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## ECU PD determines no threat to campus

### Staff Report

Around 1:30 p.m. on Monday, East Carolina University News Services released a statement clarifying that there was no active shooter threat campus yesterday morning. According to the press release,

Monday around 11:54 a.m., the ECU Police Department (ECU PD) received a phone call regarding rumors of an active shooter at Todd Dining Hall.

ECU PD watched real-time footage from on-site cameras and saw no threat. Officers responded to the scene

to confirm the information was false.

"In this instance, all reports were rumor related. ECU Police acted quickly and confirmed the rumors were false. With no first-person report and quick response by ECU Police, an ECU Alert was not issued since it would have been sent after the

rumored threat was confirmed false," the press release said.

ECU News Services said ECU PD is looking into where the active shooter rumor originated.

"The person who contacted ECU PD after hearing the initial rumor took the right course of action. Call-

ing and reporting information about a potential threat to campus gives law enforcement the opportunity to respond and/or prevent any potential threat quickly," according to the press release.

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In the aftermath of Hurricane Dorian's effects on Greenville, roads were closed due to flooding and street cleanups put into action.

## NCDOT talks road delays at city workshop

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TEC STAFF

At Monday night's City Council workshop, the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) discussed the delay of many road projects in Greenville.

Division Engineer for NCDOT Preston Hunter, said road projects can increase in cost if another separate project may be beneficial to an area. He said a project for turn lanes can increase from half a million to \$1 million to \$2 million if it's decided that it would be better to have a roundabout in that area. If an interchange would be better in the said area it could increase to \$50 million, he said.

An example of a project increasing in cost in Greenville is when Fire Tower Road stopped at Highway 44, Hunter said. NCDOT realized the intersection was going to fail so the project had to be expanded and improvements had to be made on Arlington Boulevard.

"We saw that across the state. Projects that initially were smaller started to grow into bigger projects so that increased costs," Hunter said.

Hunter said an acre in Greenville costs more than an acre in Trenton, North Carolina. The original estimate on Evans Street in 2018 was \$32 million and the most recent estimate was \$47 million due to the cost of inflation for construction, Hunter said.

"By state law, we cannot drop below our cash floor 7.5 percent of our state revenue which is right now roughly around \$282 million plus or minus. If we fall below that cash floor, (NCDOT) cannot award or enter any contractual agreement for anybody or anything. So when I say we're broke, we ain't actually broke," Hunter said.

The Map Act was passed by the North Carolina General Assembly in 1987 for different projects for its homeowner's property, but 25 years later, roads would end up not being built,

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## City acts after Dorian

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TEC STAFF

Multiple City of Greenville departments came together to ensure the safety of the community and its residents before, during and after the effects of Hurricane Dorian were felt in eastern North Carolina.

East Carolina University News Services released a statement on Friday regarding campus-clean up efforts following Hurricane Dorian, saying cleanup was underway and both main and the health sciences campus experienced minor damage.

The press release said there were leaks in some campus buildings, flooding in "flood prone" parking lots and roadways as well as fallen tree limbs which were the most commonly reported signs of damage.

"While we are mindful of the devastation that Hurricane Dorian brought

to many communities, we are grateful that ECU has survived the worst of the storm in fairly good shape," Interim Chancellor Dan Gerlach said in the issued

ECU News Services press release. "I am especially grateful to our facilities and grounds staff and ECU Police for their hard work before, during and after the storm to prepare us all and keep us safe."

Greenville Fire/Rescue (GFR) Chief Eric Griffin said GFR aided in coordinating the emergency responses for the city during the hurricane. Greenville's emergency operations center was opened for the storm which involved core city departments, Griffin said.



Dan Gerlach

GFR was fully staffed during Hurricane Dorian.

"When I say fully staffed that means we had eight EMS units in service, ambulances in services as well as nine firetrucks in service all fully staffed as well, and then we up-staffed our swift-water rescue team as well as a rescue compliment meaning that we were quick to respond to just about anything that became an emergency in the city," Griffin said.

There were EMS calls during the time Hurricane Dorian was impacting Greenville, however none of the calls were related to the storm, Griffin said. There were fire calls during the storm but none of the calls were actual fires when GFR arrived on the scene, Griffin said.

## Houston wins first game as an ECU coach

Daniel Shepard  
TEC STAFF

Mike Houston was announced as the 22nd head football coach of East Carolina University on Dec. 4, 2018. His first season at ECU marks his ninth year as a collegiate head coach after three successful seasons at James Madison University.

As the Dukes' head coach, Houston led JMU to the 2016 FCS Championship and racked up back-to-back 14-1 campaigns. Overall, he posted a 37-6 ledger while at James Madison, solidifying his 80-25 all-time record at the helm of college football programs.

