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From left: ECU seniors Ranique Grubbs, Daija Solomon, Jess Koyles and Nick Bequette pose proudly on campus for their graduation portraits.

University prepares to host graduation

Zoë Lukas
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Seniors will graduate Dec. 14 from East Carolina University after years of hard work and fond memories. The annual fall commencement ceremony marks the final day graduates can call themselves students at ECU.

Office of Student Transitions Executive Director, Mary Beth Corbin, said the ceremony will take place at 9 a.m. in Williams Arena located inside Minges Coliseum. She said unlike the spring commencement ceremony, the fall ceremony is smaller and located indoors.

Corbin said ECU's commencement ceremonies are comprised of both traditional and relatively newer procedures such as the entrance of the university's mace and fireworks ending the ceremony in the spring.

In reference to the agenda for the day, Corbin said the ceremony will begin with a



Mary Beth Corbin

ECU seniors discuss graduation fashion trends

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TEC STAFF

From the winding lecture halls to the tailgating memories, years of the college experience will eventually culminate into the one prize no one can take away — a diploma with your name on it. For several seniors at East Carolina University, that prize will be earned in a matter of weeks.

The undeniable feeling of graduation is upon ECU's campus and because the event

marks the end of an old life in exchange for a new beginning, one's fashion choice should reflect such significance, according to ECU alum Caitlyn Patterson.

"Graduation is a moment you'll tangibly remember for life, whether it's looking at your diploma hanging in your home afterwards or going through the hundreds of pictures you took with your family and closest friends," Patterson, who earned her bachelor's degree in fashion merchandising

last fall, said. "The last thing you should want to remember is how much you regret your outfit choice."

White as a color is "inherently positive" and is associated with traits such as beginnings, brilliance and understanding, according to design platform BorneCreative. Such traits make the color a classic choice for

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Greenville prepares for Christmas

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FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

The city of Greenville continues to reign in the holiday spirit as it hosts Greenville Gives, an annual tree-lighting ceremony, on Friday from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the city's centerpoint, Five Points Plaza.

Meredith Hawke, the events and branding director for Uptown Greenville, has worked with a committee of about a dozen members over the past year to organize the event's activities. She said Greenville Gives is hosted by not only Uptown Greenville, but the city of Greenville, the Chamber of Commerce and the city's Recreation and Parks department as well.

"The nature of Greenville Gives is that it welcomes

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ECU football falls to State

Pirates lose 58-3 in their final game of the season

Staff Report

With the Scottie Montgomery era coming to an end at East Carolina University, the Pirates played in their final game of the season against in-state rival North Carolina State University on Saturday, losing 58-3, and ending the season much like it had the previous two, with their third straight 3-9 season.

With the news of Montgomery not returning to the team in 2019, defensive coordinator David Blackwell took over as the interim head coach for the final game of the year.

After the 56-6 beatdown at the hands of American Athletic Conference opponent University of Cincinnati just a week prior, the downward spiral of the



David Blackwell

Pirates' season continued on to their final game against NC State. The Pirates were only able to score a 46-yard field goal by First Team All-AAC kicker Jake Verity on the game's final play to avoid being shut out for the first time in 21 years.

The Pirates had no answer for NC State senior quarterback Ryan Finley, who completed 32-of-44 passes, putting up 409 yards and three touchdowns. Overall, the Wolfpack offense was able to put up 655 total yards of offense compared to the Pirates' horrid mark of just 104 yards of total offense in the game.

Freshman quarterback Holton Ahlers was held out of the game with a right knee sprain and one of his favorite targets over the final few weeks of the season, freshman wide receiver Tyler Snead, was held out of the game helping him retain his redshirt status, meaning he will be listed as a redshirt freshman next season.

The Pirates' starting quarterback at the beginning of the season, sophomore

Reid Herring, was given the start again in place of Ahlers and he was ineffective all day. Herring went on to be



Reid Herring

benched for both redshirt freshman quarterback Kingsley Ifedi, and eventually walk-on freshman quarterback Caiden Norman after completing

just 8-of-22 passes for 69 yards and an interception. Herring was also sacked two times on the day.

Senior defensive end Nate Harvey finished off an impressive 2018 season with yet another sack against NC State, falling just a half sack short of tying the ECU single-season record of 15.0, which is held by Rod Coleman (1997). With

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BRIEFS

Campus Kitchen at ECU to pack pantry

The Campus Kitchen at ECU will host a pack the Purple Pantry event today at 4 p.m. in Umstead Hall. The event is in lieu of the organization of moving into the new student center once it opens.

Students who attend will be treated to free pizza and refreshments. The event will end at 6 p.m.

Student Affairs to provide conversation opportunity

Student Affairs will host an opportunity for student to converse with Chancellor Cecil Staton with its event Cookies and Coffee with the Chancellor. The event will be held in Wright Plaza from 10:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m.

This event will provide students with an opportunity to meet in a casual environment with the chancellor before the semester ends.

Mendenhall bowling alley to open on Reading Day

Tomorrow the bowling alley in Mendenhall Student Center will host free bowling from 3 p.m. until 5 p.m. Students are encouraged to use the opportunity as a study break and enjoy the free amenity.

Students who choose to take advantage of this opportunity will need to present a valid OneCard.

