



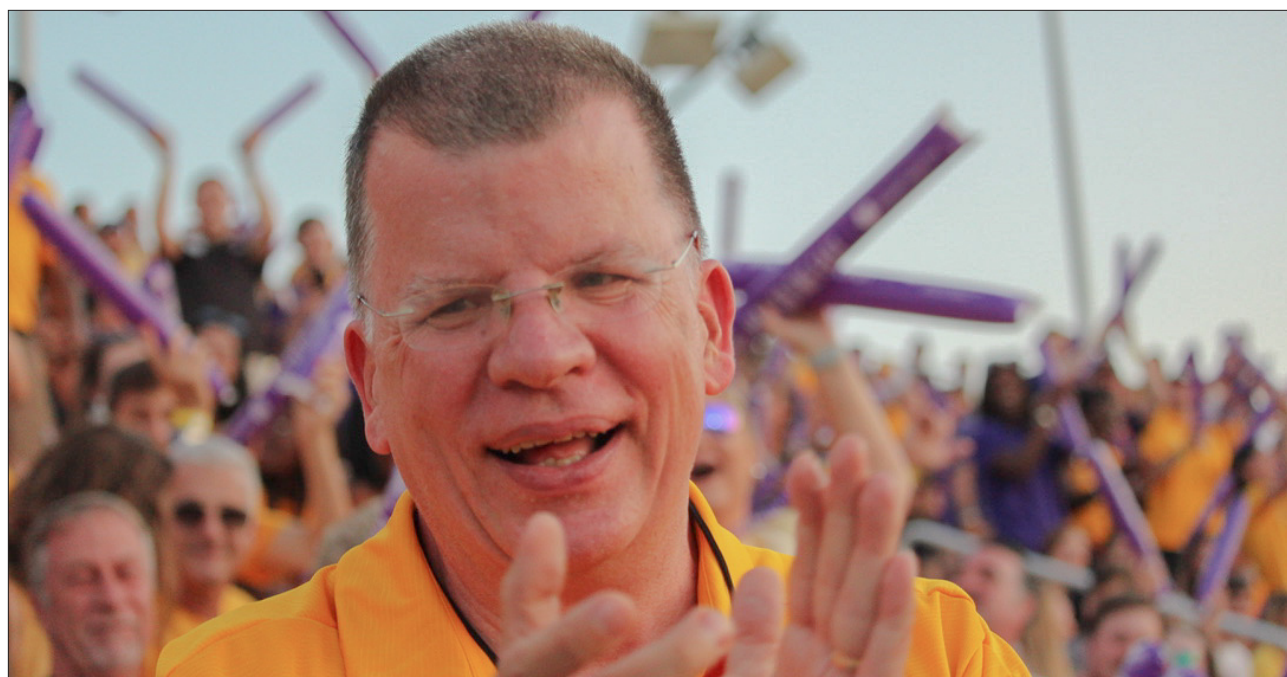
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Former Interim Chancellor Dan Gerlach in Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium's Boneyard during the ECU vs. William and Mary football game.

ECU loses leader Gerlach resigns amidst UNC investigation

Summer Tonizzo
TEC STAFF

East Carolina University is currently being guided by acting Chancellor and Provost Ron Mitchelson following the resignation of Dan Gerlach and the University of North Carolina (UNC) System's pending search for a new interim chancellor.

A month after Dan Gerlach was placed on administrative leave, following the release of photos of him drinking at a downtown Greenville bar with students and news of a distributed media package circulated, ECU's former interim chancellor resigned.

In his statement, Gerlach said "upon reflection and discussion" his resignation is in ECU's best interest. He said the responsibility is his, and he did not display the behavior the university teaches students to uphold, nor the university creed which states, "members of our academic society exemplify high standards of professional and personal conduct at all times."

"On the night of Wednesday, Sept. 25 and early morning of Thursday, Sept. 26, I did not live up to these standards as well as the UNC System standards that demand excellent judgement and discretion from campus leaders," Gerlach said in his

resignation statement.

Gerlach said he is thankful to have been part of the university during his time as interim chancellor.

"Words cannot express the embarrassment and regret that I feel toward my family, my close colleagues at ECU and the UNC System, and all of the Pirate Nation who believed in me so strongly," Gerlach said in his resignation statement.

UNC System Interim President Bill Roper, who initially appointed Gerlach to ECU's Interim Chancellor position, issued a statement relating to Gerlach's resignation on Saturday.

The resignation of Gerlach was effective immediately, according to Roper's statement. He said he believed the resignation was in the "best interests" of the university.

"I have begun the process of identifying the next interim chancellor for ECU and will share more information with the university community as soon as possible," Roper's statement said.

On Friday, Oct. 25, an official petition from the Police Benevolent

Association of North Carolina and the North Carolina Fraternal Order of Police was submitted to request videos of Gerlach going to several downtown Greenville establishments.

Over the weekend, that street-camera video footage of Gerlach on the night of Wednesday, Sept. 25 surfaced on social media. The video footage depicted Gerlach walking through downtown Greenville after a night of drinking. The footage showed Gerlach get into a parked car and driving away around 2:11 a.m.

In the street-cam footage, Gerlach is seen walking alone through Greenville's downtown area early in the morning on Thursday, Oct. 26. In the footage, viewers can see Gerlach lose a shoe and struggle to put it back on.

UNC System's Director of Media Relations Jason Tyson said in an interview with *The East Carolinian* that the investigation into Gerlach remains on-going despite the former interim chancellor's resignation.

"I'm not sure whether or not they'll (the investigation's findings) be made public," Tyson said. "That's something I will probably know more (of) when we get closer to it being



Bill Roper

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Students benefit from treasure chest

Madison Barnhill
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

East Carolina University's Students' Treasure Chest (STC) is a student-led philanthropic organization which was created to help provide students with means of access to emergency funds for school or anything they might need to help improve their educational experience.

Julie Poorman the Financial Director and a staff advisor for STC said the organization is comprised of three groups: the scholarship office, the office of financial aid and the dean of students' office.

Poorman said the three offices partnered with students to build an organization which would help create a sense of philanthropy among students. She said the students part in this is to organize and run the many fundraisers they hold.

"Students can help in many ways through fundraisers like pet a puppy, dine out nights with local restaurants and one big fundraising event each year," Poorman said.

These multiple fundraisers are just a few of many and Poorman said that in the past they have done silent auctions with the Honors College, a murder mystery dinner theatre, percentage nights with restaurants in the area and a ball in February for philanthropy month. She said, along with fundraisers, students speak with donors and work with volunteers for their fundraising events.

Poorman said she would like to see more students who want to serve on the STC and tell the story of it. She said there is always a chair in need of being filled and lots to do if students would be interested in joining.

Associate Dean of Students Lauren Thorn said that with many students living paycheck to paycheck or have their money budgeted for financial aid funds they don't have any money to fall back on in case of emergency.