With a National Championship title under his belt, Houston did something on Saturday he has never done before, coach without his father watching. On Tuesday, just days before the Pirates opened their home schedule against Gardner-Webb University, Houston's father passed away.

"My dad passed away this morning (Tuesday) at my home

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## Asian cuisine hits streets

Olan Bryant  
TEC STAFF

Chirba Chirba Dumplings' food truck is offering authentic pan Asian cuisine right on the streets of Greenville bringing locals a taste of traditional Chinese cooking.

Based in Durham, North Carolina, the business mainly operates in the Triangle area of the state and parts of eastern North Carolina, including Greenville.

Nate Adams, an American raised in Taiwan, founded the business in 2011 with his brother as a passion project with the intention of exposing others to the food he grew up eating. Other partners soon joined and they were able to purchase a truck to offer their catering services.

"I was raised in Taiwan from age four to 18, and came back to attend college at UNC. I met the people who helped start our business and we started in 2011," Adams said. "We enjoyed cooking foods from our childhood. A couple of years later, I bought out my partners and we've been rolling ever since."

Adams prides himself on Chirba Chirba's approach to their craft. Mainly focusing on Chinese style dumplings, they also cater to other forms of Chinese and Taiwanese cuisine. Though, it took some time for his confidence to build as he watched his business spread from the Triangle to New York City, even winning Best Food Truck for the Triangle area.

Adams said he was unsure Chirba Chirba would be popular among his eastern North Carolina audience at first



Asian cuisine food truck Chirba Chirba serves local foodies.

and was surprised when it ended up reaching foodies as far as New York City.

"When we first had the idea, I assumed it wouldn't catch. Lo and behold, we hit from day one and we had to produce a lot of dumplings really quickly. We've been able to spread our footprint as far as New York through social media," Adams said.

The food truck not only offers sweet and savory pork

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**BRIEFS**

**Health Career Fair returns for fall semester**

Today from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the East Carolina Heart Institute, over 30 employers will be present during a tabling event in order to recruit for health careers. The event is hosted by ECU Career Services and registration to attend is not required.

**Study abroad information session to take place**

Today from 4 to 5 p.m. at ECU's International House a study abroad information session will be held to inform students on the different programs offered by the university and scholarships which are available to them. There are expected to be more dates through Dec. 3.

**Down with Dog Days at Sonic Plaza by CRC**

On Wednesday from 9 to 11 a.m. outside Joyner Library on Sonic Plaza, therapy dogs will be visiting ECU's campus courtesy of the College Recovery Committee (CRC).

The dogs will be present for students, faculty or staff who need a pick-me-up or if they would like to say hello. Additionally, games and activities such as ladder golf, cornhole and more will be available for those who are interested. The event is painted as an opportunity to have fun, burn off stress and get some love from puppies.

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ECU Faculty members address how the university should appeal to students as a healthy environment where they should be able to feel emotionally safe.

# Emotional safety concerns

## ECU faculty discuss the importance of safe environments

**Margaret McCollum**  
TEC STAFF

With students back at East Carolina University for the fall semester, counselors and staff are giving advice to students about staying emotionally safe and healthy in a college environment.

Ashley Cleland, associate director for the Women and Gender Office at ECU, said emotional safety means students feel accepted and are safe from emotional attacks or harm. Cleland said she has advice for students who are struggling with emotional safety issues.

Cleland said she advises students to not get involved in every verbal fight they are invited to when both parties have different beliefs, and that there are other options for expressing opinions. She said not every fight is worth the cost to someone's well being.

"It's okay to opt out of arguments, there's plenty of opportunities that you'll have at ECU to have civic discourse on issues. There's plenty of opportunities you'll have with peers, you don't have to compromise your mental health," Cleland said.

Cleland said students who experience some "marginalized identities" are more likely to exhibit emotional distress through microaggressions and exclusion.

Cleland said microaggressions, such as

someone being told they do not belong, can build up over time and cause emotional distress. She said it is important for students to practice self-care.

Classrooms at ECU should be emotionally safe spaces for students, according to Cleland. She said classrooms can act as safe places for students to have guided discussions.

"The classroom is usually, and should be when we have great leaders leading our classes, a pretty emotionally safe place because we have set guidelines and expectations for discussions and things like that," Cleland said. "Versus social media which is kind of a free for all."

Cleland said there are spaces on campus that are designated trusted spaces, such as the Women and Gender Office (WGO). She said she has seen the WGO at ECU be a safe space for women, non-binary students and transgender students.