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speech given by ECU Chancellor, Cecil Staton, who will share some "words of wisdom" to the new graduates as well as recognizing the Board of Trustees (BOT).

Corbin said the audience will then hear from the representatives of the senior class, faculty and the BOT. Corbin said guest speaker Fielding Miller, ECU alumni, will follow the BOT and then graduates will be recognized by standing with their specific college when mentioned.

"Then at the end the chancellor says 'graduates its time to turn your tassels,' which is always a favorite part of mine," Corbin said. "I just love that. It has meaning, it's symbolic."

Following the tassel change, Corbin said the arena will sing ECU's Alma Mater and students will then be dismissed to join their families for pictures outside and for further celebrations during the

individual department ceremonies hosted by their coordinating college.

Corbin said individual colleges within ECU will host their own ceremony after the general commencement ceremony to further congratulate and personalize the celebrations.

Corbin said all auditoriums located on central and health sciences campus will be reserved for the individual ceremonies.

In addition, she said the grand ceremony will start at 9 a.m. with the individual ceremonies following at 1 p.m., 4 p.m. and 7 p.m.

ECU Parking and Transportation Assistant Director of Operations, Johnnie Eastwood, said for events, especially with ceremonies expected with an attendance this high, they will try to keep families as close to the ceremony as they can.

Eastwood and Steve Bruce, ECU Parking and Transportation special event parking coordinator, said parking will be offered at



ECU spring graduates inside of Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium for graduation.

Minges Coliseum as well as behind the coliseum in the commuter lots and lots near the baseball stadium, no special passes are needed.

For the individual ceremonies following the commencement, Eastwood said parking will be available at the bottom of College Hill, near Wright Auditorium and in the B1 and B2 lots located near uptown Greenville. No special passes will be needed for parking due to the multitude of graduation ceremonies.

Eastwood and Bruce said once parking near the stadium has been filled, they will transfer over to the

predetermined overflow parking lots which will be located in the Stratford Arms parking lot.

"Parking for large events is challenging," Eastwood said. "We really try to do our best to ensure that this goes as smooth as possible so that parking is not on anybody's mind. We want to have what happens in Minges or Dowdy-Ficklen, depending upon your ceremony and where it's located, to be the best experience."

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area nonprofits and the attendees of the event are invited to bring items to donate," Hawke said. "Greenville is giving you a beautiful tree-lighting ceremony and wonderful community performances, which really stitch the community together."

Attendees of the event should expect to gather at the plaza to enjoy holiday readings, carols, hot chocolate, rides on a great Santa bus and a tree-lighting ceremony, Hawke said. She said event goers are encouraged to give back to local nonprofits by donating items to the charities present during the holiday celebration.

Tree-lighting ceremonies traditionally mark the beginning of the holiday season, Hawke said. She added, Greenville Gives is the kick-off event for the holiday weekend and is soon-after followed by a Christmas Parade which takes place the next day at 5 p.m. in Uptown Greenville which is hosted by the Greenville Jaycees.

The event typically appeals to families within the community, but it is open to everyone who would like to participate, Hawke

said. She said a wide range of attendees have been seen over the years as the annual event continues to grow.

Last year, an estimated 2,000 people attended, making it the "biggest year yet," according to Hawke. However, this year she said she expects the 2018 event to host an even larger turn out.

"I absolutely love the community feel you get from the event," Hawke said. "It's just a



Meredith Hawke

beautiful evening to really love your city, love where you live and celebrate amongst your fellow community members by kicking off the beautiful holiday season."

Events Coordinator for Greenville Recreation and Parks Department, Patricia Tyndall, was also a member of the Greenville Gives Committee organized the event.

Greenville Gives will be supporting several charities including the Ronald McDonald House, Food Bank Central & Eastern North Carolina, Toys for Tots, the Salvation Army Canteen, Emerge, the American Cancer Society/Hope Lodge of Greenville and Robbie's Clubhouse,

according to Tyndall.

"Businesses such as Sup Dogs, Krispy Kreme and Insomnia Cookies will be donating treats to the event," Tyndall said. "The holiday market will additionally be including vendors selling food and gifts."

Tyndall said the event was originally organized as a modest holiday ceremony where the mayor would read "Twas the Night Before Christmas." After moving the event to Five Points Plaza around five or six years ago, it has grown into a festive and wonderful celebration, she said.

The city of Greenville's Mayor, P.J. Connelly, is scheduled to continue the traditions of years past and read the story "Twas the Night Before Christmas" during the event. Connelly said he is looking forward to reading and interacting with all of the families in attendance.

"Greenville Gives has grown into one of the city's best events of the year and I'm thrilled to be a part of it," Connelly said. "It offers something for people of all ages. Which includes food, arts, crafts and performances by local talent, while also bringing the community together to give back and support a variety of local charities."

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OUR VIEW

Coach Mo departure provides fresh start

East Carolina University has severed its ties with Scottie Montgomery. The former football head coach has had his contract bought out and didn't even coach the Pirates' last game. For much of Pirate Nation, this move isn't surprising. During his three years at ECU, Montgomery was 9-26 overall, with a 4-20 mark in American Athletic Conference play.

We, the editorial staff of The East Carolinian, support the Board of Trustees' decision to let Montgomery go, but hold reservations for the future of ECU athletics.

