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TRUMP COMES TO ECU



President Donald Trump is expected to arrive at the Pitt-Greenville Airport tonight at 6 p.m. and speak at Minges Coliseum at 7 p.m. COURTESY OF NYMAG.COM

Trump to rally on campus

Margaret McCollum
TEC STAFF

President Donald Trump will visit the City of Greenville today to host a campaign rally at 7 p.m. in Williams Arena at Minges Coliseum, located on East Carolina University's campus, and political city officials and residents continue to speak out about the event.

Gary Weaver, chairman of the Pitt County GOP (Republican party), said President Trump visiting Greenville will present an opportunity not many people get to experience, and residents and students should take advantage of this time, regardless of their political affiliations. "It's a great opportunity because you get to see a sitting president of the United

States, something that a lot of people in this world have never seen," Weaver said. "Even if they despise him or love him or if it's a Democrat, a lot of people have never seen a sitting president, and to go listen to him give a speech in person like

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ECU PD to maintain safety

Margaret McCollum
TEC STAFF

The East Carolina University Police Department will collaborate with local and national agencies to ensure the safety of spectators attending President Donald Trump's campaign rally today in Minges Coliseum.

Chris Sutton, emergency and event management lieutenant for ECU PD, said ECU PD will be the lead local agency in charge of President Trump's rally in Greenville. Sutton said ECU PD will coordinate with the Greenville

Police Department, the North Carolina State Highway Patrol, the Pitt County Sheriff's Office and the United States Secret Service.

Sutton said the goal of the combined efforts of these agencies is to make safety during the event a priority for any participants or onlookers involved in the rally.

"Our main objective will be to ensure that there's a safe environment for the patrons of the event, as well as any that may demonstrate or protest against the event," Sutton said.

Sutton said there will be a designated location for demonstrators who attend the rally. This location will be in an area where ECU PD can provide a safe environment for those exercising their right to free speech.

ECU PD's job will be to act as a buffer between supporters and protesters and to help reach a reasonable balance for both groups during the rally, according

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Responsible consumption plan for sale of alcohol

Summer Tonizzo
TEC STAFF

East Carolina University's Board of Trustees (BOT) convened on Friday in the Main Campus Student Center Ballroom A for a regularly scheduled meeting, and before moving into closed session, the fully-present board voted unanimously to approve the sale of alcohol at athletic events.

North Carolina Governor Roy Cooper signed the bill to allow the sale of alcohol at University of North Carolina (UNC) System schools on June 26, which then left the final decision up to each individual institution's Board of Trustees to vote on the matter. The ECU Board of Trustees is not the first university to approve the sale of beer and wine.

The discussion regarding the sale of alcohol at athletic events was written in the BOT meeting agenda, and the vote was preceded with an introduction from ECU Athletics Director Jon Gilbert and a powerpoint presentation from J.J. McLamb, ECU's senior associate Athletics Director/Internal Operations.



Jon Gilbert

"Once the governor signed this legislation we began conservative conversations with student affairs, our legal department, our police department and our vendor, Aramark," Gilbert said at the meeting. "Athletics views this opportunity two-fold. We think that it will enhance our game day experience for those that chose to partake in that endeavor, and we also think that it will create additional revenue."

Gilbert said the ECU Athletics department aims to maintain a "fan-friendly" environment at each athletic venue. He said McLamb had been the coordinator for the proposal on behalf of ECU Athletics.

During his powerpoint presentation, McLamb said the bill allows for both beer and wine to be sold at all athletic events and venues, and it additionally allows for it to be sold 500 feet outside of the facilities.

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Caroliners to host concert at Pitt Street

Macie Tano
TEC STAFF

The Caroliners are scheduled to perform at Pitt Street Brewing Company on Friday, with the concert beginning at 8 p.m. and concluding at 11 p.m.

The band formed last year in Wilmington, and it consists of songwriter Mark Jackson, lead guitarist Matt Rushin, vocalist Victoria Hayes, Sean Potter on drums and percussion, Conrad Junior on bass and Joel Lamb on keys, according to the band's official website.

"Formed in the summer of 2018 in Wilmington, North Carolina, The Caroliners have thrust themselves into the music scene with a sound similar to that of southern rock and folk-rock bands of the 1960s and 70s," the website says.

According to the website, the band released their EP, titled "Blue Ridge Beauty" in March of this year, and have played at various venues throughout the Southeast United States since then.

The band was initially started with just two band members, Jackson and Rushin,

before they went on to add Potter, Hayes, Junior and Lamb, according to Jackson, who also sings, plays rhythm guitar and harmonica for the band as well.

"We're a band from Wilmington, NC that incorporates elements of rock & roll, blues, and roots music to create a sound that folks from any age group will enjoy," Jackson said.