Other spaces on campus include the Dr. Jesse R. Peel LGBTQ Center, the largest LGBTQ center in the UNC System and the Ledonia Wright Cultural Center (LWCC), said Cleland. She said the goal of these spaces is to help students feel safe, included and respected.

Cleland said students who are not struggling with emotional safety but are trying to be an emotionally safe person for others, can read books available in the cultural centers to learn more about perspectives and open-mindedness.

Valerie Kisler-van Reede, director of the Center for Counseling and Student Development at ECU,

said she advises new and returning students to adapt to college life by focusing on classes and seeking support if needed.

"Focus on the priority of classes, and then depending on how that's going, if they're needing additional support, find a way to kind of blend support from home," Kisler-van Reede said. "As well as finding some peers that they can rely on or connect with, it might (be) a roommate, a floormate, some of the campus living staff, or even faculty or other resources that are available on campus."

Kisler-van Reede said she recommends students who might be struggling emotionally get involved with campus organizations to discuss difficulties and have open conversations.

Students with more serious issues can visit the ECU Dean of Students office, the Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities or the Office for Equity and Diversity to discuss any concerns.

Student Government Association (SGA) President, Colin Johnson, said he has heard concerns from students about safety and he believes ECU is the answer to these concerns.

"I'm hearing concerns from students about their safety and I absolutely believe that," Johnson said. "But, I also absolutely believe that the safest place to be having these discussions is here on campus."

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Hunter said. He said the homeowners' filed a lawsuit and the North Carolina Supreme Court ruled damages.

As of August 2019, it was ruled \$300 million in right of way cost for the Map Act lawsuit, Hunter said. The current estimates are that after it is settled the lawsuit will cost around one billion dollars, he said.

Another issue that impacts NCDOT's cash balance is Disaster/Storm Recovery, Hunter said. FEMA only reimburses 75 percent of the total cost of damages. It takes FEMA two to five years to reimburse organizations.

Mayor P.J. Connelly raised concerns about NCDOT's cash problem during the workshop. Hunter said NCDOT has seen this cash problem coming for a while.

Jeff Cabaniss, division project development engineer said NCDOT is working on getting US 264 up to interstate standards. The project would

start at the hospital interchange to the Greene/Wilson line, he said.

Cabaniss said construction on Dickinson Avenue got moved back when NCDOT began having a funding issue. The project got pushed back three years, and it has an expected start date of 2022. Due to the bad pavement, he said NCDOT does look at resurfacing the road before it can be fixed.

District 5 City Council member Will Litchfield raised concerns about traffic and road issues in Greenville. He said Greenville Boulevard to Firetower Road on Evans Street has bumper-to-bumper traffic during rush hour because there is only one stoplight in between.

"I can't speak for the whole city council, but I can speak for myself, one of the biggest things we hear is the street conditions along with the traffic issue, especially with Evans," Litchfield said.

Connelly said NCDOT laid asphalt on Dickinson Avenue because the road did serious damage to cars.

Connelly said Dickinson Avenue has been



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Greenville City Hall is the location of regularly scheduled City Council workshops and meetings.

repeatedly patched and is one of the "biggest" projects in Greenville. He said he hopes the state understands the importance of the project and local representatives will push to fund the project.

The project on Evans Street/Old Tar Road was originally included in the fiscal year 2015-2025. The project was accelerated in the State

Transportation Improvement Program of 2018-2027 and is expected to begin in the fiscal year 2020 and construction will begin 2021, Hunter said.

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GFR had to respond to down power lines, trees that had fallen in roadways and a tree that had struck a house, Griffin said.

Griffin said the swift-water rescue team was not needed at any point during the storm in Greenville. He said this was due to people respecting the curfew the city set for 10 p.m. on Thursday.

"I think it was a great response from the community as well as the emergency services. I think that the management of the city did a great job ensuring that they enacted a curfew at the perfect time that had minimal impact and people were able to help us not to have, to have emergencies, which was great," Griffin said.

Public works began the storm



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City of Greenville Public Works began street cleanup of debris, such as fallen tree limbs, following Hurricane Dorian.

cleanup Friday morning and were cleaning the community's streets, storm drains and debris from the storm, he said. The cleanup continued on Saturday.

In an emailed statement to *The East*

*Carolinian*, Director of Public Works Kevin Mulligan said all Greenville city departments were involved in preparing for the storm.

"The clean-up began early this (Friday) morning with Public Works,

Parks and crews from GUC (Greenville Utilities Commission) removing fallen trees, street sweeping and the reopening of closed roads," Mulligan said.