Montgomery's departure has been a moment of celebration in a depressing football season for fans, and it's hard to find anyone particularly sad to see him go. His record was terrible, and with the university looking to raise student fees in an attempt to mitigate low ticket sales at Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium, it is imperative we put the best people we can in the position of head coach and athletic director, which has been vacant since Jeff Compher's departure in May. As ECU enters the ocean of potential hires, parting ways with Montgomery gives the BOT more time to find the most suitable candidate for the university.

Despite the loss on Saturday, many fans will be holding toasts in honor of Scottie Montgomery leaving. Hopefully, ECU has created a fresh start for its athletics department, and not a vacuum that will only continue to drain its resources.

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The end of a journey

Never be afraid to share your emotions



Robbie Milton III
TEC STAFF

Robbie's Rumbles

To those who are struggling,

As I sit here preparing for my last round of finals ever and trying to gather the strength to write this senior column, I'm stuck reflecting on my three and a half years at East Carolina University, all the friends I've made and will miss and most importantly, how I got to where I am today.

Coming into college after spending my last three years of high school at Benedictine College Preparatory, I had been battling depression for about five years and had been suicidal a couple times. While all this went on during high school, I thought it was all behind me.

Well, after a

miscommunication and an email from one of my professors at the end of my fall semester that read, "Good evening, you are receiving this email because you are in danger of failing my class," like any other student, I started to freak out because it was the night before grades were supposed to be submitted.

Fast forward into winter break and I got the miscommunication with my professor sorted out and ended up getting an A in the class, but my depression was in full swing. I kept telling myself "You'll be fine just hold it in, push it down and keep moving." However, this was not the case. I let my depression fester inside of me just like I had in high school up until the point where I was suicidal again.

After that winter break I came back and discovered one of the greatest resources I have ever had access to and that is the Center for Counseling and Student Affairs. Upon being evaluated by a psychiatrist, I was given the option to start attending counseling sessions regularly. I jumped on the opportunity and thankfully I did.

Upon making this decision I met one of the greatest people in my life: Dr. Christine Jehu. While she is seen as just my counselor, the bond I have developed with her while she

has helped me get through college by helping me regain control of my mental health is something I could never repay her for.

I say all of this because I know that everyone isn't always happy. Don't go about your college experience and more importantly your life as a whole by burying your feelings. I don't want to hear about or see others go through life struggling with their mental health because they were afraid to speak up and seek help.

You aren't weak for seeking help, look past how you're perceived and just get yourself help if you feel that you need it. Help doesn't have to be professional, it can be that one friend that has no problem with being an open set of ears to listen to all the awful things happening in your life.

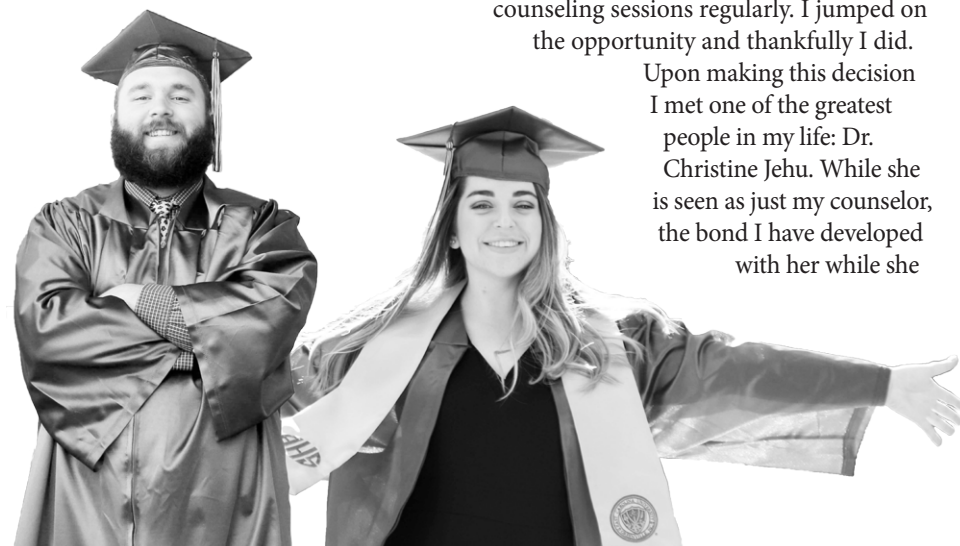
I want everyone to know that there's no such thing as the perfect college experience, BUT there is such a thing as the college experience that you enjoy. Choose enjoyment, but not at the expense of your mental health.

Don't be like me or the many others who choose to suffer and sometimes people like me don't get to finish their journey. We all should be rooting for one another to be better and feel better. I want to use this last bit of my final #RobbiesRumbles to tell you one very important thing.

You are loved by someone always and don't ever be afraid to speak out about your emotions and mental health.

I also want to share a quote I love: "At the end of the day you gotta feel some way. So why not feel unbeatable? Why not feel untouchable," said Conor McGregor. Use this to help you keep pushing and to focus on yourself a little bit!

