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Interim Chancellor Dan Gerlach as he stands in front of a group of East Carolina University Nursing School students while speaking.

Leaders look forward ECU administration gear toward future

Summer Tonizzo
TEC STAFF

East Carolina University officials are looking to the future into the fall 2019 and spring 2020 semesters with optimism for leadership, athletics and Pirate nation.

In an interview with *The East Carolinian*, Interim Chancellor Dan Gerlach said his expectations are high for the upcoming year, and he is excited to see the enrollment numbers for the incoming freshman class.



Dan Gerlach

Gerlach said the university is looking into ways to help grow the enrollment numbers across the board, which includes incoming first-year students

and transfer students. He said looking at ways to increase enrollment, and succeeding in it, will allow more Pirates to become a part of the ECU experience.

In June, Gerlach announced his plan to reduce ECU's budget by \$16 million for the 2020-21 fiscal year. This plan to stabilize the university's finances was due largely in part to the decline in enrollment from the previous year.

"We're looking at ways to help grow our enrollment to give more Pirates the opportunity to be a part of our university experience, that's a goal. I try to stabilize our (ECU's) finances, that's another goal," Gerlach said. "Trying to grow the number of people and the amount of giving to the university for various things that we do, that's a goal."

According to Gerlach, he has five main goals he would like to achieve for the 2019-2020 year, all of which are "priorities." His goals include: improved financial condition, increased enrollment, improved graduation rates and postsecondary outcomes, increased external funding and support and an improved image of ECU.

Additionally, in reference to ECU accomplishments, he said he hopes to see all performances, whether it be in fine arts or athletics, go well in the upcoming year.

"We have to remember students are the core of what we do. It's the most rewarding part of the job, finding out where people are from, what they're interested in, why they're passionate, what are they finding out about themselves and (what's) helping them grow," Gerlach said. "But most importantly, if we forget about students we lose our way and I don't plan on doing that."

Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs Virginia Hardy described Gerlach as a personable individual. She said Gerlach is learning about what the ECU community represents from on campus experi-



Virginia Hardy

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Next phase of culvert moves ahead

Margaret McCollum
TEC STAFF

A strip of Cotanche Street located between East Fifth Street and Reade Circle in Uptown Greenville is now two-way for traffic as construction continues for the Town Creek Culvert project.

According to the city of Greenville's website, Cotanche Street became two-way on July 12.

Kevin Mulligan, director of Public Works in Greenville, said Cotanche Street was converted to a two-way street to ensure there is a main North/South entry point into Uptown Greenville after the closure of the intersection of Evans Street and Reade Circle in the next phase of the Town Creek Culvert construction.

Mulligan said the opening of East Fifth Street will ensure a main East/West access to Uptown, while Cotanche Street will act as a main North/South access to replace Evans Street after its closure.

"That's (the closure of Evans Street) what really drove opening up Cotanche into a two-way street and we haven't had any issues with that. It's been received very well," Mulligan said.

East Fifth Street is projected to be opened at the end of this week, after the street is paved, according to Mulligan. As previously reported by *The East Carolinian*, East Fifth Street was initially expected to reopen on July 15.

Mulligan said drivers can take a left or a right when reaching East Fifth Street after using the two-way strip. He said it is undetermined how long Cotanche will be two-way.

There have been no reports of problems with Cotanche becoming two-way, according to Mulligan. He said the city provided signage to ensure drivers do not become confused and striping on the road has been adjusted to two solid yellow lines.

Mulligan said construction at the intersection of Evans Street and Reade Circle will begin around July 29. He said a water main will be installed along the North side of the Evans Street and Reade Circle intersection. Gas main work will happen as well.

Mulligan said Evans Street will be closed for "roughly three to four weeks" and will reopen in late August or early September. Mulligan said there will be a "full closure of

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Taji Hudson works out after declaring his top four colleges.

Quarterback commits to ECU

Brendan Gillespie
TEC STAFF

Head coach Mike Houston has picked up yet another coveted quarterback for the 2020-21 football season. Three-star ranked Taji Hudson verbally committed to the East Carolina University football program through his Twitter account on Monday.

Hudson is from Cedartown, Georgia and is playing the rest of his high school career at Cedartown High School, where he is currently a junior.

"I am a quarterback, but playing 7-on-7 lately, I've been able to mess around and play wide receiver," Hudson said.

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Scullery donates profits

Elizabeth Johnson
TEC STAFF

Despite the negative light brought to Greenville by Trump's visit to East Carolina University, The Scullery brought some positive light to the town by donating an entire day's income to the American Immigration Council.

Jacob Adkins Scully, front of house manager, said that The Scullery is a hangout spot for people to grab a cup of coffee. He said that The Scullery is a positive environment and "that's like our mission to make people happy."

Adkins said popular menu items are coffee, the breakfast bowl, hungry pirate, and burrito for breakfast items. BLAT (bacon, lettuce, avocado and tomato) and sandwiches such as the Bird is the Word are popular



The Scullery, an eatery in Uptown Greenville, is open weekdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

lunch items. The restaurant's busiest times are 8 to 10:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., according to Adkins.

Adkins said The Scullery had talked a lot about the situation at the southern border and the owner, Matt Scully decided to donate to the American Immigration Council on July 17, the day of the Trump rally because people would be more compelled to donate.

"I don't think particularly we took a stance against Trump's actions, we just took a stand on what we felt was like a human rights issue and it just happened to be on that day, but it's not really so much about denouncing Trump or about him as a president. It's just about something that we felt is wrong and people are being treated incorrectly, that's more what we were focused on," Adkins said.

