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Tight end Anthony Watley runs forward with the football to cross the plane of the endzone against William & Mary earlier this season.

Tuition, fees expected to increase

Margaret McCollum
TEC STAFF

East Carolina University officials and faculty discussed proposed tuition and fee increases at a forum on Wednesday for the 2020-2021 school year.

Colin Johnson, ECU Student Government Association (SGA) president, began the meeting by informing the audience that the proposed tuition and fee increases are not finalized and still must go through multiple levels of approval before being enacted.

Sara Thorndike, vice chancellor of administration and finance at ECU, said the university is proposing a three percent increase in tuition for incoming undergraduate resident students, which would generate about \$830,000 in revenue for the university.

The increase for incoming students would be about \$154 per year, and students already attending the university would not be affected, Thorndike said. She said, of the revenue generated by the increase, \$50,000 would be used towards degree completion scholarships, \$500,000 towards insurance and \$280,000 towards a network refresh.

Thorndike elaborated on the insurance cost of \$500,000 to a student who asked for the purpose of the funds. According to Thorndike, most of the academic buildings on campus last year were only insured for fire protection and now the university is aiming to purchase broad risk hurricane coverage, this cost from fire to broad risk would cost \$800,000.

Thorndike said the proposed mandatory fee increases the university is proposing in three sectors of the university: athletics, education, technology and student unions. Of the total fee proposal of \$77, \$50 would go towards athletics, \$10 for education and technology and \$17 for student unions.

Jon Gilbert, ECU director of athletics, said the current student fee is at \$773 and would be increased to \$823. He said existing revenue is generated from ticket sales, the Student Pirate Club, concessions, parking passes and guaranteed games. He said ticket sales have decreased in recent years but the university is headed in the right direction.

"In 2016, we had 19,000 football season tickets, last year we were at a low of 12,500 tickets, this year we are trending in the right direction were at just a little more than 14,000 and I do think that will trend significantly upwards," Gilbert said.

Gilbert said efforts taken to help the athletics department have been taken by increasing parking pass costs and guaranteeing participation in football games at a big-name opponent schools to generate money.

"We (athletics) are not the most important thing that is going on at this institution, we have a lot more important departments, initiatives and areas but we are the most visible and I think with our visibility comes responsibility to do good," Gilbert said. "I think this student fee will help from an operating standpoint."



Jon Gilbert

Pirates to battle UCF

ECU will travel to Orlando, Florida on Saturday

Daniel Shepard
TEC STAFF

The East Carolina University (3-3, 0-2 AAC) football team will continue conference play on Saturday when it travels to Orlando, Florida to face the University of Central Florida (4-2, 1-1 AAC).

Meeting for the 18th time since 1991, Saturday night's game will pit two statistically opposed programs against each other. While the Pirates have won 10 of the 17 previous contests, the Knights rank as one of the best offensive teams in the country this season.

Picked to win the American conference during the preseason, UCF has picked up right where it left off in 2018. After riding a powerful offense to an undefeated regular season, the Knights will enter Saturday's contest with the fifth best scoring offense in the country, averaging 44.8 points per game.

"They've got weapons at every skill



Mike Houston

position on offense," head coach Mike Houston said. "The offensive line returns three all-conference players this year along with two other experienced players. The backfield, they're going to play multiple backs, all of them have home run capabilities. So, we've got to do a good job of defending their scheme and deciding what we want

to take away and how we want to try to take it away."

Through the first half of 2019, the Knights have averaged better than 544 yards per contest and have posted at least 423 yards against every team they have faced this season. That statistic ranks UCF third in the country, while its 329.5 passing yards per game is eighth best in the FBS.

At the center of the Knights' passing attack is freshman quarterback Dillon Gabriel. Despite his lack of collegiate experience, Gabriel is thriving in an offensive scheme that loves to air out the football. In his first six starts at the FBS level, Gabriel has already racked up 15 touchdowns (10th in the FBS) and 1,635 passing yards, equating to better than 270 yards per contest.

With numbers like that, it is not surprising to learn that the Knights are one of the best big-play offenses in the country. At this point in the season, UCF has already racked up 46 plays from scrimmage of 20 yards or more, ranking them second in the nation. Over 25% of those explosive plays have come from one person, junior wide receiver Gabriel Davis.

On the receiving end of 38 of Gabriel's 99 completed passes this season, Davis paces the Knights' offense in catches, yards (669) and touchdowns (eight) while averaging a lofty 111.5 receiving yards per contest.

"The biggest thing we've got to do, at least initially, is match their tempo,"

Houston said. "We've got to do a great job of getting the call, getting lined up, playing together and then doing a great job of doing our job. It's going to be a challenge, but it's a challenge for everybody. We've just got to have a great week of preparation."

As Houston mentions, the Knights have one of the most up-tempo offenses in the country. At times snapping the ball before the referees are set, UCF has a knack for catching defenses unprepared.

A quick look at the Knights' statistic sheet, however, reveals they have only ran 10 more plays than their opponents this season, 466 to 456. The difference, unfortunately for opposing defenses, resides in the average yards gained per play. Currently, UCF is averaging seven yards per snap while at the same time holding opponents to 4.3 yards per play.

On the back of their talented skill position players, the Knights have developed an offense that has learned to score quickly. Of their 41 scoring drives this season, 33 have been completed in under three minutes, 25 under two minutes and 13 under one minute. In fact, offensive coordinator Jeff Lebby's offense has yet to sustain a scoring drive longer than 3:55 this season.

"They're snapping the ball every eight to nine seconds," Houston said. "There are some things that we're going to do this

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Art gallery to host workshop for cancer patients

Hannah Bolick
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

An Art is Good Medicine workshop will be held tonight at 6:30 located at Emerge Art Gallery and will be open to anyone who has been affected by cancer, namely patients and survivors, their families and caregivers, and those who have lost a loved one to cancer.

Programs Director at Emerge Art Gallery, Paula Rountree, said that the Art is Good Medicine program was started by Emerge. Instructors would go in to the Children's Hospital and North Tower at Vidant and do free activities with children and adults who were stuck in the hospital for long periods of time.

"It started as a purpose of distraction so they are not just focused on what they are currently sitting in or experiencing, but it's an outsource of some sort of way," Rountree said.