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From left: TEC's Robbie Milton and Amanda Shea are both graduating from ECU on Dec. 14

Embrace changing life, college plans



Amanda Shea
TEC STAFF

Shea Shares

Four years ago, I had a plan. A newly 18-year-old Amanda was ready to move away from home, major in musical theatre and take college by storm. However, it seemed

fate had other plans.

By the end of my first year at East Carolina University, I had failed a handful of classes and was no longer confident in where my path was leading.

Around this time, I saw a quote by writer Joseph Campbell, "We must be willing to let go of the life we planned so as to have the life that is waiting for us." I didn't want to let go of this idea I had shaped since middle school, but it became abundantly clear that majoring in musical theatre was not for me.

After a long talk with my parents and countless emails with my advisor, I switched my major to journalism and let go of my plans in favor of what I figured was meant to be. It was a rough switch

and there were times where I questioned whether I chose the right major, but I worked my tail off to get my GPA up and tried to remain focused.

To risk sounding cheesy, I felt like all the puzzle pieces were falling into place. I had the opportunity to try out for The East Carolinian and I started to feel like I was a part of something amazing. As my parents had always told me, I had a knack for writing and five semesters with the newspaper only proved to me that I was on the right path.

I've created life-long bonds during my time here and though my double major in journalism and anthropology is a far-cry from where I ever thought I'd be, I couldn't be more hopeful for the future.

I let go of my carefully crafted life plan and followed the opportunities laid in my path. Now, it seems as though the largest chapter of my life is closing and while there is a feeling of unease about what the future may hold, I know that my time at ECU has shaped me into the woman I am today.

On top of my invaluable opportunities, I have made my own tight-knit group of friends who have taught me lessons that will follow me throughout my life. Without

these friends, I wouldn't even have survived college. I won't sugarcoat it and say my time wasn't stressful, but the people you surround yourself with will make or break your college experience. Whether I look back on nights out dancing, late nights in the library, or hours spent at The East Carolinian, I will have nothing but fondness.

As cliché as ever, while I am incredibly thankful for the friends I've made, I would be nowhere without my family. I've been immensely privileged to be able to attend college for something I'm passionate about and have my parents be behind me all the way.

So, here's to the nights out with my best friends, to the stress-induced phone calls my mom would always answer and to my dad who is always ready to give me advice. My success is, in large part, because of all of you and I can only hope that I continue to make you proud.

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ECU loses second straight game

Robert Romero
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

In a game where it never lead, the East Carolina University women's basketball team's comeback efforts came up short against the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, losing its second straight on the road Saturday afternoon.

This game can nonetheless be described as a game of runs. The 49ers (5-1) jumped out to an 11-0 lead to start the game before the Pirates (5-2) came back to tie it at 13-13 with back-to-back three pointers from sophomore and junior guards Necole Hope and Justice Gee. Gee led the Pirates in scoring with 12 points on 5-of-9 shooting from the field and 2-of-3 from three point range for the game off the bench.

The 49ers would then jump back out to an 11 point lead to close out the first half, but the Pirates came back to cut it to six midway through the third quarter. It was the same story in fourth period as UNC Charlotte pushed its lead back to double digits before ECU cut it to 50-46 at the halfway point of the quarter. Even though the Pirates held the 49ers to two points the rest of the game, they were unable to score on their own, resulting in a narrow 52-46 loss.

The Pirates once again struggled to get anything going offensively, shooting just 18-of-68 (26.4 percent) from the field, 6-23 (26.1 percent) from three point range and only taking six free throw attempts for the game, making just four of them as compared to the 49ers going 12-16 (75 percent) from the charity stripe.

ECU's leading scorer, junior guard Raven Johnson, struggled for



Junior guard Justice Gee goes to the basket for a layup during a home game. East Carolina University is 0-2 on the road.

the second straight game, scoring four points on 1-of-13 from the field and 0-of-4 from three point range, snapping her six game streak of scoring in double figures.

The key to the Pirates offense this season has been pushing the ball up the court whenever they get a chance in order to prevent

opponents from setting up their defenses. According to head coach Chad Killinger, UNC Charlotte came into the game with a defensive game plan to make it harder for ECU to score.

"People are sitting in zones against us and we're struggling going up against it," Killinger said. "We have to make sure to do the little things against the zone to create some openings, but we're getting open shots, we just got to knock them down. We got to start finishing around the rim because there's too many shots in the paint

that aren't falling for us."

A critical aspect of ECU's transition game to be at its best is by forcing turnovers and rebounding the basketball, although the Pirates are doing a superb job forcing turnovers and not committing any of their own (plus-8 on the season in turnover differential).

ECU has also been killed on the glass. The 49ers out rebounded the Pirates 59-to-39, the third time where ECU got outrebounded by 20-plus boards in a game this season, happening in both of its losses.

Despite the rebounding differential, the defense was still able to hold the 49ers to 52 points on 18-of-63 shooting from the field. If ECU doesn't change the -10 rebounding differential its giving up this season and every game is going to be a lot more difficult, according to Killinger.

"It's a combination of things and it's different for everybody," Killinger said. "There are possessions where four people boxout and the one person that doesn't gives up the offensive rebound. Sometimes a defensive rotation will put you in a bad spot in terms of rebounding. But part of it has to be effort, you have to put a body on someone and we have to continue to work at it."