Adkins said the restaurant is usually "pretty busy" and there is a big breakfast and lunch rush. He said a lot of business people come to the restaurant from local businesses from the courthouse on their break and there are a lot of regulars that come to the restaurant. Adkins said The Scullery is "casual food but quality food."

The Scullery has received fan mail from all over the country in support of their donation to the American Immigration Council.

"We have got people that have called us literally crying from literally the other side of the country like California, we've got calls from Pennsylvania. Just like these far away states that caught on and

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BRIEFS

Library hosts Human Trafficking 101

The North Carolina Stop Human Trafficking organization is hosting a free Human Trafficking 101 event at Sheppard Memorial Library, 530 Evans Street, tomorrow evening from 6 to 8:30. Human Trafficking 101 will provide information on how to report suspicions and teach the red flags and warning signs of the situation.

The event is free to the community and serves as an education program which is designed to allow local residents to learn more about human trafficking in the state. Registration for the event is required and food will be provided to those who attend.

Last day for ECU students enrolled in summer school

Tomorrow marks the last day of class for students enrolled in summer session II and 11-week summer session classes at East Carolina University. Final exams for both sessions will be taking place throughout the day on Friday.

Christmas in July at the Painted Peacock

The Painted Peacock, a paint your own pottery and creative studio in Greenville, will host a Christmas in July event tonight from 6:30 to 8:30 at its location, 631 Redbanks Road. The event will cost \$6 per attendee plus the price of their chosen pottery.

The Painted Peacock will provide seasonal, holiday snacks and hot chocolate to attendees during the event.

CORRECTIONS & CLARIFICATIONS

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Alumni authors letter addressed to Pirate nation

Summer Tonizzo
TEC STAFF

Elizabeth Johnson
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An open letter detailing thoughts of a portion of East Carolina University alumni was formulated on Friday in response to the university's official statement in the aftermath of President Donald Trump's campaign rally held in Minges Coliseum.

As of Monday morning, the letter titled "Open Letter to the Pirate Nation" was formally signed by nearly 200 ECU Alumni. The letter is not endorsed or sponsored by the ECU Alumni Association.

The open letter from ECU Alumni was created following a press release from ECU News Services containing the university's official response to Trump's campaign rally. A reminder the event fell under federal, state and University of North Carolina (UNC) System free speech guidelines and the ECU creed was additionally included.

The open letter was authored by Tremayne B. Smith, Student Body President and Board of Trustees from 2010 to 2011. Organizers of the letter include Melissa Hege Lopez, Creed Award for Responsibility 2009 recipient, 2009-2010 Class President Walter Burks and 2009 EC Scholar and Business Senator Heather Burks.

"As former student body leaders and proud alumni allow us to

unequivocally express what the university's official statement did not: we categorically denounce the expression of racism on our campus," the open letter said in its first paragraph.

The ECU alumni who came forward with the open letter said they are appalled by the racist chant which took place during the rally on the campus of their "beloved alma mater." The racist chant being "send her back" directed toward Representative Ilhan Omar. The letter acknowledged the fact that ECU did not endorse Trump's rally.

According to the open letter, ECU has welcomed candidates of various affiliations to speak on campus and share their plans in the past. The letter stated what was heard last week was not consistent with the university's "values of inclusion, diversity nor the essence of its creed."

"send her (Omar) back' is not inclusive. 'Send her back' is not American. 'Send her back' is not East Carolina University," the open letter stated.

ECU alumni are devoted to the university and committed to it being seen positively, and the open letter addressed to those who were offended by "that horrid display of vitriol," being the "send her back chant," that it is not who the ECU community is.

"Silence by anyone in the face of blatant bigotry and racism is complicity. So, fellow Pirates, University administration, and all



ASHLEY LEWIS | THE EAST CAROLINIAN
President Donald Trump spoke last week in Minges Coliseum for a rally.

citizens for that matter, continue standing up and speaking out against hate in all forms," the open letter said.

Heather Burks, one of the organizers of the letter, said nearly 200 alumni and past leaders have signed the letter as of July 22. Burks said "we're really proud that 200 people have already signed on to stand up because we really do believe ECU is a place of inclusion and diversity."

Burks said she wanted to make sure all current students, potential students and everyone was aware that ECU is inclusive and diverse and "what happened was not reflective of our university."

"We didn't really think that their statement really condemned the racist chants that took place. We totally understand that there's free speech and we welcome anyone on campus to be able to talk but what took place was something that didn't reflect the university," Burks said.

Tremayne Smith, author and organizer of the open letter, said as former student body president and member of the Board of Trustees it is the alumni's job to stay involved with ECU. Smith said when something bad happens it is the alumni's job to stand up and speak out.

Smith said hundreds of alumni reached out to him because they felt the statement released by ECU regarding Trump's visit did not speak out strongly enough against racism and bigotry.

Smith said he appreciates the university releasing a statement but it wasn't as forceful as it could've been in rebuking racism and bigotry.

Smith said he didn't contact the ECU Alumni Association before writing the letter.

"What I was disappointed in and honestly sickened by was not only the fact people were chanting that racists chant but the fact that he, in the highest office in the world, sat there for fourteen seconds and let it go on, on my campus where we are inclusive and we are diverse and accepting and welcoming. It was the absolute opposite of who and what we are,"

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FULL STORY



Heather Burks

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ences as he continues to be highly engaged in student life.