The program has now morphed into a multi-faceted entity with class both at the hos-

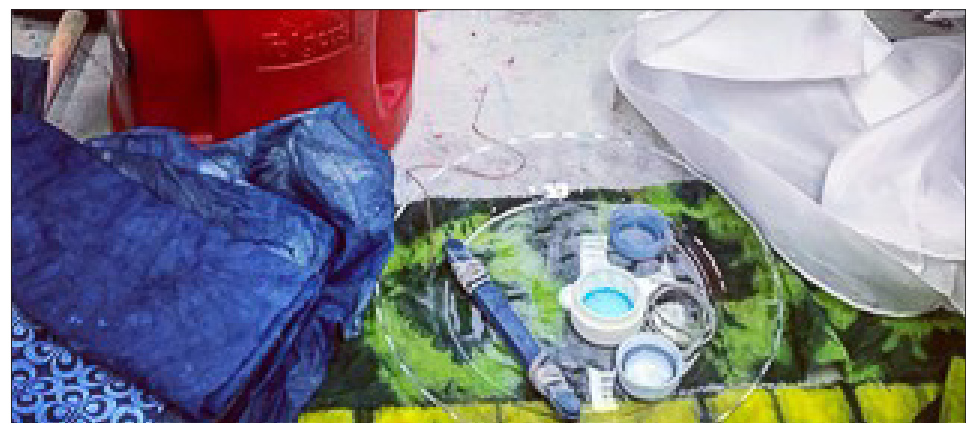
pital and at Emerge. Rountree said the workshops are meant to provide an outlet to cancer survivors, caregivers and family members after treatment has ended.

"At one point we decided that we're touching on the people at the hospital, but what about when they're no longer coming to the hospital they still need that sort of outlet to where they're surrounded by people who understand what they've gone through or are experiencing," Rountree said. "So, Art is Good Medicine isn't just for the cancer patient or survivors it's also for the caregivers and family members."

Rountree said that she likes to allow instructors to get creative with each workshop and while she gives a basic topic or medium she would like them to teach on and take the



Paula Rountree



CONTRIBUTED BY PAULA ROUNTREE

Art supplies laid out at Emerge Art Gallery to prepare for Art is Good Medicine workshop tonight.

activity in whatever direction they see fit.

This month's workshop on silk scarves will be taught by Art Director for the American Cancer Society, Mary Dementev, who is an Art is Good Medicine workshop instructor both at Emerge and at the hospital. Dementev

said that she will be demonstrating several different techniques on how to dye a silk scarf at the workshop held tonight.

"I might show them what the dye does

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BRIEFS

MYO: Pumpkins and Skulls with SAB

Today at 4:30 on the lawn, SAB is offering students the opportunity to decorate their own pumpkins and skulls for the Halloween season.

LGBTQ Center to host event to share reflections

Tonight at 7 in room 253 of the Main Campus Student Center, The Jessie R. Peel LGBTQ Center is hosting an event that is trying to build trust on campus for the LGBTQ community. The event will embody personal reflections and shared experiences on the topic of coming out stories.

Ice Skating with ECU Adventure Program

Tomorrow from 6 to 8 p.m., the ECU Adventure Program is giving students the opportunity to go ice skating at the Carolina Ice Zone. Transportation will be provided and the event will be free for any students or members of the Student Recreation and Wellness Center.

Greenville Food Bank Community Service Event

Tomorrow from 1 to 4 p.m., the National Society of Collegiate Scholars is partnering with the Greenville Food Bank in order to have a volunteer event. Make sure to wear closed toe shoes and register for the event.

CORRECTIONS & CLARIFICATIONS

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GFR educates on safety

Fire Prevention Month brings events to schools

George Martin
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Greenville Fire/Rescue (GFR) just celebrated Fire Prevention Week from Oct. 6 to Oct. 12, but will continue to have events throughout all of October seeking to educate the Greenville community on important fire safety tips.

Rebekah Thurston, public information officer and life safety educator for GFR, said GFR does programs that teach the community about fire safety throughout the year, but October is a month it sets aside to educate everyone on fire safety.

Thurston said the holiday is supposed to only last one week in October, but GFR wants to extend it out to the whole month in order to provide educational opportunities for the community.

Thurston said GFR doesn't want to change the name of the holiday because Fire Prevention Week is the longest national running public health holiday. She said if GFR changes the name that record would be lost.

"People always think that (a fire) can't happen to them, but we know that it can and we want everyone in the community to be as protected as possible and have a plan laid out in case a fire does actually break out in their home," Thurston said.

Thurston said that GFR has over 100 fire prevention events planned for the month of October. Fire Prevention Month is the busiest one they have ever had. The most events that had been done in the past was 70 in October 2017.



Rebekah Thurston

There are fire safety programs scheduled at public libraries, which are primarily for children. There will be an event at Sheppard Memorial Library today at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m., Thurston said. At the events, stories about fire prevention will be read and there will be games revolving around fire safety, Thurston said.

Thurston said that GFR has also gone to assisted living facilities to teach the elderly



CONTRIBUTED BY REBEKAH THURSTON

A GFR firefighter spoke to students at Sycamore Chapel Tender Touch daycare about fire prevention.

about fire safety.

"The reason we focus on kids and seniors is that they are the most at risk for home fire death, so we tend to focus on those two populations during October," Thurston said.

Thurston said the most important thing when considering fire safety is that all of the smoke alarms are in working order because smoke alarms allow households to know when there is smoke or fire.

Thurston said that both nationally and locally, unattended or intoxicated cooking is the number one cause of fires in the home. When cooking on the stovetop, it is essential to stay in the same room and pay attention to the task at hand.

Thurston said if someone living in the Greenville city limits has a fire alarm that does not work, they can call GFR and someone will come out to their house and replace the fire alarm free of charge.

Greg Hardee, a captain with the City of Greenville Fire Department, said texting or looking at social media while cooking may also cause fires to break out.

Hardee said he is helping with the events that are being put on throughout Fire Prevention Month. He said there are many different, but important, things that GFR wants to teach to the children about fire prevention.

"One of the main things is do you know how to call 911 when you have an emergency," Hardee said. "We also want to teach them the different noises that a fire alarm makes and what that can mean. How to get low and go and stay away from the smoke that they shouldn't be breathing are other important skills we want to teach."

Jesus Enriquez, a firefighter with GFR, said he is excited to work with the kids and educate them on the important topic of fire safety.