On the bright side for ECU, sophomore guard Ariyana Williams returned to the court for the first time this season off the bench as well as senior point guard Alex Frazier who their first starts since their injuries.

Even though neither player scored a point, going just 0-of-6 from the field in 27 minutes combined, the important note is the Pirates' key players are getting healthy and with a 12 day break until their next game, it will add some much needed depth for ECU. The Pirates will return to action on Dec. 13 for a matinee matchup to host Liberty University in Minges Coliseum at 11:30 a.m.

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Best wishes from all your friends at Pirate Media 1!



Pirate defenders Nate Harvey (40) and Chance Purvis (46) make the tackle on an NC State player.

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that sack, he tied the AAC single-season sack record which was held by Louisville's Marcus Smith (14.5 in 2013). Overall the ECU defense, much in part due to Harvey's 25.5 tackles for loss, was able to set a new school record of 105 tackles for loss this season, breaking the previous mark of 98 set in 2007.

Like Harvey, many other seniors on the Pirates played their final game in an ECU uniform. A depleted offensive line made it nearly impossible for the Pirates to get anything going on the offensive side of the ball, ultimately ensuring a blowout loss in the seniors' final game.

"They're a good group of young men," Blackwell said according to ecupirates.com. "They fight their tails off. We just ran out of weapons today. We got so thin on the offensive line, but they keep fighting. They keep trying. Sometimes it

just isn't good enough."

With Montgomery now out of the picture, ECU will continue to search for the school's new athletic director and now will also focus on bringing in a head coach who can take the Pirates back to being a winning program.

"I talked to (Montgomery) late Thursday night and then we've stayed in touch," Blackwell said according to ecupirates.com. "One thing about Scottie Montgomery is he's not an excuse-maker. He takes responsibility and my conversations with him were him apologizing a lot to the staff and us about feeling like he let us down."

ECU has yet to determine who the next head coach of ECU football will be, but the Pirates enter the offseason with promise at the quarterback position in Ahlers and hope the next head coach can build something strong with him moving forward.



Nate Harvey



Scottie Montgomery

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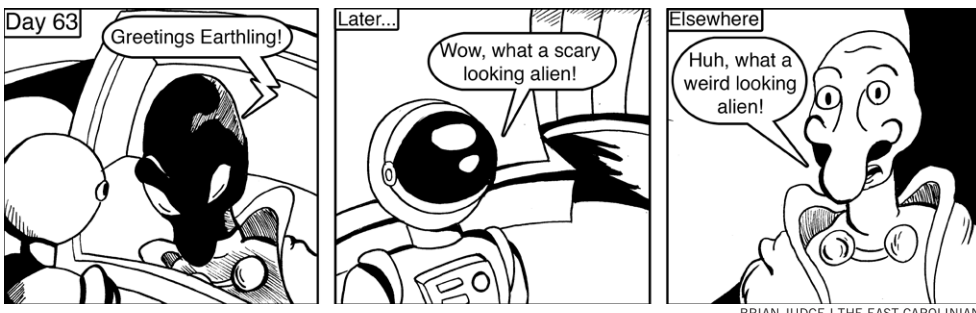
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Fall Dance 2018
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Auditorium
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Bring Your Own Vinyl Night
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Taproom & Brewery
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Karaoke Night
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A Christmas tree stands tall over Uptown Greenville's Five Points Plaza. The annual parade will debut this Saturday at 5 p.m. on Uptown's Evans Street.

Parade to bring festivities

Elizabeth Johnson
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Spreading holiday cheer to the local community this weekend is the Greenville Jaycees' Christmas Parade, a decades-old tradition which will be brought to life for yet another year on the Uptown streets.

The annual festivity will take place this Saturday, starting at Evans Street and turning onto Reade Street, where the parade will eventually commence. Marching bands, law enforcement, local businesses and girls and boys' scout troops will participate in this year's parade.

The decor of Saturday's parade is said to reflect this year's theme, "Elves on Evans," according to members of the Greenville Jaycees. Parade participants will march under the streetlights lining Evans Street while storefronts located in Uptown will be decorated for the holiday with Christmas lights, wreaths and garlands.

A local chapter of the nationally recognized North Carolina Jaycees, the Greenville Jaycees is a leadership development organization for young professionals who are 21 years old and above.

For more than 30 years, the organization has made it a local custom to host the Greenville Christmas parade and this year will mark the third year in a row the event has been hosted at night.

This change was made after members of the Greenville community pitched it to the organization and, according to Greenville Jaycees treasurer Bill Schroeder, the time shift gives more people in the community the opportunity to attend the parade.

"(It was) The request of people in town. When we had a 10 a.m. kick off, many people couldn't come because of many sporting events (in the morning)," Schroeder, the parade organizer said. "The early morning was an issue for people to participate. A night parade gives more options to decorate with lights."

Echoing the sentiment of Schroeder is Matt Howard, the marching band director at Junius H. Rose High School in Greenville, who said he believes the parade will be "much more enjoyable" this year given it will take place in the nighttime.

"They switched the parade to an

evening parade in 2016," Howard said. "Since then, it's been really fun to do a night parade. It's cold, but it's fun (to see the parade) with street lights and storefronts decorated."

Helping organize this year's parade is Greenville Jaycees member Nicole Caswell, who said this year is her first time serving as an organizer for the event.