Thorn said STC can be there by helping review the situation to see if the student can qualify for the money amount needed and even if they can't help or don't have the correct resources to help they have connections in the community to provide help.

"We have seen many positive impacts from Students' Treasure Chest awards, from helping with car



Lauren Thorn

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Trade show kicks off holiday season

Devin Raines
TEC STAFF

The Pitt Community College (PCC) Foundation will work with the Greenville Convention Center to host the Down East Holiday Show Thursday at 5 p.m. and will showcase talent from across the East Coast.



Event coordinator for the PCC Foundation, Erin Greenleaf, has worked with the Down East Holiday Show herself for the last seven years, and will gear up for the show's 18th year. The Down East Holiday Show started as a fundraiser for scholarships for PCC, and has only grown from there.

"It has since then grown and we are in our 18th year and we have 190 vendors all under one roof for a holiday shopping experience like no other," Greenleaf said. "It is our biggest fundraiser for Pitt Community College, and all the money goes to students' scholarships and educational programs here on campus."

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Baseball announces 2020 slate

Daniel Shepard
TEC STAFF

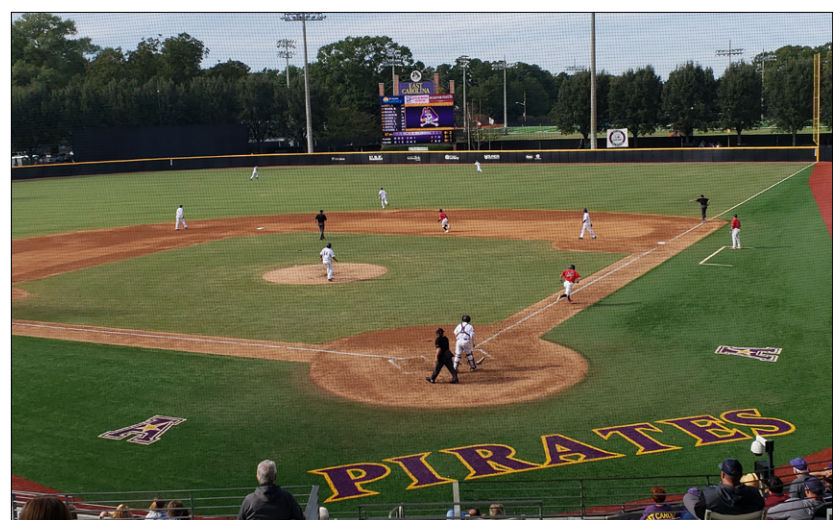
The East Carolina University baseball team unveiled its 2020 schedule on Monday. Head coach Cliff Godwin's squad is slated to open its season on Friday, Feb. 14 against the College of William & Mary at 4 p.m. in Clark-LeClair Stadium.

Including the home opener, the Pirates will play nine of their first 11 games in Greenville, North Carolina, while taking trips to Campbell University (Feb. 19) and Elon University (Feb. 25) in the first two-plus weeks of the season.



Cliff Godwin

Other notable games on the schedule include match ups with Indiana University (Feb. 28 at home), the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (Mar.



A player from Liberty University runs to first after a hit in Clark-LeClair Stadium.

24 at home) and Duke University (April 7 at home).

"Our 2020 schedule is filled with quality opponents," Godwin said in a press release. "The American Athletic Conference will once again be one of the best baseball conferences in the

country. The combination of playing in one of the toughest conferences along with our quality of non-conference schedule will prepare us for postseason play."

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BRIEFS

Road to Recovery to meet tonight in Rawl

Today from 7 to 8 p.m. in Rawl room 204 there will be a peer-led, confidential support group for people looking to examine or learn about addiction. This is open to the public but is a closed meeting meaning it is available to anyone who would like to make a change or believe they have an issue.

Flu Shots on the Health Sciences Campus

On the 4th floor gallery of the Laupus Library flu shots will be given tomorrow from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Insurance cards and banner IDs are required and if an insurance card is not provided it costs \$25.

Annual Fresh Check Day returns to campus

Tomorrow on the Main Campus Student Center Lawn from 4 to 7 p.m. numerous departments on campus will be focusing on mental health. There will be interactive booths, food and prizes open to everyone on campus.

Mummies, Masks, Memorials lecture tomorrow

Tomorrow from 7 to 8 p.m. a public lecture will be held in the Flanagan Building room 265. The lecture is sponsored by the Department of Archeology will be discussing Phoenician social history from the perspective of the dead.

Logan Wagoner Art Talk tomorrow evening

Free to the public tomorrow from 5 to 6 p.m., illustrator Logan Wagoner will be delivering an artist's talk about his work and process in Speight Auditorium in the Jenkins Fine Arts Center.

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Zumba glows in MCSC

Glow in the dark dance event to take place tonight

Michelle Mazzei
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

A Glow in the Dark Zumba event will be held at East Carolina University's Main Campus Student Center tonight in Ballroom B from 7 to 8 p.m., and students are asked to come in neon clothing or a Halloween costume.

Although this is the first time a Glow in the Dark Zumba event is occurring at ECU, there a weekly Zumba classes at the Student Recreation Center (SRC). There is a class from 8:15 until 9:15 p.m. in room 240 of the SRC on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, and there is a Zumba class from 5 to 5:45 p.m. in room 240.

Erin Tucci, an ECU graduate student in the nutrients and dietetics field, said she has been instructing Zumba for about a year and is an assistant at the SRC and one of the instructors teaching the glow Zumba party. The wellness space is located upstairs and it mainly focuses on nutrition and mental and physical health, Tucci said.

Tucci said she has been a group fitness instructor for many fitness formats prior to getting her Zumba certification. She said she wanted to get certified because she loves dancing and that's what ultimately led her to do group fitness, but there wasn't anything available for Zumba at the time when she started, she said.

She became involved in other group fitness classes including being a yoga instructor. When ECU offered Zumba certifications, she said she got excited and applied for it. As soon as she completed the zumba training required, she said she knew instantly she wanted to teach.

Tucci said she has always loved cultural music and dances associated with Zumba. She said she loved learning different cultures behind every different dance style, including Bollywood.

"Zumba, overall, is very inclusive and very fun and I love how everyone else loves it as well. Everyone is so happy and energetic and it's always a good time. It's exercising without even realizing your exercising," Tucci said. The Glow in the Dark Halloween



HAILIE MILLER | THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Regularly scheduled Zumba classes occur in the Student Recreation Center weekly on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

Zumba Party is a free Spooktacular event for any student who wants to get their groove on and their spook on and was organized by Tequan Dorsey, the new fitness coordinator for the rec center, Tucci said.

If a student doesn't have a parking pass for the main campus, they can park at Minges Coliseum and take a bus back to campus or there is the new parking deck next to the student center that is a dollar or a couple dollars an hour, Tucci said.