Enriquez said he believes what GFR is doing during Fire Prevention Month is a great service to the community. He says he enjoys every aspect of Fire Prevention Month and said it is always fun to be working with kids.

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TECTalk discusses tolerance at ECU

Elizabeth Johnson
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TECTalk: Time for Tolerance will allow students and members of the East Carolina University community to discuss what tolerance at ECU means to them.

Editor in Chief of *The East Carolinian* (TEC) and senior English major Jenna Price said TECTalk: Time for Tolerance will be held on Oct. 17 in the Mendenhall Great Rooms one and two beginning at 6 p.m. The event will hold a panel of guest speakers along with a Q&A session.

"We are hoping to generate a discussion revolving around what tolerance is and why it's important that not just students, but people exercise tolerance," Price said.

The topic of tolerance for TECTalks was inspired by President Donald Trump's visit to East Carolina University's campus over the summer, Price said. During Trump's visit, a racist chant was created which caused ECU to be known as the place where the chants started, she said.

TECTalk is hoping to teach students what tolerance is and when it is appropriate to use tolerance in their everyday lives, Price said. She said the difference between opinion and what is wrong are two different things.

"People differ in opinions constantly, everyone has an opinion and people should know how to tolerate those opinions, however, if those opinions are hurtful or damaging to other people, is tolerance the right step? Like what should be tolerated and what shouldn't be tolerated?" Price said.

TECTalk will be hosted by TEC which is a division of Pirate Media I, Price said. TEC is hosting the panel to discuss recent controversial events on campus, she said. This will create a forum for students and professors to discuss how they feel



Jenna Price



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President Donald J. Trump as he speaks in Minges Coliseum during the July 17th campaign rally.

about tolerance, according to Price.

"We (The East Carolinian) felt it was important to be involved with the students in a more face to face way than our typical twice a week publication," Price said.

Representatives from ECU Political Science department, ECU Sociology department, the Center for Leadership and Civic Engagement (CLCE) will be present, Price said. She said she will be moderating the event.

Price said she will ask the first few questions and then turn the discussion over to the audience so she, the panelists and the audience may have a conversation.

"It was important to us that the panel featured ECU Students so we reached out to different contacts that we have through the newspaper, different sources we have in certain departments and just sort of in a way cultivated people we thought would bring insightful and important opinions to the panel," Price said.

If the TECTalk goes well, TEC is hoping to make it a semesterly event with a topic relevant to what students are talking about and issues impacting ECU, Price said.

One member of the panel, Kris Rixon, is a sociology graduate student at ECU and second vice chair for the Pitt County Democrats.

Rixon faced intolerance due to his sexual orientation and his age. He said he hopes more young people would take leadership positions to make changes necessary for their communities.

"Tolerance means being comfortable and accepting of other peoples' identities, so long as those identities don't infringe on that person's human rights," Rixon said.

Rixon said it is important to be a panel member so people can know that ECU can be an inclusive and diverse community.

Rixon said the event will give those who need their voices heard the opportunity to "elevate" their voices.

President of ECU NAACP and junior political science communication, Kamari Purvis, said he leads an organization of around 80 minority students. NAACP advocates for minority stu-

dents to have seats at the table and integration on campus while promoting unity.

"I feel like I have a very wide, a very understanding perspective, but I definitely just want to be the voice of the students that are not heard often, I feel like sometimes, minority students, specifically black student, voices can go unheard. I don't mean to speak for them but I do mean to stand as representation of them," Purvis said.

Purvis said he plans to bring up challenging perspectives such as underlying issues at ECU whether or not they're prevalent. There are issues minority students don't often get to voice, he said.

Inclusion, true diversity and true integration are some of the topics Purvis said he doesn't feel like get talked about enough on campus.

"We scream diversity but there's not true diversity. Other than classroom procedure, when you can choose your own group project, you still find yourself grouped with people who look just like you, so I definitely want to talk about the issue of integration and the issue of segregation on campus," Purvis said.

Often times when people say their opinion or perspective they don't have tolerance to understand others perspectives and opinions, Purvis said.

"Tolerance I think is a very important word when it comes to 2019, when it comes to 2020. I feel like a lot of people don't understand the difference of understanding and don't really practice tolerance that often," Purvis said.

Purvis said he looks forward to being able to talk with people who have the same love for ECU and the community, about different ideologies and how to find a middle ground.

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Kamari Purvis



Kris Rixon

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Wendy Creasy, ECU's director of academic technologies, said the \$10 increase fee for education and technology would support college laboratories with equipment, technical support response in classrooms, Pirate Tech assistance, computer labs and the online writing center.

Creasy said the new revenue generated by the \$10 fee would support the networking of the university, which is necessary for wireless devices and security cameras. The fee would generate \$250,000 towards the \$900,000 network refresh needed for the university.

Erik Kneubuehl, Associate Vice Chancellor of Student Involvement and Leadership, said the \$17 fee increase for student unions would go to the reparation and operation of buildings on ECU's campus.

Kneubuehl said the revenue currently being generated from student fees and revenue generated in the Main Campus Student Center from rental and retail spaces has created a deficit.

"Our total revenue coming in does not meet the expenses it costs to run the building (the Main Campus Student Center)," Kneubuehl said. "It can cover us up to 2022 and into 2023."

Kneubuehl said the increase of \$305 through the \$17 fee would bring in an additional \$348,000 per year.

The remainder of the fees discussed were non-mandatory fees, including: housing and dining fees, parking fees and OneCard fees.

The housing increase would be a three percent increase, according to Brian Mattern, ECU associate director for finance, to maintain building quality across campus and increase student wages who are employed by the university.

Mattern said the dining fee would increase about two percent for mandatory meal plans and non-mandatory meal plans would

increase about five percent.

Bill Koch, associate vice chancellor for Campus Safety & Auxiliary Services, proposed a two percent increase for all permit fees for parking, excluding garage fees which includes the parking garage located next to the Main Campus Student Center.

OneCard replacement fees would increase \$5, resulting in a \$20 replacement fee for a new OneCard for students under the new proposal, according to Merlena Artis, ECU director of OneCard staff.

Before these proposals are finalized, these proposals must pass the two student forums, the SGA assembly meeting for feedback, the Board of Trustees must vote on the proposals on Nov. 22 and the Board of Governors must approve the proposals which will most likely be around February or March, according to Thorndike.