In addition to organizing the event as a whole, Caswell selected this year's "Elves on Evans" theme. Caswell added how she took inspiration from the previous year's theme, "Miracle on Evans," by incorporating Evans Street into this year's theme title.

"I came up with the theme this year and wanted to incorporate the main street," Caswell said. "I like having a parade theme central to Greenville and the richness we have here in town."

There will be around 80 organizations participating in

the parade this year, according to Schroeder. He added parade participants will have the opportunity to represent their organizations with floats, vehicles and marching bands.

"Typically, anywhere from 80 to 100 floats (are featured in the parade) and 150 to 160 vehicles within that. Most entries have more than one vehicle," Schroeder said. "People will be finishing before the first half is finished."

Serving as one of the participating organizations this year is J.H. Rose's marching band, who will perform a medley of Christmas songs as the young members of the musical ensemble march the streets of Uptown Greenville this Saturday.

"We've got an arrangement called 'Santa's Parade.' It's an arrangement of 'Joy to the World,' 'Jingle Bells' and 'We Wish You a Merry Christmas,'" Howard said. "It's a great way to get the band out in the community. People who wouldn't see us at a football game or competition will get to see us here."

Along with law enforcement,

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Matt Howard

'Tis the season for trivia nights

Uptown Brewing to host Christmas-themed movie events

Xavier Johnson-Graham
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Uptown Brewing Company is getting into the Christmas spirit early this year with its two holiday-related trivia nights tomorrow and Thursday, with themes of "Home Alone" and "National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation."

Opening about two years ago, the downtown brewery makes and serves craft beer for customers. Billy Dunn conceived the idea of Uptown Brewing Company with the goal of providing a quality craft brewery that Greenville could call its own, according to Uptown's website.

Uptown Brewing hosts trivia nights every Tuesday through Triviaainment, a company which provides bars and restaurants around the state with different themed trivia and music bingo.

Triviaainment, according to employees of Uptown Brewing Company, provides the brewery with the trivia night themes and



The front entrance of Uptown Brewing Company, which is located on 418 Evans St.

generates the questions which are based off what's popular at a particular moment in time.

Ben Self, the brewmaster at Uptown, said Triviaainment brings out a whole new fandom of a show to the taproom. The themed trivia, according to Self, reaches a range of audiences — from

regulars at the brewing establishment to fans of the show which is featured on various trivia nights.

"The things that tend to be the most popular are the shows and movies that are the most bingeable," Self said. "The shows that people can just sit down and watch for hours like The Office, Friends and

Grey's Anatomy."

Uptown, according to Self, is a family-friendly brewery where anyone can play along and participate during trivia night. Trivia usually begins at 7 p.m. with teams being able to check in and sign up at 6:30 p.m.

During each trivia night, there are four rounds with questions in different

categories such as general knowledge, quotes and true/false. The winning team at the end of trivia night receives gift certificates with first place getting \$25, second place getting \$15 and third place getting \$10.

"I had fun and liked meeting other people that liked trivia and it was also very relaxing to get away from campus and relax for a while," Anne Creech, a nursing student at ECU, said.

Uptown also hosts many other social activities for the local community to partake in, such as the upcoming Fleet Feet Pub Run it will host this Wednesday. In the spirit of the holiday season, Uptown Brewing Company has debuted its new holiday brew "Saint Nick's Brown Christmas Brown Ale" and will feature regular beer releases every other Thursday.

For a full list of upcoming events at Uptown Brewing Company, visit its official website.

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'Twas the night before LDOC

Organizations unite student body with end-of-semester showcase

Giana Williams
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

For the second year in a row, several organizations at East Carolina University will join forces to entertain for the sake of relieving the student body from exam stress.

Headlined as “’Twas The Night of LDOC Showcase,” the annual event will be presented tonight in Mendenhall Student Center by the ECU Black Student Union and Young Artists Chasing High Times, better known as Y.A.C.H.T. Club.

“(The ‘Twas The Last Day of Classes Showcase is) a way to take your mind off and enjoy yourself before the strenuous journey of preparing before finals begin,” Corey Williams, a senior exercise physiology major and the president of Y.A.C.H.T. Club, said.

Sponsored by on-campus a capella group Signature Sounds, Williams added how The Twas’ The LDOC showcase is an event for ECU students to celebrate the upcoming holidays as a student body.

According to Williams, the Twas’ The LDOC Showcase gives various on-campus personalities “the chance to receive the recognition they deserve.”

The showcase was created last year by Y.A.C.H.T. Club and Black Student Union as a way to give students something to look forward to on the last day of class and a stress reliever before finals, according to ECU senior Shyheim Jones.

“It’s (The LDOC showcase)

the perfect mental gateway for those that have been stressed with finals and everything else,” said Jones, a senior university studies major and general member of F.A.M.E. (Fashion Above Modern Expression) Modeling Troupe. “It also will put you in the Christmas spirit.”