"It will be a lot of fun for students to come participate in and get physical activity in a safe manner in preparation for Halloween. It's a great way to just see our new facilities and learn more about the Rec Center and the special classes we offer. Come in your costume if you dare," Tucci said.

Lots of dark lights, glowsticks, face paint, dancing, Zumba music, and some spook-alicious snacks will be included, Tucci said.

There will be three instructors teaching this event; Erin Tucci, Jess Hall, Sydney Degnan who all work through ECU. This is the first time a Glow in the Dark Zumba has been offered on campus. The instructors are looking forward to seeing how many people will come out and workout with them along with fellow students, she said.

"We hope students are able to make great memories and take pictures and have a good time at this event. We also hope they get good

physical activity and are able to work up a sweat, as well as, get a heightened awareness of the programs that are offered inside of the gym," Tucci said.

Maybe, because of this fitness event, people who don't usually go to the gym on a regular basis, might consider into looking at group fitness classes, Tucci said.

Kayla Roberts, a freshman intended nursing major, has not taken a Zumba class at ECU, but she took Zumba back in her hometown in her free time, throughout middle school and high school gym classes.

Roberts said she thinks this event is important for campus because it is something that could get people who might have been hesitant about working out interested in taking that step needed for them to get into it. If people are happier because of this class, then it could improve the overall feel of the campus, she said.

Roberts said she hopes people get to love and value themselves more because they had the courage to get out of their comfort zones and take the extra step to go to this fitness class. The SRC staff, along with other people on campus, want students to realize that you can not only have a good, strong workout in but also have fun while

doing so, she said.

"I am excited for this event because I find that Zumba is a good way to workout, have fun, and connect with the people around you. The most exciting part about this club is that it has the glow in the dark factor that I haven't really seen before and I believe it will be more engaging and the desire to go will be higher because of it," Roberts said.

Jillian Harrison, a freshman dance major, said she plans to attend the Glow in the Dark Zumba event as well. She's taken and enjoyed many Zumba classes before attending ECU. She said she has also taken a few Zumba classes at ECU, she said.

Harrison is most excited for the glow in the dark theme and the music. She said she thinks this is an important event for campus because it'll be a fun way to get students to come together to get exercise and get active. It'll be a fun and unique way to hang out with her friends, she said.

"There's lots of machines, activities, classes and resources to customize a fitness routine that's enjoyable and attainable for anyone's schedule," Harrison said.

Harrison said she hopes people will get a positive experience and a good overall vibe, she said.

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completed."

Tyson said the law firm Womble Bond Dickinson was hired to assist the UNC System with its investigation. He said a private firm was hired to bring in an impartial perspective to the situation. As of yesterday, the UNC System had not received a bill from Womble Bond Dickinson, Tyson said.

According to Tyson, the UNC System learned of the street-cam footage over this past weekend after a Greenville citizen had obtained them from a court ordered petition. He said the videos will be used in the investigation.

"In light of these new videos, they're looking at those now. Not only our lawyers here at the system, but also Womble Bond, and they will be a part of the ongoing investigation," Tyson said.

Tyson said Roper is currently working to identify the next interim chancellor for ECU. He said Roper will be announcing the next interim chancellor "as soon as possible."

During the time Gerlach has been on administrative leave from the university, Mitchelson has been acting chancellor. In an interview with *The East Carolinian*, Mitchelson said the past month has not made him consider being a candidate for ECU's permanent chancellor position.

"The acting chancellor has the full authority of the chancellor, so I've been carrying on with projects that (former interim) Chancellor Gerlach had started. We're continuing on with the hiring freeze process and that's a weekly set of meetings. Renewing and disapproving of large contracts, anything over \$25,000," Mitchelson said.

For the past month, Mitchelson said he has been both ECU's acting chancellor and provost, sitting down each Monday morning with administrative assistants to sort out calendars weeks in advance for both positions.

Mitchelson said he cannot do the job of ECU's provost and simultaneously complete his responsibilities as acting chancellor fully while being as engaging or public on-campus.

"I am willing and able to serve in the 'acting' capacity for as long as needed," Mitchelson said in an emailed statement to *The East Carolinian*.

Mitchelson said he had not kept in contact with Gerlach while he was placed on administrative leave. He said he "trusts" the investigative process in regards to the situation.



Ron Mitchelson

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Former Interim Chancellor Dan Gerlach as he watches the ECU

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or computer repairs to assisting with research projects or trips to present at conferences," Thorn said.

Thorn said, even with all the fundraising efforts by the students of STC, there are donors still needed to help provide a big chunk of money to the organization. She said the organization's donors come from a number of different locations and people like alumni, faculty and current students.

Thorn said the donors all see donating as a good cause since their money goes directly to students in need of it rather than the school.

"Many donors like giving to the Students' Treasure Chest because they know their money is going straight to a student in need that has been vetted through our offices—the Dean of Students, Scholarships, and

Financial Aid. It creates a direct impact, and for many donors who want to have an immediate positive effect on campus, this is one way that they know their donation is going directly to an important need," Thorn said.

Trysten Culler, a sophomore environmental health major, is in his second year of being apart of STC. He said he is currently seeking the Vice President position on STC. As a prospective VP he said with this position he would help research and plan fundraising events, break down the budget proposals, review applications and keep the connection between the professional advisors and student members.

Students can apply for awards from STC via an application available on <https://stc.ecu.edu/awards/>.



Trysten Culler

The requested award is reviewed by a group of student officers, where they then vote on to fund them or not. If the application does not apply to their organization, they provide the students with further resources that can help, such as the COE Emergency Fund or the Purple Pantry, Culler said.

"STC to me is a group of students and professionals trying to provide a leg up for those in need. We want to help people, we want to provide that financial security to help a student go to a life changing conference or help pay off any emergency situations. We are the only student led philanthropy organization on campus and we continue to advocate and voice the needs of our students," Culler said.

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OUR VIEW

Homecoming week brings school spirit

The festivities for Homecoming 2019 began on Sunday, Oct. 22 and spanned through Saturday, Oct. 26.

We, the editorial staff at The East Carolinian, appreciate the festivities that took place and appreciate the effort the football team put forward regardless of the outcome.

Cannonball kicked off the festivities, which began with a concert by musical artists B.o.B. and JoJo. For the first time ever, Cannonball was held downtown and also featured the announcement of the Homecoming court.

Afterwards, the Student Activities Board held a screening of The Greatest Showman and handed out homecoming t-shirts, where students were allowing to tie-dye at the event.

Tuesday held a new event for ECU students, called the Amazing Race. This was its first time being held, and was put on by the Homecoming Court and SAB. The event consisted of students hunting down clues with the chance to win a \$100 dollar gift card.

On Wednesday, various clubs and ECU student organizations took place in a skit competition and Thursday held a blood drive from 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Freeboot Friday began at 5 p.m. at Five Points Plaza and afterwards, Joyner Library hosted Student Game Night from 6 to 10 p.m.