Hardy said she is excited to welcome a larger freshman class in the fall, and she views it as a great opportunity for the university. Hardy said ECU is ready to bring in the incoming first-year students, and she anticipates for them to have a great experience during their four years spent at the university.

"I think that things are looking up, and that it's going to be a great year from an academic perspective, but also from an athletic perspective. I really do have great hopes for all our new coaches," Hardy said.

Hardy said she has great hopes for football head coach Mike Houston, men's basketball head coach Joe Dooley, women's basketball head coach Kim McNeill, and existing coaches such as baseball head coach Cliff Godwin and others.

Hardy said she believes the upcoming year will be positive for ECU Athletics and she hopes there will be lots of victories and times to celebrate.

ECU Athletics Director Jon Gilbert said he hopes and wants to see Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium full during the 2019 football season. He said ECU is a grassroots institution and "everyone matters" when it comes to university athletics.



Jon Gilbert

"I'm encouraged about where we are, we're more season tickets sold this year at this time than we were all of last year, so that's a positive," Gilbert said. "Now, we still have a month and a half to sell before our first home game, and then we also have single-game sales that we'll be able to put on sale so both of those are positives."

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Evans (Street)" later this year or early next year as the last phase of the Town Creek Culvert project.

Drivers will still be able to access Evans Street from 10th Street as the construction continues after East Fifth Street is reopened, according to Mulligan. The southern lanes of the road will be open but the northern lanes will be closed.

Mulligan said traffic will be impacted with the closure of Evans, but there will still be various access points to Uptown to ensure traffic flows well.

"Anytime you're closing a major access point, traffic is going to be impacted but for these three weeks that the north side of Evans is closed, traffic will be detoured to the Cotanche intersection and you'll be able to get into the Uptown area from Cotanche and from Dickinson, and East Fifth Street will be reopened," Mulligan said.

Mulligan said students returning for the fall semester will face traffic impacts from the closure of Evans, but those alternate routes will be available.

Brock Letchworth, public information officer for the city of Greenville, said converting Cotanche to a two-way was the best option for keeping a path into the city open and ensuring people have access to businesses

in the Uptown area.

Letchworth said there should not be a significant impact on traffic with students returning to ECU for the fall semester and alternate routes will be available.

"A lot of the student population is within walking (and) biking distance. They find alternate means of transportation in many cases," Letchworth said. "With Fifth Street opening back up that's one of those alternate routes, that benefits students a lot more to have that open back up because a lot of that student traffic does come from the East."

Letchworth said it's important for people to be patient and understand the necessary inconveniences of the project.

"It's a very large project, it's going right through the middle of our urban core," Letchworth said. "Which is not convenient for a lot of people, but I think with some of the issues we've had with flash flooding, I think people can certainly, if they keep that in mind, recognize the importance of the Culvert project and why in the end it'll be beneficial for the Uptown area."

Sloan Bycura, waiter at Chico's Mexican Restaurant, located next to the Town Creek Culvert construction on Reade Circle next to Cotanche Street, said business has continued to be steady but there are a few implications the project has caused.

"The only problem is sometimes the noise from the construction and fewer parking spaces for people to park in next to the restaurant," Bycura said.

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7:30 p.m.

TOMORROW

Ladies Social Throwdown

Stumpy's Hatchet
House
6 p.m.

Weekly Run Club

Trollingwood Brewery
Run
6:15 p.m.

Newsies

Whirligig Stage
7 p.m.

FRIDAY

Coffee and Paddle

Blackbeard Coffee
Roasters
7 a.m.

Dirty Logic

The State Theatre
8:30 p.m.

Preid

AJ McMurphy's
8:30 p.m.

SATURDAY

Sons of Paradise

Pitt Street Brewing
Company
8 p.m.

Kameron Marlow Live

Buccaneer Music Hall
10 p.m.

SUNDAY

Back to College Cookout

Thomas Foreman Park
3 p.m.

Sunday Funday Improv Comedy

Whirligig Stage
7 p.m.

Sunday in the Park

Town Common
7 p.m.



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Yo, Vikings will premiere this week, and cast members are preparing with rehearsals in the Main Campus Student Center's second floor Blackbox Theater.

Cast prepares Yo, Vikings

Macie Tano
TEC STAFF

East Carolina University's College of Fine Arts and Communication will be showcasing "Yo, Vikings" at the Blackbox Theater at the Student Center starting tomorrow morning at 10 and running until Saturday with their final show at 2 p.m.

There will be eight showings total, with three performances tomorrow at 10 a.m., 2 p.m., and 7 p.m., three performances on Friday at the same time, and two performances on Saturday at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., according to the event's webpage.

General admission is \$12 per show. Tickets can be purchased online through the ECU Performing Arts online ticket office website. The promo code "Redfox" can be applied to receive \$10 admission, and groups of 20 or more can receive an additional discounted price of \$6, according to Michael Crane, producing artistic director at the College of Fine Arts and Communication.



Michael Crane

According to Crane, the musical is based off a story written by author Judy Schachner, who is well known for her children's series, Skippyjon Jones. Schachner wrote the story about her own daughter, Emma, who serves as the main character in the story.

Crane said the College of Fine Arts and Communication came to the decision to have the show in January of this year and began the audition process in February.

"Patricia Clark, director of the show and professor of theater for youth and theater education here, came to me with this idea in January, and we did the casting in the beginning of April. We had a big call upstairs and she had the cast within a week or two before school let out," Crane said.