Organizations and individuals who will participate in this year’s



Shyheim Jones

showcase include ECU’s campus disc jockey DJ Born Finesser, F.A.M.E. Modeling Troupe, a capella group Signature Sounds, dance group

Prima Donnas, ECU Club Dance, 2017 Pirates’ Got Talent contestant Ben Howell and various ECU NPHC Greek chapters. Establishing himself on campus as an entertainer on the rise is Howell, a vocalist and former contestant in the 2017 Pirates’ Got Talent competition. Howell’s performance, according to ECU sophomore Stacey Warren, is one she is looking forward to the most.

“That man (Howell) is going places,” Warren said.

Coming to the end of his collegiate journey in just a matter of days is Jones, who will perform in tonight’s showcase with fellow members of F.A.M.E. This year’s LDOC Showcase will be Jones’ final runway walk as a member of the modeling troupe, a moment Jones describes as bittersweet.

“I love my org (organization) to death, so I’m anticipating the runway most of all,” Jones said. “It’s (performing in the showcase)



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From left: F.A.M.E. members Nygeria Edwards, Jada Boyd and Maurice Watson pose for a photo at a Get a Clue event.

the perfect opportunity to go off.”

In addition to musical and dance performances, this year’s LDOC showcase will include a raffle ticket drawing for giveaway items and an ugly sweater contest.

After the showcase, the festivities will continue in Uptown Greenville with The ‘Twas the LDOC Afterparty, which will take place at The

Way night club. Music at the afterparty will be provided by DJ Born Finesser and doors to the venue will open at 10 p.m.

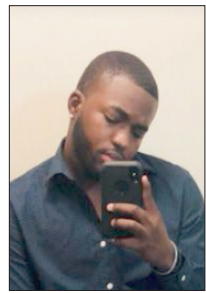
“I hope to see all of the ECU student body come out and support the many acts and organizations on our campus,” Williams said.

The second annual “’Twas The LDOC Showcase” will take place tonight in MSC’s Hendrix

Theatre. The event is free of cost to attend and doors to the venue will open at 6:30 p.m.

For more information and details about the event, visit the Twitter pages of participating organizations such as F.A.M.E., Y.A.C.H.T. Club, Black Student Union and Signature Sounds.

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Corey Williams



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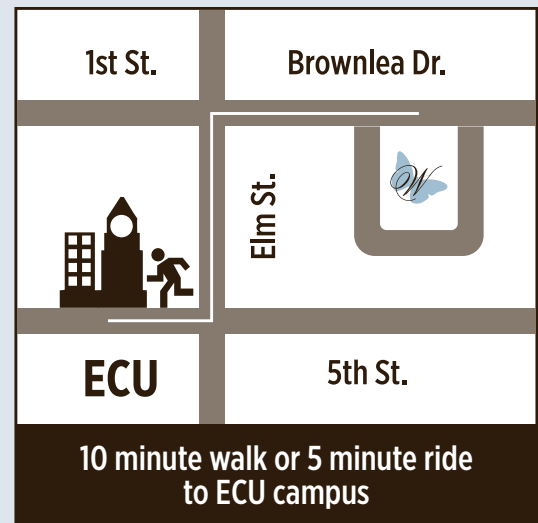
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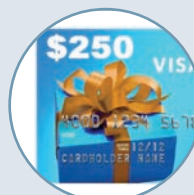
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A front view of the statues in front of the Leo W. Jenkins Fine Arts Center. Tyre Francis, a film and video production student at the ECU School of Art and Design, hosted auditions at Jenkins last weekend.

'The Last Time You Were Happy'

ECU senior channels graduation sentiment for short film project

Taylor Mumma
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Preparing for his senior thesis project along with fellow peers of his from East Carolina University's School of Art and Design is Tyre Francis, a film and video production student who is set to receive in undergraduate degree in a matter of months.

Francis' project will be in the form of a short film titled "The Last Time You Were Happy." This short drama, according to the official casting call posted on Facebook, will be about a group of five best friends and their last moments in each other's lives together. Francis said many graduating seniors will be able to relate to his film's concept as they finish their lives together at ECU and move wherever life takes them.

"I am trying to showcase the last time these five people hang out and be together as friends because in the movie, something happens that overall changes the plot," Francis said. "We are looking at the situation from multiple angles and each person's perspective to see how the situation affects each character individually."

Francis' exposure to film started in middle school when his friends and he would record themselves performing skits they would

" We are looking at the situation from multiple angles and each person's perspective to see how the situation affects each character individually. "

-Tyre Francis

compose and upload to YouTube. These YouTube videos, according to Francis, helped him begin to enjoy writing stories and make them come to life on the screen.

Francis released his first short film in high school and when looking back on it, said he can confidently say his films have very much matured since his days in secondary education.

Throughout his four years in the film department, Francis said the ECU SOAD program has exposed him to many opportunities to educate and further his career after college, including the chance to enter some of his films into short movie festivals on campus.

Campus Movie Fest, the world's largest student film festival, was featured on ECU's campus last year where participants were given a week to write, shoot and produce an original five-minute short film.

The film Francis and his group submitted "The Ba'Dana Bros," a comedy about two best friends wanting to start a band, which earned them the "Silver Tripod" campus-level award for the originality of their script and placed top four overall at ECU's competition.

Their placing in the top five last year automatically submitted "The Ba'Dana Bros" to Terminus Film Festival in Atlanta, Georgia. There, Francis and his team won more awards for best story, best writing and best cinematography for their film "How Long Have You Been Gone," a one-minute dramatic short with a hilarious ending which involves a missing man and an adorable dog.