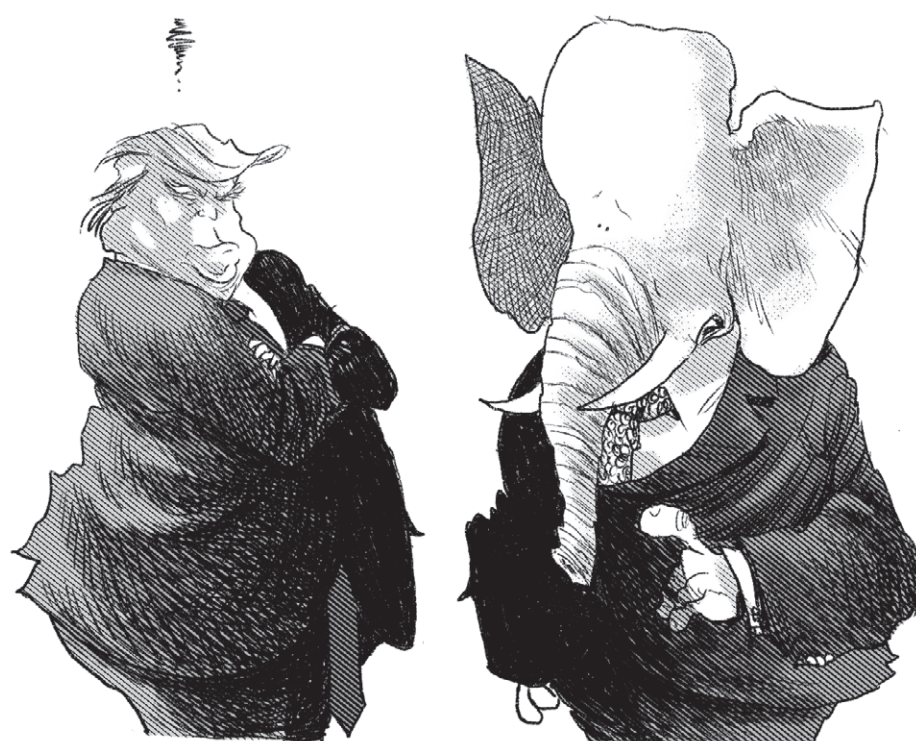
The Homecoming parade took place down Fifth st. on Saturday morning at 9 and featured the parade itself as well as a float competition between the student organizations that took place in the spirit competition.

The Pirates faced the University of South Florida later that day on Saturday at 3:45 p.m.

Approximately 33,088 people attended Saturday's game, which was more than last year's 31,159 against the University of Central Florida.

All in all, this year's homecoming events helped provide school spirit to students and fans alike in the Greenville area.

SHENEMAN THE STAR-LEDGER



"WE'RE GOING TO DO OUR BEST TO DEFEND YOU, BUT IF YOU GUYS COULD STOP CONFESSING TO YOUR CRIMES ON TV, THAT WOULD BE SUPER HELPFUL."

Maintain your health

It's important to get tested for breast cancer



Georgia Childs
GUEST COLUMNIST

Breast Cancer – Let's Get Real, Y'all
If you could do something now – today – to possibly prevent or even delay the onset of breast cancer, would you do it? What would it take? For me, it was my mother being diagnosed at the age of 56. It was also when two of my high school friends died in their 20's from breast cancer. I had my first mammogram on my 35th birthday... what a way to celebrate. I had my first scare at 41. Did you know, one in eight women will develop invasive breast cancer over the course of her lifetime? Breast cancer doesn't discriminate. In women under 45, breast cancer is more common in African-American women than white women and they are more likely to die of breast cancer. A man's lifetime risk of breast cancer is about one in 883. About 85% of breast cancers occur in women who

have no family history of breast cancer. Early detection is the best protection... it's best to perform a self-breast exam every month around the same time. And visit your doctor regularly.

We can't control our gender or our age... but what about our daily lifestyle? Overweight and obese women have a higher risk of being diagnosed with breast cancer compared to women who maintain a healthy weight. Drinking alcoholic beverages -- beer, wine, and liquor -- increases a woman's risk of hormone-receptor-positive breast cancer. There is a significant link between exercising regularly at a moderate or intense level for four to seven hours per week and a lower risk of breast cancer. Smoking causes a number of diseases and is linked to a higher risk of breast cancer in younger, premenopausal women.

Seems like everything is just plain bad for you. I always encourage my students to live in the moment – but that moment should consist of planning for the future. Moderation of alcohol, eating

healthier foods, exercising, and avoiding smoking are usually at the top of that list. Honestly, it's ok to be imperfect, but let's get real. If we don't maintain our well-being, nothing else will ever fall into place. Work on yourself for a change... get outside for fresh air and a brisk walk. Put down that vape, hookah, or cigarette – breathe easier. Relieve your stress through meditation, yoga, positive self-talk, or just plain relaxing. Grab some fruit for a great snack. Don't automatically think you "need a drink" at the end of a long, stressful day or week.

Remember, breast cancer can happen to anyone at any time, regardless of age or gender. Today is as good a day as any to start thinking about how to live your best life. What choice will you make?

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Gerlach actions are indefensible



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The recent resignation of former interim chancellor Dan Gerlach is disappointing for much of the East Carolina University community. Due to the events that have taken place within the past month, I believe that students and faculty feel let down by both the UNC System and by Gerlach.

The resignation came after Gerlach was placed on administrative leave following pictures and videos being leaked of him drinking at a couple bars and talking to students. The pictures and footage, which came from an anonymous source, sparked controversy within the community, especially on social media. A few students even launched a petition supporting the interim chancellor, which gained over 10,000 signatures from students, faculty, and other members of the East Carolina and Greenville community.

As a few people believe the administrative leave Gerlach was placed on was justified, many questioned the authenticity of the photos and videos, especially since they came from an anonymous source in an email. A few people claimed that Gerlach was being framed in bad lighting, and that what some were inferring was happening in the photos wasn't the case. After initially seeing the pictures and videos that were released last month, I believed that he was in the wrong place at the wrong time.

This past weekend, following the news that Gerlach was resigning, new

" I do believe that Gerlach was doing a fantastic job serving as interim chancellor, but unfortunately, he made a mistake that cost him his position, which I believe is unfortunate. "

videos surfaced on Twitter of Gerlach downtown on the night the original photos and videos were taken. These videos, which were taken by a street view camera, were released after being requested by an official petition from the Police Benevolent Association of North Carolina. They showed Gerlach walking to bars with a couple individuals, then Gerlach later walking alone, appearing to be slightly intoxicated as he stumbles a couple times.

As I didn't see any problem with the first videos of him walking with others, it was a little concerning to see him walking alone and obviously intoxicated to an extent. However, the video that alarmed me the most was the one that followed, which shows him getting into his car and driving off.

