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The Center for Bio-Ethical Reform brought posters to campus comparing genocide to abortion and showed graphic images of fetuses.

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## Indigenous People's Day celebrated

Michelle Mazzei  
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

East Carolina University celebrated Indigenous People's Day yesterday hosting several speakers and students from native tribes in North Carolina and providing students the opportunity to perform their written poetry.

The Indigenous People's Day celebration event took place from noon to 6 p.m. in the Main Campus Student Center (MCSC) room 125. Students from North Carolina native tribes were given the chance to dance and express their culture during the event.

This event was organized by Shaun Simon, director of the Ledonia Wright Cultural Center (LWCC). It was additionally hosted by Aleshia Hunt, financial advisor for the Student Government Association (SGA) and Jahad Carter, director of Equity and Intercultural Engagement for SGA, aided in co-hosting the event, Simon said.

The LWCC put on the event, and representatives talked about potential partnerships between SGA. SGA chose to sponsor the event with \$2000 for funding, according to Carter.

"The speakers will be talking about indigenous culture, in the beginning of the event an official land acknowledgment and student performances of dance and poetry will be held," Carter said.

Carter said there were culturally appropriate foods for the students and other individuals who were in attendance at the event.

"Since this is the first event, I am looking forward to a lot of people coming out. We will be in a prime space that is open for all students to come and be educated on indigenous people. This will give students a perfect opportunity to learn, grow, and experience things with other students and make our university more open and inclusive," Carter said.

The first speaker was Aleshia Hunt, a member of the Lumbee tribe, who introduced the audience to Indigenous People's Day and briefly described what the other speakers were going to discuss. She completed a land acknowledgement, a formal statement which recognized the uniqueness of indigenous people.

Simon said this is the first year this event has taken place at ECU, but it is expected to be an annual event. She said there will be speakers at each Indigenous People's event, but they might be different each year. Students will additionally get the chance to perform their cultural in any way they chose to express themselves, she said.

Simon said the event was targeted for all students at ECU to come back from the misconception that Christopher Columbus was the first person to come to America. She said the native tribes were the ones responsible for our land and Columbus is a person we shouldn't necessarily be celebrating.

November is Native American Heritage Month, and the LWCC along with Simon plan on doing a similar event to yesterday's. Speakers will be discussing their cultures and more information during the ceremony as well, Simon said.

"This event is important to campus because we value the rich



Jahad Carter

## Pro-lifers visit campus

### Organization compares abortion to genocide

Elizabeth Johnson  
TEC STAFF

On Monday, members of the organization the Center for Bio-Ethical Reform set up pro-life posters that compared abortion to genocide in front of Mendenhall Student Center.

Southeast Assistant Regional Director for the Center for Bio-Ethical Reform Joanna Keilson said the Center for Bio-Ethical Reform was on East Carolina University's campus on Monday to share its views on abortion.

"We're here because abortion is an act of violence that decapitates and dismembers tiny human beings," Keilson said.

Keilson said she has been a member of the Center for Bio-Ethical Reform for three years. She said she chose to join the organization because she volunteered at a pregnancy center in college where she was able to learn about abortion.

The organization displayed graphic images of fetuses aborted at 10-weeks next to pictures from the Holocaust. The organization additionally passed out brochures that compare abortion to slavery.

"When you consider that over a million human beings are being killed every year in our country simply for the fact that they are unwanted and they're targeted because they are small and easy to take their life what else would you call it besides a Holocaust?" Keilson said.

According to Keilson, "most" abortions take place in the first trimester of pregnancy.

One picture used by the organization was of an abortion at 24 weeks which is the age of viability, Keilson said. The age of viability is now earlier than it was in the past, according to Keilson.

The pictures used on the posters were taken in an abortion clinic and the Center for Bio-Ethical Reform has an affidavit signed by a former abortion doctor that verified the pictures were real, according to Keilson.

"That (the location of the abortion clinic where the pictures were taken) is not disclosed, we haven't disclosed the actual photographers name and all that because of privacy reasons," Keilson said.

When asked if the organization promotes the use of birth control to prevent pregnancy, Keilson said that the organization recommends that people consider the consequences of their actions "either way."

Keilson said the organization recommends, if someone is not able to care for the child they are pregnant with, for them to use resources provided by pregnancy resource centers. The centers provide free pregnancy tests, free ultrasounds, support, material resources, parenting classes and

connect expectant mothers to adoption agencies, Keilson said.

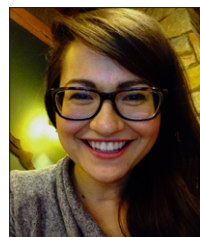
"We're not really here to promote one certain thing and you can see that sign says, you know what can you do to stop abortion and we do promote abstinence until marriage but mostly we're just promoting people not killing their children once they've already create them," Keilson said.

Keilson said the Center for Bio-Ethical Reform has received better reception at ECU than they have at other universities. She said ECU is "more open" to having the pro-life conversation. She said the organization wants to give people to engage with "the other side" of the abortion argument.

The Center for Bio-Ethical Reform has been to many universities across the southeast United States. The organization spreads its pro-life message on college campuses and other venues they are able to speak at, Keilson said.

The organization plans on going to other college campuses in North Carolina in the upcoming weeks, Keilson said. The organization cannot disclose its location ahead of time because it often attracts protesters, Keilson said.

Senior psychology major Allison Copeck said she was walking on campus and saw signs about genocide. She thought it was going to be a Holocaust memorial and



Joanna Keilson

## Pirates will be tested with tough schedule



Redshirt freshman Tay Williams attempts to score in a recent game.

ASHLEY LEWIS | THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Daniel Shepard  
TEC STAFF

The East Carolina University (3-3, 0-2 AAC) football team entered its open date having already matched its 2018 win total just six games into this season. A rare win on the road over Old Dominion University (1-5, 0-2 C-USA) in Norfolk, Virginia during week five and a 10-point loss at the hands of Temple University (5-1, 2-0 AAC) has displayed the steps taken forward by the Pirates under first-year head coach Mike Houston.

"People can look at the score from the last couple of years and look at our score tonight (Oct. 3 against Temple) and say that the program is improving and that's all fine and good, but you play the game to win," Houston said following the loss to Temple. "That's what we're setting out to do and we've got to do things better if we're

going to win those ball games."

Winning, at least to this point in the season, has come relatively easy for ECU. A blowout 48-9 win against Gardner-Webb University (3-3, 1-0 Big South) gave the Pirates their first of the 2019 campaign, while a 19-7 victory over the College of William & Mary was largely fueled by junior kicker Jake Verity. Add in the Pirates' success over the Monarchs, and the program began its season 3-2 for the first time since 2015.

On the flip side, when ECU has faltered, it has been on the wrong end of some lopsided scores. A 34-6 loss in Raleigh, North Carolina to North Carolina State University (4-2, 1-1 ACC) welcomed the Pirates to the 2019 season while a 42-10 loss at the hands

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**BRIEFS**

**Study abroad information session held today**

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.

