



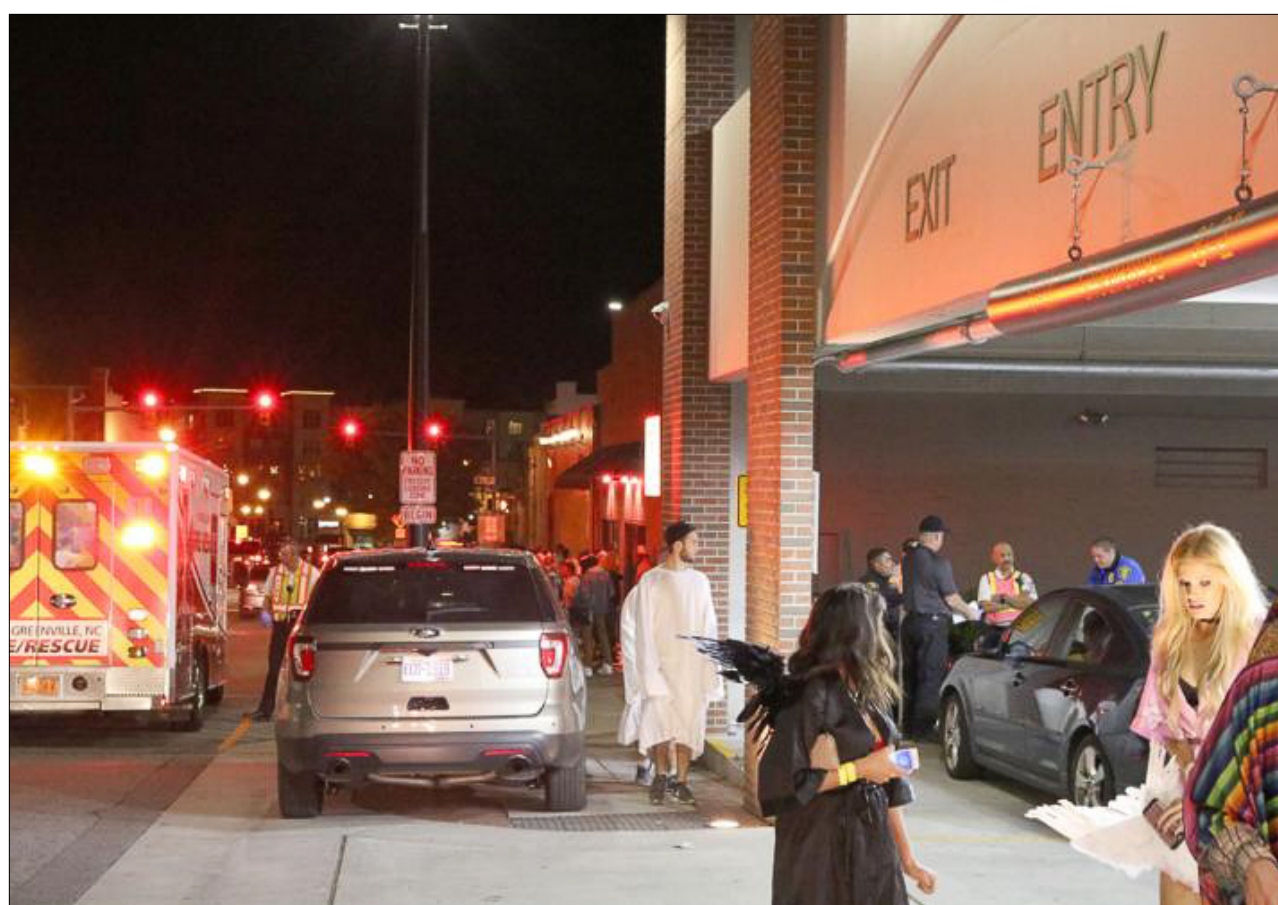
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Streetview of downtown Greenville's 2017 Halloween partakers along Cotanche Street featuring people in costumes, GPD and GFR.

## City prioritizes safety tonight

### Law enforcement takes precautions during Halloween

**Margaret McCollum**  
TEC STAFF

The Greenville Police Department (GPD) and the East Carolina University Police Department (ECU PD) are coordinating safety efforts this Halloween on ECU's campus and around Uptown Greenville to ensure the safety of residents and visitors.

Kristen Hunter, GPD's public information officer, said Halloween precautions taken this year will be similar to previous years, with an increased police presence downtown the night of Halloween.

Hunter said there will be three different checkpoint stations downtown this year, as opposed to four stations like in previous years. One checkpoint station was removed this year due to the Town Creek Culvert construction near Chico's Mexican Restaurant.

