



VOLUME 93, ISSUE 24

The East Carolinian

YOUR CAMPUS NEWS SOURCE SINCE 1925

Thursday, 11.29.18



California resident Jesse Mondragon, 26, smokes marijuana on the Venice Beach Boardwalk. Recreational marijuana is legal in California.

The debate on marijuana Legalization discussion occurs in Hendrix

Jennifer Flippin
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

“The Debate on Marijuana: Legalize It?” featured guest speakers Aaron Houston and Kevin Sabet who discussed the legalization of marijuana including the pros and cons of potential legalization.

The event was held last night at East Carolina University’s Mendenhall Student Center in Hendrix Theatre. Students who attended the event listened to Houston and Sabet debate a variety of issues regarding marijuana. The speakers reiterated during the debate why it is important for students to form their own opinions on the topic of legalization.

“I encourage everyone to not trust what they see in front of them, and that goes not just for this debate on marijuana, but everything really,” Houston said. “I encourage people to do their research, to do the deep digging and to focus and lay eyes on evidence themselves rather than taking it from others.”

Coordinator for Student Programming, Joshua Lockhart, special advisor for the Student Activities Board, said the topic of marijuana is becoming increasingly popular to have a dialogue on. Lockhart said given



THOMAS WEYBRECHT | THE EAST CAROLINIAN
Kevin Sabet speaks to students at the event.

> MARIJUANA page A2

SAB series combats exam stress

Zoë Lukas
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Finals at East Carolina University are fast approaching and the ECU Student Activity Board (SAB) plans to help ease the overwhelming stress of school and the holiday season for students on campus.

ECU Coordinator for Student Programming, Joshua Lockhart, said SAB will host a Growing Organizational Leadership Development (G.O.L.D.) Series stress management for students to learn more about their health and ways to overcome and deal with stress.

Lockhart said the lecture will be led by Staff Counselor, Ashley Hurdle, from the ECU Counseling Center, who will speak on different tips, plans and methods on how to combat stress within a students’ personal and educational endeavors.



Joshua Lockhart

“Stress is a part of everyday life and there are many instances where stress can be helpful, but we do wanna go ahead and understand that stress is anything that can alter your natural balance,” Lockhart said. “When we understand ways of coping and ways of combating those stressors I think those are great methods for reducing and managing our stress levels.”

Lockhart said the event will be free for students today at Mendenhall Student Center in room 212 starting at 6 p.m. and will include

> GOLD SERIES page A2

Pirates set to face-off against State

Chase Carroll
TEC STAFF

With head coach Scottie Montgomery’s job beyond this season largely in question, the East Carolina University football team will play its final game of the season Saturday on the road against in-state rival North Carolina State University in what will be the final game for multiple Pirate seniors.



Nate Harvey

One senior who will be playing in his final game for the Pirates (3-8, 1-7 AAC) is senior defensive end Nate Harvey, who was named the American Athletic Conference Defensive Player of the Year yesterday. Harvey currently leads the entire nation in tackles for loss with

24 and is also third in the nation with 13.5 sacks.

He, as well as senior wide receiver Trevon Brown and junior kicker Jake Verity were also named first team All-AAC. Brown

> FOOTBALL page A4

Geter gains popularity

ECU rapper crafts original music, spoken word

Giana Williams
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Aaron Saunders, better known as Aaron Geter, has been making a name for himself with his music and spoken word while continuing to work hard to receive notoriety for his artistic passions.

“He’s (Geter) one of the most genuine authentic artists you’ll ever encounter. His passion for his craft radiates off of him,” Jay Coachman, a senior art major and one of Geter’s friends, said. “Every song or poem he previews to me is always a progressive step into the right direction.”

Originally a senior communication major at East Carolina University, Geter is currently taking a break from school to focus more on his music career, but said he has a backup plan to at least stay connected in media.



Aaron Geter

Geter has established his name on ECU’s campus with his recurring performances in venues such as open mics, cyphers, showcases, pageants and local clubs around Greenville. Outside of the Greenville music scene, Geter has also opened for a boxing match at the Dorton Arena in Raleigh and sang

with rock band Foreigner in front of 20,000 people as a member of his high school chorus during his senior year.

Geter started rapping in the sixth grade and said he remembers spending the majority of his class periods writing songs, verses and hooks. Despite having yet to rap or sing on his own, Geter said he always had a feel for music and performing, even without gracing a stage or being in front of a crowd.

“Around that time jerking was hot,” Geter said. “All my friends and I were on that wave and were into making things our own. So I wanted (to make) my own jerk songs, really.”

Geter said he tries to stay diverse with his work, as his musical material typically includes subject matters such as love, black power, adversities, the club, his dreams or anything he has experienced in his life.

Geter added how he opts for focusing on the vibe of his music, rather than the music’s message itself.

“When I write, I try to make my work relatable, something the listener can feel,” Geter said. “Apart of that diversity there’s songs that do provide a specific message, those are my more meaningful tracks.”

> GETER page A6

ONLINE

» ARTS: ECU student shares passion for his self-made music

» NEWS: Gender to Tea discusses the benefits of the Gender Studies minor

SOCIAL MEDIA

@theeastcarolinian

Facebook.com/theeastcarolinian

@TEC_NewsPaper

TAP THE APP

DOWNLOAD THE PIRATE MEDIA 1 APP
NOW AVAILABLE ON THE APP STORE AND GOOGLE PLAY

REBEL
EXPERIENCE
ANCHORS AWAY
WZMB 91.3 FM
The Hook

REBEL
EXPERIENCE
ANCHORS AWAY
WZMB 91.3 FM
The Hook

REBEL
EXPERIENCE
ANCHORS AWAY
WZMB 91.3 FM
The Hook

BRIEFS

Ledonia Wright Cultural Center to provide mentorship

The Ledonia Wright will continue to host its weekly mentorship program, Sister 2 Sister, today at The Ledonia Wright Cultural Center beginning at 5 p.m. The program is for college women who come from diverse and underrepresented backgrounds.

The goal of the program is to provide a safe space for personal growth and skill building. The event will last for one hour and is free to female students.

Campus Recreation and Wellness to serve fresh food

Campus Recreation and Wellness will host its weekly fresh food Friday beginning at 10 a.m. at both the Student Recreation Center and the Health Science Student Center. The event will last until 5 p.m. and is free and open to all students.

Students who are interested in attending can follow @ECU_CRW on Twitter for updates about the event.