Gerlach was clearly under the influence, which can be seen in the original videos of him drinking and conversing with students, and in the newer video of him walking downtown alone. So, to see him proceed to get into his car and drive after was unsettling to see. Drinking and driving is a huge problem not only within our community, but nationally and globally, especially in college towns. I believe this action sets a bad example

for others and does not help with the reputation ECU currently has.

When I heard the news of the administrative leave Gerlach was placed on, I was saddened by the news. I had spoken to Gerlach a few times before via email, and he was always very polite and seemed very passionate about his new position. A few other individuals have expressed their disappointment with UNC's decision as well, as they all had had experiences with the former interim chancellor during his short time serving the position.

I do believe that Gerlach was doing a fantastic job serving as interim chancellor, but unfortunately, he made a mistake that cost him his position, which I believe is unfortunate. However, I believe his choice to drive under the influence was not justified as it could have cost him his life and the lives of others. In the end, I hope he has better success in his next career and that a situation like this does not arise again.

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» ANALYSIS

Red zone mistakes hamper Pirates

Failure to capitalize against South Florida sinks East Carolina



Daniel Shepard
TEC STAFF

Twelve of the last fourteen opponents to enter Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium on homecoming have fallen to East Carolina University (3-5, 0-4 AAC). The most recent, however, left Greenville with a 45-20 victory on Saturday and put on a clinic in the run game against ECU's defense.

The University of South Florida (4-4, 2-2 AAC) did not let an opening kickoff return for a touchdown derail a bounce-back effort by their offense, one that spoiled ECU's homecoming and "Paint It Purple" festivities. With 347 yards on the ground, USF built a 35-10 advantage the Pirates could never rebound from.

At the root of ECU's troubles on Saturday evening was a familiar nemesis, failure to capitalize inside the red zone. On the day, Mike Houston's squad converted on three of six red zone chances while the Bulls finished a perfect 4-for-4 with three touchdowns.

Of ECU's three scores within the 20-yard line, two were scores from the right leg of junior kicker Jake Verity, both of which came with the Pirates trailing by multiple scores.

"Too many critical errors at the wrong time," Houston said. "We put ourselves in bad situations and did not take advantage of some opportunities we had and you can't do that if you're going to win a ball game against a good football team in this conference."



Mike Houston

What has been a problem for the Pirates' offensive personnel this season carried into Saturday. Two drives after Charlie Strong's squad tied the game at seven with a 10-play drive, the Pirates were knocking on the door of regaining the lead.

In five plays, sophomore quarterback Holton Ahlers drove his team 49 yards, putting them inside the Bulls' 15-yard line. Staring at second down and eight, freshman running back Demetrius Mauney worked his way over the right side of the offensive line, just to have the football stripped by Bull senior linebacker Patrick Macon.

One quarter later, the Pirates found themselves in a similar situation but this time down two touchdowns. Working from USF's 17-yard line, Ahlers fired a pass over the middle and right into the hands of USF senior defensive end Greg Reaves who had dropped in coverage for the Bulls. With the help of a 48-yard return by Reaves, USF was able to capitalize on the turnover, scoring a touchdown and erasing ECU's 54-yard drive.

"Two turnovers in the red zone. I mean, you punch those two in, the tide of the game is completely different," Houston said. "We had opportunities to where it would have been kind of a blow-for-blow kind of deal. We can't make those critical errors down there in the red zone and that's two weeks in a row



MICHAELA EMORY | THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Running back Demetrius Mauney runs left against the University of South Florida on Saturday. The Pirates lost the game 45-20.

that we've done that. You got to capitalize down there on that end of the field."

As Houston alludes to, the Pirates had the opportunity to change the complexion of the game. Assuming they score two touchdowns instead of committing two turnovers, Saturday's contest could very well have been tied at 21 at the half.

Instead, ECU entered its second straight halftime down big after giving up a combined 70 points in the opening half over the last two games. While the play of its defense has no doubt impacted play calling and execution, the Pirates' red zone offense has been an achilles heel for this program in 2019.

Following their performance on Saturday, ECU has converted 28 of its 36 red zone attempts this season. With a .778 conversion rate, Houston's team finds itself 99th in the country in that statistic. Moreover, 13 of those red zone scores are field goals, tying the Pirates for most red zone kicks in the country.

At this point, it's important to point out the Pirates are one of the youngest teams in the country. On Saturday, they started five underclassmen at offensive skill positions, including Mauney (a freshman) and freshman wide receiver Jsi Hatfield. While freshman wide receiver C.J. Johnson was not on the field for the game's first snap, he did finish the contest with five catches for 85 yards to pace the team.

With that kind of youth, Houston understands that mistakes will be made, but he expects progress in that department as the season drags on.

"They've got to learn from their mistakes and don't make the next time," Houston said. "We got to make sure that we are getting better and we are learning from the mistakes we do make."

Ahlers, who himself is a true sophomore, often shares in those mistakes. Despite seven passing touchdowns this season,

he has thrown seven interceptions after tossing three in roughly the same sample size last year.

Those seven interceptions are a big reason why the Pirates are sitting on a negative-two turnover margin eight games into this campaign, but so are the five fumbles that have been lost.

"The biggest key is, number one, us all being committed that that's not who we want to be," Houston said. "When we look at the film tomorrow (Sunday), we're going to see the mistakes that are correctable, the mistakes that caused us to lose tonight and the things that we know we can fix."



Anthony Watley

Those mistakes, of course, include the two aforementioned red zone turnovers, but they also include dropped passes. Trailing significantly in the third quarter, senior tight end Anthony Watley had a ball pass right through his hands in a third and goal situation from USF's one-yard line. One negative play later, the Pirates

turned the ball over on downs without putting points on the board, almost providing a perfect example to how Saturday's game transpired for ECU.

"You've got to be committed to fixing them (mistakes) every single day, you've got to be just as committed to fixing them on Tuesday and Wednesday as you are tonight," Houston said. "We've got to continually push ourselves to get better every single day."

ECU will be back in action on Saturday inside Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium when they host the University of Cincinnati (6-1, 3-0 AAC). Kickoff between the Pirates and Bearcats is slated for 7 p.m.

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Dorthea Forbrigd tees off at a recent East Carolina golf match during the 2019 campaign.

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Women's golf finishes fall season

Lydia Ryan
TEC STAFF

After competing in four tournaments around the country, the East Carolina University women's golf team closed out their fall season.

The Pirates finished their fall schedule with an 11th place finish at the Cardinal Cup in Louisville, Kentucky. Junior golfer Kathryn Carson and senior golfer Dorthea Forbrigd tied for 19th in the event, both scoring a total of 222, 6-over-par.