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OUR VIEW

Protest claims are inaccurate, offensive

While East Carolina University is a public university and freedom of speech is allowed, we, the editorial staff of The East Carolinian, believe that the claims made on Monday that abortion was equivalent to slavery and genocide were offensive and inaccurate.

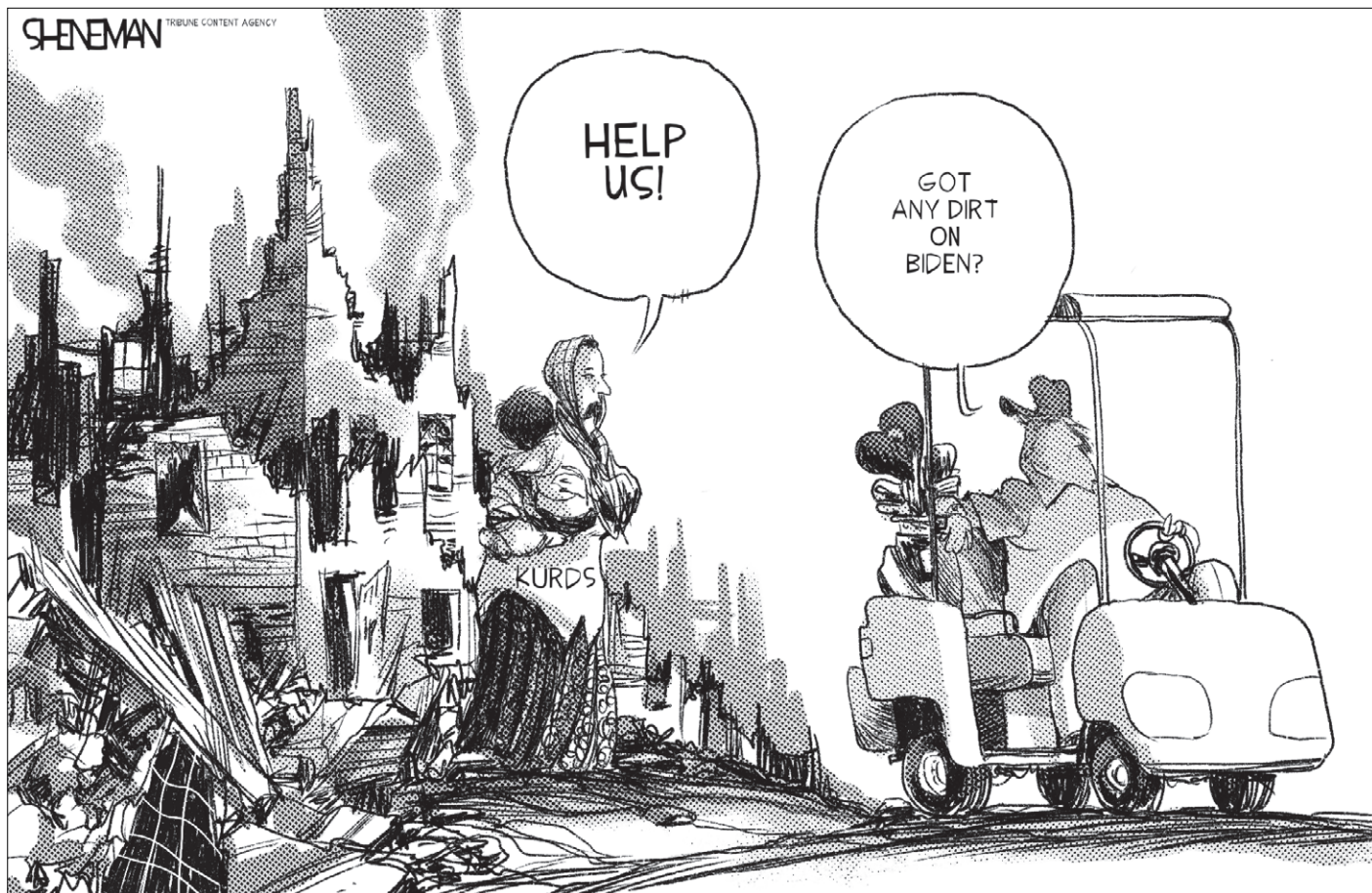
These claims made campus unsafe and the images were triggering to many students. Students are entitled to an abortion and should be able to make decisions that they believe are right for themselves and their body.

Members of the ECU community do have relatives that were victims of genocide and have been directly impacted by genocide. A woman's choice to decide whether or not she is ready to be a mother is not the same as genocide.

Students should not be shamed while walking to class for a decision they made they felt was right for them. In the past other "activist" have been on campus who have slut shamed women and asked them about their virginity.

Students have expressed that they feel unsafe whenever hate speech is being preached on campus. Bringing up the painful past of genocide is not going to convince people to not get an abortion.

Abortion is not genocide. Abortion is a decision made by a woman who knows what is right for her and her body. The most responsible decision a future parent can make is deciding whether or not they can care for their child which is in no way genocide.



Gen Eds are a scam

General topic classes keep students in school too long

Down Pat



Pat Polomchak
TEC STAFF

I have never truly understood the purpose of general education classes at the college level. Sure, gen-ed courses are pretty standard at this point, but many people never really stop to consider why.

Take East Carolina University, for example. According to ECU's course catalog, the university requires 40 credit hours of general education, broken down between Humanities/Fine Arts (nine hours), Natural Sciences (seven), Social Sciences (nine), Health (three hours), English (six hours), Math (three hours), and general elective (three hours).

Based on the total number of hours, general education requirements take a little over three semesters (based on the 12-hour full time minimum) to complete.

Many students choose to take these throughout their college careers rather than front-loading them, but when you look at the way it is set up, students are clearly meant to take the bulk of these general classes throughout their first two years of school.

I value education above most things, and I have always personally been an advocate for learning new things. However, I have always struggled to see the point of putting such an emphasis on general education at an institution of higher learning other than keeping students in school longer.

For starters, what exactly was the last 13 years of formal schooling if not "general education?" Throughout elementary, middle and high school students learn a wide variety of information from the various subjects listed above, and the high school classes in particular should suffice in terms of general knowledge.

Gen-ed requirements almost act as a gatekeeper for a student's major, as administration strongly encourages you to take those credits early and wait until late sophomore year to early junior year to take classes within your field of study.

