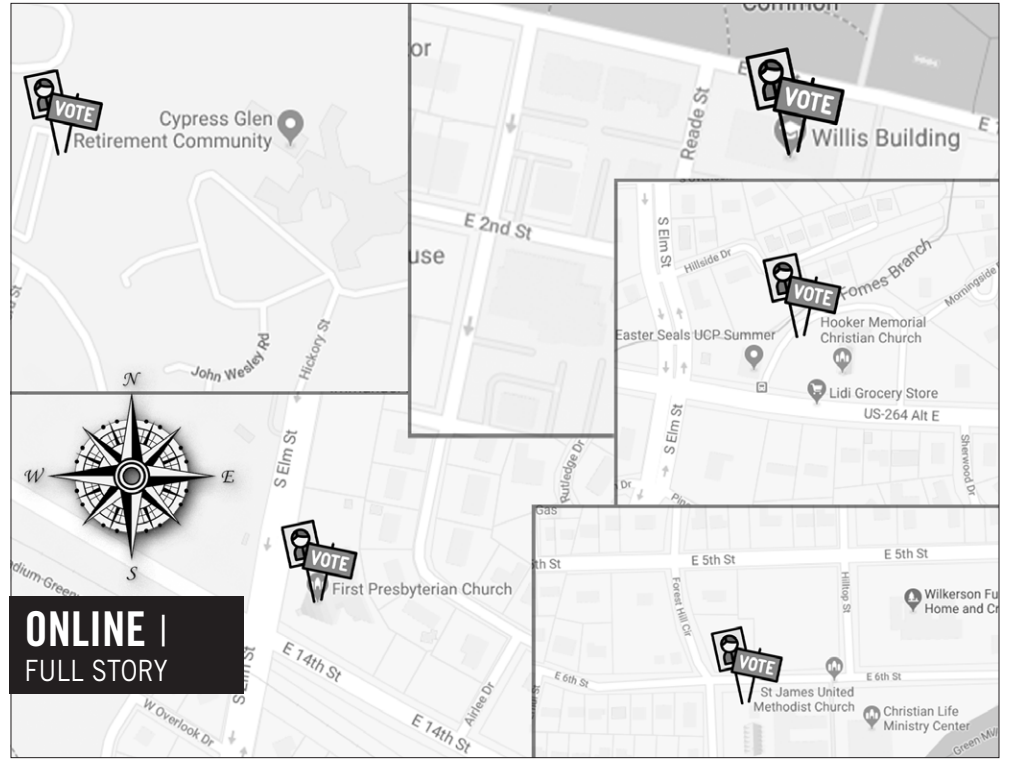
Dennis said he leads a student-based organization within the CLCE called the Democratic Engagement team. He said it has spearheaded efforts to get students to participate in today's election.

"We've been doing a lot of tabling events, presentations in COAD classes for student orgs,

just getting out there and getting information to students about the elections," Dennis said. Dennis said the shuttles on election day are for students who are registered to vote in Greenville. He said the locations listed on the flyer are also the voting locations for the nearby apartment complexes, as well as the Tar River/University Neighborhood Association (TRUNA).

Dennis said the shuttles are geared toward on-campus students who do not have cars, but students who live off campus can still catch the bus at College Hill or Wright Auditorium.

"These are the top five (voting locations) for ECU students in our area," Dennis said,



Collage map of shuttle transportation sites to polling locations for students living on and off campus.

referring to the five listed on the flyer. "I'm thinking the route should take 30, 45 minutes, but it will be running for five hours."

Dennis said students should check the North Carolina Voter Registration website for their specific precinct. He said students should know their specific polling locations so they can be aware of when to get off the shuttle bus. Dennis added at least one member of the Democratic Engagement team will be on each shuttle bus at all times to provide assistance to students with voting and polling location questions.

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release from Kneubuehl.

Take Back the Night, a march organized by SIL, will take place tonight at 5:30 p.m. on both HSC and main campus, Kneubuehl said. Students will be asked to take a moment of silence for all sexual violence survivors.

All of the events are open to both male and female students, faculty and staff, Kneubuehl said. Additional information and a complete list detailing Pledge Purple Week events can be found on ECU's official events calendar website.