**Ghost walk and talk across campus**

Today from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., a "Ghost Walk" will be taking place across East Carolina University's campus where attendees will be able to learn about university related ghost stories.

**Faculty Senate to meet today in MCSC**

The Faculty Senate will meet today from 2:10 to 4:30 p.m. at the Main Campus Student Center in room 204.

**Grad Expo to be held Thursday, all-day**

There will be a Grad Expo tomorrow and Thursday from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. in the Main Campus Student Center's Dowdy Student Store.

**CORRECTIONS & CLARIFICATIONS**

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

# Career Services hosts fair

## Job and Internships Fair to be held at convention center

**Ahren Rau**  
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

East Carolina University students and alumni will connect with potential employers during two Career Fairs hosted by Career Services tomorrow at the Greenville Convention Center.

The Engineering, Technology, and Management (ETM) Career Fair will be held from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. The Job and Internships Fair for all majors will last from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. Both fairs are open to all grade levels, including graduate students and alumni.

Tom Halasz, director for ECU Career Services, said the companies attending will be looking to fill several different positions such as internships, part-time and full-time jobs and co-op opportunities.

"This year we will have over 100 organizations recruiting at each of these events. I can't stress enough what a great opportunity these fairs offer for our students and alumni to find jobs and internships," Halasz said.

Halasz said learning should be the main focus for freshman students. However, sophomores, juniors and seniors should be focused on securing an interview or position, Halasz said.

Halasz said, in preparation for the event, students are encouraged to download the Fairs App. Career Services launched the app this fall to enhance the student and recruiter experience by allowing up-to-date

information sharing before and during on-campus events.

Halasz said the Fairs App educates students prior to the fair with in-depth knowledge about organizations that will be attending. Halasz said the app allows the student to sort through organizations and positions, giving the student a way to prepare for the fair.

"The individual who believes that there aren't any opportunities for them, probably didn't do their homework and probably didn't use the Fairs App," Halasz said.

Halasz said the career fairs are biannual events. He said another career fair will be held during the spring semester.

The official press release from ECU Career Services said both fairs

present an opportunity for attendees to build connections and secure interviews with a variety of potential employers.

According to the press release, the ETM Career Fair will have over 150 employers and is open to all students pursuing jobs in engineering and technology. The Jobs and Internships Fair in the afternoon will have over 100 employers and is open to all majors.



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Wednesday's Job and Internships Fair will host more than 100 organizations.

On Oct. 17, ECU Career Services will host more than 60 organizations for on-campus interviews with prospective students who attended the career fairs, the press release said.


Evan Blanton, a sophomore majoring in industrial engineering and technology, attended the fall and spring career fair during his freshman year.

"I was a freshman that year and I didn't really like have the experience talking to people in industry or representatives for the company so that was a big learning curve for me," Blanton said.

Blanton said he would advise first-time attendees to be confident and not too worried about what the organization representatives are thinking about.

Blanton said a student should not be afraid to ask questions. He said during the fair this year, he wants to learn more about ways to build his resume and to get more of an idea of what specific organizations want from him as a student.


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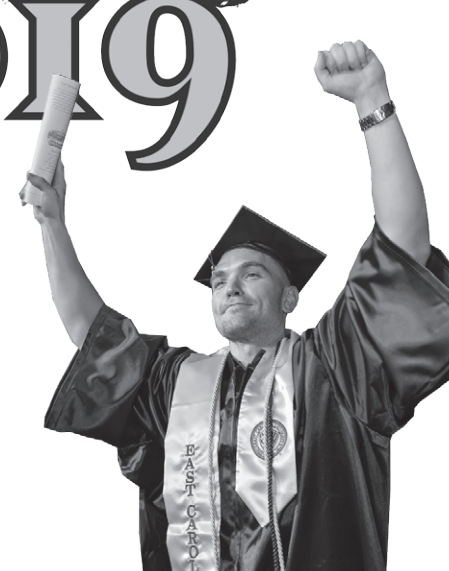


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said she was "shocked" when she saw abortion being compared to genocide.

Copeck said she doesn't believe the organization took into consideration that students on campus may have been impacted by the Holocaust.

"I grew up of Jewish heritage, so I actually lost family due to that (the Holocaust) and when they were comparing it, even if their religious beliefs say they're not supportive of it (abortion), I don't think its okay to title it genocide just to grab peoples attention," Copeck said.

The information provided on the posters was pseudo-science and used to scare people, according to Copeck. Pseudo-science is spread around the pro-life community as a way to scare people into thinking they are killing fully grown 10-week old babies, Copeck said.

An abortion at 10-weeks isn't as graphic as what was depicted in the images, Copeck said. She said often 10-week abortions can be done by just taking a pill.

On a campus other than ECU, Copeck believes that the messages being spread by the Center for Bio-Ethical Reform could be harmful. She said the response she saw from students, was that they were angered by the organization's presence on campus.

The only conversation Copeck saw students interacting with members of the organization was through snapchat when students were telling the members that what they were doing was "awful." She said she saw a few students flip them off and that they weren't well received on campus.

Members of the Center for Bio-Ethical Reform weren't aggressive while on campus, but the images they were using on their posters were aggressive, according to Copeck.



Allison Copeck

"That's wrong, so I don't really know how to respond because that's just like factually incorrect. I know my friend was trying to get an abortion once so I looked up the different stages so I could tell her what the baby looked like because that was impacting her decision and at 10-week olds, the baby is really- there's not much to it," Copeck said.

Associate Professor and Director of Students for Mathematics, Science, and Instructional Technology Education College of Education, Ronald V. Preston said he hopes the images used by the Center for Bio-Ethical Reform push people away from getting abortions, but he understands that many people get abortions. He



Ronald V. Preston

thinks that after a one-on-one conversation or pictures of aborted fetuses would help people turn away from abortion.

Preston said he believes the pictures can start the thought process within people to convince them from getting abortions.

"Well there's some very disturbing photos, and I am not in favor of abortion so it bothers me to see those photos and to see what we're doing to babies who can't defend themselves," Preston said.

Senior accounting major, Kyle Davis said these pictures could possibly convince someone not to get an abortion if someone can't handle seeing graphic images.

Davis said he wasn't "a fan" of the comparison of abortion to genocide. He said it wasn't offensive to him because he doesn't come from a past of genocide but he could understand why someone who has a past of genocide would find this offensive.

"I think this is disgusting, I was just about to eat lunch and now I don't really want to eat lunch but I mean it shows a lot that people have probably never seen, I've never seen pictures like this before," Davis said.

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tapestry of the cultures that make up our campus. We are ECU united and in order to do that, we need to recognize everybody and give them their proper due. Our indigenous peoples are often led on the sidelines and not truly celebrated for the greatness that they've done or the contributions that they've made," Simon said.

Since yesterday was Columbus Day, it was the perfect time to hold the event, Simon said. She said she wants all cultures to be recognized and celebrated, as well as honoring our true histories.

Simon said she wants the people who attended the event to come away with the idea that indigenous people are not a dead people. There are 200 Native Americans who attend ECU and the university has a thriving Native American Association and there is also a Native American sorority and a fraternity on campus, she said.