On the heels of this tournament it was announced that Forbrigd will be representing her home country of Norway in the 2019 Spirit International Golf Championship the first week of November. This will be a continuation of Forbrigd's relationship with Norway's international golf team. Teammate and fellow classmate Grace Yatawara was also chosen to represent her nationality of origin and play for Sri Lanka in the South Asian Games this December.

"For us, what an honor it is for her to be selected to not only play in this tournament but to continue to represent Norway," head coach C.C. Buford said. "That is a huge honor for her. She is such a proud Pirate, she loves getting to wear purple

and gold, but for her to get to put on her national flag for that tournament is also really exciting."

Earlier in the season, the Pirates got second in their first tournament, the Minnesota Invitational. They went on to win their home tournament, the Pirate Collegiate Classic, making it the fourth straight home win for the team. Forbrigd won the individual scoring for the Pirate Collegiate Classic with a tournament low score, making it her third career win.

"We now have quite a long time before our next event in the spring and both mentally and physically, we will have a lot of time to work with each player individually to figure out how we can maximize our potential and how do we maximize getting ready for the real championship segment which starts in the spring," Buford said.

The spring portion of the season will begin on Feb. 2, in Orlando, Florida as the team will participate in the UCF Challenge. The team will compete in three additional events before heading to the American Athletic Conference tournament in April.

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BASEBALL continued from A1

In its 86th season, ECU baseball is set to face eight programs (16 games) that made it to the 2019 NCAA Regionals. The Pirates will also play 58 games against 30-plus win teams from last season.

The 17th annual Keith LeClair Classic is scheduled to be played from Feb. 28 to March 1 and will include the University of Mississippi, High Point University, Indiana and ECU. The Pirates are slated to play Indiana

on Feb. 28, with Ole Miss and High Point following on Feb. 29 and March 1, respectively.

Conference play begins on March 20 with a contest against the University of Central Florida and includes 24 total games. Again this season, the AAC Championships will be played in Clearwater, Florida at Spectrum Field from May 19 to May 24.

The NCAA Regionals are scheduled for May 29 to June 1, with the Super Regional and College World Series slated for the following weeks in June.

On this year's squad are 20 new players made up

of six position players, 12 pitchers and two, two-way players. Returning, the Pirates have 17 letterwinners from last season, including junior left-handed pitcher/first baseman Alec Bursleson and left-handed pitcher Jake Kuchmaner who were key contributors to last year's team.

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-- Today is an 8 -- Make a delightful discovery such as a new shared income source. Make plans for an educational adventure. Mingle business with pleasure and explore new terrain.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)
-- Today is a 7 -- Family has your heart. Relax and enjoy your favorite pastimes and people. Indulge in a passion, hobby, sport or game. Whip up a fine romance.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
-- Today is a 9 -- Your greatest strength is love. Remember what worked before when launching a new personal initiative. You're learning. Evolve your image and brand. You're empowered.

Taurus (April 20-May 20)
-- Today is a 9 -- Partnership makes a difference. Collaborate for shared financial gain. Do your part to contribute. Review reserves and put away provisions for the future.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
-- Today is an 8 -- Talk and action come together to propel a home improvement project. Coordinate with family. Domestic arts and crafts produce satisfying results. Home-baked pie delights.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
-- Today is a 6 -- Imagine the future you'd love to see. Make beauty a priority. Articulate your direction and plan your moves in advance. Strategize. Rest and recuperate.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)
-- Today is a 7 -- Get out and move with your partner. Walk or bike. Talk about matters of the heart. Share support around passion, compassion and love.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
-- Today is an 8 -- Support others and be supported. Brilliant ideas flow by word of mouth. Your past work reflects you well. Contribute your expertise. Articulate a positive message.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
-- Today is a 9 -- Share ideas and information with associates, colleagues and friends. Plan and coordinate joint efforts for maximum efficiency. Strategize for common gain. You're better together.

Cancer (June 21-July 22)
-- Today is an 8 -- Have fun. Physical exercise energizes you. Get your heart pumping! Rest to balance yourself after vigorous activity. Eat well and avoid toxins. Dance to great music.

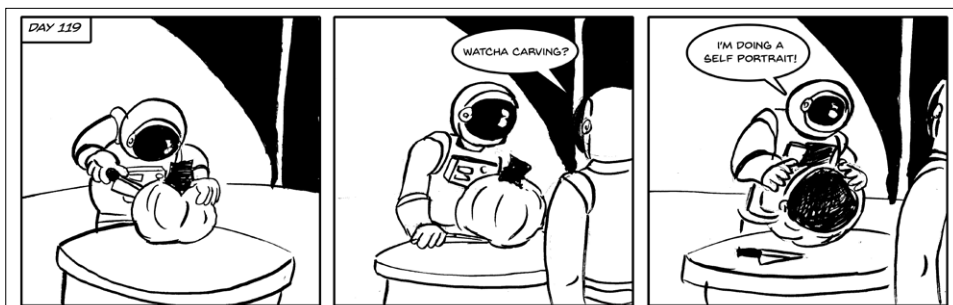
Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
-- Today is a 9 -- Discover a windfall opportunity or profitable insight. Have faith in your imagination and dedication. Take advantage of good conditions for lucrative gain. Give thanks.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)
-- Today is an 8 -- Crazy professional dreams seem possible. Love finds a way to open doors. Schedule carefully. Prepare for inspection. Polish your presentation and do the homework.