According to Jackson, the band plays a style of music often called "Americana," which means the blending of old American styles of music, like rock, country and blues.

Jackson said that he and Rushin decided to start the band while they were in college. Jackson attended Appalachian State University and Rushin went to the University of North Carolina at Wilmington.

"I guess the actual idea for the band originated when I lived in Boone, North Carolina attending Appalachian State and Matt (our guitarist) lived in Wilmington, North Carolina attending the University of North Carolina at Wilmington," Jackson said. "We both wanted to pursue music and decided this would be a fun place to start."



The Caroliners, a local band, will play at Pitt Street Brewing Company on Friday from 8 to 11 p.m. COURTESY OF FACEBOOK

According to Jackson, this will be The Caroliners third performance at Pitt Street Brewing Company. He said the band is looking forward to playing at the venue again and "seeing familiar faces" as well as meeting new people.

Jackson said that he is looking forward to playing the new songs that he wrote for the

band, as well as performing some new covers that the audience will know.

"Truthfully, I look forward to performing just because it's so much fun to do. I think everyone in the band plays music because we

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BRIEFS

Greenville Adventure Club to host bike ride social

The Greenville Adventure Social club will host a bike ride social on the greenway today from 6:30 to 9 p.m. The bike ride will be followed by food and drinks at an Uptown Greenville restaurant or brewery.

Those interested in attending are asked to meet near the fourth Street parking deck in the small park with two hammocks. The bike ride will take place along the Tar River greenway, follow to the Green Springs greenway and end at the stadium.

Wellness Center continues to host Fresh Food Friday

The Main Campus Student Recreation and Wellness Center, along with the Health Science Student Center (HSSC) Wellness Center will be giving out fresh grapes this Friday at 10 a.m.

Grapes will be available to pick up "while supplies last," according to the East Carolina University events calendar webpage.

Umbrella Market returns to Five Points Plaza

The Uptown Greenville Umbrella Market will return to Five Points Plaza tonight from 5 to 8 p.m with live music from Noelle Smith, food from the Y'all Eat Yet food truck, and local brews from The Duck Rabbit Craft Brewery & 217 Brew Works. Additional local vendors will be participating.

CORRECTIONS & CLARIFICATIONS

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President Trump plans to speak tonight in Williams Arena at Minges Coliseum at 7 p.m., and is projected he will address immigration and military policies. COURTESY OF QZ.COM

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that, it's a great opportunity and it's something you can tell your kids and grandkids. I encourage everyone to try and come out."

Weaver said Trump visiting Greenville shows he has an appreciation for small towns and rural locations, rather than only maintaining a focus on big cities.

"I think it shows that he is interested and cares about rural America, and I think it looks well for eastern North Carolina and that he cares about us," Weaver said.

Weaver said he thinks Trump may have chosen to hold his rally in Greenville at Minges Coliseum in order to have a large enough venue to support as many people as possible while still being indoors.

Weaver said Trump coming to ECU's campus will positively impact the area by bringing in people to Greenville who will generate revenue for the city by eating at local restaurants and staying in local hotels.

Weaver said North Carolina has experienced low unemployment and a better economy under Trump's presidency. He said this growth can be seen in Greenville with new buildings around ECU and in Uptown Greenville. He hopes this

growth will continue to be prevalent if voters choose to re-elect Trump in the 2020 election.

Sonny McLawhorn, chairman of the Pitt County Democratic Party, said he believes most people in Pitt County do not support Trump, and he is not the most dominant choice among voters in Pitt County.

"The folks who support Trump may be the loudest voices, but they are not the most informed voters," McLawhorn said. "He (Trump) is certainly entitled to be here. He certainly has a significant and vocal following, but he did not win Pitt County (in 2016)."

Conservative media can be a cause of this lack of information which some Trump supporters experience, according to McLawhorn.

According to McLawhorn, media exposure will be "heavy" the day of Trump's rally due to Robert Mueller's testimony falling on the same day.

"The eyes of the nation will be drawn to what's going on in the country," McLawhorn said. "We can see what's going on in Washington, that is Robert Mueller is testifying in person

before Congress, but I think the natural juxtaposition is 'what is Trump doing,' (and) how is the country reacting."

Wilson Brown, president of ECU College Democrats, said ECU College Democrats said in an emailed statement to *The East Carolinian* the group would regularly welcome any sitting president who chose to visit Greenville, regardless of party affiliation. However, according to the statement, Trump will spread "cheap rhetoric we have heard countless times before."

"These rallies are nothing more than the president pandering to his base, ranting of a 'deep-state,' Hillary's emails and unfair treatment by media organizations," the statement said. "We may be college students, but we know childish behavior when we see it. A real leader would not whine, as Trump does daily, when they hear something they do not like, they would instead seek to appeal or listen to the concerns of the populace."