Shaun Simon

"It's important to recognize the Native American culture and communities that are here on

campus," Simon said.

Cheyenne Shashoni Daniel, a senior majoring in rehab services and treasurer of ECU's Native America Organization (NAO), is a part of the Haliwa Saponi tribe in North Carolina.

The Haliwa Saponi tribe is derived from Halifax County and Warrington in North Carolina, Daniel said.

"Throughout my life really being the one and only Indian person everywhere I went pushed me to make it to where my kids won't be in the same situation I am, or other people's kids won't be either. It drove me to be the person I am today," Daniel said.

Daniel helps facilitate the club and makes sure everything is organized and goes as planned. She said she wants this organization to be more known on campus since not a lot of people know about it. This club meets every other Monday, so they had a meeting last night to recap yesterday's event. The next meeting will be in two weeks.

"At each meeting, we discuss about general ideas for the club as well as fundraiser ideas for the campus and surrounding community. There is usually food at each meeting for us and we tend to socialize with each other," Daniel said.

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## OUR VIEW

# Culvert impacts students

The Town Creek Culvert project moved on to its next phase on Monday, Oct. 7, resulting in major road closures in downtown Greenville, which presents an inconvenience to East Carolina University students and community members.

With the current phase of the project, parts of Reade Circle and Cotanche Street have been closed for construction. The closure is expected to last between three to four months if the weather permits and construction remains on-schedule.

Although, the Town Creek Culvert construction downtown is necessary for the completion of stormwater drainage efficiency, the impact on pedestrian and automotive traffic comes at a high price.

ECU's West End neighborhood borders the Town Creek Culvert construction, leaving students with limited easy-access to the downtown area by way of foot. The fenced off of the area, including the crosswalk on Reade Circle in front of the Chico's Mexican Restaurant, leaves students having to take a detour to walk through downtown.

We, the editorial staff of The East Carolinian, believe the Town Creek Culvert project's construction presents an inconvenience to students walking to and from the downtown area, however it is notably essential to the development of the city.

Additionally, the closing of parts of Reade Circle and Cotanche Street should not have been a surprise to students seeing as though this phase of construction has been planned and spoken about for months.

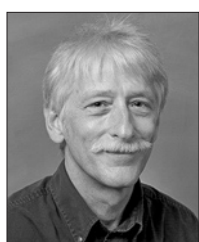
As Reade Circle and Cotanche Street being closed can seem like an annoyance for students walking downtown, this phase of the project should've been anticipated.

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# Questions remain after email

## Answers are needed after anonymous Gerlach tip surfaces



**Brian L. Massey**  
GUEST COLUMNIST

If you could read it all, you'd see how the anonymous email about Dan Gerlach presented local news outlets with an out-sized dilemma.

Libel-potential saturates it. That surely is why the email itself hasn't been much reported on. Caution is prudent, no doubt, for ethical and legal reasons.

Still, it needn't be an absolute "to publish or not." There's a middle ground, an alternative path to truth. Edit out the libel-potential. Report what's left. A modicum of context is better than none.

I viewed the anonymous email in the queue of one of its unknown number of original recipients. They or he or she asked not to be publicly paired with it, and I agreed.

There are a few safe bits in the email. Its "Sent" line is time-stamped 2:48 p.m. Sept. 29, 2019. Its "To" line

reads, "undisclosed-recipients."

The single address in the "From" line could belong to or be shared by person or persons uninvolved. Best to vague it up. It's an obviously fake name at Gmail.

The "Subject" line holds 12 words. Redacted, it reads: "Link of Pictures and Videos (libel risk) of Dan Gerlach with Students."

Its body copy is a single paragraph; five sentences, 98 words. Made safe, it reads:

"Here is a link to some of the videos and pictures of Chancellor Dan Gerlach of ECU (libel risk). He (libel risk). I and many others are appalled that this man is leading East Carolina University (libel risk). (Libel risk) perhaps, (libel risk) seemingly. (Unverified claim), yet he seems to be (libel risk)."

Below that is a link to a virtual drop box. It's a dead link now. The box is gone. Before its apparent deletion it held photos and videos, categorized, captioned and embedded with poten-

tial libel.

The anonymous email is one of two related but separate stories of what happened the night of Sept. 25 at Club 519. First, there's the story of Gerlach crossing the line between leader and regular guy. He's apologized for that in voluntary appearances on Pirate Radio Live and then, on Talk of the Town.

The second is a dark story served up by an anonymous emailer. Gerlach has adamantly denied any improprieties that night. Club 519 staff who were there deny it too.

Gerlach, in the radio interviews, described the email as a "professional put-together packet of pictures and videos with captions that are incendiary." The question is, "Why would someone do such a thing?" The UNC System must answer it in detail in public.

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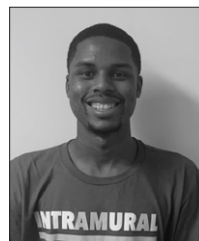
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# Mental health days are needed

## Do the Dan Thing



**Daniel Roberts**  
TEC STAFF

College students have found themselves feeling depressed and stressed at times throughout the academic year because of school, work, extracurriculars, the whole nine yards.

We have found ourselves needing to take days off from everything to not kill ourselves (not literally) at the end of the day. I believe that universities should give students mental health days to help better the experience for students all across the board physically, mentally and emotionally.

We find ourselves in stressful situations more times than not throughout the academic year. Some find that they have to balance classwork and homework with jobs while trying to figure out how they are going to pay rent. Freshmen find themselves to be stressed out adjusting to being away on top of trying to figure out how to balance classes with social lives.

Coming off of midterms, many of us students took fall break to recover from pulling all nighters and putting in numerous hours needed to study for all of our big exams. Some teachers and professors give students some free absences they can use throughout the semester. Others do not make attendance mandatory for students, while there are those who make attendance absolutely mandatory.

There is not a balance in how teachers and professors run offices, and I think that University officials should step in and fix this for everyone including graduate students. Oregon back on July 1 passed a law

**" I believe that universities should give students mental health days to help better the experience for students all across the board physically, mentally and emotionally. "**

that gave students five mental health days in a three month period. I don't know about you but I would love to have five mental health days in that time period. All students could benefit from that at the end of the day and end up going back to class more motivated to learn.

I know that there are some negatives with giving students mental health days. I do not think that they outweigh the possible benefits mental health days can give across the board. Students can miss crucial lectures, notes, etc. While that is the case, teachers and professors can make those same notes and lectures available online. I have found being able to look back at the lectures online to be very helpful.

Some parents would not complain about their child or children wanting to take a mental health day off from class just because of the 'been there, done that' mentality. Others would complain about mental health days because of the fact that they are investing thousands of dollars into their children's future that not only includes the tuition, and room and board, but also textbooks and necessary supplemental materials like laptops and cameras. Depending on what happens with their child at the end of the semester or academic year they'll feel that they wasted their money if their child did not succeed in the

classroom like they needed to.