Alpha Omicron Pi to raise money

Alpha Omicron Pi will hosts a percentage night at Sweet Frog today beginning at 11 a.m. and lasting until 10 p.m. All of the money raised from the percentage night will go to the Arthritis Foundation.

Student should tell the cashier when they pay they are supporting AOII to ensure proceeds go toward the foundation.

CORRECTIONS & CLARIFICATIONS

If you feel there are any factual errors in this newspaper, please contact Matthew Prensny at editor@theeastcarolinian.com.

MARIJUANA

continued from A1

the popularity of the topic is what makes it a necessity for ECU to have an open dialogue.

Lockhart said the debate format created a conversation toward both perspectives of the topic and additionally allowed for students to listen and learn from the knowledge presented by the speakers to gain new insights into what they might think about the issue.

“We wanted to bring in someone, some people that are experts, that are actually for (legalization) as well as against it (legalization) so we can have both views, so that we can have both people that can speak towards it (legalization) and just bring some insight and some education for the students,” Lockhart said.

Topics discussed included how the legalization would affect not only how people in America spend their money, but how it could also affect federal laws regarding advertising, age restrictions and jail time for criminal offenses concerning weed.

Houston, co-founder of Marijuana Majority and a longtime marijuana lobbyist in Washington D.C., said he came to ECU last night to talk about why he is for the legalization of marijuana. Houston said he hopes the potential legalization of marijuana will put an end to the wrongful imprisonment based on marijuana charges.

“At the end of the day, if we maintain marijuana prohibition it means locking humans in cages and I want to change that. I want to make sure that we have responsible regulation in how we roll this out,” Houston said. “Most importantly, by far most important, we need to stop tearing families apart.”

Sabet, president of Smart Approaches to Marijuana (SAM), is a former White House Reform Policy Advisor. He said he is against the legalization of marijuana because it is more powerful of a drug than it used to be and the intentions behind the legalization of the drug are not for the right reasons.

Sabet said he is worried about the marijuana industry and its specific intentions toward the public.

“This whole move to legalize marijuana is about money for a greedy industry that wants to copy the playbook of big tobacco and big alcohol and I don’t think we should do that. It’s not in the interest of public health to legalize and commercialize marijuana,” Sabet said.



Aaron Houston

to be able to identify and control their stress.

Partlow said this will be SAB’s first mental health-related event of the semester. She said most students know of SAB through the Arts and Entertainment Committee, where as the Initiatives Committee focuses on educating students and making them more aware of beneficial topics, such as health issues.

Partlow said the Initiatives Committee plans event topics throughout its S.P.A.R.K. series, which stands for: Speaker Presenting and Advocating Real Knowledge.

“We’re the committee that, you know, tries to educate people and bring out conversations that people are too scared to have or don’t want to talk about and act like it’s not there, but it is there and we are the people to talk about it,” Partlow said.

Partlow said this event will be the last event held by the Initiatives Committee for the Fall semester, but all of the SAB committees are collaborating to host a winter event on Friday at 8 p.m. in Mendenhall Student Center. She said the event will include hot cocoa, trivia and a showing of the movie: “How the Grinch Stole Christmas,” starring Jim Carrey.

Partlow said SAB invites students to come out and support those interested or in need of stress management. Partlow added she promises if you are a college student, you are not the only one going through these situations and experiencing stress.



Keira Partlow

“ With everything going on plus it’s the holiday season it’s just a lot and it’s important to kinda take that time for yourself and some people don’t know how to do that or what to do during that time. ”

-Kaitlin Brown

GOLD SERIES continued from A1

catered refreshments.

In addition, Chair of SAB Initiatives, Kaitlin Brown, junior psychology major, said the event will be held in the form of two identical sessions. She said each will last about 45 minutes to allow for conversation to be “short, sweet and to the point.” Brown said the sessions will be engaging with interactive discussions, including a Powerpoint presentation and conversations to follow.

Brown said the Initiatives Committee of SAB planned this particular event late into the semester so students could benefit from learning about ways to stay motivated during finals as well as learn basic tips for self-care and anxiety during the busy study season.

“I think it’s important because a lot of students kinda get overwhelmed around this time of year,” Brown said. “With everything going on plus it’s the holiday season it’s just a lot and it’s important to kinda take that time for yourself and some people don’t know how to do that or what to do during that time.”

Brown said she hopes students leave the event with more knowledge on how to deal with and manage any additional anxiety they have accumulated from finals, school and the holiday season. She said as students near the most chaotic time of the semester, through promoting student stress management events via social media, she hopes to have about 50 students attend.

SAB Initiatives Committee Leader, Keira Partlow, senior psychology major, said she agrees stress is inevitable and shows itself in many different forms. She said because it is so different for each individual, it is important

This writer can be contacted at news@theeastcarolinian.com.

Apply to become the ECU Student Media...

Day Student Representative

The board is seeking a full-time student interested in serving as the day student representative on the Student Media Board, the 13-person board that governs Student Media

- WZMB • Rebel • The East Carolinian • Hook Expressions • Anchors Away • The Agency

To qualify, you must be a student living off campus who is not a member of a sorority or fraternity. You will be expected to attend a late afternoon meeting monthly.

For applications, contact:

252.328.9238
spellerch16@ecu.edu

ECU Student Media
100F Self Help Building
301 Evans Street
Greenville, NC 27858

This writer can be contacted at news@theeastcarolinian.com.

Get some ink on your hands.
Become a member of
The East Carolinian
CAMPUS NEWS SINCE 1925

Whether you want to report about sports, the arts or news, The East Carolinian has opportunities for you.

TRY OUTS:

Monday, Jan. 14
OR
Tuesday Jan. 15
From 6 to 7 p.m.
OR
Wednesday, Jan. 16
From 5 to 6 p.m.

Bring a pencil and a bluebook.

**No EXPERIENCE NEEDED.
ALL MAJORS WELCOME!**

Students must have a 2.25 GPA or higher to apply.

(252) 328-9238
100-F Self- Help Building, 301 Evans St.
Greenville, NC 27858

the Big VAPE THEORY
E-CIGS, VAPES, E-JUICES AND HARDWARE

CLIMB ABOARD AND CHECK OUT OUR GREAT VAPE SELECTION!

LOCALLY OWNED AND OPERATED

2800 EAST 10TH STREET
(SHOPPING CENTER AT 10TH AND 5TH)

QR code, Instagram, Facebook, Snapchat icons

FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA!