In the statement, the ECU College Democrats said they support the protests before the rally, which involve family separation at the U.S. border.



Sonny McLawhorn

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to Sutton.

Sutton said ECU PD and the other organizations in charge of safety for the event will review the strengths and weaknesses experienced in past political campaign visits to Greenville to prepare for Trump's rally.

Sutton said ECU is renting out Minges Coliseum to the Trump campaign and this will draw international attention to the university, making safety even more important.

Security at the rally will involve a search of each person and their belongings, Sutton said. Prohibited items will include weapons of any kind, firearms, ammunition, animals other than service or guide animals, backpacks and bags exceeding size restrictions, coolers, drones, explosives, or glass, thermal or metal containers.

Additional prohibited items include laser pointers, mace/pepper spray, packages, selfie

sticks, any signs, flag poles, toy guns, balloons, bicycles and any other items determined to be a potential safety hazard, according to Sutton. Surrendered items will not be returned.

Minges Coliseum holds 8,000 people, according to Sutton, and this will be the capacity for Trump's rally.

"I feel very confident that we will reach 8,000 (people), and it's likely that we could see as many as 1,000 plus (people) that are turned away that aren't able to access the event," Sutton said.

Sutton said it's typical for attendees to try to camp out for rallies to try to ensure a good spot in the venue, however, ECU PD will not allow people to camp out for Trump's rally.

"Because we are a university and an educational institution and also have orientations going on, as well as our regular business, we

will not allow anyone to camp out prior to this event," Sutton said.

People will be allowed to start lining up at the coliseum at 4 a.m. on July 17, according to Sutton. He said anyone who arrives before this time will be asked to leave.

Sutton said although the Trump campaign has provided free tickets to people online, entry and parking to the event will be determined on a "first-come-first-serve basis." Sutton said parking for the event will also open at 4 a.m.

Sutton said although ECU PD does not anticipate any additional road closures other than roads already closed for city construction, local traffic will probably be high.

"I would encourage people to leave early so that they get here early enough that they're not impeded from trying to gain entry to the venue," Sutton said.

There will be officers designated to help with traffic during the event, posted "early to mid-morning" on July 17, according to Sutton.

He said officers will continue to direct the traffic until the conclusion of the rally.

Kristen Hunter, public information officer for the Greenville Police Department (GPD), said in an email statement GPD would typically have a role in events like Trump's rally, but no role has been decided currently for GPD.

"Since it is an ECU event, we have not been asked for assistance as of right now," Hunter said.

"Typically GPD will have a role, even if it is assistance with traffic, but that has not yet been determined."

Kristen Hunter

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"We are asking permission for all of all facilities to be included in this," McLamb said. "But this is what our next steps are that we really want to concentrate on. As fall of '19, we want to be prepared to sell in Dowdy-Ficklen stadium for football, Minges Coliseum for men's and women's basketball and then in the spring when baseball season starts to be prepared to start at Clark-Leclair stadium."

McLamb said as ECU Athletics moves through this process the plan is to implement the ability to sell beer and wine at all athletic events, however, for the upcoming fall and spring semesters, the focus is only on four sports.

McLamb said there will be a focus on "responsible consumption" at athletic events, which will include signs around the venues and a drink responsibly campaign. He said the operational plan is still under discussion, however, ECU Athletics will allow the sale of beer and wine two hours prior to events and sales will go through the end of the third quarter during football season.

"You will see some additional security in our zones that we have alcohol. You'll see some additional security at the gates coming in to eliminate outside alcohol coming in," McLamb said. "We will also be monitoring in the stands as well, and another addition that we've done working with our campus IT, we are installing some new security cameras over the point of sales."

There will be a total of 48 points of sale in Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium, two of which will be



The East Carolina University Board of Trustees (BOT) approved the sale of alcohol at athletic events on campus on Friday following a presentation. SUMMER TONIZZO | THE EAST CAROLINIAN

within the 500-foot radius outside the venue, according to McLamb.

Additionally, a promotion with Uber, Lyft and local taxi services is being looked at to provide a drop-off/pickup zone during game days.

"Now, as part of our responsible education, we want to have that close to the stadium so they can come up and get their ride home if they (attendees) need it."

Interim Chancellor Dan Gerlach plans to

implement a task force to manage and follow up on the sale of alcohol at ECU athletic events throughout the year.

"I would, to go about this, we're going to have a task force of people from across the campus to address these concerns, not only about making money, hopefully it'll be 75 (degrees) and sunny all the time not 40 (degrees) and rain, so we can sell ourselves some beer and do so responsibly, so we can not jeopardize that."