According to Crane, there are a total of 23 cast

and crew members. Along with Emma's character, there are the roles of four of her classmates, who also are pretending to be Vikings, her mother, her teacher and her librarian. There are also 14 main songs in the musical as well as a few smaller pieces, and runs about 80 minutes long.

"This show will play well for the ages of four to 12, but it's also a show for adults as well. There's a song near the end where the mother is singing to her daughter (Emma), and it moves me every night. Come if you have kids, or if you don't have kids, it doesn't matter, it's a nice story," Crane said.

Crane said that performing at Blackbox Theater will be a first for the College of Fine Arts and Communication, as theater performances are often held in Wright Auditorium. He is looking forward to seeing how the performance goes at the theater.

The cast and crew mainly consist of ECU students and alumni, except for the costume designer, who is coming from the University of North Carolina's School of the Arts, Crane said. There is a birthday party scene at the end of the production where children from ECU's K-12 drama camp who are attending can participate in.

"There's nothing juvenile about it. With Emma's character, you feel for her, and you want her to succeed, and then she does, but it's not a clear-cut journey, and that's how she succeeds, and it's almost by accident, but it still works. I know anyone who comes is going to have a great time. They'll enjoy the script and love the music," Crane said.

According to Savannah Medlin, the stage manager of the production, "Yo, Vikings" is about Emma's journey to figure out who she is and finding her purpose. Emma's character is always concerned with pleasing others and is seeking a big adventure.

The story is about Emma's adventure, which leads to her and her classmates coming together to help save the library, which is losing its funding, Medlin said.

"It's based off a true story. The author's daughter, Emma, was obsessed with Vikings and wrote to a man who was offering a Viking ship for \$7,000 (which she saw in a newspaper ad her librarian, Mr. Sigurd, showed her) asking for it for \$128 in change, and he ends up sending it. That's part of how they (Emma and her classmates) saved the library," Medlin said.



Savannah Medlin

Although the musical is considered children's theater, the script is written in a way which appeals to audiences of all ages, Medlin said.

"Even if you're not into theater, a lot of people, when they do finally come out and see a show, realize that they don't have to be a part of it to enjoy it. Everyone enjoys watching TV, but this is a completely different, in-your-face experience that you can connect to more. So, I just think that it's great for everyone," Medlin said.

Joyce Cooper, who plays the characters of Sebbey Ferdinand and Munoz/Olaf the Boorish, said the writing of the script is advanced and the children's lines in the musical are written in a way which isn't childish.

Cooper believes this is the perfect time to bring back the summer theater which was "alive and popping" a few years ago, and that "Yo, Vikings" is a great show to kick it off with.

"I think it (summer theater) offers a really great opportunity for kids who may not have the opportunity during the school year to come and enjoy it. I think it can become a family event and also be a great time for ECU students who are in Greenville for the summer to come out. It's going to be good," Cooper said.

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Bikes and Bonitas to continue

Macie Tano
TEC STAFF

Riverside Recreation LLC is hosting a guided Tandem bikes dinner tour along the Greenway with Villa Verde, located at 2601 E. 10th St., tonight from 6:30 to 8.

The series began on Monday, July 15, and will run until Wednesday, August 14, according to the event's Facebook page.

Tickets can be bought online for \$20 which includes one seat on the tandem bike, instructions on how to navigate the bike, a guided tour on the Greenway and dinner at Villa Verde after, the Facebook page said. The Greenway runs along the Tar River,

"We will meet at the Greenville Town Common parking lot for safety instruction and a review of the Greenway rules. We will then practice tandem biking skills with our partners before embarking on a guided bike tour down the Greenway," the Facebook page said.

According to the Facebook page, the Greenville trail is approximately three miles long and ends right behind Villa Verde, which serves Dominican cuisine. The dinner reservations will

be made prior to the tour, and dinner and drinks will be ready upon arrival.

"This tour is great for citizens who have never ridden the Greenway and are interested in seeing what it has to offer. Join us for good food, good fellowship, and a good time," the Facebook page said.

According to Shavonne King Brumsey, the owner of Riverside Recreation LLC, the tour is "peaceful and scenic" and is great for couples or singles.

Those who participate in the tour will meet at the Town Common bridge for a quick tandem bike lesson, review of greenway etiquette and general practice, and the guided tour will follow. After dinner at Villa Verde, those who participate in the tour will enjoy a bike ride back down the greenway to return to Town Common, Brumsey said.

Brumsey said that this event offers many different advantages for couples or just a pair or

group of friends, as it offers an experience which will develop trust and communication.

"The experience can be challenging, but is fun. By the end of the tour, each person has accomplished something not as an individual, but as a team member. It guarantees conversation because after you get the hang of operating the tandem bike, you have the remainder of the tour to connect with the people you are touring with," Brumsey said.

Javon Brumsey, who additionally works at Riverside Recreation LLC, said the guided tour is a good way for people to enjoy the beauty the greenway provides for the community as well as exercising and connecting with your partner or friends.

"From my experience, there were laughs from my wife and I trying to get our timing together on when to pedal harder to make it up the hills and braking when going downhill. It's definitely a great leg workout if that's what you're looking to do while bonding spouse or friend," Javon said.

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read the story and they call us almost in tears. We've had people like crying on the phone like thank you so much for doing this," Adkins said.

Alessandra Lazarek, The Scullery employee, said the restaurant was busy from 11 a.m. until three minutes after the restaurant closed at 5 p.m. after a newscast had interviewed the owner Matt Scully about the sign he had posted about the proceeds being donated to the American Immigration Council.