Suorin Authorized retailer for top brands you want
Salt Nicotine Systems
CBD/Kratom Products
SIGELEI
Pillbox
WISMAEC
SHIZIM
kangertech
JUUL
Vaperz Cloud
LOTUS

OUR VIEW

Holocaust relevant to modern society

Whichard Distinguished Professor Eileen Angelini delivered a guest lecture on Tuesday night on the topic of the Holocaust relevance presented in today's society and the importance of avoiding Holocaust fatigue.

She defined Holocaust fatigue as a common issue found in Jewish adolescence, whose older family members worry the events and actions of the Holocaust, and who are not themselves emotionally engaged in those issues.

We, the editorial staff at The East Carolinian, encourage speakers such as Angelini to continue educating the community about the Holocaust in the wake of rising tides of anti-Semitism.

There is a gradual movement of disconnect from the events of the Holocaust compared to life as we know it today. An easy solution to this issue could be spending more time educating non-Jewish community members.

We believe educators and the Jewish community members should continue to keep the talk of anti-Semitism and its still relevant issues present in today's society. With recent events such as the Tree of Life synagogue massacre, people need to remember the encompassing themes of hate found and fought against during World War II. We must support and encourage those brave enough to reach out and speak about these issues.

OUR STAFF

Matthew Prenskey	Editor-in-Chief
Julie Estep	Managing Editor
Robbie Milton	Copy Editor
Darby Hubbell	News Editor
Jenna Price	News Chief
Blessing Aghimien	A&E Editor
Danielle Schmid	A&E Chief
Chase Carroll	Sports Editor
Daniel Roberts	Sports Chief
Andy Li	Opinion Editor
Amanda Shea	Multimedia Manager
Anh Ha	Social Media Manager
Thomas Weybrecht	Visual Arts Editor
Jordin Williams	Visual Arts Chief
Mollie Pittman	Design Chief
Dagi Bayunga	Business Manager

Serving ECU since 1925, The East Carolinian is an independent, student-run publication distributed Tuesdays and Thursdays during the academic year and Wednesdays during the summer. The opinions expressed herein are those of the student writers, columnists and editors and do not necessarily reflect those of the faculty, staff or administration at East Carolina University or the Student Media Board. Columns and reviews are the opinions of the writers; "Our View" is the opinion of The East Carolinian Board of Opinions.

As a designated public forum for East Carolina University, The East Carolinian welcomes letters to the editor limited to 250 words. Letters may be rejected or edited for libelous content, decency and brevity. All letters must be signed and include a telephone number.

One copy of The East Carolinian is free. Each additional copy is \$1. Unauthorized removal of additional copies from a distribution site constitutes theft under North Carolina law. Violators will be prosecuted.

Contact Info

The East Carolinian
Self Help Building,
Greenville, NC, 28889-4353

Email: editor@theeastcarolinian.com

Newsroom: (252) 328-9238

Ads: (252) 328-9245

Fax: (252) 328-9143



>> SENIOR COLUMN

Getting in, getting out

Success in college requires committment



Danielle Schmid
TEC STAFF

Dani's Good Vibes

Weeks before making my way to Greenville for my first semester of college, my grandma met an East Carolina University alum. He told her to tell me, "It's just as easy to get kicked out of ECU as it is to get in," and of course 18-year-old Danielle brushed his comment off.

A semester later I'm stuck on the boat heading home, academic probation. After a summer of grade replacing and studying my ass off, I could finally breathe. Unlike many students stuck on academic probation, I got off and finally learned how to "college," a.k.a. manage a social life and get decent grades.

After my dreadful first year in G-Vegas, I knew something had to change. I realized having two friends and mourning over my ex-boyfriend I came to college with wouldn't help better my ECU experience. So like any other "basic bitch" I decided to join a sorority.

Thinking I wouldn't last in or get accepted into Alpha Omicron Pi, I went in with full fledge bad attitude. Then, I got my big, Tiffany Salcito. When I tell you I met the girls who rejuvenated my college experience, I mean it. From then on, ECU just kept getting better and better.

My sophomore year summer I studied abroad in Poland and the Czech Republic. On this trip I not only made 14 lifelong connections, but I started an abroad fashion blog. One of my sisters, Anna Parrish, who worked for The East Carolinian, was my roommate on the trip. She not only encouraged me to write often, but she edited my amateur blog.



TEC's Danielle Schmid poses in one of her graduation photos. Schmid will graduate on Dec. 14.

This trip not only gave Anna enough time to talk me into writing for TEC, but it taught me to love the simple things in life. Poland is such a sweet simple country. The people are pure and caring, the history is mind boggling and the landscapes are clean and out of this world.

I came back to the U.S. confident in myself and my abilities. When returning to ECU, I declared my major and tried out for TEC. I've since held three different positions at The East Carolinian.

Since starting at TEC I've went to South Korea and made way back to Poland with ECU's study abroad programs. I also not only became close with most of my sisters and held two positions within my sorority, but I've spent the last semester living in the AOII house with 17 crazy girls.

Moral of the story, college is what you make of it. If you're not feeling what you're

doing try something new and don't doubt yourself along the way. I didn't think I'd make it off academic probation, I didn't think I'd get accepted into a sorority and I definitely didn't think I'd get accepted to study abroad, but I did.

Now I don't know if my favorite memories were taking smoke breaks at the library when pulling an all nighter, having a guy tell me I smell like his Polish grandma, walking into "Holly house" getting hyped up by some of my best friends or all the downtown memories in general.

Either way, I might be leaving Greenville, but the memories I've made here will stay in my heart, mind and soul for as long as I live. Remember kids, ECU's fun, but it's just as easy to get kicked out as it is to get in.

Schmid is a senior majoring in communication. To contact her, email opinion@theeastcarolinian.com

Leaf blowers interrupt, annoy classes



Craig Malmrose
GUEST COLUMNIST

I'll bet it happened recently. You were immersed in a classroom lecture and paying close attention to every word. Suddenly, a deafening din outside the window made your professor's words inaudible. The racket continued for several minutes and you struggled to understand further, but ultimately, you missed the most important part of the address. If you've ever been in this position, I'm sure you'd agree that a leaf blower just might be the dumbest invention of the 20th century.