"There's a misnomer that these issues of harassment, sexual and domestic violence, and bullying could be considered just a women's issue, but that is not the case," Kneubuehl said. "This program is for everybody. As a male, I can tell you that probably one of the most important groups to get out there are men."

By encouraging men to attend, Kneubuehl said they will be more apt to understand how they can help support survivors of these situations and ensure this societal issue does not continue. He added the only



Students gather on the campus mall to sign their pledge against violence.

way the conflicts will end is through understanding and education of the sexual violence issues.

Kneubuehl said the goal of Pledge Purple Week is to shine a bright and intentional spotlight on issues involving sexual violence. He said the program raises awareness in the importance of talking with the community about these issues and expressing as a campus what ECU stands for and against.

Last year's Pledge Purple Committee Chair, Associate Dean of Students Lauren Thorn, said she has been an active participant in the past years ECU has hosted the event.

"The initiative itself is really an opportunity for us to highlight our programming that focuses on sexual violence, harassment, and bullying," Thorn said. "It allows us to really draw attention to some of the key programs ECU does related to these issues on campus."

With this initiative, Thorn said she hopes students will gain more knowledge of resources on campus existing to support them in a troubling situation whether something has happened to them, a loved one or a friend.

Assistant Director of Student Activities and Organization, Darrius Barrow said he is the Pledge

Purple Committee Chair this year. According to Barrow, Pledge Purple Week will be successful in bringing awareness of these societal issues to campus.

"I think success is measured in how well we are empowering our students to make meaningful change on campus and in the community. This year (with Pledge Purple Week) I think we are taking even more strides than in the past to empower our students to take a stand," Barrow said.

Marina "Tiger" Hobday, a sophomore sociology and urban regional planning double major, is president of ECU's activist group titled I Exist.

"(Pledge Purple Week) is important because bullying and sexual assault still clearly happens on ECU's campus," Hobday said.

"It is a job for not just the university, but also the students to abide to the pledge to make a safer and happier community at ECU for everyone."

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OUR VIEW

Voting integral to democracy

Today marks Election Day, the day Americans come together to let their voices be heard and elect their representatives. In addition to the races for Congress, there are competitions for several state and local officials.

Although the 2016 presidential election brought a record high 54 percent of college students to the poles, according to insidighered.com, many college students still decide not to make their stand to vote. College students are the next working class and need to realize how important voting is and why politics matter.

We, the editorial staff of The East Carolinian, believe college students should exercise their right to vote today. Take advantage of the opportunity offered and voice your opinions.

According to The Economist, young people often don't vote because they do not have a stake in the society around them. However, elected officials impact the day to day lives of all citizens. If you do not trust politicians, remember this is the only way the public can keep them accountable. There are also several amendments up for voting this year in North Carolina, including a change to voter ID laws, victims' rights and the powers of the governor.

With midterm voting coming to an end, we encourage you to perform your civil duty and vote. There is a voting location in downtown Greenville within walking distance from campus located on the corner of Cotanche Street and First. For more information on voting locations, visit <https://pollingplace.ncdp.org>.



Rock the vote today

Voting required to keep politicians accountable



Jonathan Rebmann
GUEST COLUMNIST

We have all heard this statement at one point or another, "My vote doesn't matter anyway, why should I even bother?" This sentiment is relatable to many people as the political system of the United States

has failed their expectations.

Despite this unfortunate reality, it is necessary to remember that we live in a democracy. Many obstacles stand in the way of the priorities of the American people. Money, special interest groups and other distractions influence our local and federal representatives.

Furthermore, a far more concerning problem would be the willingness of our politicians to be receptive toward their constituency. The revolving door present within Washington has shown that politicians and lobbyists are more than willing to work at the behest of corporations and big money interests. This is troubling news; we elect these people to look after our interests. How can issues related to affordable health care, education, protecting the environment and generally improving the working and living conditions of all Americans be fulfilled when politicians

" If our politicians do not address our grievances it is necessary that we vote in leaders that will work for the people. Through a coupling of political activism and voting, the American people can make themselves heard. "

working for their own interests dominate the system? At this point, you can probably tell where I intend to go with this argument. We need to vote! Voting is not just a freedom that all Americans should enjoy, it is a mechanism to promote our interests. Additionally, voting is just another tool to implement some level of accountability on our politicians. Issues are our concern. If our politicians do not address our grievances it is necessary that we vote in leaders that will work for the people. Through a coupling of political activism and voting, the American people can make themselves heard. Many have become disenchanted toward politics, "How can things ever get better? It just seems so hopeless."