The City of Greenville posted on its Twitter account on Friday that there

were road closures on 14th Street from Charles Street to West Rock Spring Road; Evans Street from Arlington Boulevard to Deck Street and the southbound lanes of Charles Street between 14th Street and Ficklen Drive.

In an emailed statement to *The East Carolinian*, Greenville Police Department PIO, Kristen Hunter said the roads were closed due to high water but were opened later in the day on Friday.

"GPD provided staffing at area shelters throughout the storm, placed barricades and monitored areas for potential road closures, staffed the City's Emergency Operations Center, and responded to regular calls for service throughout the duration of the storm," Hunter said.

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## OUR VIEW

# Football presents distraction from Dorian

Even with Hurricane Dorian threatening Eastern North Carolina on Thursday and Friday, ECU's athletic department never wavered in their willingness to play Saturday's football game against Gardner-Webb University. While classes were cancelled beginning at noon on Thursday and all day Friday, athletic director Jon Gilbert stood before the media to assure fans the game would be played.

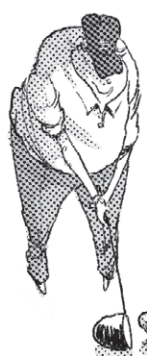
We, the editorial staff of The East Carolinian, appreciate the playing of Saturday's home football game despite the rough weather experienced earlier in the week, and are pleased with the Pirates' first win of the 2019 season.

Once the weather cleared out in the afternoon hours on Friday, the conditions were perfect for football on Saturday. Mid-80's and a slightly overcast sky was the back-drop inside Dowdy-Ficklen stadium as the Pirates began their home schedule against the Bulldogs.

For fans of Pirate football, residents of Greenville and the 34,118 people in attendance on Saturday, the game was a welcomed distraction from weather threats and daily life events. During the three-hour contest in which the home team won 48-9, fans were content to cheer for their team and perhaps partake in an alcoholic beverage for the first time at Dowdy-Ficklen.

While it would have been easy to cancel the game when the university cancelled classes, the athletic department remained steadfast in their determination that Saturday would provide suitable conditions to begin the Pirates' 2019 home schedule. For the game we are grateful, and for the lack of storm damage, we are even more grateful.

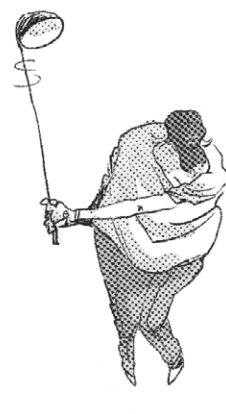
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# Safer driving needed

## Greenville drivers need to practice road safety



Chloe Easton  
TEC STAFF

Growing up in a military family, I have traveled around the United States, moving from state to state, my entire life. With that traveling around, came the experience of learning the characteristics of different drivers in different cities.

Between driving through cities in California, Florida and Virginia, Greenville, North Carolina, has the worst drivers I have ever witnessed.

Just last year, Greenville was ranked first in the state of North Carolina for the most crashes, according to WNCT. While the Greenville Police Department stated they were going to work with community members to increase safety on the roads, there is still work that needs to be done.

Filled with careless college students driving around trying to get to their classes, and the older couples who don't

care if they are going 20 miles per hour over the speed limit, Greenville drivers definitely do not have any sense of caution or patience. Being that we are in a college town, it is especially important for our drivers to be aware of their surroundings. I can't even recall the amount of times I have seen a college student nearly get nicked by the front bumper of a car.

Personally, after living in Greenville for two years I have already been rear ended by a woman going 45 when I was at almost at a complete stop in front of her. This was the first accident I had ever been in and it happened right here on 10th Street. I am not claiming she was distracted, or that she was in the wrong, but something caused her to crash into me when I was on my way to work.

Turn signals work wonders. If you are planning on taking a turn, do not wait until you are immediately in front of the entrance to where you are turning at to turn on your signal. There has been many occasions where I have almost rear

ended another driver because they take a turn I am not expecting and do not have the proper amount of time to slow down.

For some reason, I have found that Greenville drivers like to go way above the posted speed limit. Don't get me wrong, I will typically go your average five miles above, but when another driver is riding the tail of my car trying to go ten or fifteen over when I am technically already speeding is ridiculous. I have already been pulled over once in my life for going ten over the posted speed limit, so in my case, I would advise those to stick to the regulated limit.

Overall, Greenville drivers need to realize the danger they are putting themselves and their community in with their driving habits and focus on road safety.

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# Saving money in college is vital



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Earning and saving money in college can seem nearly impossible sometimes. Between buying material for classes, such as expensive textbooks, paying for rent, grocery shopping and getting gas, earning and saving

money as a college student can be a complicated task, but there are ways to do so.