I can't count the number of times my classes have been disrupted by these idiotic machines. Along with this, lectures by guest speakers in our auditorium have also been blatantly interrupted with never so much as an apology. This led to their embarrassment as well as immense frustration in the audience. What a great way to treat important patrons who generously contribute their knowledge to this institution.

Not so long ago, maintenance

personnel on campus went to work in the morning armed with very effective tools you've probably seen before. They're called "rakes." These removed leaves and debris in short order, instead of pushing them around in endless circles with a noisy blast of forced air. And workers enjoyed the benefits that came with vigorous exercise under blue skies in outdoor spaces.

After checking the university's website and talking with officials, there appears to be only one policy that prohibits the disruption of classes by leaf blowers: 3. Responsibilities and Duties Applicable to All Persons and Organizations Engaging in Expressive Activity Anywhere on University

Property. Section 3.2.2.2 prohibits any action that "Disrupts university activities or functions." Also, section 3.2.2.6 prohibits any activity that "impedes the classroom environment, laboratory or research environment." In all cases, leaf blowers cause ongoing damage to both teaching and learning at this institution.

In addition to this, the city's noise ordinance, "12-5-5 Nuisance Noise" forbids the following: "The creation of any excessive noise on any street adjacent to any school, institution of learning or court, while the same are in session, or within one hundred fifty (150) feet of any hospital, which unreasonably interferes with the work of such institution or which disturbs or unduly annoys patients in the hospital."

But as you probably guessed, neither the university nor the city have done anything to enforce a decree that prevents classes from being trampled by this noise. In my opinion, any university that allows leaf blowers to function within the context of higher learning should remove the word "education" from its mission statement.

Malmrose is a professor at ECU and a guest columnist To submit a guest column, email opinion@theeastcarolinian.com.



Contact Andy Li at opinion@theeastcarolinian.com for details.

TEC 'sports

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

Chase Carroll

Sports Editor

@ChaseCarroll_



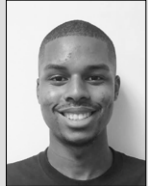
Who wins? NC State defeats ECU 41-10. Why? With freshman quarterback Holton Ahlers questionable from a knee injury, the offense becomes much

less effective without him, as he is the team's leading rusher, as well as the most effective passer on the roster. If he is unable to play or is limited, the entire dimension of the running game shifts and the offense will be even more one dimensional than it currently is. NC State quarterback Ryan Finley should have a strong day against a Pirate secondary that has really struggled for the last few weeks of the season.

Daniel Roberts

Sports Chief

@dantheman1892



Who wins? NC State defeats ECU 56-6. Why? ECU does play differently against in-state rivals. ECU did win the last

matchup in 2016 33-30. The Pirates are 0-4 on the road, facing a tough Wolfpack crowd. The team without freshman quarterback Holton Ahlers will struggle in both the pass and run game. The defense has had problems defending the run game, and most likely will get exposed once again to wrap up the season. ECU will have a chance of winning the game if Ahlers plays up to a high level. Since that will most likely not happen then the Pirates will get blown out just like they did last season against the University of Memphis.

Robbie Milton

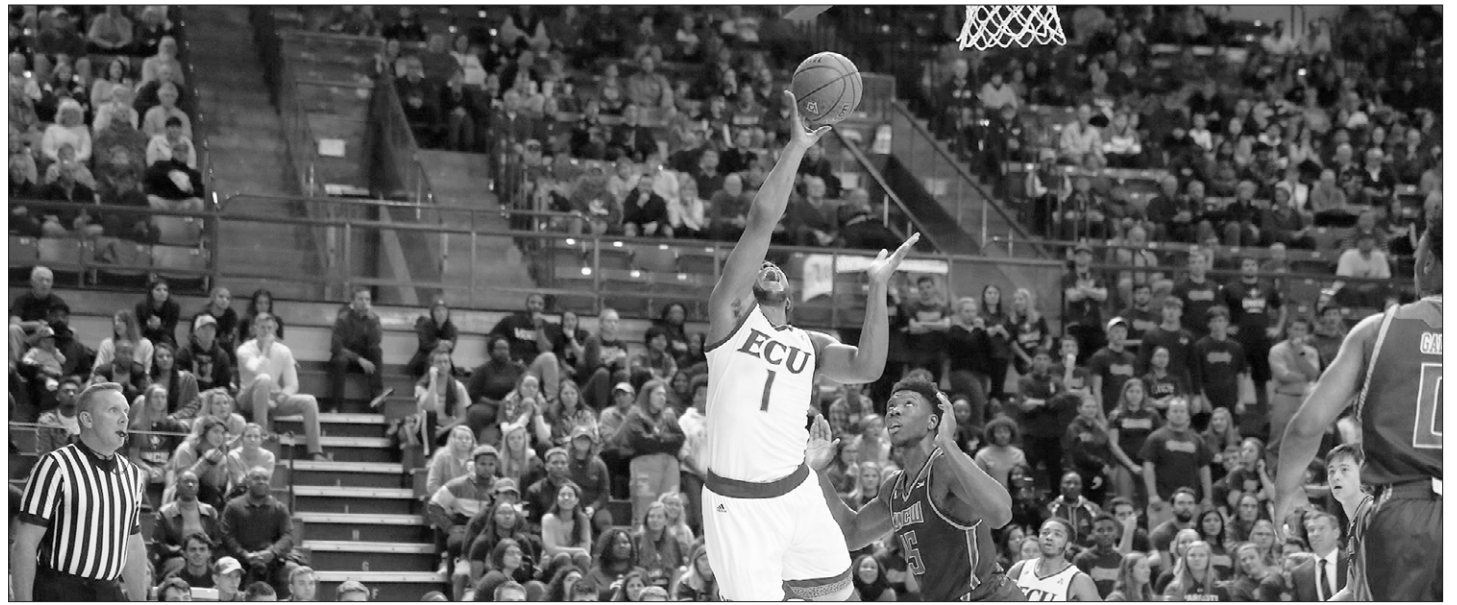
Copy Editor

@ThirdBlackBeard



Who wins? NC State 42-17. Why? ECU is coming off a crushing defeat against the University of Cincinnati

56-6. Another giant factor in this prediction is the fact that freshman quarterback Holton Ahlers is questionable and if he can't play, that means sophomore quarterback Reid Herring would be playing. If the Pirates start Herring there will be several turnovers which will lead to plenty of easy points for the Wolfpack.