There will be three optional checkpoint stations located at Fifth Street and Reade Street, Fifth Street and Evans Street, and Cotanche Street near the parking deck located next to Rafters

from 9 p.m. until 1:30 a.m. on Halloween night.

"The checking stations are entirely optional; however, if someone does not wish to go through the checking station they aren't going to be allowed into the event area," Hunter said.

Hunter said Staff One security officers will assist officers downtown with checking points, like in previous years, the Staff One personnel will be manning the checking stations.

Hunter said no weapons, real or part of a costume, will be allowed downtown during Halloween for safety reasons. She said masks will also not be allowed.

The Five Points Plaza parking lot and the Fourth Street parking deck will be open in downtown Greenville on Halloween for public parking, according to Hunter.

Hunter said there will be designated "ride sharing pickup and dropoff points" for Lyft and Uber riders at East 4th Street and Evans Street, East Fourth Street and Cotanche Street and Dickinson Avenue at Evans Street by Five

Points Plaza.

There will be additional officers patrolling certain areas throughout Greenville the night of Halloween, to increase safety for residents, Hunter said. She said additional officers will be patrolling student apartment complexes, the grid and neighborhoods around Greenville during trick-or-treat hours.

"We have to keep obviously not just the college population safe, but also the trick-or-treaters and families that are out and about on Halloween night," Hunter said.

Hunter said GPD always expects larger crowds on Halloween night and anticipate the high volume of people to the best of their ability. She said GPD understands Halloween is a "fun occa-



**Kristen Hunter**

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## Residence halls prepare for festivities

**George Martin**  
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

As Halloween approaches, East Carolina University's staff has begun to prepare the residence halls and the students living in them in order to guarantee everyone's safety, while also providing on campus celebrations for the holiday.

Waz Miller, the director of residence life, said Campus Living has been working hard in order to guarantee that all of ECU's students are safe during Halloween by having special bus routes, as well as an increased police presence on campus.

Miller said the parking lot between Greene Residence Hall and the Student Recreation Center will be well lit and will be the ECU police department's staging area for the weekend. This is being done due to worries about students being taken advantage of after festivities during the weekend, Miller said.

"The ECU Police Department and the Greenville Police Department are working well together so there's a better presence downtown to make sure everyone is safe," Miller said.

Miller said the ECU busses will also have different routes Thursday night. After 10:30 p.m., buses will bring students from the Main Campus Student Center to their apartments, with the 850 Gold serving as the campus bus and will be on a 10-minute time frame, instead of the regular 15-minute route.

Miller said ECU is putting on an event for students at the Main Campus Student Center, called Halloween Havoc, which will go on from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m.

According to the ECU Events website, Halloween Havoc will have a dance hosted by DJ Born Finesser and DJ High Demand. There will be games such as air hockey and a costume contest. There will also be free food for everyone that attends.

"There's going to be a lot of stuff outside, like yard games, cotton candy, and there's going to be a Just Dance thing on the big screen outside. Inside there will be different crafts, and there will be a big dance in one room where you can bring a couple guests," Miller said.

Miller said there will also be a costume contest at Halloween Havoc. No full masks will be allowed and students are not allowed to bring in props, such as a sword if they are dressed as a pirate.

Miller said that there will also be special rules for the residence halls during the weekend. Starting at 5 p.m. on Thursday through 10 a.m. on Sunday, all of the exterior doors to the buildings will not be fob accessible except for the main entrance, according to an email sent out by Campus Living.

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## Pirates welcome Bearcats

**Daniel Shepard**  
TEC STAFF

A tough stretch on the schedule for East Carolina University's (3-5, 0-4 AAC) football team only continues to gather strength when the University of Cincinnati (6-1, 3-0 AAC) rolls into Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium on Saturday.

Ranked 17th in the Associated Press poll and 18th by the coaches, the Bearcats kickoff back-to-back games that the Pirates must play against ranked opponents. While No. 15 ranked Southern Methodist



**Mike Houston**

worry about a talented Cincinnati team that has some quality wins under its belt.

"One of the top teams in the country," head coach Mike Houston said about Cincinnati. "A complete program from top to bottom. One that wins by doing things right, by being sound fundamentally in all three phases, by taking advantage of mistakes that opponents make and by not making critical mistakes that beat themselves."

Recently removed from watching his team falter in the red zone against the University of South Florida (4-4, 2-2 AAC), committing two turnovers in the process, Houston must once again prepare his players for a program that induces a bunch of takeaways.

With 19 turnovers gained (11 interceptions, nine fumble recoveries), the Bearcats are tied for second in the nation, trailing only USF who leaped Cincinnati with their effort in Greenville, North Carolina last week. Having committed just 10 turnovers themselves, however,

Cincinnati is tied for sixth in the FBS with a plus-nine turnover margin.