If you're anything like me, you probably spend a lot of your money without even realizing it. Friends will ask you to go out to lunch, you buy excess groceries and end up not eating some of the food you bought or you have your daily drink at Starbucks. Everything seems like small purchases at the time, until you look at your bank account and realize that you have spent all your paycheck or weekly allowance.

When I started school at ECU, I didn't have a job because I wanted to focus on my studies and thought that getting a job may be too much on my plate. While not having a job did help me focus on school more, I also had no idea how to spend my money wisely, and often found myself asking my parents for extra money even after I had already received a weekly allowance.

Sophomore year, I lived in an apartment and brought my car to school, which helped me find a job off campus. Of course, this benefitted me immensely as I now had my own money to spend on groceries, gas, class necessities and other small things without having to ask my parents to help me out as much. However, I still found myself spending and wasting money, and still do occasionally now as a junior with two jobs.

When I woke up the other morning and realized that I had spent nearly all my money from my last paycheck from my job at a restaurant, I realized something needed to change. So, I am writing this for not only

**"Learning to save early on is an important life skill that students with future careers should learn, and also mean less of a financial burden they may face when they graduate college."**

other students who may be struggling to save money, but also for myself.

Getting a job is a step in the right direction to earn money that you can save, but many students, especially freshmen, don't have cars and therefore can't get a job off campus. However, there are many jobs offered on campus that are steps away from dorms and student apartments. Joyner Library, the Financial Aid office, Dowdy Student Stores, the Student Recreation Center and many more offer part-time jobs for ECU students, which can be found at the Student Employment Office's website.

If you do have a car, there are numerous businesses around Greenville that are actively looking for part-time students. The Greenville Mall has a variety of clothing retailers that are often looking for part-time employees. Greenville also has many restaurants, coffee shops and retailers that are only a five to 10-minute drive from campus and most of the off-campus apartment complexes. A good way to find these jobs is to check on Facebook, online job search websites like Indeed, or simply go in and ask in person. The best part is most if not all these businesses will work with your class schedule.

Some students, however, don't want a job in college as they think it will distract them from their work. If you have a car and want to work on your own schedule, there are apps you can sign up on, such as JoyRun or DoorDash, which will let you work on your own time picking up food orders for

customers and delivering the food to them. If you're 21 or older, you can work for Uber or Lyft.

If you want to save this earned money, you can open a savings account where you can keep the money that you want to save up and not immediately use. Creating a weekly spending budget for yourself and keeping track of what you spend can help you see where you are spending the most money and where you can cut back.

Be sure to check ECU Facebook groups to see if other students are selling textbooks you may need or other class necessities for a cheaper price than retailers. You can also find gently used clothing and furniture students are selling in these groups as well. If you spend too much on grocery shopping, like me, you may benefit from creating a meal plan for the week and only buying food particularly for these meals. Not only will this help you save money and not eat out as much, it may also be a healthier option.

I believe that saving money is an important skill that everyone can benefit from. It can help us students once we graduate and move onto the "real world." Learning to save early on is an important life skill for students with future careers should learn, and also will mean less of a financial burden they may face when they graduate college and are in search of a job.

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**Friends Trivia**  
Uptown Brewing Company  
7 p.m.

**No Quarter Rum Cocktail Fight**  
Dickson Avenue Public House  
5:30 p.m.

**Arts District Input Meeting**  
Greenville Museum of Art  
5:30 p.m.

**Karaoke Night**  
Pitt Street Brewing Company  
7 p.m.

### TOMORROW

**Camera Basics 101**  
ASAP Photos & Camera  
7 p.m.

**Island Bob Live**  
Carolina Ale House  
7:30 p.m.

**Fleet Feet Pub Run**  
Uptown Brewing Company  
6:15 p.m.

### THURSDAY

**Comic Book Club**  
Smashed Waffles  
7 p.m.

**Evening Glass on Metals**  
Emerge Art Gallery and Center  
6 p.m.

**Evening Painting and Drawing**  
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6 p.m.

### FRIDAY

**Park Avenue South Performance**  
The Pub at Kasturi  
7 p.m.

**Daytime Handbuilding**  
Emerge Art Gallery and Center  
1 p.m.

**Runaway Gin Concert**  
The State Theater  
8 p.m.



Brass chamber group Factory Seconds Brass Trio trumpeter Jack Suttee, trombonist Richard Stout and French hornist Jesse McCormick pose for the camera. COURTESY OF FACEBOOK

## Brass trio performs tonight

**Devin Raines**  
TEC STAFF

Factory Seconds Brass Trio will perform tonight at 7:30 p.m. in the AJ Fletcher Recital Hall as a part of the Fletcher Recital Series.