Despite our struggles and concerns

with the system, there is no better time to be optimistic. Together we can all promote a more humane society, one where regardless of gender, sexual orientation, race, religious affiliation and class, the economic and social interests of the people will be addressed. All this takes is developing constructive dialogue with our fellow Americans and voting on the issues that we believe will help us reach this goal. However, I am not just asking you to vote, I am asking you to engage in political activism for what you believe in. Stand in solidarity with your fellow Americans, vote and be active in our democracy for yourselves and the benefit of others.

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Voting is a privilege citizens died for



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Election Day is today. If you haven't voted already, you still have time. And you should. Because voting is dangerous and downright edgy. In years past, you might die trying to vote.

Or, you could stay home. Actually, a lot of people would like you to. It's called "voter suppression," and it occurs when people in power make it harder to vote.

Voting rights come only after dramatic violence, struggle and protest. For example, Lucy Burns was beaten, jailed and chained with her arms above her head for asking to vote. Other National Women's Party members were assaulted when they marched outside the White House in 1917. In all, 33 were arrested and jailed. They were thrown against walls, hit and manhandled. They were given maggoty food and one woman had a heart attack.

Their request was so outrageous, they were considered dangerous criminals. But after hunger strikes and other courageous acts, they prevailed. The 19th Amendment recognized women's right to vote in 1920.

In 1964, people of color had to sort through confusing, pointless questions such as, "In the first circle below write the last letter of the first word beginning with 'L,'" or "Spell backwards forwards."

Those so-called "literacy tests" through the South kept African Americans from voting. Other barriers included asking for a "poll tax," and even to pass a "good character" test.



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The Willis Building in Uptown Greenville is one of the closest voting locations to ECU's campus.

The murders of voting rights activists in 1964 and violence against others led to national action. With the 1965 Voting Rights Act, African Americans at last had free access to voting.

Voting supports every aspect of the United States government. We vote for presidents, congressional representatives and senators, governors, state representatives and senators, and local leaders who make far-reaching decisions about nearly every action we take. From what bathroom to use, what chemicals are dumped into our rivers, how much we can destroy our natural environment, they decide it.

Students need to vote— actually, your

vote is most important, since you will live in the world elections create.

Yet, when it comes time to vote, many of us blow it off, thinking, "My vote doesn't matter," or, "Politicians are going to do what they want to, and my vote won't change that."

Wrong. Imagine how different our country would appear without African American voters. Imagine if women never used their franchise. Our nation would look far different, and its landscape would be a lot more barren.

So be sure to claim your right to vote today. A lot of people fought so you could.

Blackburn is the Get Out The Vote Manager for the Pitt County Democratic Party. To submit a guest column, email opinion@theeastcarolinian.com.

ECU lights the night

ISA to host Diwali celebration at Mendenhall

Elizabeth Johnson
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

The annual festival of lights, better known as Diwali, will be celebrated at East Carolina University's Mendenhall Brickyard tomorrow evening for the sake of spreading cultural awareness to the greater student body.

Hosted by ECU's Indian Student Association (ISA), the Diwali celebration will include henna tattoos, authentic Indian food catered by Cinnamon and cultural dances performed by Latin dance team Suavemente, ISA members and Pirate Raas. This event was created in partnership with the Ledonia Wright Cultural Center and the ECU Student Affairs division.

Diwali, which is also known as Deepavali or Deepawali, is the Hindu, Jain and Sikh festival of lights. Lasting anywhere from one to five days, Diwali is celebrated with lanterns, candles, fireworks and other sources of light to purify oneself from evil.

The festival is celebrated every autumn in the Northern Hemisphere between mid-October and mid-November, according to the National Geographic Society. One of the most popular festivals of Hinduism faith, Diwali symbolises the spiritual "victory of light over darkness, good over evil and knowledge over ignorance."