At the end of it all, students will not always feel the best every day of the week. When we're not feeling 100%, I feel that our grades reflect that especially if we take a test feeling so depressed and stressed to the point that it makes us sick on test day. We basically struggle more times than not when we're sick. Being given the opportunity to possibly have mental health days will help improve students' grades across the board.

Our mental health is very important in getting through this college experience. We try to have a social life outside of the classroom that involves different organizations and clubs. Even then can that become stressful when we do not get to make time for ourselves. At the end of the day if we are not given the opportunity outside of the weekend to recover from the college students' hectic weekly routine no matter what it entails, our mental wellbeing will end up going down more as we continue to push through each day until University officials all over make a change. If mental health days are given to students, the energy level will change all over campuses around the world.

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## EVENTS

### TODAY

**Fall Drag Show 2019**  
ECU New Main Campus  
Student Center  
7 p.m.

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

**Pitt Community College  
Symphony Orchestra**  
Farmville Community  
Arts Council  
7:30 p.m.

### TOMORROW

**Fall Dance 2019**  
McGinnis Auditorium  
7:30 p.m.

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

**Comedy Pitt Open Mic  
Night**  
Pitt Street Brewing  
Company  
8 p.m.

### THURSDAY

**Driving Miss Daisy**  
Magnolia Arts Center  
7:30 p.m.

**2019 Bunco for Breast  
Cancer**  
Rock Springs Center  
6 p.m.

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

**History Speaks: NS'c Outer  
Banks at the Dawn of Flight**  
Eastern Carolina Village  
and Farm Museum  
1840-1940  
6 p.m.

### FRIDAY

**Into the Fog at Pitt Street  
Brewing**  
Pitt Street Brewing  
Company  
8 p.m.

**Dylan Earl and the Reasons  
Why**  
Christy's Euro Pub  
10 p.m.

**Poetry and Spoken Word**  
The Primer Sports  
Academy  
7 p.m.

### SATURDAY

**Jukebox Revolver**  
Buggy's Bar  
10 p.m.

**Bass Planet 3.0**  
Whirligig Stage  
9 a.m.

**Youth Arts Festival**  
City of Greenville Town  
Commons  
10 a.m.



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School of Theatre and Dance members Sydney Buchanan and Allegra Persico rehearse for the 2019 Fall Dance opening tomorrow night.

## Fall Dance returns to ECU

The School of Theatre and Dance to host annual performance tomorrow

**Devin Raines**  
TEC STAFF

East Carolina University's School of Theater and Dance (SOTD) will host its annual Fall Dance tomorrow night at 7:30 in McGinnis Auditorium.

Associate professor with the School of Theater and Dance, John Dixon, said the Fall Dance 2019 is one of the school's Main Stage concerts, which the school hosts bi-annually. The concert displays a variety of performance styles that showcases the talent that the School of Theater and Dance is known for, according to Dixon.

"We have an incredible variety of works from tap to musical theater to jazz and contemporary modern and classical ballet, there's incredible variety and that's what we're known for," Dixon said.



John Dixon

The six performances will begin tomorrow night, and will occur nightly until this Sunday. These performances will include one student work, faculty works and feature the work of guest artists. People coming will be able to see the culmination of the work done by ECU's theater and dance students both by performing in the various pieces and by their own choreography work, according to Dixon.

The work displayed here contains the highest level of production value that the SOTD can bring to ECU. From sounds, sets and props, everything within these performances are being treated as if it were at the professional level, according to Dixon.

"If people come in with an open mind and

are excited to see things that both challenge them and satisfy them, I think that they'll have a great night of watching dance," Dixon said.

Director of Media for the Merce Cunningham show, Daniel Madoff, has been working with ECU dance students to help condition them towards Merce Cunningham's unique style of performance. Through this, he is helping to bring Cunningham's piece titled "Assemblage" to Fall Dance 2019.

"I trained the students in the technique, Merce Cunningham has his own specific technique, so the dancers, it's not something they're used to doing, and I spent a lot of time with them conditioning their bodies and teaching them how to approach the work," Madoff said.

Merce Cunningham's works stand out from other choreographers because it separates the music from the dancing. The performance lasts a total of 20 minutes with the dancers performing their own specific piece and the musicians have their own piece, but the two are separate. According to Madoff, the dancers are not able to rely on any musical cues.

This is challenging for dancers because this makes the individual dancers reliant on their own internal music to guide them through the dance. The dancers have to be able to connect with each other and properly dance with each other in a unique way, according to Madoff.

"It's a piece that's never been seen before on stage, and there's even one section that I recreated that's never ever been recreated since it was originally filmed in the 70s," Madoff said.

The ECU dance students perform in a wild and unique way, according to Madoff, and he is excited to see how the Dance students attack this piece and make it their own.

Senior dance performance and choreography major, Autumn Stowers, is choreographing her own work for the Fall Dance 2019, and she is also performing in two of the faculty works.

"I have just always had a love for choreography, and, especially going through these classes and going through how to make movement and creating it, it was what I figured out I was most passionate in, even more than performance," Stowers said.

Stowers's piece explores the concept of time and how it can move rapidly at one moment, but

slow in another instance. The piece contains circular movement to represent the turning of time and clocks, and the music for this piece will have original pieces from history, but will also include remixes to illustrate how time and history repeats itself, according to Stower.

"I find, especially students who aren't used to going to see concert works that end up liking it more than they think because they've never experienced it before, so I think it's very beneficial," Stowers said. "It's a mixture of genres, so I think it'll appeal to everyone who likes to watch dance or wants to see if they like to watch dance, it will appeal to many different people."

Tickets are \$10 for ECU students and are \$15 for the public. Tickets are for individual nights, and can be found on the event page or through the School of Theater and Dance homepage.

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## Art students teach new generation

**Hannah True**  
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Eager elementary school children gathered in Jenkins Fine Art building yesterday evening to learn from undergraduate School of Art and Design students from East Carolina University at the After-School Art Classes session.

The after-school art classes held at ECU provide children in the community with the opportunity to learn multiple art forms while giving ECU students a chance to practice teaching strategies. They collaborate with their peers to create a lesson plan for each day the class is held and allow each student to teach his or her lesson.

Cynthia Bickley-Green, professor of art education at ECU, said the after-school course has been apart of the School of Art Design for nearly 40 years. However, Bickley-Green claims not many students are aware of the opportunity, but any student exploring the idea of art education is open to participate.

"(These classes) have been around for about 40 years before I started working here, and I've been here about 25 years now," Bickley-Green said.

Bickley-Green also explained that they work with many different schools such as Wahl Coates Elementary School, Third Street Academy and even a



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Pitt County elementary school students participate in after-school art class.

Korean School. The professor also expressed that this class draws in many different students with varying backgrounds and abilities, even students with mental disabilities.

Associate Professor of Art Education in the School of Art and Design and Assistant Dean for Assessment and Curriculum in the College of Fine Arts and Communication Robert Quinn explained the point of the after-school sessions are to provide students interested in art education with "hands-on experiences."