COURTESY OF ECUPIRATES.COM

Freshman forward Jayden Gardner took a tough layup in the paint in the 95-86 loss to the University of North Carolina at Wilmington Tuesday.

Pirates fall to Seahawks

Daniel Roberts
TEC STAFF

After losing in a nailbiter to High Point University, the East Carolina University men's basketball team lost its second straight on the road against the University of North Carolina at Wilmington to fall to 4-4 on the year.

UNCW (4-4) made 9-of-11 shots in the first six minutes of the game to jump out to a 22-12 advantage over the Pirates. ECU went down by as much as 16, but managed to cut the lead to eight points and bring the score to 43-35 with 02:05 left in the half. Another three made by the Seahawks brought the score to 46-35 at the half.

The Seahawks went on a 30-17 run to start the second half

to jump out to a 76-52 advantage with nine minutes left in the game. The Pirates responded with a 21-7 run of their own to bring the deficit to just 10 points, 83-73. A layup by freshman forward Jayden Gardner brought the deficit to just seven points, 88-81. UNCW made 7-of-8 from the line in the last minute to defeat ECU 95-86.

"We've got guys that are young and shouldn't be out there yet," head coach Joe Dooley said per ecupirates.com.



Joe Dooley

"The good thing is that they're getting minutes... I think they'll continue to get better as they get more minutes. We've got a long way to go to improve and get some things better." Gardner posted his third double-double of the season, by tying his career-high of 30 points while grabbing a game-high 15 rebounds to lead the Pirates. Junior forward Seth LeDay added 15 points and nine boards, while sophomore guard K.J. Davis scored 13 points and sophomore guard Shawn Williams contributed another 12 points.

Gardner became the first freshman in school history on Tuesday to post multiple 30-point games in a season after scoring another 30 points

on Lamar University on Nov. 11 in the 84-78 overtime win. He also became the first ECU player to have multiple 30-point, 10-rebound games since Jim Gregory had four such performances during the 1970-71 season.

"(Jayden) is a guy we're going to build around for the future," ECU head coach Joe Dooley said per ecupirates.com. "He's going to play a bulk of the minutes and we're going to continue to let him get better and better. He's got a bright future and he's a great building block for our program."

ECU will take on Appalachian State University in Minges Coliseum on Friday at 7 p.m.

This writer can be contacted at sports@theeastcarolinian.com.

ECU looks to bounce back

Samantha Walsh
TEC STAFF

Robert Romero
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

The East Carolina University women's basketball team (5-1) will get another shot for its first road win of the year this Saturday, taking on the University of North Carolina at Charlotte after the College of William & Mary (3-2) put an end to their undefeated season.

The 49ers (4-1) also have one loss this season although their last two wins were points away from being losses. The Pirates took on the 49ers last season and won in a close contest 58-55.

Redshirt junior guard Jade Phillis has been a leader for the 49ers in every contest so far this season posting 27 points against Lehigh University and being offensive on the court.

In their first loss of the year, the Pirates (5-1) couldn't get into any rhythm on the offensive end versus W&M, shooting 17-68

(25 percent) from the field, 2-16 (12.5 percent) from three point range and 7-16 (43.8 percent) from the free throw line. Sophomore and junior guards Lashonda Monk and Raven Johnson, the two leading scorers for the Pirates, combined for just 16 points on 7-36 (19.4 percent) shooting from the field. Johnson recorded the first double-double of her career with 10 points and a career high 14 rebounds.

The Pirates' scoring success through the first five games was predicated on forcing turnovers and getting out into the open floor for transition points. Although they were able to force 26 turnovers against W&M, the Tribe made huge efforts to get back on defense after committing those turnovers to prevent them from scoring fastbreak buckets, playing a huge part in the Pirate's poor shooting.

"They did a good job getting back and collapsing into the



COURTESY OF ECUPIRATES.COM

ECU junior guard Raven Johnson pushes the ball up the court in a game for the Pirates.

paint and taking our transition game away from us," head coach Chad Killinger said. "We got to be better in terms of spacing on the break and our decision making at times and be stronger around the basket. There were plenty of times we got the ball inside and just missed shots."

Despite the 5-0 start to the season, one of the shortcomings the Pirates have shown has been in the rebounding department, getting out rebounded in three out of the five games including -22 (50-28) on the boards against

Monmouth University.

W&M exploited that weakness, doubling up the Pirates on the boards 58-to-29 and 47-to-19 on the defensive glass. Although the ECU took 19 more shot attempts and held the Tribe to 38.8 percent shooting from the field (19-49), the Tribe forced 51 missed shots by swarming inside the paint, being in great position to secure the rebounds.

Although there are many players on ECU who have battled in road games before, the loss was the first time this current team played as the visitor. According to Killinger,

the loss will serve as a learning experience for this team as a collective whole to understand what it takes to win on the road, hoping they will come out with that mindset this Saturday against the 49ers.

"When you go on the road you got to be mentally tough as well as physically tough," Killinger said. "We obviously won five home games so we have to do a better job of being mentally prepared when we go on the road."

This writer can be contacted at sports@theeastcarolinian.com.



COURTESY OF ECUPIRATES.COM

Anthony Scott runs the ball during the Pirates' 2016 victory over NC State.

FOOTBALL continued from A1

leads ECU in six separate categories, including receptions (71), receiving yards (1,075) and receiving touchdowns (9). Verity has been nearly automatic this season, going 18-for-20 on field goals, and 27 for 28 on extra points.

The offense could be without stand out freshman quarterback Holton Ahlers, who is questionable for the game after missing Wednesday's practice with a



Holton Ahlers

knee injury. Montgomery said he will be a gametime decision. If he cannot play, ECU will go with former starter, sophomore Reid Herring, behind center.

Ahlers brings a running dimension as the team's leading rusher that Herring lacks and could limit what the Pirate offense runs if Ahlers is unable to play.

If Herring is forced into action, he will be playing against his second ACC team of the season after coming away with the win as ECU's starting quarterback against the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

NC State (8-3, 5-3 ACC) will look to take advantage of a struggling Pirate secondary with quarterback Ryan Finley, who was one of five Wolfpack players named to the All-Atlantic Coast Conference First

Team after Finley completed 275 of 408 passes (67.4 percent) for an ACC leading 3,380 yards, with 21 touchdown passes against eight interceptions.

However, while the Wolfpack are looking to take that advantage of the Pirates', they will be down three players including starting offensive tackles Justin Witt and Tyler Jones, according to The Technician, NC State's school newspaper.