"Diwali is the festival of lights. It's a similar concept to Halloween," Subodh Dutta, a chemistry professor at ECU and the advisor for ECU ISA, said. "We use lights to get rid of ghosts, evil spirits and other bad things. Diwali is to enlighten ourselves and remove bad stuff and have a bright future."

The overarching theme of light will be represented through the form of dance with tomorrow's performances from various organizations, according to ECU



Priya Birdi at ECU Indian Student Association's Diwali celebration in 2014.

ISA president Pranaya Pakala. "The concept is that at the end of a period of darkness light will come," Pakala, a junior biology major, said. "Every state in India has a different myth about what Diwali means. Some celebrate with fireworks or candles (and) there are a lot of prayers offered to God."

Diwali, according to Pakala, marks the end of festival season in south India, as it is "one of the last official widely celebrated festivals towards the end of the holiday season."

Pakala added in some Indian homes, members of the household wear new clothes and attempt to make the house spotless in honor

of the sacred holiday period.

"In south India, we do a little Puja (a religious ceremony)," Pakala said. "We make a bunch of food, we get together with family, we give each other gifts and celebrate with lights."

Puja rituals, which can be held by Buddhists, Jains and Hindus, are performed as a sign of devotional worship to one or more deities, to host and honor a guest, or to spiritually celebrate an event.

In relation to Diwali, Indians begin the holiday with Puja and get together on the weekend to celebrate with their religious communities and families, according to Pranav Sanghvi. "Traditionally, we start the

day off with Puja and get together Saturday or Sunday," Pranav Sanghvi, a junior engineering major, said. "Kids put on plays, there are sometimes dances and celebrations, and then we end with fireworks at night."

Echoing Sanghvi's sentiment was Dutta, who added Puja is "celebrated differently" depending on what region of India one is from.

"I am from the eastern part of India and Ramayana is the Hindu epic," Dutta said. "In northern India, there is a very big structure that is made of evil king Ravana and caught on fire to burn the evil."

Other student organizations such as ECU's African Student Organization, ECU's Arab Student Union and Indian fraternity Iota

Nu Delta will also partake in tomorrow's celebration. Dutta said the reason for the inclusivity of other cultural organizations on campus is to "show the significance of keeping culture alive" and "showcase different cultures on ECU's campus."

"Every culture has something that revolves around light," Pakala said. "One of the main reasons we want to host this (event) is to add diversity on campus and celebrate our most important holiday."

The annual ISA Diwali Celebration will be held tomorrow in Mendenhall 244 and the Mendenhall Brickyard. The event will start on the Mendenhall Brickyard at 6 p.m. and will move into MSC 244 at 6:30 p.m.

For more information on the upcoming event and ECU ISA, visit the event page on ECU's official campus calendar online, ECU ISA's Twitter page and ECU ISA's OrgSync profile.



Subodh Dutta

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EVENTS

TODAY

Stronger Mind Meditation
Student Recreation Center
5 p.m.

One Tree Hill Trivia
Uptown Brewing Company
7 p.m.

Super Smash Bros Tournament
Trollingwood Taproom & Brewery
7 p.m.

TOMORROW

Yoga Burn
Student Recreation Center
5:30 p.m.

YuGiOh! Tournament
Blue Ox Games
6 p.m.

Klaish Senior Recital
A.J. Fletcher Recital Hall
7 p.m.

Jessica + Thorne Performs
Carolina Ale House
7 p.m.

Karaoke
Fire American Tavern
8 p.m.

ALBUM REVIEW

Takeoff skyrockets to solo status

Migos' member releases debut album *The Last Rocket* to the public



Anais Roller
TEC STAFF

Takeoff, Migos' youngest and arguably most underrated member, released his first solo album *The Last Rocket* last Friday just weeks after his counterpart Quavo dropped *Quavo Huncho*.

Since the album's debut, fans are already citing the album as better than both *Quavo Huncho* and *Culture II*.