Jack Suttee, trumpet player with Factory Seconds Brass Trio, is also the second trumpet player for the Cleveland Orchestra, and teaches trumpet at Baldwin Wallace Conservatory. The trio said it is touring schools to both perform for students and to teach when they can.

“We teach, we’re educators and performers, so we like the brave students who ask questions,” Suttee said. “Those are the conversations we want to be having because it sparks creative questions and creative thinking.”

Suttee wants to create an environment where students are inspired to have fun creatively. He wants students to enjoy each others’ company and their creative works because it is fun, and the trio is creating something that will be unique for students, according to Suttee.

Brass chamber music is more rare than a string quartet or a piano trio, and there are very few brass trios playing their kind of music across the country. While much of the music they will perform has been played before, their chosen pieces are new because the music will be played

uniquely by them, according to Suttee.

“We want to be known as a group who has a dynamic sound for this genre, or a compelling approach,” Suttee said. “But (we) also want to bring the feel we develop together as a group into all of our other music.”

Stephen Ivany, assistant professor of trombone and euphonium, wants to pull in performers to the school of music that play the music that their students are actually playing themselves in their major.

“Seeing people living out what we’re all working towards is really powerful,” Ivany said. “But having these world class performers come in, it can be a huge motivational boost for students, and so it’s really important to keep bringing in cutting edge performances.”

Ivany invited this group in because he knew the trio performs with the Cleveland Orchestra, and he knew they would give a good performance. He said he knew each member of the trio to be kind and approachable, which he finds important when choosing which group to expose their students to.

Michael Crane, associate dean of the College of Fine Arts and Communication, said the school of music presents over 100 events per year that the public is invited to. These events

range from student, faculty and guest recitals to professional series and ensembles.

“With these performances, there are master classes and workshops and clinics behind the scenes, so all of the artists that are coming are also working directly with music majors,” Crane said. “You can ask the career questions and really dig into, you know, ‘what did you do on your path to get to where you are now.’”

All of these events are brought to ECU to broaden students’ experiences, and to set students on a path of exploration towards music they might not have heard before, but can now for the opportunity cost of time, according to Crane.

“There are amazing things going on on campus, not just in our college, in our school,” Crane said. “Please go take advantage of these things. We’ve got so many things going on, if you could go to every one of those things, that’s several university educations in and of itself.”

Tickets for tonight’s performance are \$20 when purchased ahead of time on the ECU events page and \$25 at the door. Student tickets can be purchased for \$10.

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## 5K members take steps for recovery

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ECU Collegiate Recovery Community (ECU Recovery) and the Pitt County Coalition on Substance Abuse (PCCSA) join together to host the 10th annual Recovery Road 5K this Saturday at 8 a.m. located at Town Commons.

The Recovery Road 5K is a regional event hosted during National Recovery Month to “celebrate the amazing people in recovery from substance use and mental health disorders,” according to the event’s Facebook page.

Collegiate Recovery Community Coordinator, Jarmichael Harris, said ECU Recovery was originally founded to help support students on campus during their time of recovery from substance abuse.

“Collegiate recovery community was started in 2015 to provide support and opportunities for students who are in recovery or seeking recovery from alcohol and other drugs here on our campus,” Harris said.

ECU Recovery decided to partner with PCCSA to host the event this year due to their

active involvement with National Recovery Month in the Pitt County area, according to Harris.



Melissa Larson

NCHRC’s Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion Coordinator and former president of PCCSA, Melissa Larson, said this will be the first run hosted during National Recovery Month, but in years past they have hosted several events supporting the cause.

“Most of the time we do a walk, one year we did a butterfly release and we always try to bring resources for the community attendees coming in so they can learn about recovery resources,” Larson said.

The run will feature the 2019 theme for recovery month, “Join the Voices for Recovery: Together We Are Stronger” and all proceeds made during the event will support local recovery efforts, according to Larson.

Vice president of PCCSA and member of

ECU Recovery, John Harding, said the main purpose of the 5K is to celebrate the steps those are taking to achieve their recovery.

“It’s really just to celebrate the baby steps that people suffering from substance abuse disorder or mental health disorders take on a daily basis to achieve their recovery,” Harding said.

Registration for the Recovery Road 5K will end Sept. 12 at 11:59 p.m. EDT. Registration for the event is \$30 and includes a \$3 sign-up fee.

Awards will be distributed for the top 3 male and female overall finishers and the top 2 male and female finishers by age group. Registration for the event more information can be found on the Recovery Road 5k website.