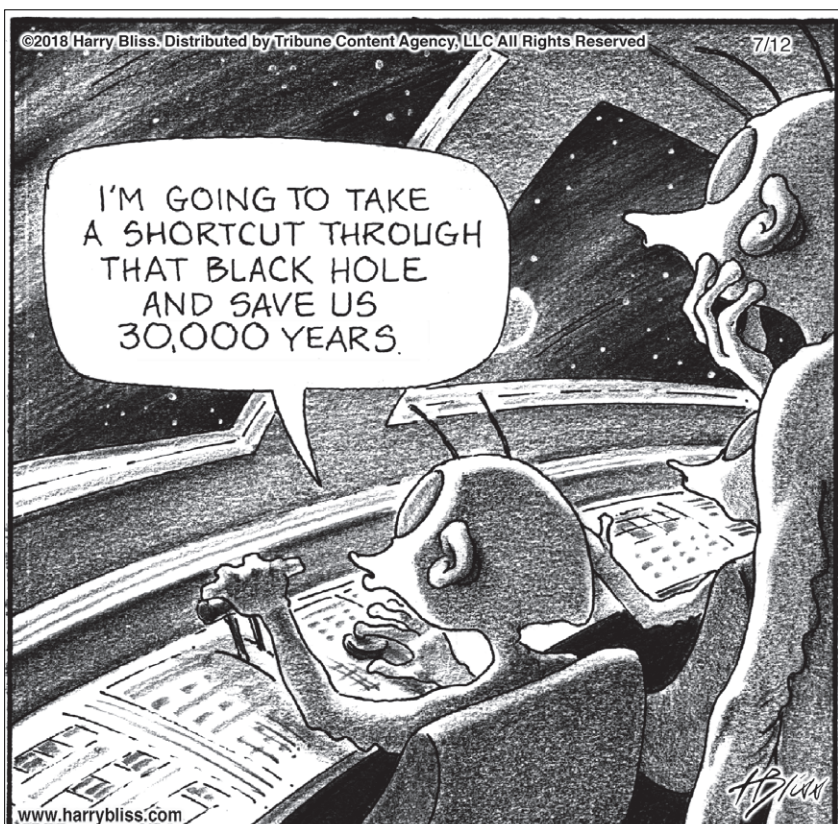
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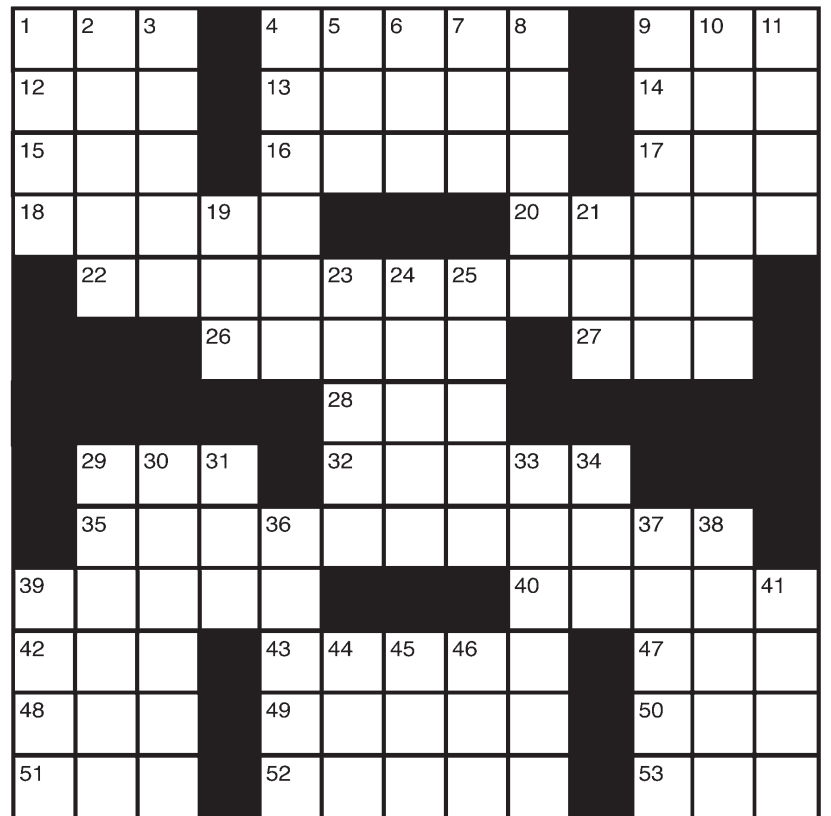
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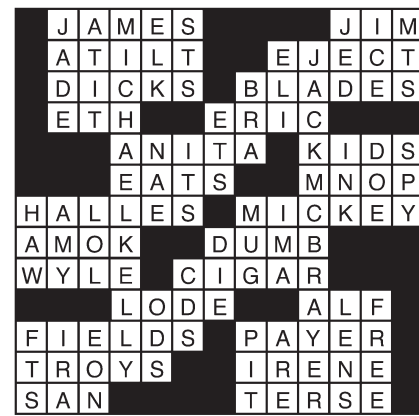
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- ACROSS**
- Military drama series for David James Elliott and Catherine Bell
 - Pitt and Garrett
 - "__ This Morning"
 - Feeling of reverent wonder
 - "That's So __"
 - "Who Do You Think You __?"
 - No, in Scotland
 - "__ of Two Cities"
 - Solemn promise
 - Desi __
 - Corrects a manuscript
 - Actress on "NCIS: Los Angeles"
 - Steve or Woody
 - Meredith Grey and Alex Karev: abbr.
 - "__ the Dog"; Robert De Niro movie
 - Make a selection
 - "...and a partridge in __ tree."
 - Actress on "Last Man Standing"
 - Burke of "Designing Women"
 - Q's followers, in the alphabet
 - Rhoda's ma
 - Sylvester Stallone film role
- DOWN**
- Actress __ Marie Hupp
 - Academy __; Oscar
 - Actress Davis
 - "The Boys from __"; Gregory Peck/Laurence Olivier film
 - "__ Race"; Whoopi Goldberg movie
 - Ms. Gardner
 - Dover's state: abbr.
 - Contemptuous smile
 - Expensive cracker topper
 - Thin soups
 - Stitches
 - __ Ortiz; Hilda's portrayer on "Ugly Betty"
 - Failure
 - Former Denver Bronco John __
 - Jumped
 - "__ Management"; movie for Jack Nicholson
 - "__ at a Time"
 - "The Hollywood __"; variety show of the 1960s
 - One of Ted Turner's networks
 - Burr and Spelling
 - Winnebagos and Airstreams: abbr.
 - "The Price Is Right" host
 - "Some Like __"
 - Plaintiffs
 - Ten-cent piece
 - Joe Biden, for short
 - Fifth or Pennsylvania: abbr.
 - Farrow or Kirshner
 - Saloon

Solution from 10/24



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Solution from 10/24

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The Office Halloween Episodes Trivia
Uptown Brewing Company
7 p.m.

Karaoke Night
Pitt Street Brewing Company
7 p.m.

Phil McLean on the Patio
AJ Murphy's
8 p.m.

Seventh Circle Presents: Night School
Whirligig Stage
8:30 p.m.

TOMORROW

Mini Masters: Young Artists Exploration
Emerge Gallery and Art Center
1 p.m.

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

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

MPPFC Trunk or Treat
Martin-Pitt Partnership for Children Inc.
4 p.m.

THURSDAY

BIG Something's Costume Ball
The State Theatre
7 p.m.

Hoppy Halloween Brewery Bash
Pitt Street Brewing Company
2 p.m.

Stumpy's Horror Games
Stumpy's Hatchet House
6 p.m.

Ale-O-Ween
Carolina Ale House
8 p.m.

Trick or Treat the Trail
Winterville Parks & Recreation
4:30 p.m.

Ayden's Safe Night Out Halloween Carnival
Town of Ayden
6 p.m.

Spooky Spelling With Mother Earth
M Pourium
7 p.m.

Backdoor to celebrate 25th

Uptown skate shop to host anniversary bash tonight

Sarah Hooper
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

This Friday evening, Backdoor Skateshop will celebrate its 25th anniversary at 9 located at Starlight Cafe. The night will include raffles, product tosses and skateboarding activities outside on the sidewalk.

Backdoor Skateshop opened its doors on Nov. 1, 1994 and store manager Billy Rabon has been a part of the business for the past 20 years. Rabon said he knew the original owner, which helped him become part of the creation that is Backdoor.