The Pirates are set to kickoff at 12 p.m. in Carter-Finley Stadium.

This writer can be contacted at sports@theeastcarolinian.com.



Reid Herring

CLASSIFIEDS

FOR RENT

PIRATEPLACES.COM Time to pick your perfect house across the street from ECU for next year. We have over 100 of the best and closest houses next to ECU. Go to **PIRATEPLACES.COM** and if the house you want isn't already AVAILABLE then send us a list of your favorite houses and we will put you on the waiting list. Current tenants have until January 15th to renew their lease but if they do not renew we start signing new

leases on January 16th for leases that start in June, July & August. Last year all of our houses were rented by March so don't miss out. Go to **PIRATEPLACES.COM** today.

Walk to ECU 1,2,3,4 bedroom homes on the grid!! See at collegeuniversityrentals.com; call or text at 252-321-4712.

Houses for Rent : Walk to Campus : 3 & 4 bedrooms available for 2019 - 2020 School Year Call 910-791-3107 for more information.



Wanna run a classifieds ad?

Contact teclassifieds@ecu.edu for pricing and information.

HOROSCOPES

Aries (March 21-April 19) -- Today is a 7 -- Handle

practical domestic matters first. Clean and organize. Communication breakdowns could disrupt. Listen and learn. Work things out to grow and expand family harmony.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) -- Today is an 8 -- Sort and

file your discoveries. Use your persuasive arts to lay out a compelling case. Polish the presentation. Refine the formatting, images and video.

Gemini (May 21-June 20) -- Today is a 9 -- A lucrative

and dreamy opportunity arises. Self-discipline keeps you on budget. Make a powerful pitch. Ask for what you want. Get farther than expected.

Cancer (June 21-July 22) -- Today is a 9 -- You have

what you need. Figure out what you want. Imagine a dream realized. Journal your intentions and affirmations. Power into a personal project.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Today is a 6 -- Get lost

in creative thoughts and planning. Invent captivating scenarios. Reinforce support structures. Journal, draw or express your views. Rest, and reconsider a supposition.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Today is an 8 -- A stroke of

genius reveals new options. Choose private over public social engagements. Imaginative team strategies get results. Avoid expenses and trouble by keeping things simple.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) -- Today is a 9 -- Take care of

professional responsibilities. Track your progress, and count your blessings. The impossible seems accessible. Stay on task to create satisfying results.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) -- Today is a 6 --

Spread your wings. The freedom of the open road tempts you out of familiar surroundings. Get help building a dream. Study, and prepare your observations.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) -- Today is an 8 -- Huddle

up to determine shared financial priorities. Heed the voice of experience. Follow tested advice. Rely on common sense and collaborative contribution.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Today is an 8 -- Leave

nothing to chance. Show your partner your gratitude and appreciation. Use imagination, and consider something delightful. Share resources and special treats. Raise a toast.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) -- Today is an 8 -- Keep

pushing for a dream or goal. Anticipate resistance. Energy grows with practice. Finesse your moves. Get coaching to improve your performance.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) -- Today is an 8 -- Relax, and

follow your heart. Choose in favor of family. Creative expression flowers. Watch for hidden agendas. Don't bend the rules. Prioritize love.

CROSSWORD

THE TV CROSSWORD

by Jacqueline E. Mathews

1	2	3		4	5	6	7		8	9	10	11
12				13					14			
15				16				17				
18			19			20						
			21		22	23		24		25	26	27
28	29	30					31			32		
33					34				35			
36				37				38				
39			40				41					
			42		43			44		45	46	47
48	49	50					51	52			53	
54						55					56	
57						58					59	

ACROSS

- 1 "The ___ Bang Theory"
- 4 Unable to hear
- 8 Actor Sandler
- 12 Neighbor of Syria: abbr.
- 13 Eye flirtatiously
- 14 Robe to wear at the forum
- 15 Actress Thompson
- 16 Series for Vanessa Williams
- 18 Shish ___; barbecue favorite
- 20 "20,000 Leagues Under the ___"
- 21 "___ by Step"
- 24 Awards for TV shows and stars
- 28 Actor Slater
- 32 "___ of Practice"
- 33 Cheers
- 34 Animator's transparent sheet
- 35 ___ model; one to imitate
- 36 "People ___ Funny"
- 37 "Ghost ___"
- 39 "CSI: ___"
- 41 "High ___"; Gary Cooper classic
- 42 Nav. rank
- 44 Jay Leno's successor
- 48 Reality series for Kevin O'Leary
- 53 Female sheep

DOWN

- 1 Defraud
- 2 "...___ by your outfit that you..."
- 3 Snatch
- 4 "Reasonable ___"
- 5 "The ___ and I"; MacMurray film
- 6 "___ in the Family"
- 7 Tina and her family
- 8 "The ___"; George Peppard series
- 9 Polka-___ dress
- 10 Insurance co. rep.
- 11 Elly ___ Clampett; Jed's daughter
- 17 Has-___; one no longer popular
- 19 Without changes
- 22 Carve in glass
- 23 ___ the sky; fanciful notion
- 25 "The Tragedy of Othello: The ___ of Venice"
- 26 Christmas
- 27 Suffix for young or gang
- 28 Study at the last hour
- 29 Mata ___
- 30 Actress Perlman
- 31 Additionally
- 35 "Biggest Little City in the World"
- 37 Martindale, of game show fame
- 38 Pool table corner
- 40 Series for Taylor Schilling
- 43 "___ Trek"
- 45 Ms. Campbell
- 46 "I'll Fly ___"
- 47 Hawaiian goose
- 48 Wall and Easy: abbr.
- 49 Linden of "Barney Miller"
- 50 Chicken ___ king
- 51 Pub order
- 52 Denials