More information on events held through ECU Recovery for National Recovery Month can be found on the ECU events page and the ECU Recovery Instagram @ecu\_crc.

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style dumplings, but includes traditional menu items with their own twist such as “Sasquash,” a kobucha squash with tofu, ginger, peanuts, green onions and homemade vinaigrette and “Bok to the future” with bok choy, leeks, chives and mushrooms.

Adams also strives to maintain the style of cooking that went into his childhood meals, but stressed that his dumplings may be new to a local tongue. He went into detail on the training that his crew received, as well as his motivation for the business.

“I train my crew because our product is not as developed as barbecue or pizza. For someone in the area, it may be their first exposure to a Chinese style dumpling. I think food is a way to build bridges. There’s no reason why a 15 year old kid from North Carolina can’t get the same exposure that I did when I was a kid,” Adams said.

Madison Mundy, a former employee, now serves as the event coordinator for Chirba Chirba Dumplings. She joined the crew in 2017, and offered her own

thoughts on where the business could go, and what impact it’s had on the area thus far.



Madison Mundy

stating that food trucks “offer an opportunity for people to try new foods at a reasonable price tag,” adding that she would like to see truck “move to brick and mortar stage.”

Ashley Cogdell, a former employee of Chirba, worked with the business for seven years before becoming a food consultant. She described her experience as “positive” and explained what exactly made the truck such a success in a short period of time.

“Chirba gained popularity quickly because there’s not many Chinese food trucks in our area. We tried to use as many local ingredients as we could, and it

caught on like wildfire,” Cogdell said.

She also spoke on her training as a chef for Chirba, which included a trip to Taiwan where she was educated on the local cuisine. Having no experience in Asian cuisine before joining the staff, Cogdell described the experience as “a lot of work and research.”

Like Mundy, she also expressed hopes for a restaurant opening in the future. Her optimism stems from her sense of growth as a chef during her time with Chirba.

“If you’re working for something like that for so long, you get a feeling of ownership. You want to foster its growth,” Cogdell said.

For updates on when Chirba Chirba food truck will be visiting the streets of Greenville, Adams encourages local foodies to follow their Instagram page @chirbachirba.

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The junior running back looks to break a tackle and find open space against Gardner-Webb University on Saturday. Pinnix helped the Pirates defeat the Runnin' Bulldogs by a score of 48-9. DJ CURRY | THE EAST CAROLINIAN

# Pinnix Jr. named to AAC Honor Roll

## ECU running back receives honor after career-best week against Bulldogs

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East Carolina University junior running back Darius Pinnix Jr. has been named to the weekly American Athletic Conference Honor Roll after recording a career game on Saturday.

On Saturday, Pinnix rushed for 134 yards on 21 carries and scored two touchdowns, helping the Pirates defeat Gardner-Webb University by a score of 48-9 and setting two career highs in the process. The AAC Honor Roll is reserved as the "honorable mention" for the Player of the Week awards

given to the offensive, defensive and special teams players of the week.

"Today (Saturday) I came out there with a chip on my shoulder, and Coach Houston, he challenged me this week to be better, be great, he just wants me to be the best that I can be," Pinnix said following Saturday's win.

Southern Methodist University senior running back Xavier Jones took home this week's offense version of the award after he guided his team to a 49-27 win over the University of North Texas.

As for Pinnix, he racked up 172 all-purpose yards on

Saturday (134 rushing, 38 receiving) to lead the ECU offensive attack.

A week after averaging 2.1 yards per carry in the season opener against North Carolina State University, Pinnix averaged 6.4 yards per rush against the Bulldogs. As a team, the Pirates rushed for 365 yards and averaged better than seven yards per carry on their way to a 39-point rout of Gardner-Webb.

The Pirates' next game is on Saturday against the United States Naval Academy with kickoff at 3:30 p.m.

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Mike Houston watches his Pirates defeat Gardner-Webb University by 39 points on Saturday. MICHAELA EMORY | THE EAST CAROLINIAN

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in Franklin," Houston said during his weekly press conference. "It's the home I grew up in. He was with my mom. I was able to see him last night. One of the last conscious things he did this weekend was watch our team play against NC State."

Houston went on to explain how much of an influence his father was to him growing up and his obsession with ECU football due to his son's role with the program.

"He taught me how to care about people. He taught me how to see people for who they were on the inside and not judge them by the way they were on the outside," Houston said. "He was a good dad and he was a good man."

"He kept up with our teams, he was the biggest fan I had. He read everything there was about East Carolina football and he was excited for me to be back in the state of North Carolina," Houston said.