"They don't make a lot of mistakes," Houston said. "You're going to have to be very disciplined in what you do. You're going to have to be very sound. We're going to have to play together. We're going to have to play very hard and be very physical," Houston said. "We're going to have to be the things that we talk about almost every week because if we don't, they're not going to give you the ballgame."

Despite owning a 6-1 record, Luke Fickell's squad is not an offensive juggernaut like the University of Central Florida has been this season. The Bearcats will enter Saturday ranked 85th in the FBS in total offense, a number hampered by their 90th ranked passing attack.

At the center of that attack is sophomore quarterback Desmond Ridder. Coming off 2018 American Athletic Conference Rookie



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**Tight end Zech Burd reaches up for a pass during against the USF Bulls.**

of the Year honors, Ridder has yet to pass for more than 263 yards in a game on his way to nearly 1,400 this season. Despite that, he does have a four touchdown game to his credit and has failed to throw more than one interception in any game thus far.

"I think the quarterback is highly underrated," Houston said. "I think Ridder is one of the better

quarterbacks we face this year. He does a good job of ball distribution, accurate throws, has good arm strength. Has good height in the pocket so he can see. He's a much better runner than he probably gets credit for. I think he's a legitimate threat in the run game as well as on the quarterback scramble."

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## BRIEFS

**Dowdy's Halloween Spooktacular sale**

On the Main Campus Student Center from 7:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Health Sciences Campus from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. for today only Dowdy Student Stores will be slashing prices 31% for Halloween.

**Stumpy's Horror games to take place tonight**

Today at 816 Dickinson Avenue starting at 6 p.m., Stumpy's Hatchet House will be hosting horror games in the spirit of Halloween.

**Diversity Day at the College of Nursing**

Today at 10 a.m. Ismael Ruiz-Millan will be speaking at the College of Nursing building about cultural humility followed by a student panel about the subject.

**CRW Fresh food Friday will feature bananas**

Tomorrow from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the lobby of the Health Sciences Building, Campus Recreation and Wellness (CRW) will be giving away fresh bananas to people on campus. The CRW will also be passing out fresh bananas on Main Campus in Joyner Library from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. tomorrow.

**Cypress Glen Halloween parade takes place today**

Today from 2 to 4:30 p.m. Ultimate Mens Club Sports will be hosting a volunteer opportunity to help set up for the Cypress Glen annual Halloween Parade on 100 Hickory Street in Greenville.

**Frightly Fit games at ECU's Student Rec Center**

Today from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. in the Student Recreation Center, group fitness classes will be Halloween themed. Students are able to dress in costumes to compete for a prize which goes to the best dressed.

## CORRECTIONS &amp; CLARIFICATIONS

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Wednesday, students were able to attend Before the Havoc on the first floor of the Main Campus Student Center to learn more about the Halloween event.

# Halloween Havoc to return Student Center to host annual celebration

Ahren Rau  
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

East Carolina University's Student Activities Board (SAB) invites students to celebrate Halloween at its annual Halloween Havoc celebration tonight from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. at the Main Campus Student Center (MCSC).

Nana Owusu, a senior majoring in public health, is a member of the SAB Initiative Committee and helped coordinate the Halloween Havoc event themed "Nightmare on Tenth St."

Owusu said the event will have an assortment of Halloween themed attractions ranging from a graveyard Just Dance to warped mirrors leading students into the haunted student center.

Owusu said there will be a dance upstairs, t-shirts, carnival games and a costume contest. She said there will also be food available to students like candied apples and funnel cakes.



Nana Owusu

Owusu said the motivation behind the Halloween party is to give students a safe place to indulge in fall festivities.

"Just to give students a safe alternative rather than maybe going downtown or going to a house party," Owusu said.

Owusu said the parking garage will be closed at 8 p.m. in preparation for the event and said students should check the Halloween

Havoc event page for busing details.

Wednesday, Owusu hosted the Before the Havoc event in the Main Campus Student Center in preparation for Halloween Havoc. Safety information and event tips were given out along with fanny packs filled with treats.

Tierra Bivens, a junior majoring in psychology and nursing, attended Before the Havoc with her friend Phoenix Little, a junior majoring in psychology and neuroscience.

In order to obtain a fanny pack, Bivens and Little said they had to answer questions pertaining to Halloween Havoc.

"They asked me, 'Can you wear a mask during Halloween Havoc?' and the answer was false," Bivens said.

Both Bivens and Little said they are going to Halloween Havoc but have not picked out a costume yet. Little said that she typically waits till last minute to pick a costume.

Jurnee McLeod, a freshman majoring in biology, said she plans on attending Halloween Havoc but does not know what to expect.