"A lot of them (the prizes for winning) are opportunities to further your exposure and get people to see more of your films," Francis said. "Which I feel like,

especially for up-and-coming filmmakers like myself, that exposure is very important."

As for his senior thesis project, Francis said he and his team of film students are very eager to finalize the cast in order to start filming next January. One of those excited team members of Francis' is senior John Long, who will act as the cinematographer for the upcoming short film and also served as an actor in "The Ba'Dana Bros."

"I think it ("The Last Time You Were Happy") will resonate with people our age," Long said. "It places a level of intensity on certain situations and emotions that we may disregard as we get older when we often forget how much of an impact it had on us."

Open auditions for the film were held on campus from last Friday until yesterday, and Francis said he will continue to accept

video submissions until Dec. 15. Auditions, according to Francis, are not limited to students from ECU or the Greenville area and the young filmmaker added how he has been talking with potential candidates from all over North Carolina and even some as far as Georgia.

The roles currently being cast include three male parts and two female parts, which all call for actors ranging from ages 19 to 22. With a separate vision for each cast member, Francis said he is asking for each individual character of the film to be different from the other.

Upon being selected to appear in the film, compensation for the cast will include film and IMDb credit, on-set meals and transportation. After the completion of the film, "The Last Time You Were Happy" will be entered into a judged film festival as well.

For more information on auditioning for "The Last Time You Were Happy," contact Francis directly via student email. Francis' email can be found on the official ECU student directory.

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formal events such as weddings, dances and of course, graduations.

Besides the traditional aspect of the basic hue, white is typically an easy color to style in terms of accessories and shoes, a feat which sold senior marketing major Meaghan Flanigan when it came to selecting her graduation attire.

"I'm a legacy student. My mother and my older sister both went to ECU and when they both graduated, they chose to stick with a classic white dress," Flanigan said. "I was going to break out of the mold and choose a different color, but when the time got closer, choosing a white dress just seemed like the best decision after all."

Flanigan added by considering the royal purple satin of the graduation gown itself, she was very limited in the range of patterns and colors to choose from when it came to picking a dress for "the biggest day of her life."

"With a purple graduation gown, you have to come to terms with the very thin line between standing out and looking tacky," Flanigan said.

One of the trends on the rise this year is jumpsuits, according to fashion magazine Harper's Bazaar. Typically a trend associated with the summer months, seniors such as Kirsten Russell and Hollie Baylor said the choice to wear a jumpsuit as they walk across the stage is "one of fashion and comfort."

"I decided to purchase a black culotte jumpsuit for my graduation outfit," Russell, a senior declared nursing major, said. "It was



A group of ECU graduates express excitement while taking a selfie at last year's commencement.

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important for me to go with the culotte style, especially because I didn't want a floor-length pant leg to look strange with my gown."

Split from Russell's sentiment was Baylor, who said she decided to go with a yellow wide-leg jumpsuit from BooHoo to

wear for her graduation. Baylor, who is 5 foot 11 inches tall, added she opted for a full-length jumpsuit in order to compliment her tall and slender figure.

"The graduation gown is a little baggy and oversized on me as is," Baylor, a senior finance

major, said. "By wearing a jumpsuit, I'll have a chance to look better in pictures than I would with just a simple dress or a romper on."

Along with the clothing comes the traditional shoes of choice to consider — heels (of a stable height). However, one shouldn't be so quick to stick to tradition when it comes to footwear this graduation season as "comfort becomes the new chic," according to senior Taylor Hudson.

"Platforms should not be underestimated, especially for those who are dreading to wear their six inches across that stage this year," Hudson, a senior physical education major, said. "They come in all different colors and most importantly, they look just as formal as high heels."

Platforms are defined as "flat shoes with high, thick soles," according to the Oxford Dictionary. Sported by celebrities such as Rihanna, Jessica Alba and Kate Bosworth, the shoe style has taken the fashion world by storm in recent years and Hudson cites them as "the perfect touch of comfort for a graduation outfit."

"Sure, you can wear basic thong sandals or ballet flats, but platforms are the kind of shoes that are just bound to get you compliments," Hudson said. "And who wouldn't like to get a compliment on your graduation day?"

To those looking for graduation style inspiration, Baylor and Hudson recommend sites such as Pinterest and the "Style" tab on Instagram.

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marching bands, local businesses will also participate in this year's parade. For the employees of real estate agency Keller Williams Points East, participating in the parade festivities has become a "holiday tradition" in recent years.

"We've done it (participated in the parade) for four or five years. It's great to do something as a team and support the community," Heather Stepp, a parade participant and real estate agent for Keller Williams Points East, said. "We love it because it gets us in the spirit."

Two years ago, we did a Christmas Hawaiian theme. Last year, it was 'A Wonderful Life.'"


The Greenville Jaycees' annual Christmas Parade will take place Saturday night at 5 on Evans Street in Uptown Greenville. Organizations who are interested in participating in the parade can find information pertaining to entry on the Greenville Jaycees' official website.

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Seasonal dancers and parade goes from last years 'Elves on Evans' event which took place in Uptown Greenville.

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C2G - \$170 (includes first month of January FREE)

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