Lazarek said the Scullery brings in people of all ages, races, ethnicity and religions and from all around the country.

"ECU brings lots of people and The Scullery is a really popular place for ECU students. I think that vibe of community you find here is really exciting," Lazarek said.

Lazarek said The Scullery donates to multiple local charities but to her knowledge has never

made a donation of this magnitude. Lazarek said people came from all over and some people came from two hours away.

"We had people who were just so thrilled. We had people making donations on top of their bill, so it was just really exciting," Lazarek said.

Sarah Winnick, a social work graduate student at ECU, said she has ate at The Scullery a few times usually around breakfast time. She said she likes their biscuits and gravy, homefries, and eggs for breakfast.

Winnick said she thought the donation was great because it went towards an organization that helps immigrants go through the process of becoming legalized, which is a difficult process.

Winnick said a lot of people have made assumptions that The Scullery was aiding in

illegal activity by donating money to this organization but they were helping an organization that needs attention and extra resources. She praised The Scullery for raising awareness for this cause.

"I personally have been trying to educate people and remind people that they are donating to a perfectly legal organization in the United States," Winnick said.

Winnick said she has heard a lot of negative feedback about The Scullery's donation but she thinks it's due to a misunderstanding that The Scullery was protesting.

Winnick said The Scullery took a stance that many other businesses and organizations in Greenville may have been afraid to take because they do not want to be involved in political statements. She said she didn't believe this was The Scullery protesting but making an important statement.

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Sarah Winnick

OUR VIEW

Students condemn the chant

Exactly one week ago, President Donald Trump visited East Carolina's University campus for a reelection campaign rally where he primarily spoke about domestic issues such as tax cuts and unemployment rates along with several comments made to Democratic political affiliates.

Trump's visit to ECU's Williams Arena in Minges Coliseum was not sponsored or endorsed by the university as the facility was fully rented out for the event. The capacity of Minges Arena is 8,000, but the rally went over capacity and contained 10,000 people while more were waiting outside unable to enter the rally.

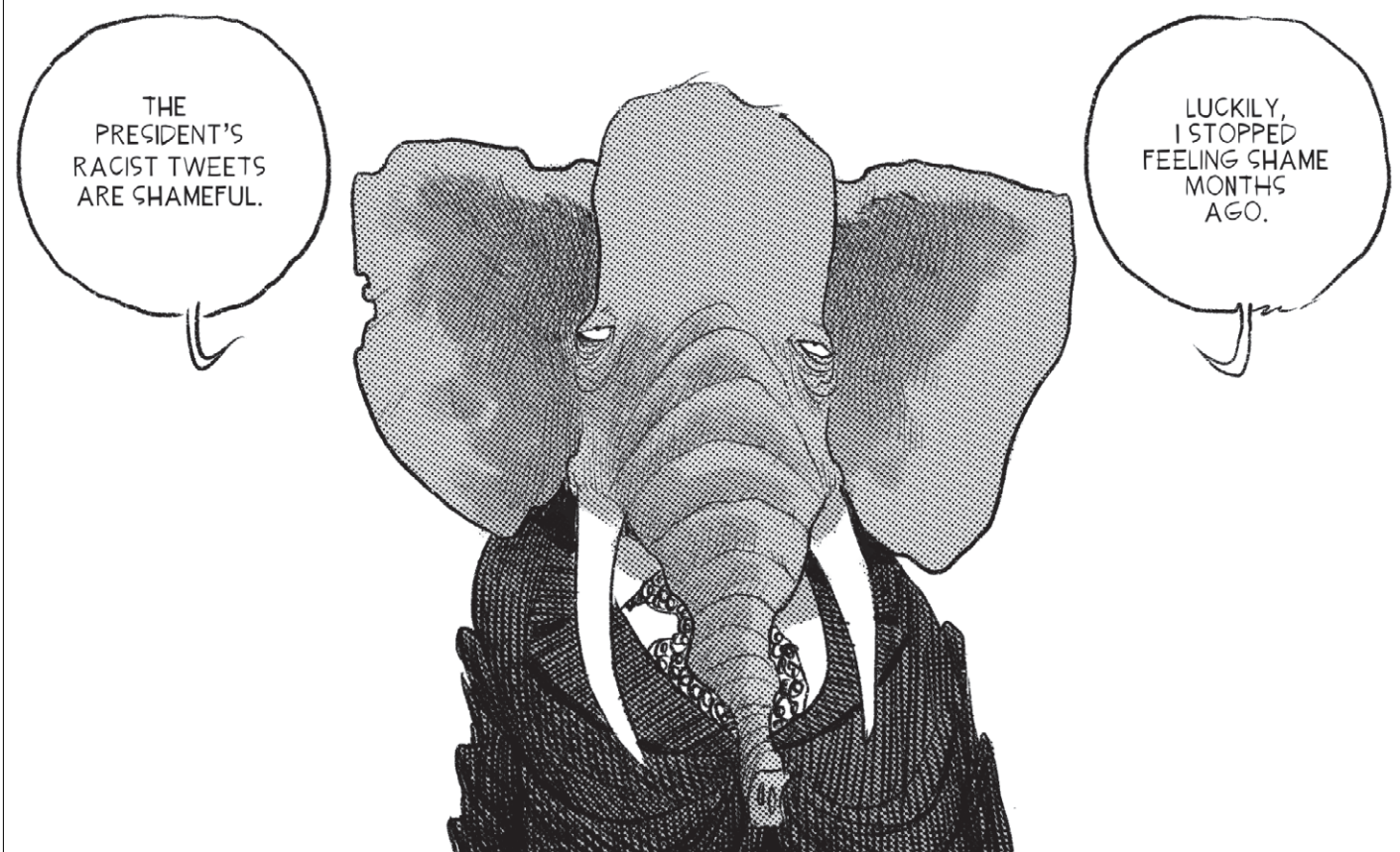
During the rally, upon the mention of Minnesota's Democratic Representative, Ilhan Omar, a "send her back" chant erupted from the crowd, both inside and outside of the arena. The indeed racist chant which took place on the Pirates' campus was not reflective of the student body the university represents.