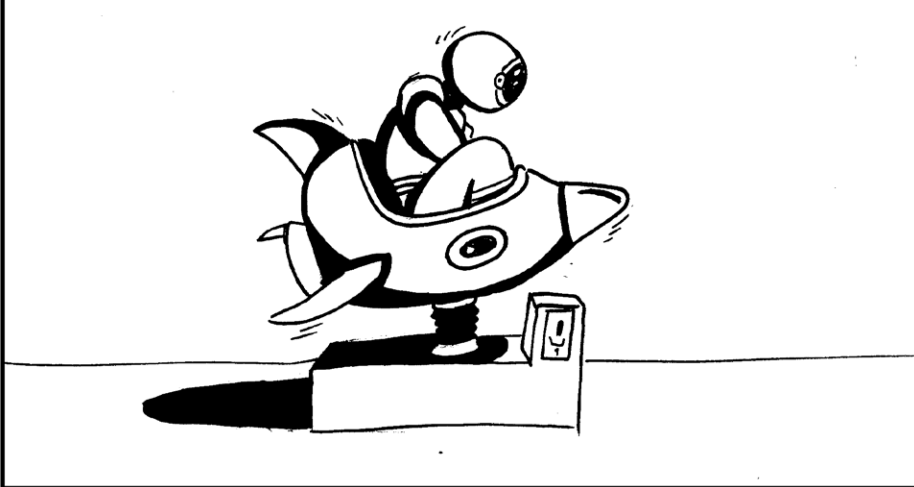
Solution from 11/27

D	A	N		H	A	L		L	O	U				
M	A	M		A	B	E		A	D	M				
U	N	I	T	S		R	I	G		T	E	A		
D	A	N	I	E	L	M	E	A	D	E				
				O	R	E		L	I	L				
A	N	D	N	E	V	E	R		E	A	C	H		
L	E	E								T	A	I		
S	T	A	N		L	A	B	O	R	E	R	S		
				R	I	O			U	F	O			
				J	A	M	E	S	T	U	P	P	E	R
C	H	O		A	D	E		S	E	A	T	O		
O	O	H		H	E	E			R	A	T	E		
B	E	N		A	N	D		S	R	A				

COMICS

ONE AND ONLY

Day 61: Budget cuts hit hard this year



BRIAN JUDGE | THE EAST CAROLINIAN

BEST IN SHOW



SUDOKU

SUDOKU

THE SAMURAI OF PUZZLES By The Mephram Group

Level:

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit www.sudoku.org.uk

Solution from 11/27

	6	7			5							
9					7	2						
2			9		3						6	
4	5											
		8		9		5						
									3	2		
8			4		9						7	
		9	1								3	
			2			1	4					

6	2	8	1	4	7	9	3	5
9	4	5	3	8	2	1	7	6
3	1	7	6	5	9	4	8	2
1	9	4	5	6	3	7	2	8
8	7	6	4	2	1	5	9	3
2	5	3	9	7	8	6	4	1
7	8	1	2	9	5	3	6	4
4	3	9	8	1	6	2	5	7
5	6	2	7	3	4	8	1	9

© 2017 The Mephram Group. Distributed by Tribune Content Agency. All rights reserved.

Last chance to advertise in
 The East Carolinian's Welcome Back Paper
 FIRST PAPER IN THE NEW YEAR
 12/3 Deadline ▶ 1/7 Publish Date

72 PLUS MAP OUT YOUR WEEKEND

TODAY

Sons of Serendip Performs
Wright Auditorium
8 p.m.

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

Hip Hop Glowga
Still Life
7 p.m.

ECU Keyboard Chamber Recital
Fletcher Recital Hall
7 p.m.

TOMORROW

ECU Symphony Orchestra
A.J. Fletcher Music Hall
7:30 p.m.

Movember Mustache Contest
Pitt Street Brewing Company
8 p.m.

Dr. Bacon Performs
Crossbones Tavern
10 p.m.

Stranger Days Performs
Buggy's Bar
10:30 p.m.

SATURDAY

Jolly Trolley Polar Express
Emerge Gallery & Art Center
4:45 p.m.

Little Bird Live Music
Pitt Street Brewing Company
8 p.m.

Daniel Johnson Performs
Buccaneer Music Hall
10 p.m.

SUNDAY

Holiday Open House
Arlington Village
1 p.m.

Year of the underground

Blessing Aghimien
TEC STAFF

The year of 2018 has brought the world short-lived trends and crazes, from the “Mo Bamba” mosh pits to the “In My Feelings” challenge. Since January, the never-ending cycle of the mainstream has flowed, which can lead some to pose a question: where lies the underground and the underrated?

Finding her own sound after lending her vocals to Drake for this latest album is British singer-songwriter Jorja Smith, who released her debut album “Lost & Found” in early June. The release fuses R&B, soul and trip-hop in a 12-track body of work as Smith’s sultry vocals narrates through lyrical storylines of love, insecurity and the pains of youth.

“Lost & Found” was met with high acclaim after its release, as the album received high ratings from music outlets such as Pitchfork and Metacritic. Smith’s debut album also dominated the United Kingdom’s music sales during the week of its release, as “Lost & Found” topped both the UK Independent Albums and UK R&B Albums charts, according to the Official Charts Company’s records.

While “Lost & Found” made a huge impact on Great Britain’s charts and album sales, the album has yet to make waves on American soil, thus hindering Smith from breaking into the international market. “Lost & Found” peaked at No. 41 on the Billboard 200 chart and failed to make a spot on the Independent Albums and R&B Albums U.S. Billboard charts.

“With a voice like hers, Jorja



From left: Emma Lov Block, Eric Nam and Jackson Foote. Singers Lov Block and Foote make up electropop duo Looote.

(Smith) is really out here sounding as good as English powerhouses like Adele and Amy Winehouse,” Williams said. “It’s a shame how underrated she is. ‘Lost & Found’ is for sure one of the best albums released this year in my opinion.”

Quickly proving themselves as a formidable duo in the music world are Jackson Foote and Emma Lov Block, better known by their performing moniker — Looote.

The electropop duo started out by writing songs for mainstream artists such as Demi Lovato and EDM trio Cheat Codes with their hit, “No Promises.” In mid-June, Looote released their six-track debut

album, “single.” With the feel of an EP, the duo’s release is small yet mighty when it comes to their sound, incorporating high energy sampling and basslines in the productions of their tracks.

Naomi Wright, a sophomore hospitality management major, said she believes Looote is “a group to watch out for in 2019.”

“Looote is definitely underrated in terms of who’s hot and who’s not in music today,” Wright said. “This group has a sound good enough to break the mainstream.”

Reaching both secular and spiritual audiences with her third studio album is Lauren Daigle, a worship leader from Louisiana and former American Idol auditioner. Daigle’s latest release “Look Up Child” released this September and debuted at No. 3 on the Billboard Hot 200.

Garnering comparisons to female vocal powerhouses from

Adele to Amy Winehouse, Daigle is receiving attention typically not given to many Christian contemporary musicians, a snub junior communication major Grace Willis cites as “unfortunate.”