"Being in a college town, you'll have a killer skating scene and in the mid to late 1990s, it was thriving," Rabon said. "There used to be a lot of kids skating nearby, but no skate park. Paul, the original owner, talked to them one day and said they needed an outlet. Then this was born."

Being positioned on the corner of Fifth Street and Reade Circle, Backdoor has seen Greenville change massively over the 25 years of its existence.

Rabon said it has been an experience to witness all the new additions to Uptown Greenville and wishes that more "mom and pop shops," could last as long in the area as Backdoor.

"It's great to see the changes and the new life coming into downtown,



Uptown Greenville's historic Backdoor Skateshop servers the local scene.

but also kind of a bummer to see the changing of the guard... I wish there were more mom and pop shops that could survive as long as we have," Rabon said.

Junior hospitality management major and skateboarder Kristian Knudsen, has been a regular at Backdoor for the past few years. He said that the shop provides a supportive community for all who come in.

"I felt immediately accepted by

the environment," Knudsen said. "The skate scene was a huge part in my decision-making process to come to East Carolina."

Damien McGowan has been an employee at Backdoor for the past few years, but first became familiar with Backdoor when he would spend his days as a child skating and hanging around the shop.

McGowan said that the vibe of the shop and the community it provided kept him from coming back and now the shop focuses on supporting anyone who stops by.

"What kept me coming back was the overall vibe of the shop, the guys that hung out here when I was a kid

were all super gnarly at skating... I was like, that's what I want to be like, those guys are my heroes," McGowan said. "What you see is what you get. There's no fake facade. If you're down with skating and music, or even just want to hang out, you're welcome here. We are big into helping anyone who comes."

Rabon also mentioned that supportive individuals have been a core value of the shop since its conception. Valient Thorr, The Avett Brothers and Future Islands are all successful bands that practiced and hung around Backdoor during their time in Greenville, according to Rabon.

"We've made it 25 years based solely on the fact that we have the support of the skate and music scene. They've believed in what we do, they've recognized it, and wanted to back it," Rabon said. "It's the most genuine skate shop I've ever been to. Going up and down the east coast, this is still the most genuine shop. It's home."

The 25th Anniversary Party will run until 2 a.m. Admission is free, and food and drinks are available for purchase, provided by Starlight Cafe. Entertainment will be provided by DJ SPCLGST.

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REVIEW

'Jesus is King' is closed on Sundays



Giana Williams
TEC STAFF

American rapper, Kanye West, released his ninth studio album titled "Jesus is King" last Friday at noon. The 11 track album was originally set to be released on Sep. 27, but was delayed due to some mixing that had to be finalized.

The gospel theme was an interesting route for Kanye to take and I loved how he added a choir into the album because it brought it together with the overall theme. Kanye did sprinkle his style throughout some of the tracks, so he didn't lose his sense of identity with this album.

"Selah" was not too bad of a song and I liked how Kanye opened up about his thoughts on his past behaviors that were often criticized by the media. He wanted people to understand that he was trying to be more open about the things that mattered to him. Keeping this thought, he also encourages his fans that are "woke" to wake up and be more open about the things that matter most to them.

"Follow God" continues Kanye's theme of discussing his past behaviors. The rapper talks about how all he wants is to live his life the right way, but since he's

always in the spotlight, he knows people will continue to annoy him or "push his buttons." The only way Kanye is able to handle these frustrations was through social media where he is often known for his Twitter rants. Throughout all these problems in his life and realizing how toxic social media can be, he is reminded by the words of his father that his behavior is not "christ-like."

"Closed on Sunday" talks about Kanye getting his family together and pray. He wants daughters to be kept safe and wants to raise sons and train them in faith. Because of his popularity, Kanye is often exposed to temptations that could hurt him or goes through hard times due to personal reasons. Kanye reminds his audience that he will "bow to the King upon the throne" and give his life to Jesus.

Overall, the album was not bad, but I wouldn't say it was one of the best albums Kanye has made. Each song on the track has its own moments and I can say this is a very "Kanye" album, but it wasn't what I was expecting considering he was hyping up this album for months.

Even though this is not my favorite album Kanye has released, I actually admire the courage he put forward into this album by opening up on his past controversial behaviors and how his religion



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Kanye West's ninth studio album "Jesus is King."

got him through hard times in his life. I know for a fact Kanye has the potential to create another hit album one day, but I don't think this album really showed what Kanye is truly capable of.

RATING:
★ ★ ★ ☆ ☆
3 out of 5

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HOLIDAY continued from A1

Vendors and guests alike come to this event from across the East Coast to get some early Christmas shopping done as well as to visit Santa who will also be in attendance, according to Greenleaf. Greenleaf is excited to see familiar faces return, but also to see new faces in the crowds.

"There's just so much food to sample and so much hand-crafted items that everyone's holiday shopping list can be knocked off in one day," Greenleaf said. "It's just a great cause, a great event, and so much to see and so much to sample and do that anyone in the area should not miss it."

Owner of Say it Sassy, Jennifer Joyner, has been involved and has ran her own booth at the Down East Holiday Show for the last nine years, showcasing and selling stylish items and accessories from her online store.

One of Joyner's favorite aspects of this event is that it gives her the ability to interact with her customers in a way that she could not through her online store. Being able to actually communicate with people in person is one of the reasons she keeps coming back, according to Joyner.

"I have lots of customers who come in, and usually they stop and buy something because, you know, that's how it works, but sometimes

I just have people who stop in just to say hello," Joyner said. "I've had the same customers for nine years, so it's amazing."

Supporting small businesses is another bonus to the event that Joyner appreciates. Having so many locally owned businesses involved is one of the great ways that the Down East Holiday Show can give back to the community, according to Joyner.

Owner of Honeycomb and Hyde, Brandi Cordon Garnier, is excited to participate in the Down East Holiday Show for the first time this year where she will showcase her own designs and creations made from leather.

"I was interested in pursuing more shows of this magnitude just to get my name out there and just to be seen and heard," Garnier said. "I definitely think it's

a stepping stone to get my name out there. I'd like for people to see my products and they can know where it came from."

Garnier said she has visited the show many times in the past and has helped a friend with her booth, but she is excited to be running a booth of her own and selling her products while also getting her name out in the community.

"I think this time of year is incredible for



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The Down East Holiday Show starts off the season.

gift giving, and we're walking into the gift giving season, and I think one of the most important things that you can do is to buy handmade products," Garnier said. "I think that there's a lot of love and care and time put into handmade products that makes gift giving special, and I think the Down East Holiday Show showcases that in so many ways."

The Down East Holiday show will run from Thursday from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. The event will continue to run all day long from Friday to Sunday evening. Tickets can be purchased online at the Down East Holiday Show. There will be priority parking for \$10 cash only, but spaces are limited.

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