We, the editorial staff of The East Carolinian, denounce the racist chants which took place in our own Minges Coliseum and recognize the majority of the crowd consisted not of ECU students but people who traveled to campus to see Trump speak.

The rally took place in the middle of summer, a time when many students are off campus. In fact, the majority of students left the city limits of Greenville for the duration of the May through August months.

The majority of the rally-goers were middle-aged adults and not specifically students who are enrolled at ECU.

CHENEMAN THE STAR-LEDGER



Free speech not justification

ECU must take firmer stance against racist chant



Amanda Robles

Dear Chancellor Gerlach and ECU Head Staff,

As a current graduate student in ECU's English program with a focus on multicultural and transnational literatures, I have spent

the past year and a half studying the multicultural history of our nation through its literature, including Japanese internment, women's oppression in the Caribbean, and slavery and its immense repercussions for both the black and white communities. In fact, just this year I presented at NC State's English Graduate Conference on African American subcultures in literature. Due to my immersive studies, I am now well-read on, and have a heightened understanding of, the situation of the multicultural community in the United States.

I have received your July 19 message to the ECU community and would like to respond as a student honored and proud to be a part of my graduate school, and simultaneously deeply concerned about our positioning regarding the July 17 political rally.

There comes a point when, under claims of "free speech," an individual, a group, or an entire institution fails to acknowledge and reject hate and its rhetoric.

There comes a time when, under claims of "purposeful citizenship," those same fail to reject the moral shortcomings and ethical deficiencies of one in a leadership position requiring *higher* morality and *admirable* ethics.

And there comes a time when, under the claim of respect and appreciation for "the diversity of our people, ideas, and opinions," we provide space for, and aid and add momentum to, ideas and speech akin to those of the white supremacists of the civil rights movement, when free and equal African Americans were lashed out at, told to "go back" to their neighborhoods, their schools, and their separate-ness.

We provide the space and the opportunity, and therefore, the momentum of a movement uncomfortably related to those first European Americans who believed in,

"I must ask, in the case that it hasn't been considered, are our multicultural students of color being respected and appreciated for their diversity at this very critical moment in history?"

and promoted the idea in word and deed, that this America was theirs, and that black Americans were only occupying space to serve the needs of the white man and woman. When that fulfilling of their needs ceased and the black men and women began to have their own words and deeds, they were demanded to "go back," or be squashed. Once upon a time in the south we wanted to silence nonwhites, and we did. In contemporary America, some want to do just the same, demonstrating gross antiquated belief systems and an unjust social system.

I must ask, in the case that it hasn't been considered, are our multicultural students of color being respected and appreciated for *their* diversity at this very critical moment in history? Have we concerned ourselves with *their* diversity in an effort to accommodate that of others, others whose "diversity" includes white supremacy, clear and undeniable attacks against a racial "other," and a step backward in our nation's quest for equal treatment of all its citizens? Perhaps it is time, then, for the UNC System to review and revise its guidelines.

When it affects an entire country's morality, and has the potential to threaten a people's safety, security, and wellbeing, it's time. Guidelines and rule books can be altered, and *have* been throughout the history of our world, our nation, and our state.

If there is anyone who believes in and promotes the inclusion of a country's citizens, it should be that country's leader. If that leader falls short in that political, ethical, and social duty, it is time for that country to say so. As an institution of academia, higher learning, and elevated thinking, our university is exactly the sort

of institution that need expect more, from our people and from ourselves.

We are either host to one who embodies and spreads a spirit of racism and hostility, or we are not, and we will go down in history as such. The discourse surrounding our university should be in support of the ideals that treat every person as valuable and worthy of their place here and in the world, the ideals of inclusion, equality, kindness, generosity, and respect. Given the magnitude of the state of our nation, its negative racial rhetoric and support for it, we are either aligned to these ideals, or we are not. I think it's time to decide what spirit it is that we want to embody, and free ourselves up, for that embodiment. I think it's time we decide what message it is that we want to send to our students of every skin color and background, and what message we want to send to our community and our world, about who we are and what our values are. Given the magnitude of the racial state of our nation, at this point in time, we are either host to racial slur and oppression, or we are standing up for something of higher quality and maintaining our moral integrity.

I'm afraid we have bold and courageous work to do, but first we must decide who it is we want to be, and to what brave lengths we will go to be just that.

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Letter to the editor | Disappointed in ECU's role

I am appalled at ECU's decision to allow the "racist" Trump rally on the property of ECU's campus, especially days after his clearly racist comments for the four lady congresswomen of color to "go back to where they came from," a comment heard frequently in our racist past - like 40-50 years ago.

East Carolina University speaks with the forked tongue of hypocrisy. While pretending to be diverse and welcoming to all races, they allow overt racism to be spoken and celebrated on the main

campus under the guise of "freedom of speech." Give me a break.