"Art education faculty members began offering these classes as an important component of art education coursework for pre-service teachers," Quinn said. "The classes provide pre-service art teachers with hands-on experiences working with real live kids during a 10-week session every semester."

Senior art education major, Hannah Pritchard, has participated in the past and explained her excitement for this year's classes. Pritchard said the class helps to

make connections with younger students to prepare those going into art education for life in the classroom after graduation.

"You really learn a lot when you do the after school art class, you learn about the students, their likes and dislikes, you learn ways to beneficially do projects and lessons and it helps you when you go into schools to actually be able to do your lessons efficiently," Pritchard said.

Quinn explained what a typical day in the class is like stating that when students first arrive they begin with a warm up activity, then after they are able to express their creativity using art materials provided by whoever is teaching the course that day.

"After the teacher introduces the topic and demonstrates any necessary techniques or proce-

dures, the children are able to respond creatively using the materials provided," Quinn said. "At the end, the teacher will typically recap the lesson's main teaching points and ask children for feedback and perhaps invite them to share their work with the class."

According to the syllabus of the class, the children learn how to "recognize key components of works of art from different artists, styles, or movements and use art terminology to describe art in terms of subject and physical characteristics."

By taking this class undergraduate students get the ability to teach a class in an environment where they can always look to someone else if they need help, and the children are put in a class with other children that are interested in art, allowing them to also learn from one another.

Quinn also wants the community to know that they are so thankful for the support and that this class better prepares students for teaching because of their time in this class.

"We are so thankful for the wonderful community support we have received from parents who entrust their children to us for these classes. Our art education majors are better teachers because of their experiences in these classes with these wonderful children" Quinn said.

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New York based company Theatre Works USA "DogMan: The Musical" cast members Brain Owen, Crystal Sh'nar, Forest VanDyke, Dan Rosales, L.R. Davidson and Jamie LaVerdiere perform live.

# 'DogMan' comes to ECU theater

## New York based company brings off-broadway musical to Family Fare

**Emma Wilbur**  
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

"Dogman: The Musical" is making its way from an off-broadway theatre and will be performed by the East Carolina University Family Fare Series Friday night at 7 in the Wright Auditorium.

According to the ECU events information page, the musical is based on the best-selling series by Dav Pilkey, who also wrote *Captain Underpants*. It features the characters of George and Harold who are 5th graders challenging themselves to write a musical by the end of lunch. George and Harold decide to choose their favorite character, Dogman who's part dog and part man.

Associate Dean of Research, Marketing and Outreach for the College of Fine Arts and Communication and producing artistic director of "Dogman: The Musical," Michael Crane, said he believes the musical's unique set and costume design will grab the audience's attention.

"(The musical) is fast paced, it's quirky, the costumes are nicely visual, tones of color (and) tones of changes," Crane said. "It's got all the key elements you need for a good story."

The musical is also part of a series at ECU called Art Smart which includes performances during the morning for elementary school field trips and caters to kids grades kindergarten through fifth grade. During the evening is

when the series will switch over to Family Fare, which is open to the public, according to Crane.

Crane said the purpose of the Art Smart series was to give children the opportunity to witness their favorite literature on stage.

"Our mission for Art Smart is to present literature based titles that are top quality (and) professional performances," said Crane.

The New York based company Theatre Works USA will host the performance and current member Maya Jacobson will portray the role of Little Petey. Jacobson's character is the clone to Petey whose one of the main villains in the story.

Jacobson describes her character as a joyous kitten with a toddler attitude who loves to play and draw books.

"There's a joyous freedom in playing a child where you don't have to think too hard, you just get to feel exactly what you're feeling which is such a gift," said Jacobson.

Princess Victome, another member of the cast plays Flippy the Cyborg fish. Flippy is another villain Dogman faces throughout the course of the musical. Victome described the musical as

being full of heart and joy and childlike imagination as well.

"My character is a little fish that unfortunately experienced bullying in school and has thus become a pretty evil little man," Victome said when describing her character.

Victome is trained in Commedia Dell-Arte and plays three different characters within the musical, her main role being Flippy. She said she hopes to have an impact on young girls as she's a plus-size black woman playing an out of context gendered role.

"I hope that children seeing me on stage can spark a sense of normalization in representation and joy for little black girls to see that maybe one day they can play a ridiculous villain and lean away from stereotypes," Victome said.

Tickets for the show aren't available yet but are being sold to the public for \$15. They can be purchased online or call the number located on the events page for "Dogman: The Musical" on the ECU website.



**Princess Victome**

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**TEC**Talk:  
Time for Tolerance

**Diversity should be accepted and celebrated.** But, as President Donald Trump's rally held at East Carolina University in July proved, many people are a long way from that goal. Rally attendees yelled, "Send her back," referencing Rep. Ilhan Omar, a naturalized U.S. citizen who immigrated from Somalia, after the president commented about her and other Democratic congresswomen of color he criticizes. If acceptance and celebration are elusive in this time of unrest in our communities and nation, can we begin with tolerance? A panel of students and audience members will answer that question.

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**Taurus** (April 20-May 20) -- Today is an 8 -- Long-desired ambitions seem just around the corner. Consistent action advances personal dreams. Discuss the result you'd love to see while remaining open to mystery.

**Gemini** (May 21-June 20) -- Today is a 7 -- Hide in your secret workplace to get productive behind closed doors. Avoid crowds or noise. Sweet music soothes your spirit. Make inspiring future plans.

**Cancer** (June 21-July 22) -- Today is an 8 -- Communicate clearly for better teamwork. Consider group goals, vision and mission. Avoid conflicting interests. Coordinate roles, responsibilities and messaging. Share your common dream.

**Leo** (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Today is a 7 -- Professional discipline is required now. Get strength from the past and the ones who came before. You're gaining respect. Keep producing results. Outsmart the competition.

**Virgo** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Today is a 7 -- Talk about adventurous dreams and fantasies while handling practical details. Purchase travel tickets in advance. Apply to an educational program. Schedule deadlines and goals.

**Libra** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) -- Today is a 7 -- Keep your cool with your partner regarding finances. Talk about your dreams. When you share an inspiring vision, the steps to take become clear.

**Scorpio** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) -- Today is an 8 -- Resolve any misunderstandings with your partner as soon as possible. Stride forward with a collaborative effort. Share the load and leap ahead.

**Sagittarius** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) -- Today is an 8 -- Nurture your physical health, energy and fitness. Friends keep you on the right track with good advice. Watch where you're going and proceed carefully.

**Capricorn** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Today is a 7 -- Keep your patience and humor with your family and your sweetheart. Consider long-term perspectives. Clarify things to get on the same page. Have fun together.