If a student takes that path, what happens if they do not wind up meshing with their major? Suddenly they have to change majors midway through college and likely have to either load up on classes over the summer or take an extra semester or two to graduate, which means extra money spent on tuition and fees.

And of course, there is the age-old

argument: "When will I actually use this in real life?" While I can see the merit of having knowledge in a variety of fields (except advanced math, calculus only comes up in daily life if you are a scientist or mathematician), it is worth noting that most of the knowledge gained through gen-ed classes don't really have much bearing on life after college. Such a heavy course load of classes that won't ultimately matter doesn't make much sense.

Students go thousands upon thousands of dollars into debt going to college, and yet when they arrive, they must spend almost the first two full years taking courses that have very little benefit to them, all the while paying for said courses. The way the system is set up now feels like it is less about education and more about business: making your school more attractive with higher enrollment numbers and making more money off of students who simply want a degree by forcing them to take so many gen-ed classes that they're in school for almost twice as long.

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Protest raises concerns at ECU



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Before I begin, I want to clarify that the purpose of this piece is to provide my opinion on the way an anti-abortion protest was handled, not to talk down on the beliefs of those who are pro-life or pro-choice.

On Monday, there were protests held on campus by pro-life individuals from the Center for Bio-Ethical Reform (CBR). The organization provided graphic photos of unborn fetuses next to genocide and slavery victims as to compare the two to each other. Not only was I completely appalled by the display, but a few other individuals have voiced their concerns to me as well.

A friend of mine told me that after she had explained to a member of this organization that she could not deliver a child due to her disability, she was told that her doctors are not always right and that there are rarely abortions for legitimate health issues. This response made her obviously uncomfortable.

Other students discussed their concerns on the protest on the Wildfire app, where students can share news, ideas and opinions on what's happening on campus. Several students believed that the protest was unnecessary, and a few discussed how the display could cause some individuals to feel unsafe, especially those who may have previously had an

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abortion.

No matter what your stance is on abortion, you must understand that others can and will have different opinions than you and respect those as such. There is a difference between being against abortion and respecting another's choices and trying to force those opinions on others.

This organization handed out brochures on campus today to students, many of whom didn't want to be bothered as they were walking to and from class. The brochures start off by asking "How can you compare abortion to genocide?"

Right beneath the prompted question, there are two photos, one of victims of the Cambodian Genocide in the 1970's, and the other of a first trimester fetus. The text over the first photo reads "Cambodian killing fields" and "American killing fields" over the second. Beneath the two disturbing photos, the word "genocide" is written.

This is already very alarming to me, as I believe the comparison of these two extremely different situations is not only inaccurate, but also distasteful. While I do understand where they were trying to make a

point, I believe the way they went about it isn't okay.

When you open the pamphlet, there is a table with four columns. The columns discuss the Holocaust, slavery, abortion, and how they compare to each other. The columns talking about slavery and the Holocaust include graphic photos of victims of these two horrific events.

As it is important that we remember these historical incidents, using them for comparison seems unethical and possibly offensive to those whose ancestors may have been involved in these events. I believe that this organization should have put that into consideration prior to releasing these pamphlets.

ECU has been making efforts towards having an inclusive campus that allows for students and faculty to feel physically and emotionally safe. However, I believe that by allowing for a protest that includes graphic photos and offensive comparisons, they are stepping in the wrong direction.

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TEC 'sports

The East Carolinian Sports experts predict this weekend's football game

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UCF 42-10. Why? We do not have the firepower on both sides of the ball to keep up with

UCF, and being on the road as well during the Knights' homecoming will fuel them enough to beat the brakes off of ECU. ESPN gives a UCF 97.3% chance of winning the game by over 30 points. It will be another sad day for Pirate nation.

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UCF 40-7. Why? ECU will struggle as they attempt to defeat arguably one of the best teams

in college football. Despite beginning the season as a backup quarterback, UCF's Dillion Gabriel has nearly a 60% completion rate. He has clearly stepped up in his new role as a starter, and is likely to torch an ECU secondary that is still working on containing high-talent offenses.

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UCF 56-7. Why? Set to face an explosive, up-tempo offense in UCF on Saturday, Mike Hous-

ton admitted the Knights are the Pirates' best opponent thus far in 2019. With a high-scoring offense that has averaged 44.8 points per game this season, UCF's ranks among the best in the FBS. While ECU's defense is improving weekly, its lack of depth will prove detrimental.

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UCF 49-14. ECU doesn't have the personnel to handle UCF's high scoring offense. UCF enters

Saturday's game averaging 45 points per game. UCF came into this season as the heavy favorites to win the AAC and despite having two losses on the season they have lost those games by a combined four points.



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Midfielder Tori Riggs attempts to dribble the ball past a Memphis defender during Sunday's match. ECU tied the previously ranked Tigers 1-1.

ECU to continue AAC play

The Pirates will face the University of Memphis on the road

Brendan Gillespie
TEC STAFF

The East Carolina University (5-6-2, 2-1-1 AAC) soccer team will face the University of Houston (3-11, 0-4 AAC) on Thursday in Houston, Texas. This will give the Pirates the opportunity to improve their American Athletic Conference record, as well as their regular season record.

ECU will be looking to continue its two-game unbeaten streak while Houston will plan to net the team's first AAC win of the season.

Historically, ECU has a 8-4-1 record against Houston, but has lost its last two matchups.

"We have to be ready for a battle with Houston," Hamilton said. "We are at the point in conference where no one is mathematically eliminated, but some teams have to play with a little more desperation than others. That is what you saw from us last weekend and what I would expect to see from both opponents this weekend."

This past Sunday, ECU was able to upset the University of Memphis (13-1-1, 5-0-1 AAC) by ending the match between them in a tie, 1-1. Memphis was nationally ranked at No. 8 in the country during the match, but have since been moved down to No. 31, according to NCAA.com.

Head coach Jason Hamilton commented on ECU's win in a post-game press conference.

"The past two games this weekend have been the best soccer we've played all year," Hamilton said.

"Hopefully that's confidence going into the rest of the season. We've just got to come out and battle, ECU will carry the momentum from tying a nationally-ranked team into

Thursday's matchup."

In goal for the Pirates, redshirt junior goalkeeper Melanie Stiles will be a key to the

team's success against the Cougars. Stiles was recently named the AAC Goalkeeper of the Week, acknowledging her defensive prowess in the net. She saved 10 out of 11 shots on goal against Memphis, and has six total shutout games on the season thus far.