Gerlach said the university will not jeopardize the safety of the students or the fan experience with the implementation of beer and wine sales in ECU facilities. He said his intent is to form and direct the task force to ensure ECU will be able to sell alcohol come the first Pirate football game of the season.

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TODAY

Beers & Bottle Painting
Jack Brown's Beer and
Burger Joint
7 p.m.

Jessica and Thorne Live
Carolina Ale House
7 p.m.

THURSDAY

3rd Thursday
Nino's Cucina Italian
5:30 p.m.

Throwback Thursday
Costume Contest
Stumpy's Hatchet
House
5 p.m.

Comic Book Club
Smashed Waffles
7 p.m.

FRIDAY

Todd Snider Performance
The State Theatre
8:30 p.m.

Coffee + Paddle
Blackbeard Coffee
Roasters
7 a.m.

SATURDAY

**Ladies Night Out with
Clarke Jones**
Bonefish Grill
6 p.m.

Wannabees Lives
A.J. McMurphy's Irish
Pub
7:30 p.m.

**Ice Cream Madness Fun
Run**
Fleet Feet Greenville
8 a.m.

SUNDAY

**Brushes and Brews: Sea
Turtle**
Uptown Brewing
Company
3 p.m.

**Sunday in the Park
Summer Concert Series**
Greenville Town
Common and Greenville
Toyota Amphitheater
7 p.m.

**Taking Up Space
Paintings by Gabrielle
Brant Freeman**
Joyner Library
9 a.m.



Members of the eastern North Carolina community are invited by the Simply Natural Creamery to attend its third annual installment of the ice cream festival.

Simply Natural Creamery festival returns

Third annual family-friendly ice cream festival scheduled to take place Saturday

Macie Tano
TEC STAFF

Simply Natural Creamery, located at 1265 Carson Edwards Rd. in Ayden, will be hosting their third annual ice cream festival on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The festival is open to everyone in the eastern North Carolina region and free of charge. The creamery will be open until 9 p.m. selling ice cream, according to Michael Fulcher, marketing director at Simply Natural Creamery.

The festival has been held on National Ice Cream Day, which is the third Sunday of July, for the past two years. This year, however, the creamery will be hosting the event on the Saturday before, Fulcher said.

"It's basically a celebration of ice cream, but we have all kinds of vendors and activities for children and adults, but it's all centered around ice cream of course. We have a wagon ride with a tour guide around the farm, as well as train rides for the kids, pony rides, face painting, and arts and crafts," Fulcher said.

According to Fulcher, there will be four food vendors, Morris BBQ, East Coast Wings, Rock Springs, and as well as a hot dog vendor. There will also be Kona Ice and popcorn available, and of course ice cream.



Michael Fulcher

There will also be close to 70 commercial and craft vendors at the festival selling their products, such as local authors selling their books and chocolate vendors, as well as a DJ, John Moore, who will be performing at the festival for five hours, Fulcher said.

"We also have a classic car cruise-in, where people can come and show off their car. We have a tractor display as well. Those (shows) will be from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m., and we invite people to bring their classic cars out and we give them a free scoop of ice cream for participating," Fulcher said.

According to Fulcher, the festival usually draws in attendees from surrounding areas such as Greenville, Winterville, Ayden, Kinston, Wilson, and Goldsboro. However, they also have people drive two hours or more to attend the festival.

The first year the festival was held, the creamery had around 7,000 attendees, and last year they saw around 8,000, Fulcher said. He believes that this year's festival will bring out at least that many participants, if not more.

"People love the opportunity just to come out to the farm and spend the day. People really enjoy the family atmosphere. We try to make it a family-friendly event that's open for everybody," Fulcher said.

According to Fulcher, attendees should know their cell reception won't be great since the festival is held on a farm, and that they should bring cash for

the vendors and ice cream, as many vendors won't be able to use chip readers.

Fulcher said Simply Natural Creamery holds this festival to give back to the local community who has been supporting them since the creamery first opened in 2014.

Dave Ethridge, executive chef at Rock Springs, one of the food vendors at the festival, said they will be offering fresh seafood such as shrimp platters, crab cake sandwiches and soft shell crab, as well as pulled pork burgers, chicken sandwiches and nachos.

According to Ethridge, their festival menu will usually have four to six items on it.

"It's (the past festivals) been wonderful. Everybody out there has been so good to us. The festival is very organized, especially with that many people attending. It's a different festival, and there's a lot of stuff to be seen, not just the ice cream. It's family-oriented, and it's just a good time," Ethridge said.

Deanna Baker, a resident of Greenville, said she will be attending the festival with her family.