Takeoff, aka "the last space cadet," kept most of the details about his album under lock and key prior to its release. Some Takeoff fans and notable personnel of the hip-hop industry speculated there would be several artists featured on the album and only 10 tracks, according to hip-hop radio station Real 98.3. However, *The Last Rocket's* official release disproved those very speculations, as the album consisted of 12 songs and had only two credited features — Quavo and vocalist DAYYTONA FOX.

Viewers are saying *The Last Rocket's* first song, "Martian," is already better than Quavo's entire album. "Martian" is a track which has the typical Migos flavor, consisting of strong beats and various ad libs, which fans of the rap trio love. Unlike Takeoff, Quavo strayed away from his Migos' roots with his solo project *Quavo Huncho*, which is most likely why his



Takeoff, one-third of the Migos, released *The Last Rocket* last Friday on streaming platforms.

album was a disappointment.

Takeoff's fans took to Twitter as soon as the album dropped at midnight, expressing their excitement and how they knew his album was going to be "fire."

"I've listened to two tracks in this project and I can confidently say this is way better than Quavo's album. Takeoff just proves that he's the best Migo with *The Last Rocket*,"

@MpompieMkhize, Twitter user and hip-hop music reviewer, said on the night of *The Last Rocket's* release.

Unlike his counterparts, Takeoff never really gotten as much credit or has received as much attention for his verses in Migos' discography when compared to his kin members Offset and Quavo. Since Migos' burst into the mainstream music scene, the rapper has been the most slept

on member of the rap trio. However, if you really sit down and listen to him rap, he's lyrically better than both Offset and Quavo. *The Last Rocket* is discography-based proof of Takeoff's standalone talent.

"Takeoff is a man of small words, he usually lets the music speak for itself," Pierre Thomas, co-founder of the Atlanta-based record label Quality Control, said to Billboard in a 2018 interview.

In terms of production value, *The Last Rocket* consists of collaborative efforts with notable producers such as frequent Migos' collaborator DJ Durel, Cassius Jay, Murda Beatz and Wheezy.

Before the album's debut, Takeoff released his single "Last Memory" on Oct. 26, which set a positive tone for the rest of the album and made fans even more eager to know what he had left in store for them.

With his debut album, Takeoff definitely proved to the world he should no longer be the most underrated Migos member. If you haven't listened to *The Last Rocket*, streams are available now.

RATING:



4.5 out of 5

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Aries (March 21-April 19) -- Today is an 8 -- Review your resources and strategize for a cause you feel passionate about. Provide well for your family. Back up intuition with facts. Collaborate.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Today is a 7 -- The gentle approach works best with family now. Avoid provoking an outburst. Take care of household chores. Make each other comfortable.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) -- Today is a 6 -- Concentrate on cleaning and organization. Plan and prepare. Rest and recharge. Simple rituals soothe your sensibilities. Hot water and soap work a transformation.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) -- Today is an 8 -- Keep to practical logistics with your partner. With coordination, long-term benefits are within reach. Let the little stuff go. Support each other and work together.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Today is an 8 -- You're especially brilliant and can see the abstract potential and possibilities of a situation. Present your argument tactfully. Provide thorough, clear and simple data.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Today is a 7 -- Connect with friends and allies. Stay in communication to coordinate changes as they occur. Follow someone with experience. Delegate practical priorities. Do your part.

Gemini (May 21-June 20) -- Today is a 7 -- Practice makes perfect. Keep in action. Watch for technical error. Don't envy another who can do more. Schedule carefully so you don't overbook.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) -- Today is a 9 -- Focus on making money. Keep to frugal routines, and stash extra nuts away for winter. Double-check facts before committing; they may differ from feelings.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) -- Today is an 8 -- A professional challenge has your attention. First determine what's needed. Include backup plans in your preparations. Reinforce structures and support networks. Get outside advice.

Cancer (June 21-July 22) -- Today is a 7 -- Love flows beneath the surface, a constant undercurrent. Gain insight from long-distance communications. You can get what you need. You're developing a new perspective.