While Houston's first victory as ECU's head football coach eluded him against the Wolfpack, the Pirates pulled off a rousing 48-9 win over Gardner-Webb on Saturday to even their record at 1-1.

"Obviously a lot more enjoyable night tonight than last Saturday," Houston said of the win. "You get in these ball games, your home opener and have all these visions of how it's supposed to go and it's just it's very refreshing when your team comes out and plays the way you know they can."

As a team, ECU racked up 365 rushing yards, 134 on the legs of junior running back Darius Pinnix Jr. Sophomore quarterback Holton Ahlers was solid, accounting for 195 passing yards on 18 completions, 78 rushing yards on 10 carries and three total touchdowns (two rushing, one passing). All told, the Pirates had five rushing touchdowns and north of 500 total yards on offense in a 39-point blowout.

"Anytime you get your first win, especially under a new coaching staff, is big. Anytime you win is big, especially at home in front of our fans," Ahlers said following the game.

After such a trying week that included the threat of a hurricane as well as his father's funeral, Houston made sure to credit his players for a successful conclusion to a tough seven days.

"Certainly the aspect of the family, it's been tough. I've just tried to focus, when I got back here, on the players and the game and all that and I thought the kids did an excellent job," Houston said. "Our staff, I knew that they would be able to handle everything when I had to leave for a day. I thought the kids handled it with tremendous maturity. The way they responded this week is just really incredible, it speaks a lot for their character."

For Houston, this week brought together his Pirate family and his biological family, making the first-year ECU coach feel that much more grateful for his support staff.

"It kind of punches you in the gut a little bit. But the support of the fans, the support of the staff here, my staff, the administrative staff, everyone, is just really incredible," Houston said. "It makes me sit back and really count my blessings that I've got a lot of really good people in my life and I'm very very fortunate."

For obvious reasons, Houston will not soon forget his first win as a Pirate inside Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium. Saturday will always represent Houston's first game without his biggest fan, but it will also harken memories of a tremendous athletics department that has grown as close as a family over a short amount of time.

The Pirates' next game will be on Saturday against the United States Naval Academy. Kickoff in Annapolis, Maryland will take place at 3:30 p.m.

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# Pirates shut out Keydets with a 3-0 victory

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This past Sunday, the East Carolina University women's soccer team traveled to Lexington, Virginia beating its opponent, the Virginia Military Institute, 3-0.

The Pirates have now improved their record once again to 2-2-1 while VMI drops down to 1-4-0 for this season.

"Overall we are happy with two road wins and two shutouts," head coach Jason Hamilton said. "Getting a couple of wins under our belt will hopefully give us some confidence heading back home. Sunday games are very tough and we are very proud of the effort put forth today. Our decision-making and discipline is an area we can improve going forward in order to have success in the AAC."

The Pirates played much like how they did against University of North Carolina at Asheville. They were able to build up momentum in the first half with an opening goal that led them to be able to completely take control in the second, opening the gates for scoring.

Redshirt sophomore midfielder Grace Doran opened the scoring for the Pirates as she would send a long-range shot from outside



Redshirt sophomore midfielder Grace Doran looks to score against the Keydets' defense on Sunday. COURTESY OF ECUPIRATES.COM

the box into the back of the net. The pass came from sophomore defense Maycie McDougal at the top of the 18 and Doran sent her shot into the upper 90 past the Keydet goalkeeper giving ECU a 1-0 lead at the 26 minute mark.

Doran's second goal came just over five minutes into the second half. Doran received a pass from junior midfielder Alexia Moore

behind the VMI defense and was off to the races on a breakaway. She was able to lift her shot over the keeper into the upper left corner creating a 2-0 advantage for the Pirates.

ECU's final goal came late in the second half, in the 81 minute mark. Junior forward Tori Riggs sent a ball into the box from the right side of the pitch and was able to connect

with freshman midfielder Sophia Denmark, who sent a low shot into the net. This would be Riggs' first goal of her collegiate career.

"With all the injuries we are dealing with, we had to play some less experienced players," Hamilton added. "This weekend was good for us to get them some minutes and hopefully shake their nerves before facing a handful of top-25 teams down the road."

The Pirates had a 19-12 advantage in shots over the Keydets and also had eight corner kicks to their five. Redshirt junior Melanie Stiles played the majority of the game (78:01), making four saves. Sophomore goalkeeper Meaghan Haley was able to finish the shutout playing the remaining 11:59 in the match. VMI freshman goalkeeper Noelle Heilpern had eight saves of her own as well.

The Pirates will be back home after nearly three weeks when they will host Old Dominion University on Thursday night. Kickoff is at 7 p.m. inside Johnson Stadium.

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