"Mel is a great keeper and it really showed this weekend," said Hamilton. "She was a huge part of our success last season and really seems to turn it on in conference play. In both games this weekend, she made a couple of great saves and gives us a chance to win by keeping us in every game."

Junior midfielder Tori Riggs leads the Pirates in scoring with 10 points, four goals and two assists, a career-high. Along with Stiles, she was also won an AAC weekly award. Riggs was named the AAC Offensive Player of the Week, thanks to her performance against Memphis and the University of Tulsa (8-8, 2-4 AAC).

Thursday night's match will begin at 8.

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ECU baseball continues fall schedule

Daniel Shepard
TEC STAFF

Fall baseball scrimmages signal that another collegiate baseball season is right around the corner. Roughly halfway through its fall practice schedule, East Carolina University's baseball team participated in its first of two scrimmages against other universities in pre-season action.

Following changes made by the Division I Council last spring, collegiate baseball programs are now allowed to schedule and play fall exhibition contests separate from their spring slate of games.

On Sunday, the Pirates traveled to Charlottesville, Virginia to face the University of Virginia in a 14-inning intercollegiate scrimmage, dropping the exhibition 15-10.

"Some good, some not so good. It was good to get a lot of guys out there that hadn't

had Division I experience," head coach Cliff Goodwin said. "(Junior right-handed pitcher) Gavin Williams was really good on the mound. (Right-handed pitcher) Nate Nabholz, a freshman for us, was really good on the mound. (Freshman infielder/right-handed pitcher) Zach Agnos played really well positionally, had some RBIs for us and then he also threw really well."

Riding three scoreless innings from the flame-throwing righty Williams, the Pirates quickly

mounted a 5-0 lead over Virginia. Three RBI from junior left-handed pitcher/first baseman Alec Burleson, including a two-run home run, combined with run-scoring hits from Agnos and junior outfielder Bryson Worrell began what would be an offensive out-pouring on Sunday.

Unfortunately for the Pirates, that offensive

displayed largely centered around the Cavaliers following the opening three innings of action. Responding to ECU's five-run advantage, Virginia stormed back for six runs in the middle innings, finishing the scrimmage with 19 total hits and an aforementioned 15 runs scored.

In addition to allowing 19 hits and a slew of runs, the Pirates' pitching staff issued 11 walks to Virginia batters, doing little to aid in preventing runs.

Admission to the Pirates' scrimmage against Liberty University on Saturday is free, with first pitch scheduled for 1 p.m.

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week to try to simulate that. We're going to do some stuff against our offense. Our offense can play pretty fast when it needs to as well. Then there's some things you can do with your scout teams to give a little bit of a quicker play rep than normal."

Defensively, the Knights are deep enough to keep fresh players rotated in regularly, making it tough for opposing offenses to gain an advantage. In total, 43 different UCF defenders have booked a tackle this season, while 22 have logged at least one tackle for loss. As a team, the Knights rank fourth in the FBS with 8.8 tackles for loss per game and have held opposing programs to a 27.5% conversion rate on third down.

Leading the way on the back-end for the Knights is redshirt senior cornerback Nevelle Clarke. Already with nine pass break-ups this season, Clarke finds himself ranked eighth in the nation with 1.7 passes defended per contest and accounts for almost a quarter of UCF's swatted passes this season.

In all, UCF's defense is a top-35 unit in total defense, allowing 327.5 yards per game, and scoring defense by holding opponents to an average of 20.7 points per match-up.

"I think they're probably the best team that we've played to this point," Houston said. Tasked with slowing down UCF's offense

attack on Saturday is a Pirate defense that has been slowing progressing this season. Despite only meddling numbers in both pass and rush defense, ECU's defensive unit has yielded only four passing touchdowns in 2019, its lowest total allowed through six games over the last 20 years. Additionally, opposing offenses have managed just 1,208 (201.3 yards per game) passing yards against the Pirates' defense, ranking the unit 40th in the nation in that category.

Free off a bye week, the Pirates will be playing with a slightly adjusted depth chart. Still without junior running back Darius Pinnix Jr., coach Houston and his staff has tabbed freshman running back Demetrius Mauney as the starter on Saturday.

"Just as we've seen in the past couple of games, you're seeing more and more guys put themselves in a position to contribute on the field and that's good for everybody," Houston said. "We're going to need that depth on Saturday night."

Sophomore tight end Zech Byrd also worked his way to the top of ECU's depth chart while senior Fernando Frye will make his third start this season, replacing the injured Cortez Herrin on the offensive line.

Perhaps the one upside to facing a team that scores quickly is the opportunity to possess the football more times than normal. Up until this point in the season, the Pirates' offense has struggled to find consistency. Despite averaging 24.3 points in its four non-conference games, ECU has managed only 13.5 points in two games against AAC competition. Conversely, the Knights' defense has limited opponents to just 16 points per game at home in 2019.

"I think the big key is having productive drives," Houston said. "What we talked about as a staff, we don't want to do things to beat ourselves and that's in all three phases. But offensively, we don't want to have the big negative plays. You don't want to have the turnovers. You don't want to have the quick three-and-outs. You want to have the productive drives."

Scoring points in bunches and slowing down UCF's up-tempo offense looks to be two very important factors in the Pirates' success on Saturday. Tabbed to be 33.5-point underdogs on the road, however, it will take ECU's defense playing to its potential to make an impact on the Knights' explosive offense.

Kickoff between the Knights and Pirates in Orlando is slated for 7 p.m. on Saturday inside Spectrum Stadium.

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Taurus (April 20-May 20) -- Today is a 9 -- The more you push, the more you can harvest. Gather all the fruit you can. Your efforts can become lucrative. Get help when needed.

Gemini (May 21-June 20) -- Today is an 8 -- Take advantage of favorable tides. Harness a surge of energy to lift a heavy load. Draw upon hidden resources. Invite participation. Feed everyone who shows up.