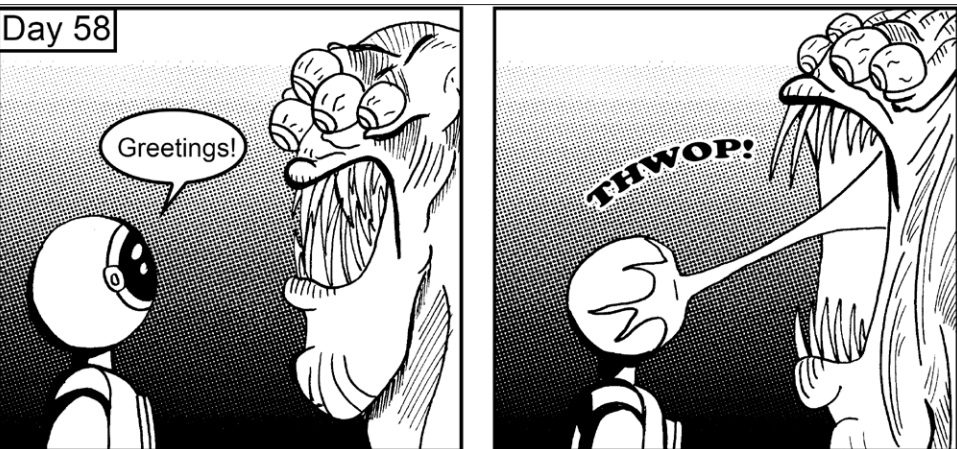
Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) -- Today is a 9 -- Use your power responsibly. You're creating a buzz. Call if you'll be late. You can't be in two places simultaneously. Keep or change your agreements.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) -- Today is an 8 -- Adventure calls. Scale plans from elaborate to realistic. Avoid an awkward mistake. Stick to practical, inexpensive options. Involve someone you love and admire.

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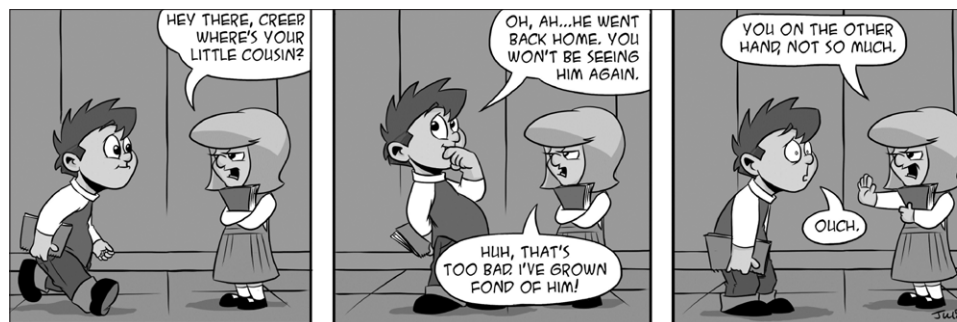
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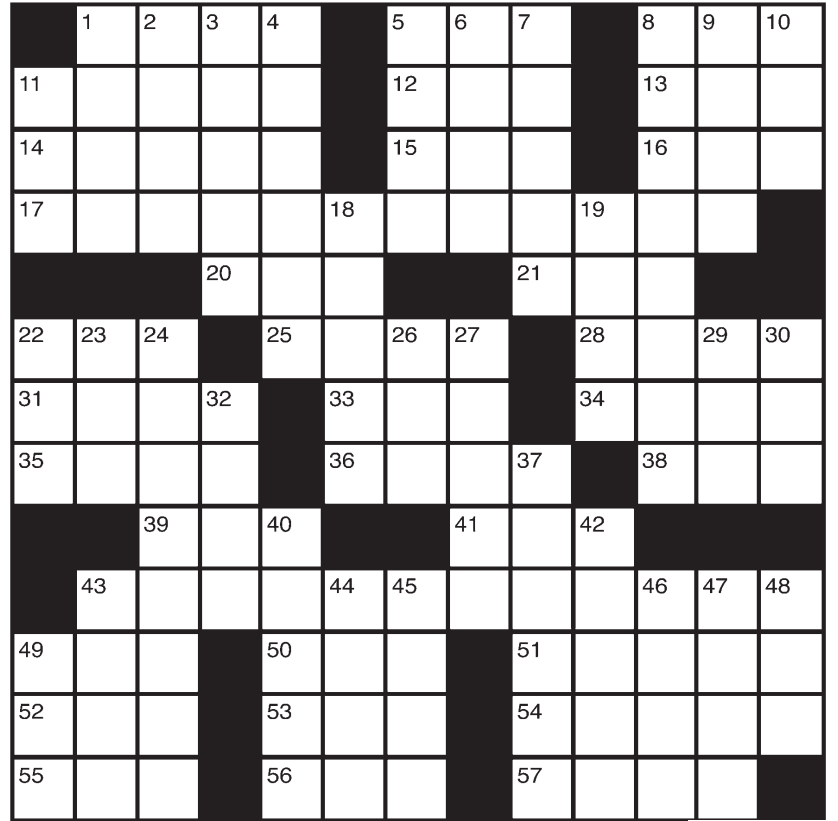
BEST IN SHOW