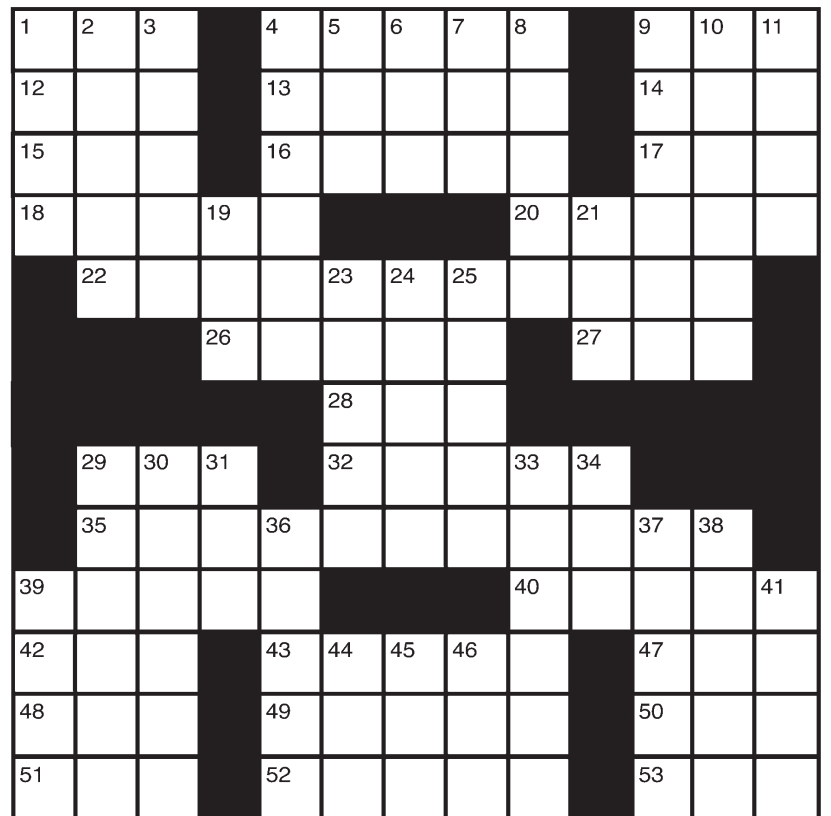
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**Pisces** (Feb. 19-March 20) -- Today is a 7 -- Spend more time listening than speaking. Don't jump to conclusions. Inquire with an open mind and take what you get. Avoid another's argument. Practice diplomacy.

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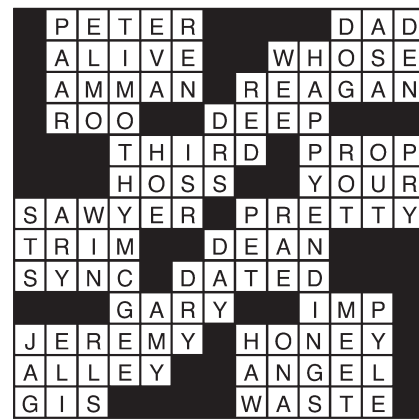
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- Batteries for electronics, often
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- "The \_\_\_"; Fran Drescher sitcom
- "Last \_\_\_"
- Rigg or Ross
- Billy \_\_\_ Williams
- "Two and a Half \_\_\_"
- Apple pie \_\_\_ mode
- Walks the floor
- Star of "Chuck"
- "The Price Is Right" host
- Singer Frankie \_\_\_
- Mr. Linkletter
- Sitcom title role for Bea Arthur
- "Major \_\_\_"
- "\_\_\_ a Yellow Ribbon Round the Ole Oak Tree"

- \_\_\_ and the Chipmunks"
- Actress Jillian
- Hearing organ
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- Actor Nicholas \_\_\_

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- City in Alabama
- St. Francis of \_\_\_
- Guacamole or salsa
- "One Day \_\_\_ Time"
- Soft wet dirt
- Pay out
- Actress Woodward
- "The Real Housewives of \_\_\_ County"
- Too inquisitive
- "Pirates of the Caribbean: At World's \_\_\_"; movie for Johnny Depp
- Assistance
- \_\_\_ Bay Buccaneers
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- McKeon or Travis
- Actor Hank
- Ali of "Heroes"
- "\_\_\_ Ventura: Pet Detective"; movie for Jim Carrey
- Burstyn and Pompeo
- "20,000 Leagues Under the \_\_\_"
- Earle \_\_\_; portrayer of Cliff's father on "The Cosby Show"
- Hairdresser Sassoon
- Ridiculous
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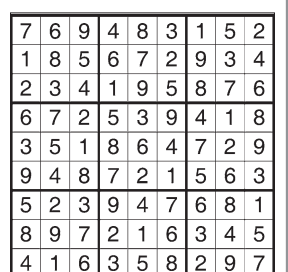
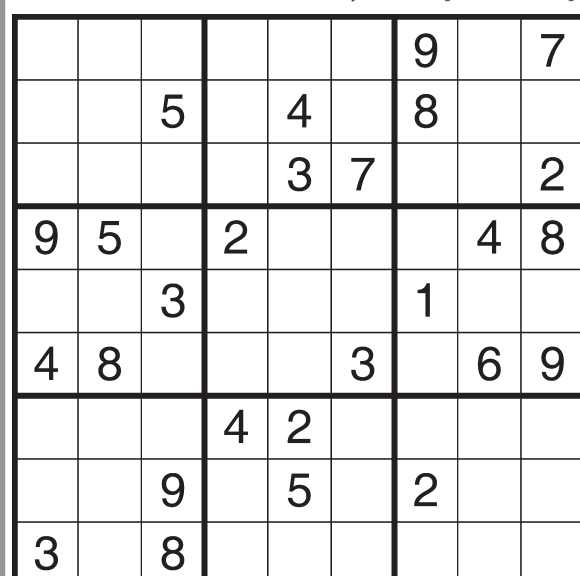
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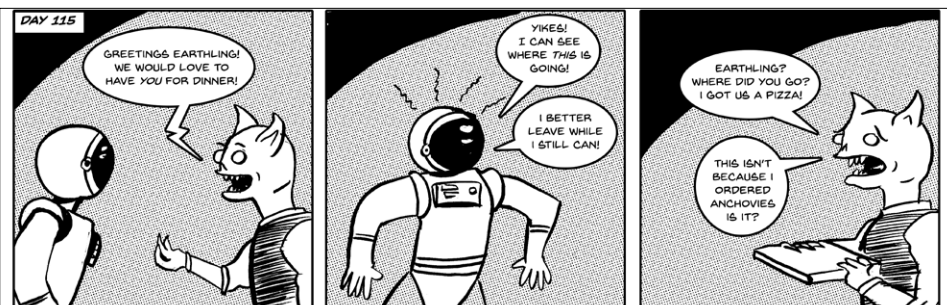
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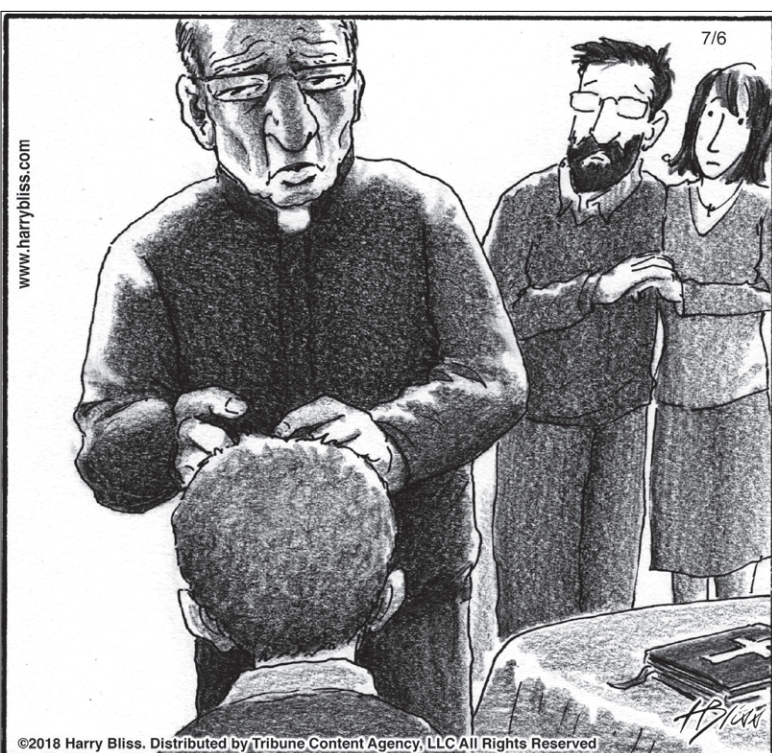
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# Swim and Dive splash in Minges