"I am looking forward to family fun day and eating some good ice cream. They had a lot of different homemade flavors of ice cream (when she attended the festival before), and it's also fun to look at the cows and see how it's (the ice cream) is made," Baker said.

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Daughters for Dads to host Get Carded

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The Daughters for Dads organization will host its fifth annual Get Carded event at the Greenville Museum of Art tomorrow night at 7 p.m.

Women of the Greenville and surrounding communities are invited to come to the event with a \$25 gift card to a local grocery store, gas station, etc., which will be used as their admission and enjoy a girls night with wine and appetizers, according to the event's Facebook page.

"Daughters for Dads is a non-profit organization aimed at providing support to local friends and families fighting cancer in Eastern NC. Daughters for Dads mission is to help local friends and families who are fighting cancer. They provide a personal touch to each family they assist," the organization's official website says.

Allison Mallison, Andrea Dixon and Lisa Cartwright are the founders of Daughters for Dads, which is a non-profit 501C3 organization, according to the official website.

According to Mallison, Daughters for Dads has been an official non-profit for seven years now. Mallison, Dixon, who is also her sister, and Cartwright all lost their fathers to cancer about 10 years ago.

"Three ladies, myself included, my sister, and one of our really good friends started this non-profit organization after we all lost our dads to cancer about

10 years ago. We started this to give back to families that are going through what we went through," Mallison said.

According to Mallison, the Get Carded event is held to raise money for the local families Daughters for Dads are supporting, who are dealing with cancer in their family. The \$25 grocery or gas gift cards, which serve as an entry fee, will be given back to these families throughout the year.

"The Get Carded event is a Girls Night Out type thing. Basically, it's a night of appetizers and wine. We have a bunch of raffle items that local businesses have donated. It's a hangout type of event," Mallison said.

The Get Carded event is an easy way for members of the Greenville and surrounding community to give back to local families in need, Mallison said. She is aware that many people aren't able to give a lot, but for Get Carded, all attendees have to do is pick up a \$25 gift card on the way to the event, which helps support those families.

"It (the event) makes it easy for us, because we get all these requests for these things (food and gas gift cards). We want to make it personal, and we will make gift baskets for these families and put those gift cards in there," Mallison said.

Mallison said Daughters for Dads will often pay for things like insurance, transportation to and from the hospital, food, cleaning and additional fees. She said they try to get to know each of the families they are helping on a personal level, so they can cater to their needs.

Mallison said those who attend the event often enjoy it, and continue to attend and bring friends



Allison Mallison



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Daughters for Dads aids those affected by cancer.

each year. She said the people who attend are often members of the families they have helped.

"It's (Get Carded) a great way to get involved in the community. It's a local charity, and it's easy to see where our money goes. We always have people that we've helped who come to these events to tell how we have helped them. It's also just a fun night out while giving back," Mallison said.

Heather Stepp, an ECU alumna who has been a resident of Greenville for 26 years, said she has attended every Get Carded event.

"I have watched the organization (Daughters for Dads) from the very beginning when it first started," Stepp said.

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just love doing it. We all have jobs outside of music, so we wouldn't be spending nearly as much time playing shows and being around music as much as we are if we didn't love it," Jackson said.

Jackson said the feedback the band has gotten from its fans has been positive so far, and a lot of their fans in the Southeast tend to enjoy the style of music they play.

According to Brianna Long, the general manager at Pitt Street Brewing Company, Friday night's concert will be free of admission and open to everyone. She said those who came out when The Caroliners performed last April enjoyed the show.

"When they (The Caroliners) performed back in April, people

enjoyed their laid-back vibe, with their sounds of rock mixed with folk. It (the concert) was very easy going," Long said.

According to Long, Pitt Street Brewing Company strives to be inclusive and host shows which everyone can enjoy, whether it be young professionals living in Greenville or college students attending East Carolina University.

Long said the brewery's concerts, which they hold five to six times a month, usually on Fridays and Saturdays, typically bring out an audience of anywhere between 15 to 100 people depending on the band.

"People obviously like that we offer the shows for free. There's not a cover charge, so you can enjoy a beer, bring your dog, and listen to the music. We have received good feedback from those who have



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The Caroliners perform locally at a multitude of venues in Uptown Greenville.

come to enjoy the music," Long said.

According to Long, people should attend Friday night's concert not only to have a good time and enjoy the music, but also to support a band that is local to Eastern North Carolina.

For more information on Friday night's concert, visit the event's Facebook page, or call Pitt Street Brewing Company at (252)-227-4151.

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OUR VIEW

Trump will appeal to eastern NC

President Donald Trump will be in Greenville, NC for a rally in preparation for the 2020 presidential election. He will likely speak about the military, immigration concerns and other hot topics that are currently being spoken about throughout the country.