CROSSWORD

THE TV CROSSWORD

by Jacqueline E. Mathews



ACROSS

- 1 Gibson and Torme
- 5 "American ___"
- 8 "Sanford and ___"
- 11 Actress Chalke
- 12 "___ Ventura: Pet Detective"; movie for Jim Carrey
- 13 Mysterious sighting, for short
- 14 "We ___ please!"; store motto
- 15 Actress Thurman
- 16 Deep hole
- 17 Panettiere's role on "Heroes"
- 20 "___ and Stacey"
- 21 "The Adventures of ___ Lancelot"
- 22 Hope or Denver
- 25 Makes a lap
- 28 Sitcom for Sherman Hemsley
- 31 Currency in France and Italy
- 33 "Please Don't ___ the Daisies"
- 34 Keep
- 35 ___ in on; visit
- 36 "___ City"
- 38 ___ King Cole
- 39 Mowry or Carrere
- 41 Denials
- 43 2009 crime drama series

DOWN

- 49 Actor Mantegna
- 50 Cousin on "Mad About You"
- 51 Like a chimney sweep's clothes
- 52 Hockey's Bobby
- 53 Hightailed it
- 54 Cream of the crop
- 55 "___, Dear"
- 56 Antlered animal
- 57 Actress Ward

DOWN

- 1 Postman's delivery
- 2 Columnist Bombeck
- 3 Caesar's language
- 4 Dinah and her family
- 5 Apply, as makeup
- 6 High point
- 7 Martin and Jones
- 8 Jimmy Olsen's pal
- 9 Out ___; disoriented
- 10 "What ___ to Wear"
- 11 Often fluid-filled pouch
- 18 Adams and Falco
- 19 Peeples and Vardalos
- 22 Sleeping place
- 23 "Days of ___ Lives"
- 24 "___ & Sisters"
- 26 "This Is Spinal ___"; Rob Reiner film
- 27 "Float like a butterfly, ___ like a bee"
- 29 Zsa Zsa's sister
- 30 Basketball player's target
- 32 Mayberry resident
- 37 Lariat ends
- 40 "Hearts ___"; John Ritter sitcom
- 42 "How the Grinch ___ Christmas"
- 43 Ripped
- 44 Televangelist Roberts
- 45 Put in order of importance
- 46 Work hard
- 47 Blues singer ___ James
- 48 "Bill ___ the Science Guy"
- 49 Behar of "The View"

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after. Fleming lost significant weight in the offseason and said since he is the only senior, he takes it upon himself to lead by example for the younger players.

Dooley was noncommittal on a starting lineup, joking even the rotation is being determined on a minute-by-minute basis, but said there are two or three they feel good about. Fleming is sure to be one of them, and he shares excitement for the season opener with his head coach.



Joe Dooley "This is what everybody had been waiting for," Fleming said. "We got a new coach, new style of play, new enthusiasm. It's gonna be a great feeling stepping out there."

Fleming's fresh start comes from a new head coach going into the season along with his new leadership role. ECU has many home games to start its non-conference schedule. Fleming said past seasons highlight the importance of getting off to a good start this season.

"Very important, just knowing the past history of losing seasons and everything and we're not trying to be about that anymore. Coach Dooley came in, he hates losing. We don't want to lose, don't want to be here the next day if we do," Fleming said.

Another player with a fresh start is freshman Jayden Gardner. Gardner said he can't wait for gametime, saying every four years is a new start and he is ready to start his next four years at ECU.