From what I have learned, hurtful rhetoric and racist policies and actions (like those at the borders filled with uncaring and hate), is different than freedom of speech. These people (Trump, the Republicans) are preaching and promoting exclusion to the max as they advocate removal of U.S. Citizens (the Congresswomen) because they protest clearly racist views and policies.

I thought that we, as a country, had

gone beyond that level of racism and hypocrisy, but apparently we have not, especially in the case of East Carolina University who says one thing but does others to promote this hate by giving Trump voice.

We are going backwards as a nation and ECU's forked tongue stance of allowing racist perpetrators to rally on campus embarrasses me.

John Goodie
Alumni

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Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) -- Today is a 7 -- Restraint serves you well. Push your body too far, and pay the price. Notice your own physical limitations and boundaries. You're growing stronger.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) -- Today is an 8 -- You don't always feel beautiful, strong or witty. Keep doing what you know works, and confidence builds. Express your feelings, and then get back in action.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Today is a 7 -- Abandon preconceptions about your studies or travels. Avoid risk or hassle and observe what's going on around you. Don't set unrealistic expectations. Discover hidden treasure.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Today is a 6 -- Get cozy and comfortable. Be gentle, especially with children and animals. Short tempers could make a mess seem worse. Walk outside, and breathe deeply.

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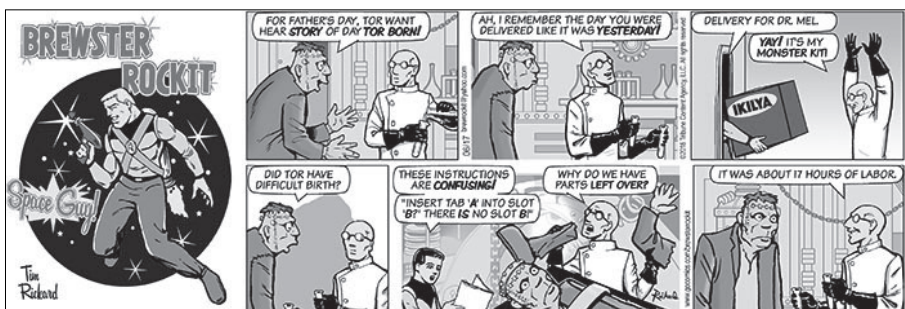
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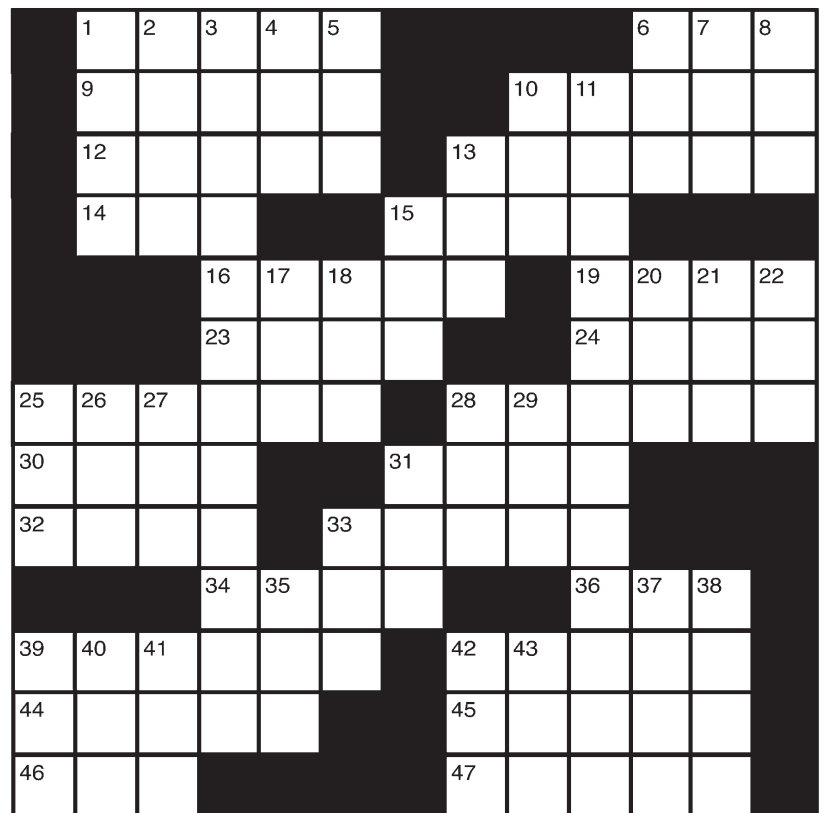


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- 6 President Arthur's monogram
- 9 Lavin or Ronstadt
- 10 "All My Children," "One Life to Live," etc.
- 12 Felix ___; "The Odd Couple" role
- 13 Granny Smiths and McIntoshes
- 14 ___ out a living; get by
- 15 "___ Trek"
- 16 Eva ___; actress on "CSI: Miami"
- 19 "___ for All Seasons"; Best Picture Oscar winner
- 23 Role on "Two and a Half Men"
- 24 Saint's ring of light
- 25 Gleason or Coogan
- 28 "ABC World News with Diane ___"
- 30 Jai ___; fast-paced sport
- 31 Actress Hatcher
- 32 Crocheter's purchase
- 33 "___ Acres"
- 34 Remain
- 36 "___ Four"; nickname for The Beatles
- 39 Sajak and Trebek

- 42 ___ Greene of "Bonanza"
- 44 Actress Streep
- 45 ___ Ryan; Granny's portrayer on "The Beverly Hillbillies"
- 46 Wood thickness
- 47 Fred ___ of "Hunter"