The rally will start at 7 p.m. in Minges Coliseum and there is no official end time. Currently, there are six military bases in North Carolina, with Fort Bragg being the largest military base in the country.

Although one of the big reasons President Trump is in Greenville is for the large military presence in the state, there is a larger reason to hold a rally so close to East Carolina University.

We, the editorial staff of the East Carolinian believe that President Trump is primarily here to appeal to the student vote, and to try to sway the opinions of students.

In the previous election, the majority of ECU's student body voted Democratic, along with the city of Greenville. While he was campaigning for the 2016 election, Trump came to Greenville for a rally, but held his rally in the Greenville Convention Center instead of on the ECU campus.

According to the New York Times, 49.8 percent of North Carolina voted for Donald Trump, 46.2 percent voting for Hillary Clinton and the remainder of the votes went to Gary Johnson and independent candidates.

Trump is likely to focus on issues that would heavily affect students, especially those in North Carolina.

Trump may be shifting his focus to the student vote in North Carolina, there is no telling what he may say as he tries to rally for re-election, and one that is stacked with potential candidates that could defeat him.

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College is education first

Athletics should be a secondary priority in spending



Pat Polomchak
TEC STAFF

The other day, I was talking to a friend of mine who had not heard about the Chancellor-mandated budget freeze. After I explained it to him, his immediate reaction was, "Why not slash the athletics budget and put that money back into academics?"

While he was not suggesting completely cutting athletics, and neither am I, I would be lying if I said that the thought hadn't crossed my mind. As an institution of higher learning, shouldn't the priority be on academics?

As recently as 2018, East Carolina University planned to transfer \$20 million from other areas to help pay off the athletics budget deficit, including \$10 million from ECU Physicians, according to an article from 247sports.com. While the budget freeze did put an end to that, the thought of a university taking money away from an academic program to pay off debt owed by athletics makes me incredibly uneasy.

Fortunately, it is against North Carolina law for a university to use

tuition money to directly fund athletics, so anyone who is worried about tuition costs increasing can rest easy. However, considering that the whole university is in debt, it would make the most sense to reduce spending in areas that don't relate to education.

While I was unable to find concrete numbers, it's safe to assume the majority of students here are not involved in athletics (beyond intramural sports), and therefore did not pick ECU because of its athletics program. So, with the current debt, why did the university decide now was a good time to build a \$60 million press box and suites?

Don't get me wrong, I love athletics. My dream job is to work as an NFL analyst, and as a member of both the Marching Pirates and the Basketball Pep Band, our football and basketball programs mean a lot to me. But, I am a student first, and I want to get the most out of my actual education.

I'm not an economics expert, and I recognize that the revenue from athletics events must be accounted for. And again, I would not be in favor of completely cutting athletics from the budget, as athletic events are a great source of unity and Pirate pride. The problem is not limited to ECU.

Personally, I think athletics is overvalued nationwide, because college sports are such an established tradition. But I feel that sometimes we can lose sight of the true purpose of college, especially when we continue spending money on nonessential things during a period of financial distress.

My friend suggested that maybe we would get more out of our education if we used money saved from the athletics budget to pay professors more, as a higher salary would theoretically make them care even more about educating their students. I won't pretend to know the logistics of such a move, but it doesn't seem like the worst idea, seeing as how educators tend to be criminally underpaid.

Ultimately, while athletics have value to both me personally and the university as a whole, there is no denying that it is not as important as the university's true purpose, that of education. As someone who pays thousands of dollars a semester to get an education here, I would like to see more money put into accomplishing that than into something that is part of the entertainment business.

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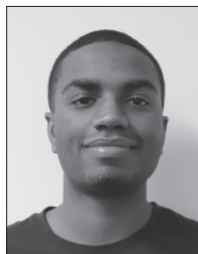
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ICE raids are counterproductive

The raids of undocumented immigrants are unjust



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Imagine going through your normal daily routine in the place you call home. Imagine cooking for your children, cleaning, going to work, watching television with your family.

Now imagine a brigade of armed government agents outside of your home looking to strip you and your family away from all you've worked for in order to better your situation.

This hypothetical is a reality for many who call America their home. The Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) launched a series of raids this past weekend targeting approximately 2,000 migrants without documentation in the United States.

According to the Pew Research Center, there were 10.5 million undocumented immigrants in the United States which only accounted for 3.2 percent of the overall population. The population of illegal immigrants has dropped 14 percent since its peak of 12.2 million in 2007.

According to a 2015 report from the Migration Policy Institute, only 820,000 of the undocumented immigrants in the United States were convicted criminals and only 300,000 of them were felons.

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Hardworking people and their children, who haven't caused any trouble during their time in America, being removed from their homes because they haven't gone through the proper channels, mainly because they don't have the knowledge or money to do so, is indecent.