“Music transcends all genders, races, genres and religious ideologies,” Willis said. To say you won’t give a Christian musician a listen just because you don’t subscribe to their religion is a pretty poor reason in my view.”

As the year comes to a close in a matter of days, it’s important to highlight the records which went under the radar for the sake of diversifying playlists and discovering the good within the underground music scene. For more information on these underrated albums and more, each of them are available on YouTube and all music streaming platforms.

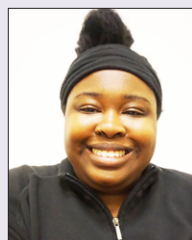
This writer can be contacted at arts@theeastcarolinian.com.



Chelsea Williams

ALBUM REVIEW

Artist debuts musical storybook



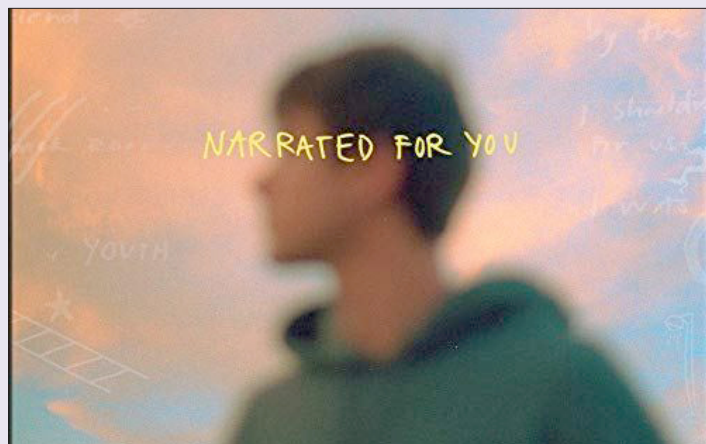
Blessing Aghimien
TEC STAFF

Drawing from personal idols such as John Mayer and Jason Mraz, rising self-described

“narrator” Alec Benjamin tells a coming-of-age story through symphonies with his debut album, “Narrated For You.”

Released on Nov. 16, the 12-track album is a musical storybook of sorts, as Benjamin’s gentle tenor voice evokes a sense of intimacy between the listener and himself as the lyricist. Benjamin uses all 37 minutes of the album’s length to give an eyewitness account of the world as he sees it, sharing his collection of narratives along the way track by track.

At 24 years of age, Benjamin has established a name for himself in the adult contemporary and folk pop music scene, making him one of many artists to watch for in the coming year. Starting out as a songwriter for rapper Jon Bellion, Benjamin began to build his brand with his parking lot acoustic performances outside of Shawn Mendes’



The cover artwork for Alec Benjamin’s debut album, “Narrated For You.”

and Troye Sivan’s concerts in 2016, only to now be in talks of headlining his own collaborative music festival with Mendes himself.

“Narrated For You” opens with “If We Have Each Other,” a tale of shifting family dynamics where Benjamin divulges details about his kinfolk, from his parents and sister to his grandparents. Its bounce-like background sound perfectly balances with the repetitive optimism in lyrics such as “The world’s not perfect, but it’s not that bad” and “If we have each other, then we’ll both be fine.”

The album’s fourth track and lead single, “Let Me Down Slowly,” stands out as one of the album’s most captivating

tracks with its emotional depiction of a doomed romance between two youths.

Complete with simple acoustic riffs and a beat drop leading into the song’s second verse, Benjamin tells a first person narrative from the perspective of someone about to be broken up with, singing lyrics such as “I once was a man with dignity and grace, now I’m slipping through the cracks of your cold embrace.”

The 12th and final track on the album, “1994,” closes Benjamin’s debut releases off with a sentimental self-tribute. Benjamin takes the listener through events and instances in his life which made him the man he is today, from eating

Campbell’s chicken noodle soup on a sick day away from school to the time where he broke his wrist trying to be Superman.

A hard-hitting, soulful record, Benjamin’s use of a bright-sounding hook carries the song. Benjamin also makes a conscious choice to intertwine a youthful spin on nationalism by referencing his recollections of the Sept. 11 attacks in the second verse and revamping the traditional patriotic anthem “My Country ‘Tis of Thee” by telling his listeners to “be who they want to be.”

If you’re looking to listen to a melodic masterpiece, “Narrated For You” is an album worth a try. Benjamin’s collection allows listeners, regardless of age, to connect with the themes it has to offer through the lens of someone who can make any story believable — a trait hard to come by in music these days.

RATING:



4.5 out of 5

This writer can be contacted at arts@theeastcarolinian.com.

GETER

continued from A1

When it comes to inspiration, Geter said he often gets moved to write new music by new experiences and adventures.

“I write almost all of my work outside and I sometimes get inspiration from just enjoying nature. It helps (to) open my mind,” Geter said.

When such inspiration fails to arise, according to Geter, he listens to and studies

the discography of some of his favorite artists. One artist who inspired Geter to pursue music full-time is R&B singer and Grammy-winning artist Chris Brown.

Brown, according to Geter, has always been himself on his own wave with his art and by watching him perform, Geter said he feels like “he could do anything he wanted.”

“I know collaborating with him (Brown) is farfetch, but that’d be a dream come true,” Geter said.

Geter said he also

looks to Georgia singer-songwriter Jacquees for inspiration and enjoys the style and sound of rappers such as J. Cole and Big Sean because of their humbleness, diligence and creativity heard in their lyrical content.

Geter has not released a new project since 2016, but said he is currently working on a new one. While he has yet to release a full-length project, Geter hasn’t taken a full hiatus from the music game, as the young up-and-comer

has posted a few records and spoken word pieces on social media to let fans of his know he’s still working.

In terms of collaborative projects, Geter was featured on Jay Coachman’s (better known as Jxy True) project, “Loverboy,” has some unreleased work with rapper Shores and tracks with a few music artists from the 919 area such as High G, ThatGuyKhaliq and Gemini Fox.

As for future performances, Geter

is set to appear at a pop up show on Dec. 1 in Reidsville, North Carolina and he said he has some musical appearances lined up in Charlotte from December to early 2019.

To listen to the work Geter has to offer, his music and spoken word pieces can be found on streaming services such as SoundCloud, YouTube, iTunes, Tidal and Spotify.

This writer can be contacted at arts@theeastcarolinian.com.