DOWN

- 1 Elmer's ___; sticky stuff
- 2 Skating oval
- 3 Actress on "The Office"
- 4 AB followers
- 5 Hearing organ
- 6 Coolidge's nickname
- 7 King Kong, for one
- 8 Burro
- 10 Hot tub
- 11 Recent talk show host
- 13 Dined
- 15 "3rd Rock from the ___"
- 17 Actress MacGraw
- 18 Charlotte ___
- 20 Elly ___ Clamptett; role for Donna Douglas
- 21 Tavern drink
- 22 Neither's partner
- 25 Mr. Leno
- 26 Apple pie ___ mode
- 27 "___ 54, Where Are You?"
- 28 "We're off to ___ the wizard, the wonderful Wizard of Oz..."
- 29 "Who Do You Think You ___?"
- 31 Attempt
- 33 Helium or oxygen
- 35 ___ Aviv, Israel
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- 38 Norm's regular bar order on "Cheers"
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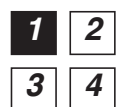
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ECU baseball fans cheer on the Pirates as they won to advance within the NCAA Greenville Regional Tournament, where ECU would eventually advance to the Louisville Super Regional tournament. ASHLEY LEWIS | THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Clark-LeClair voted top 16

ECU's baseball stadium was voted one of the top in the nation by fans

Brendan Gillespie
TEC STAFF

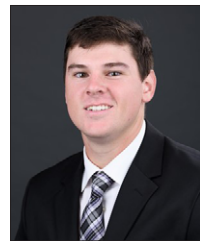
According to a question the NCAA placed on its Twitter, fans voted Clark-LeClair Stadium one of the best in college baseball. Out of every athletic division in college sports, East Carolina University's home stadium was the most mentioned ballpark outside of universities within the Southeastern Athletic Conference.

Mississippi State University's Dudy Noble Field received the most votes, as well as the University of Arkansas' Baum-Walker Stadium and Alex Box Stadium at Louisiana Southern University.

The NCAA posted a question on its Twitter account, encouraging fans to reply and comment with which college had the best baseball stadium.

For the second season in a row, ECU was again the

host of an NCAA Regional Tournament. The Pirates hosted the 2018 Greenville Regional, but fell to advance with a 1-2 record.



Thomas Francisco

During the 2019 postseason, ECU had a different performance, as they had a 4-1 record and advanced all the way to the Louisville Super Regional Tournament.

"The atmosphere in Clark-LeClair is indescribable.

In a post on ECU baseball's Twitter account, sophomore infielder Thomas Francisco talked about ECU fans and how they compare to other colleges across the country.

"One thing I'll say about ECU is that the fans are the best in the country, hands down," said Francisco.

You can feel the love and support for East Carolina baseball as soon as you enter the stadium," sophomore business marketing major Katie Stewart said.

The Pirates' 2019 season ended when they fell to the University of Louisville in its Super Regional Tournament on June 8.

"But the best part about the entire stadium is the jungle. In the jungle you are standing against the fence and you can talk to the boys in the outfield, and I feel like everyone needs to experience it," Stewart said.

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He is a dual-threat quarterback, and with the addition of quarterback Mason Garcia from South Carolina, coach Houston should have plenty of options going forward at the quarterback position.



Taji Hudson

Hudson said.

Especially since he stated that he is willing to play wide receiver, Hudson's ability to run with the ball may benefit the team regardless if he is running the offense or being thrown to as a receiver.

After considering offers from ECU as well as other universities like Virginia Technical University and Coastal Carolina University, Hudson committed to

ECU because of the team's early pursuit of him.

"(ECU) probably has been the first school on me, even before they offered me," Hudson said before he made his commitment.

According to 247sports.com, Hudson talked about his relationship with ECU assistant coach De'Rail Sims before his commitment.

"I've got a really good relationship with Coach Sims and he's done a really good job staying on me."

Hudson will graduate from Cedar-town High School in 2020 and may sign with the Pirates once national signing day comes around.

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Sophomore Alec Burluson and assistant coach Jeff Palumbo stand on the field during a game. COURTESY OF ECUPIRATES.COM

Palumbo moves up to associate head coach

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Assistant coach and recruiting coordinator Jeff Palumbo has been officially promoted to associate head coach of the East Carolina University baseball team.

Head coach Cliff Godwin made a formal announcement on Monday that promoted Palumbo to his new position and praised his work as a recruiter and coach.



Cliff Godwin

Athletic Conference to join the American Athletic Conference.

"He has been my right hand man since the first day I accepted the head coaching position at ECU. He is a tremendous recruiter and a coach who is loyal to our program. He cares about our players and knows how to develop them to their fullest potential," Godwin said.

According to a press release sent out by ECU's athletic department, Palumbo has recruited and mentored four All-Americans, three freshman

All-Americans, six Major League Draft selections and 11 All-American Athletic Conference performers.

He has also had two consecutive top 25 ranked recruiting classes, with the 2015-2016 and 2016-2017 classes. In 2016, Palumbo was also voted the No. 28 college baseball recruiter in the country, by Division I baseball coaches across the country and was posted on d1baseball.com.

Palumbo's teams were ranked No. 22 in fielding percentage for the 2018 season, No. 32 during the 2019 season, and now hold the ECU and AAC record for single-season sacrifice bunts, with 72 in the 2019 season.

All of these accolades have been achieved within his five years of being on staff for the Pirates.

Palumbo has previously coached at George Mason University, the University of Central Florida and Virginia Commonwealth University.

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