Gardner is among the many freshmen who will be counted on by Dooley and the coaches. What's good for Dooley is Gardner has also bought into the culture change. What's

good for fans is what Gardner said he is most concerned with: Building a winning culture.

"I want to win. I want to help my team win, help the coaches win, help the fans win, I just want to win," Gardner said.



Isaac Fleming The first team in the Pirates' way of building that winning culture is Delaware State tonight. Delaware State went 4-28 a season ago, including a 63-57 loss at ECU on Dec. 2.

Dooley said he knows Delaware State has a lot of newcomers, including Eric Skeeters being a new coach as well, and is mostly unknown outside of Saleik Edwards. From Winterville, North Carolina, Edwards leads a team which Fleming said plays up-tempo. However, ECU is unpredictable to fans and even to Dooley at times.

"There's stretches where you watch the tap and you say 'we know what we're doing' and there's other stretches where I forget we have nine freshman and sophomores. That's awfully young and that's not always ideal and I have to catch myself at times," Dooley said.

Dooley acknowledged the players are ready to go against someone other than themselves. Dooley said the season opener is as much about themselves as it is about the other team. Teams haven't shown everything they will use in preseason scrimmages.

With all the unknowns that come from a season opener, the one thing that can be counted on is the way players will play under Dooley tonight.

"You want to play with a competitive spirit, that's most important," Dooley said.

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more in terms of the overall process as practice starts, so for that to have come when it did now has been totally different so that's been a huge adjustment," Killinger said.

His time before ECU was successful as he produced more than 126 student athletes onto playing at four-year universities and has been apart of 433 victories at the collegiate level, in a total of 18 seasons at the junior college level. Looking back at his head coaching experience, Killinger made great strides in programs and made history in others.

Prior to his position at ECU, Killinger was women's basketball head coach for seven seasons at Moberly Area Community College. He brings 22 years of college coaching experience to the staff. Killinger walked away having posted a 147-71 record with the most overall wins in the NJCAA Region 16 during the time, as well as the highest winning

percentage at 0.674.

Killinger was head coach of women's basketball at Lincoln Trail College, an NJCAA Division I school located in Robinson, Illinois and led the team to great success in all four years posting a 91-36 overall record during his four years. The Lady Statesmen appeared on national rankings during the 2006-2007 season, the first time in school history. The team followed that success by earning a national ranking in 2007-2008 and 2009-2010, where they also appeared in the programs first ever NJCAA National Tournament.

Prior to taking over the program at Lincoln Trail College, Killinger served as the head women's basketball coach and assistant/associate men's basketball coach at Jacksonville College in Texas for three years. He led the team to the programs first ever winning season in school history, posting a then school record of 17 victories and the program's first appearance in the NJCAA Region 14 Tournament.

All of this previous experience



The ECU women's basketball team makes its season debut tonight at 5:30.

has lead Killinger to where he is now, current head coach of ECU women's basketball. He expressed that he wasn't looking forward to this position since it is not what he signed up for. The transition for Killinger has already been a little difficult with a new school and program, but that won't stop him from getting the team prepared for the season.

"It's tough because there are different processes and things at

ECU from other schools that I've been at and so with the way things occurred, it just ended up being a situation where we had to kind just get into it and really trying to give the assistant coaches a voice, let the players help each other as much as possible and try to keep things as positive as possible," Killinger said.

After having two scrimmages already, Killinger is happy where the team is at right now. He knows there are issues the team has to

improve upon, but will take it day by day. Concentrating on the improvements needed during the week before the season opener is how the coaches will sort these issues out before tonight.

Within the last year Killinger was named the U.S. Marine Corps/Women's Basketball Coaches Association Two-Year College National Coach of the Year, MCCAC Coach of the Year, and NJCAA Region 16 and District K Coach of the Year, as he guided the Lady Greyhounds to one of the best seasons in program history at 32-1 overall, ranked fourth in the nation. He plans on taking this drive from his last season and putting forth those efforts this season.

"We just want to go out and protect our home court," Killinger said. "We've got 16 home games and we look at those and don't think we should let people come on our home court and win and that's going to be our main objective that first night, just protecting our home court."

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