Daniel Roberts  
TEC STAFF

Head coach Matthew Jabs and the East Carolina University men's (2-1, 0-0 AAC) and women's (2-1 0-0 AAC) swimming and diving team splashed their way to a dominating win at home against both the men's (1-1, 0-0 CAA) and women's (0-2, 0-0 CAA) swim and dive teams of William & Mary on Saturday.

"Having our first home meet is always good," Jabs said. "Our fans always show up, this place is awesome (Minges Natatorium), we can't thank them enough for the energy we get from them. We have pretty high expectations on how we want to perform, and I think we did a pretty good job today of showing up."

Both the men's and women's swim teams split their first two meets of the year beating the men's (0-2, 0-0 CUSA) and women's teams (1-1, 0-0 CUSA) of Old Dominion University in week one, while losing in a tough matchup with both the men (1-0, 0-0 ACC) and women (1-0, 0-0 ACC) of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in week two. The men's team took down the Monarchs 198-92, and lost to the Tar Heels 143-157. The women on the other hand went and got a 188-107 against ODU, and lost to UNC 115-170.



Matthew Jabs

Despite splitting the first two meets, both squads earned a spot in the collegeswimming.com Division 1 team rankings. The men's team ranks No. 15 and the women's team ranks No. 25 in the country. Both teams ranked the highest in the American Athletic Conference going into Saturday and after sweeping William & Mary they can possibly move up in the rankings this week.

"We're really excited about that," Jabs said. "It's a dual meet ranking so it's based on our dual meet performances and we've had a couple so far that we're pretty proud of in how we swam and today (Saturday) will add to that. Overall, it's good for the program and we're excited for that."

The Pirates sailed ahead of the Tribe early and never looked back in the meet. There were 12 races overall that were decided by less than a second that had fans and spectators on the edge of their seats.

The men's team had strong performances that helped them win 10-of-14 individual events and 176-101 at the end of the meet. They looked to set the tone early and they did just that in the 200-yard medley relay. The relay team of sophomore swimmers Marek Osina, Lyubomir Epitropov, James Ward and senior swimmer Gustavo Santos managed to set a pool record in that race with a time of edging out William & Mary by 0.25 seconds (1:30.51 to 1:30.76).

Osina went on to win the 200-yard backstroke and 200-yard individual medley races on Saturday. In the backstroke race Osina finished ahead of second place finisher senior Pirate swimmer Magnus Andersen by 2.39 seconds (1:48.43 to 1:51.04). In the individual medley race, Osina had a tough race with Tribe senior swimmer Ben Skopic that resulted in a nail-biting finish that saw Osina prevail by .08 seconds (1:52.53 to 1:52.61).

Senior swimmer Blaz Demsar added two first place finishes on the men's team that were both decided by less than 1.6 seconds each. In the 200-yard freestyle, Demsar finished ahead of ECU sophomore swimmer Pietro Nannucci by 1.03 seconds (1:40.91 to 1:41.94). In the 500-yard freestyle race, Demsar took down fellow senior swimmer Grega Popovic by 1.58 seconds to get the win (4:38.15 to 4:39.73).

Those were the only two Pirates on the men's side that earned multiple first place victories as other teammates added six more individual wins total. Demsar, Santos, Ward and freshman swimmer Pedro Gueiros teamed up at the end of the meet to set a Minges Natatorium record in the 400-yard freestyle relay with a time of 3:02.60 edging out the Tribe (3:03.23) by .63 seconds.

The women's team saw sophomore swimmer Shannon Stott, graduate swimmer Lily West, freshman swimmers Jodi Ogle and Adela Vavrinova record multiple first-place finishes against William & Mary to lead ECU to a 173.5 to 99.5 win at home.

Stott took first in both the 100-yard and 200-yard butterfly races with times of 56.42 and 2:02.81 respectively edging out Pirate junior swimmer Lise-Lotte Bentin in the 100 by .66 seconds. West finished first in the 100-yard breaststroke race with a time of 1:05.79 defeating Tribe freshman swimmer Annie Tuttle (1:06.42) by .63 seconds.



Jodi Ogle

Ogle managed to sweep both the 100-yard and 200-yard backstroke races. Ogle defeated fellow ECU freshman swimmer Rachel Strickland in the 100-yard race by 1.60 seconds (57.46 seconds to 59.06 seconds). In the 200-yard race, Ogle took over from the very beginning and took first place by almost five seconds over William & Mary junior swimmer Tara Tiernan (2:02.58 to 2:07.56).

Vavrinova took first place in the 100-yard freestyle and 200-yard individual medley races with times of 51.80 and 2:04.53 respectively.

Both teams combined to win 24-of-32 events on the day winning 75% of the events on the day. Four of those wins included a clean sweep in both the 1-meter and 3-meter diving events from positions one to three as ECU had three divers compete and none from William & Mary's side.

"We can always get better," Jabs said. "We by no means have arrived. We've got to continue to come in everyday with a mindset of we're going to get better today, work on the little details of our races, turns, pacing, those sorts of things but that's a normal thing for the season that we try to work on each and every single day."

Both teams look to use home pool advantage this upcoming weekend in Minges Natatorium when it will welcome the men's and women's teams of Catawba College (0-0, 0-0 SAC) and Lenoir-Rhyne University who has a record of 1-0, and 0-0 SAC with the men, and a record of 1-1, 0-0 SAC on Saturday to compete in a swimming only tri-meet. The meet is set to begin at 1 p.m.

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Simon Labbe prepares to return the ball back to an opposing player, at the Richmond Fall Tournament in Richmond, Virginia. COURTESY OF ECUPIRATES.COM

## Tennis gets third place

### ECU has mixed results at Richmond tournament

Lydia Ryan  
TEC STAFF

East Carolina University men's tennis team completed its third of four fall tournaments in Richmond this weekend. The team struggled to remain consistent in singles and having better doubles results.