Cancer (June 21-July 22) -- Today is a 6 -- Get away from crowds and noise. Peaceful spaces reap valuable productivity. Slow down, rest and consider options. Small changes can earn big rewards.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Today is an 8 -- Teamwork broadens your reach. Coordinate with friends to conserve resources and time. Strengthen infrastructure and stay in communication. Go for a rewarding prize.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Today is an 8 -- Forge ahead with a professional project. Energize your work and communications. You've got the power to make things happen. Get everyone in on the action.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) -- Today is a 9 -- Everything seems possible. Travel light for a long-distance trek. Venture farther out. Monitor local news and conditions as well as what's happening at your destination.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) -- Today is an 8 -- Move your enterprise forward with strong partnership. Send pitches, requests and queries. Collaborate to generate the funding to get the job done. Power ahead.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) -- Today is an 8 -- You and a partner can stabilize a wild situation. Expand your heart to include another's point of view. Patience comes in handy. Organize and coordinate.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Today is a 9 -- Work to put your ideas into action. A physical push now gets farther than it ordinarily might. You're especially energized. Leverage your position.

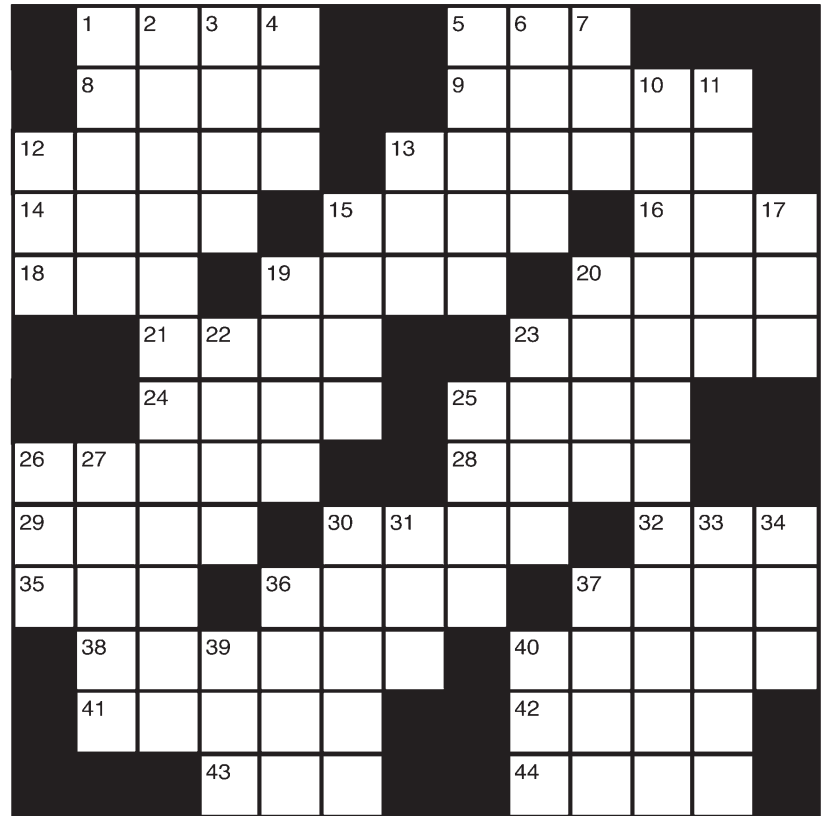
Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) -- Today is an 8 -- Love energizes and rejuvenates you. Relax and have fun with beloved people. Use something you've been saving. Express what's in your heart. Connect.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) -- Today is an 8 -- Apply physical effort to domestic renovation projects for dramatic results. Clear the clutter and worn-out stuff. The more you complete, the more you gain.

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- 12 Angelina ___
- 13 Ted of "The Mary Tyler Moore Show"
- 14 "___ and Again"; drama series for Sela Ward and Billy Campbell
- 15 Garlands for Don Ho
- 16 "Please Don't ___ the Daisies"
- 18 Prizm or Metro
- 19 Johnson and Ameche
- 20 First James Bond movie
- 21 TV show producer Norman ___
- 23 Run-down; shabby
- 24 Television journalist Roger ___
- 25 Intl. oil-producing nations' league
- 26 Begins to wake up
- 28 Impetuous; too hasty
- 29 Nighttime host Jay
- 30 Conway and Curry
- 32 BCD followers
- 35 "Are We There ___?"; Nia Long movie

- 36 Sampras or Seeger
- 37 "First Lady of Song" Fitzgerald
- 38 "___ Company"
- 40 "Ben ___"; old medical series
- 41 Hayes or Hunt
- 42 "Desperate Housewives" role
- 43 Pigpen
- 44 Quarrel

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- 1 "Home ___"; Macaulay Culkin movie
- 2 "___ Middle"
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- 4 PBS' "Bill ___ the Science Guy"
- 5 Singer Tennille's namesakes
- 6 Actress Suzy ___
- 7 "The ___ Bang Theory"
- 10 "Are You ___?"
- 11 "X-Men: The Last ___"; movie for Hugh Jackman and Halle Berry
- 12 Exercise at a slow trot
- 13 ___ Berry of "Mama's Family"
- 15 Actor Jack ___
- 17 "___ Story"; blockbuster animated film
- 19 "My Two ___"
- 20 Sandra and Ruby
- 22 Dollar abroad
- 23 Jacuzzi
- 25 "Coffee, Tea ___?"
- 26 Stallone, to friends
- 27 "All I Want for Christmas Is My Two Front ___"
- 30 Very small
- 31 "___ a Wonderful Life"
- 33 Group of ships
- 34 "The ___ Divorcee"; Fred Astaire/Ginger Rogers movie
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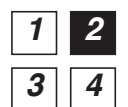