This sweep has struck fear into the hearts of people just trying to make an honest living and provide for their families. ICE agents aren't allowed to enter into the homes of undocumented immigrants without their permission and many immigrant advocates have informed those who are targeted of this.

However, ICE has changed their strategy instead of waiting until the week started and catching people on their way to work or taking their children to school.

These raids only prove to be divisive and the antithesis to what this

country was built on. America was built and expanded by immigrants and for us to shun a group of people who are dedicated to becoming a part of helping continue building this nation into something greater is counterproductive.

"Give me your tired, your poor, / Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free," are words from a poem written in 1883 by Emma Lazarus inscribed at the bottom of The Statue of Liberty, a symbol of the "American dream" and all that it represents.

The poem ends, "The wretched refuse of your teeming shore. / Send these, the homeless, tempest-tossed to me, / I lift my lamp beside the golden door!"

But with these raids, it appears that lamp has burned out.

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Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) -- Today is a 6 -- Relax, and avoid controversy or confrontation. Beware contradictions and trite solutions. Avoid provoking someone you love. Prioritize family. Keep a low profile.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) -- Today is an 8 -- Keep a respectful tone. Stay out of someone else's argument. It's not a good time to gamble. Pamper yourself with hot water and music.

Cancer (June 21-July 22) -- Today is a 7 -- Revise the budget and pay bills. Manage financial obligations, and stay in communication. Expect delays and miscommunications. Keep your cool. Relaxation rewards you.

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Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) -- Today is a 6 -- Private meditation recharges you and releases tension. Contemplate your next move, and keep your objective in mind. Consider a puzzle and craft a backup plan.

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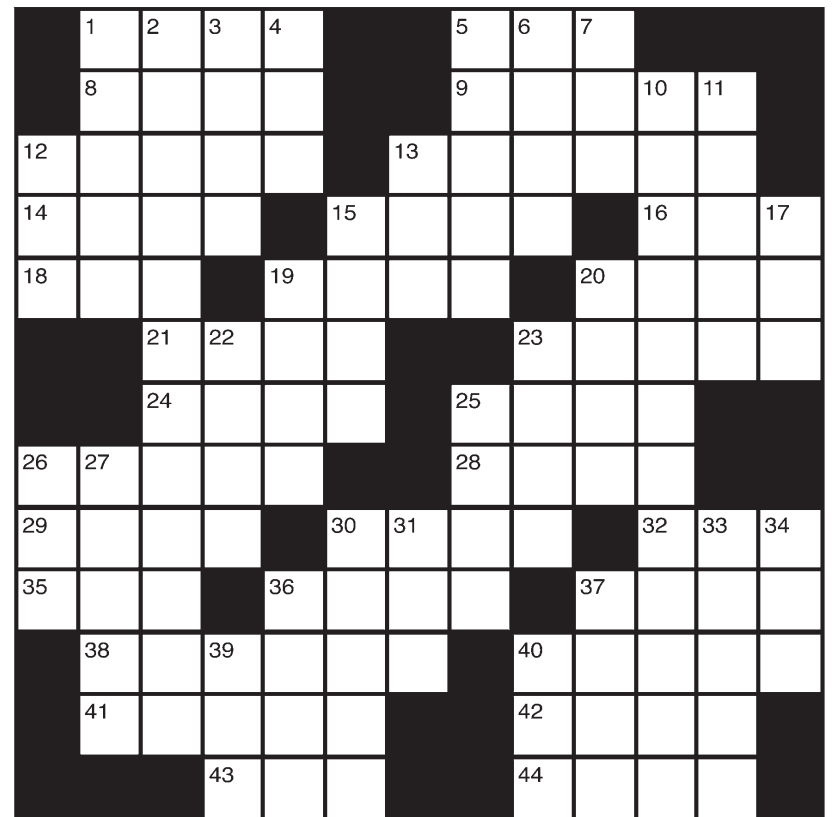
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- "... Pyle, U.S.M.C."
- Ted of "The Mary Tyler Moore Show"
- "Tonight Starring Jack ..."; early ancestor of "The Tonight Show With Jay Leno"
- Wrangler or Grand Cherokee
- Cry of discovery
- Actress Jillian
- Stiller and Vereen
- "The Price Is Right" host
- "... '70s Show"
- Actress Berry
- Carmichael and McKellen
- Actress ... Spelling
- Sister of Desi Arnaz Jr.
- Johnson of "Laugh-In"
- On ... with; equivalent to
- "... City"; Michael J. Fox series
- Jacuzzi
- Radar's title on "M*A*S*H": abbr.