"Our results were all over the place this weekend and if I had to come up with one word to describe the tournament for us I would say humbling," head coach Shawn Heinchon said in a press release.

In singles play six of the seven Pirate players fell in their first match. Junior tennis player Wisse Jonker won his first round, defeating College of Charleston sophomore tennis player Andre Limon, 6-3, 6-4.



Wisse Jonker

Three Pirates did win their conso-

lation rounds. Freshman tennis player Fredrico Masetti played against Richmond University sophomore tennis player Josh Keitelman in his final, winning it with 6-1, 6-2 rounds. Junior tennis player Agustin Tamagnone defeated both College of Charleston (6-3, 6-4) and George Mason University (6-3, 6-3) in his first consolation round, but was defeated in the consolation finals. Sophomore tennis player Simon Labbe won his consolation final against Richmond's freshman tennis player Nick Mueller (6-1, 6-4).

"Overall, we played a little better in doubles than we did in singles," Heinchon said. "Our singles was just too inconsistent for some of our guys. The thing I like most about going to a fall tournament or any competition for that matter, is it hands you on a silver platter what you need to work on. This does not always show up in practice or just competing against our own guys, so for that aspect these events are perfect and exactly what we need."

The Pirates had better luck in the doubles portion of the tournament. A duo of Jonker and senior tennis player Javier Renones finished the tournament 2-1. They took home third place after a victory over Richmond with a final score of 6-4.



Shawn Heinchon Tamagnone and freshman tennis player Nelson Stafford also finished 2-1. The pair won their first two matches against George Mason (6-4) and Longwood University (6-4). Tamagnone and Stafford lost their final match against Appalachian State University with a closing score of 4-6.

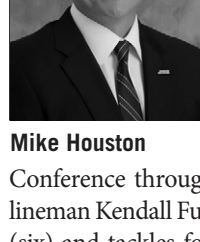
The final tournament on the fall schedule is the ITA Carolina Regional. It will be held in Cary, North Carolina on Oct. 18 through Oct. 21.

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## FOOTBALL continued from A1

of the United States Naval Academy (4-1, 2-1 AAC) allowed junior quarterback Malcolm Perry to set a handful of personal records.

"Each week you learn something about your team. I think that we learned a lot against NC State, I thought we learned something against Navy, I thought we learned something against ODU and William & Mary," Houston said. "I thought that we learned something last Thursday night (against Temple), I'm not just talking about the coaching staff, I think all of Pirate Nation learned something."



Mike Houston

Both good and bad, Houston is right when he says much has been learned about his football team so far this season. Statistically, the Pirates have one of the better defensive lines in the American Athletic Conference through the first half of 2019. Senior defensive lineman Kendall Futrell currently leads the conference in sacks (six) and tackles for loss (10). Additionally, senior defensive lineman Alex Turner ranks ninth in the conference with three sacks while both he and junior defensive lineman Chance Purvis are inside the top-15 in tackles for loss.

With a strong front and the emergence of freshman defensive back Ja'Quan McMillian on the back-end, ECU has been kept in ball games on the play of its defense. While the Pirates' offense came through when it mattered against ODU, the same cannot be said against the Owls of Temple and for much of the year.

Through six games, ECU's offense is averaging 20.7 points per contest, ranking it 11th out of the 12 teams in the AAC. To blame for that lack of scoring, the Pirates are racking up just 202.7 passing yards per game and 363.5 total yards every contest. While that second number may not sound bad, the Pirates have been anything but consistent on the offensive side of the football, amassing 574 yards against the Runnin' Bulldogs just to be held under 270 yards against NC State and Navy.

To find some semblance of consistency would put the Pirates in good shape for the tough slate of second half games they will play. Beginning on Oct. 19 in Orlando, Houston's squad must face the No. 5 scoring offense in the country in the form of the University of Central Florida (4-2, 1-1 AAC). Scoring nearly 45 points per game, the Knights pace the American Conference in total offense (544.3 yards per game) and pass offense (329.5 yards per game).

Perhaps not surprisingly, the Knights are 10th in the nation in yards per pass completion, averaging nearly 16 yards per catch, while still placing inside the top-30 in the country in rushing offense (214.8 yards per game).

"Now we're going on the road against the two-time defending conference champion who has as much talent as anybody," Houston said. "It's a night game, it's their homecoming. I'm excited about the opportunity and I can't wait to see how we respond. Again, we're going to find out exactly where we stack

up against some of the better teams in this league."

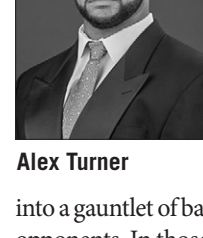
Once again, UCF was picked to win the AAC prior to the season, but its two losses (one in conference play), has put those chances at risk.

Instead, two nationally ranked teams, both of which the Pirates have yet to play this season, have overtaken the Knights as favorites in the American. Southern Methodist University (6-0, 2-0 AAC) and the University of Cincinnati (5-1, 2-0 AAC) are ranked 19th and 21st respectively in the latest Associated Press poll.

Two weeks after traveling to Orlando, the Pirates are slated to face Cincinnati at home before flying out to Texas to battle SMU. Similar to UCF, the Mustangs have one of the most powerful offenses in the country, scoring 44.2 points per game to rank sixth in the nation. With nearly 500 yards of total offense per contest, SMU is inside the top-35 in both rushing and passing offense halfway through this campaign.

"I knew what this league was when I got into it," Houston said. "This league is ranked ahead of several power five conferences as far as strength in a variety of polls out there. All I know is, it's a big boy league and every single week is going to be just like that (referencing the loss to Temple). So we better strap it up and be ready to roll."

In the three seasons prior to Houston's arrival in Greenville, the Pirates posted a 4-20 record in conference play, with three of those wins coming against the University of Connecticut (1-5, 0-3 AAC). Only one of those seasons saw ECU play ranked opponents within its conference, and ironically, that was ECU's best season during that portion of the team's schedule.



Alex Turner

Already on the books as 33.5-point underdogs on the road, ESPN is giving the Pirates just a 2.7% chance to win against the Knights. After a homecoming match-up with the University of South Florida (3-3, 1-1) on Oct. 26, ECU plunges into a gauntlet of back-to-back games against nationally ranked opponents. In those games, ESPN gives the Pirates a combined 13.1% chance of winning, made up of a 6.1% shot at beating Cincinnati and a 7% chance of taking down SMU.

"This program is not going to be like this forever, we're going to get it turned. We've got good young players, we've got a great recruiting class that we believe in that hopefully we're going to sign in December," Houston said. "We're going to grow them up, we're going to develop them, we're going to learn how to play the game the right way. We've got a great fan base and we're determined to give them a product on the field that they can stand behind."

The Pirates will be back in action on Saturday in Orlando against UCF with kickoff between the Pirates and Knights slated for 7 p.m.

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