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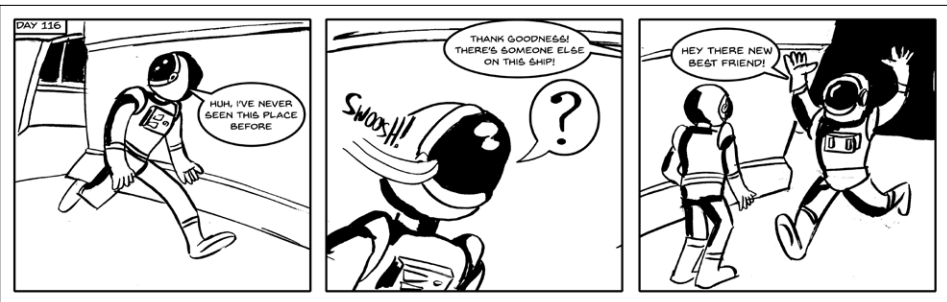
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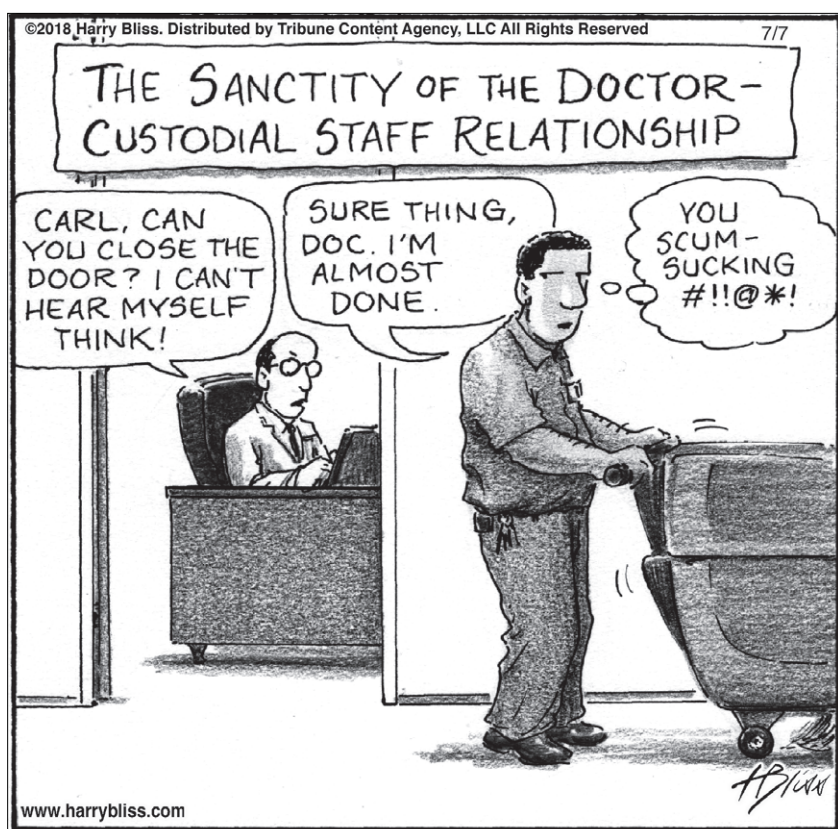
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School of Theatre and Dance senior Maddie Wells performs in senior choreographer Autumn Stowers' piece "Χρόνος" for the Fall Dance 2019. COURTESY OF JOHN DIXON

Senior dancer prepares for future

Fall Dance choreographer Autumn Stowers talks about goals after graduation

Devin Raines
TEC STAFF

Wrapping up her time spent at East Carolina University, senior dance performance and choreography major, Autumn Stowers, is spending her last year participating in featured performances such as the Fall Dance 2019 where she will be performing and showcasing her own piece.

When Stowers first came to ECU as a freshman, she began as an understudy for most performances. She was originally reserved and introverted, but she has since learned to come out of her shell with the help of faculty and friends, according to Stowers.

"In auditions, I think I was afraid to really put myself out there, but my faculty members, they're amazing, and they really care about us and I've learned to come out of my shell," Stowers said.

Over the summer between her sophomore and junior year, Stowers truly developed her love and desire to study choreography after she studied abroad in London. After having taken a class on choreogra-



Autumn Stowers

phy abroad, she realized how much she truly loved the intellectual aspect of dance, and came back to ECU with new aspirations, according to Stowers.

Coming into her final year, Stowers has seen herself mature as she experiences new things from studying abroad to the Fall Dance 2019. All of her past experiences have only helped her grow as a person and a performer over the last four years, according to Stowers.

"I think a lesson that I have learned is just to be confident with my intuition, especially with dancing, and if I want to do something, go for it and stick behind that because I'm here for a reason."

Associate professor with the School of Theater and Dance, John Dixon, said Stowers is a determined and hardworking student and is a talented performer within this program.

"She is powerful, clear and articulate with her movement, also very serious," Dixon said. "She has an intensity to her that goes through everything that she does."

While watching Stowers prepare her piece, "Χρόνος," for the Fall Dance 2019, Dixon has been able to see the culmination of four years worth of knowledge and determination within Stowers' piece. Senior BFA dance with a concentration in dance

education and a BA in Hispanic Studies, Brittany Good, has known of Stowers since high school, and became friends with her through the dance program here at ECU.

"As a performer, she's really strong and hardworking, and her personality comes out on stage," Good said. "And then as a choreographer, she has a really good particular style that, when I see choreography that's hers, I know it's hers because it has this really cool dynamic to it."

According to Good, every time Stowers choreographs something, she has a purpose to it and a drive to it that makes it unique. Over the four years that she has known Stowers, Good has seen Stowers take her love of dancing and transform it intellectually into her choreography.

Both Stower and Good will be performing in the Fall Dance 2019 performances, this week every night through Sunday night with matinees both on Saturday and Sunday. Tickets can be purchased through the School of Theater and Dance website at \$10 for students and \$15 for the public.

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TECTalk:

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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when you put salt on in, what happens when you put water on it, what happens when you put rubbing alcohol is one," Dementev said. "They will have all of these different techniques that I have showed them, I think there is about eight, then they get to create their own image, and within the image they can use whatever techniques that interest them the most."



Mary Dementev

Dementev said that she does a variety of different activities with the kids in the Children's Hospital at Vidant, often doing more than one project in a sitting. Projects she has done with the kids include beading kits, decorating pin-wheels, lanterns, and inflatable balls, and even decorating the kids' rooms for her birthday.

Child Life Specialist Ellyse Bochna said she likes that the program allows their patients to reap the benefits of engaging in the arts.

"They can engage in a normal part of life

while in the hospital, express their feelings in creative ways, and have exposure to artistic activities with the support from an artist," Bochna said. "This has become something that our children look forward to and we use as a tool in conjunction with our services to meet their needs."

Fellow Child Life Specialist Jaymi Mendoza said that she believes that art is indeed good medicine.

"Being in the hospital presents many challenges to coping and can disrupt aspects of normal life, so being able to relax, focus on things other than medical needs, and have an outlet for these feelings is essential," Mendoza said. "This program is a vital part of giving our patients the experiences they need to not only improve medically but have a more complete healing experience."

These free workshops require pre-registration to ensure that enough materials are available for everyone. Pre-registration can be completed at the Emerge Art Gallery website under the Education and Classes tab or by filling out a form at the front desk at Emerge.

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