DOWN

- Response to a corny joke
- "... Challenged"
- "Unhappily ... After"
- European lang.
- Actress Moorehead
- Faucet problem
- Drama series for David James Elliott
- Actor on "Two and a Half Men"
- Role on "I Love Lucy"
- Transcript abbr.
- Actor ... Berry of "Mama's Family"
- New York football team
- Reverent wonder
- Detriment; curse
- Move suddenly
- Long-running Broadway musical
- Brass instrument
- "An American ..."; animated film about Fievel
- Fond du ..., Wisconsin
- ... case letters; capitals
- "The Sixth ..."; Haley Joel Osment movie
- ...-wee Herman
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- "Guilty" or "Not guilty"
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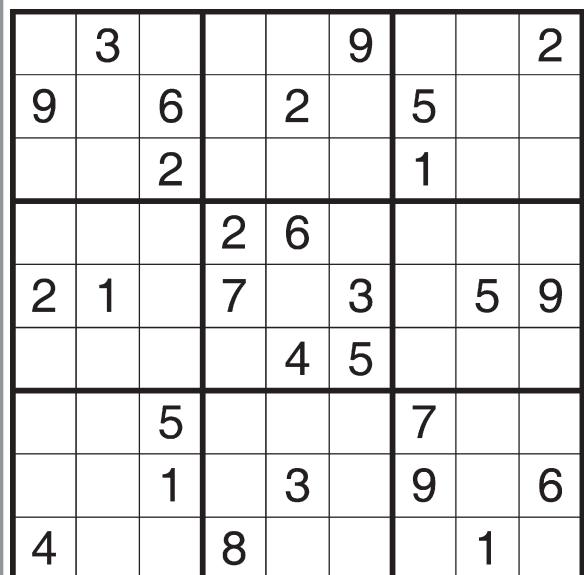
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ECU projected at fifth in East

Staff Report

At the American Athletic Conference 2019 Media Days Conference, members of the media ranked where each football team would finish within the conference.

East Carolina University was voted to finish fifth out of six teams in the East Division of the AAC, with the University of Central Florida projected to finish first in the division.

During the 2018-2019 season, ECU finished fifth in the East Division and 11th overall in the conference with a 1-7 record in the AAC. The top three teams in the overall conference were in the east last season, with an undefeated UCF at No. 1, Temple University at No. 2 and the University of Cincinnati at No. 3.

For the coming season, the top three teams are predicted to be UCF, Cincinnati and the University of South Florida.

Within the West Division, the University of Memphis was voted to be number one in the west for the third year in a row. Memphis was the top team in the west last season, and is expected to do the same during this season.

AAC commissioner Mike Aresco spoke at the conference, and talked about what the AAC stands for.

“We represent opportunity, upward mobility, success based on hard and intelligent work and grit... there is room for new traditions the emergence of new and different teams and new rivalries.” Aresco said.

Although it appears that the standings may be similar to last season, ECU is making progress to improve recruiting, along with other teams in the AAC.

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Every AAC team was in attendance at the Media Days Conference.

NCAA must pay athletes to foster growth

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Paying student athletes for their image and likeness would pay dividends to the NCAA, the players and their schools in the future.

The amount of money that the NCAA, as well as all of the leagues within it will earn would be a lot. This could allow the universities to make officially licenced products that reference players.

Now this is in no way suggesting that it is likely to happen within the next few years, as the coordination from each school and the costs required for paying the players would be too much to sort out within the year.

Allowing players' name and image would allow the comeback of arguably one of the most popular sports gaming franchises of all time. The NCAA sports series is along with the likes of vastly popular sport series' like Madden, FIFA, and NBA 2K.



Paying college athletes could increase of the already growing fanbase surrounding college sports.

Sadly, the most recent NCAA game to come out was NCAA Football 2014, which was released in 2013 game and has not had any follow up games since its release.

Although the games omitted the real names of players, many characters in the game had similar likeness to the real life players the game was based upon during that

previous season of college football.

As well as football, EA has also made a NCAA basketball series titled “NCAA March Madness,” which had several games in the series until the game series was cancelled. The series actually used real players in the game, and had a feature athlete from that previous season on the cover.

This past college basketball season, the NCAA missed a momentous opportunity to market and sell products featuring one of the most talked about college basketball players of the last decade, Zion Williamson.

If the league did their due diligence and allowed the players to be paid for their image, the popularity of those players, and the league itself would rise.

For a league that already draws so much attention during its regular seasons, it could attract an entire new audience of fans who may not watch it on television or be familiar with players around the NCAA.

Especially during bowl games, college championships and March Madness tournaments where viewership is astonishingly high, regular fans of college sports and non-viewers come together to watch these events.

The NCAA should finally pay players for their images and names, so that the league can expand its audience and increase revenue.

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