McLeod said she has not yet picked out a Halloween costume but said she might do her makeup to look like a cartoon character.

Jennifer Arellano, a freshman majoring in biology, said she was asked the number of guests students are allowed to bring and said

the answer was two.

Arellano said she will probably go to Halloween Havoc but said she will also be attending other parties.

Arellano said she was not sure about what the Halloween Havoc event was but said she will check it out. She said she will be dressing up as an angel this Halloween.

The event details on ECU's event calendar said the dance's music will be commandeered by DJ Born Finesser and DJ High Demand.

The event calendar said there will be two entrances into Halloween Havoc. One entrance will be near the ECU letters adjacent to Tenth Street and the other will be by the ECU bus loop near Joyner Library. Students must bring a OneCard for entry.

The event details said guests are permitted if accompanied by an ECU student and will receive a wristband upon entry.

The Halloween Havoc details also said no weapons of any kind will be permitted. Personal bags will be permitted after being wanded, however, no bags will be allowed in the dance.

For more information, students should visit Halloween Havoc's event page on ECU's event calendar.



Tierra Bivens

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people safe, Hunter said.

Hunter said GPD will be partnering with ECU PD, the Pitt County Sheriff's Office and Probation and Parole personnel will be offering assistance, as well.

Chris Sutton, ECU PD administrative lieutenant, said there will be officers covering all parts of campus on Halloween night, including the alcohol-free Halloween Havoc event held at the Main Campus Student Center.

The main transit bus stop for Halloween night on campus will be the new bus loop located beside the student center, according to Sutton. He said there will be additional officers located in this area.

Sutton said there will also be ECU PD officers in Uptown Greenville near Reade Street and they will offer assistance on the grid, if needed, but the primary focus is on ECU's campus.

Sutton said ECU PD encourages students to avoid binge drinking, but if students do choose to consume alcohol, they are advised to use the transit system or Uber or Lyft rides and



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ECU PD will have an increased presence on Halloween night.

not to drink and drive.

"There is a possibility that there will be a DWI checkpoint that could be set up inside the area around campus," Sutton said. "So, we want people to be aware of that."

Sutton said students who choose to go Uptown from the transit drop off location at the student center should follow a path between Joyner Library and Joyner East, across the mall where the Cupola is, in between Fleming and Jarvis Hall out to Fifth Street to enter the Uptown area.

Sutton said people commuting to Uptown should avoid the construction site on this route and any violation will be considered trespassing.

Matt Cifaldi, bouncer at Club 519, said there will be more security at bars in the Uptown area all throughout Halloween weekend and on Halloween night.

"All of the bars, I know us (Club 519), Fifth Street (Distillery) and Rafters will have a lot more bouncers and we are going to have to be on high alert to make sure nothing gets too out of control if something were to happen in the bar," Cifaldi said.



Chris Sutton

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There will also be increased security throughout the weekend and the full staff will be on duty with increased rounds. Regular visitation rules will still be in effect, meaning that residents may host guests between 8 a.m. and 2 a.m., Miller said.

"Having the staff at the door and only having one entrance lets us know all the guests in the building. We don't really want people just running around, since sometimes guests and the people hosting them can get separated," Miller said.

Miller said that any guests coming to the residence halls will have to have their names added to a list so that the hall staff is aware of everyone who is in the building.

The staff monitoring the front door of the residence halls is also a safety measure to make sure that non-students do not try to enter the halls by tailgating. Students should also carry their ID and any other form of identification that they have during the night, Miller said.

Peyton Paschke, a sophomore double majoring in polit-

ical science and French, said she feels that the Resident Hall Association has been effective at keeping students living in the dorms up to date on the rules.

"I think those are valid rules, especially since there have been a couple of assaults as of late. In costumes it's way easier to get away with doing terrible things," Paschke said.

According to the ECU PD Crime Logs, there have been five rapes and five assaults of a female in October.

Paschke feels that the rules for the residence halls will make the campus feel more safe, but she also believes that it will be less fun for everyone involved.

Broden Wilhelmsen, a freshman engineering major said that while the rules for the dorms during the weekend may be "extreme", the campus will be an all around safer place during the weekend.

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Central's Cotton Residence Hall as viewed from Founders Drive.

## OUR VIEW

# Gerlach's actions are disappointing

The recent resignation of Dan Gerlach as East Carolina University's Chancellor came after a string of events that transpired over the course of nearly a month. After photos leaked of Gerlach drinking and taking pictures with students at a downtown bar, he was placed on leave by the Interim President of The University of North Carolina School System pending an investigation.

Not a month later, Gerlach resigned his post only hours before video from the night in question surfaced and showed a man who appeared to be him walking back to his car at roughly 2 a.m.

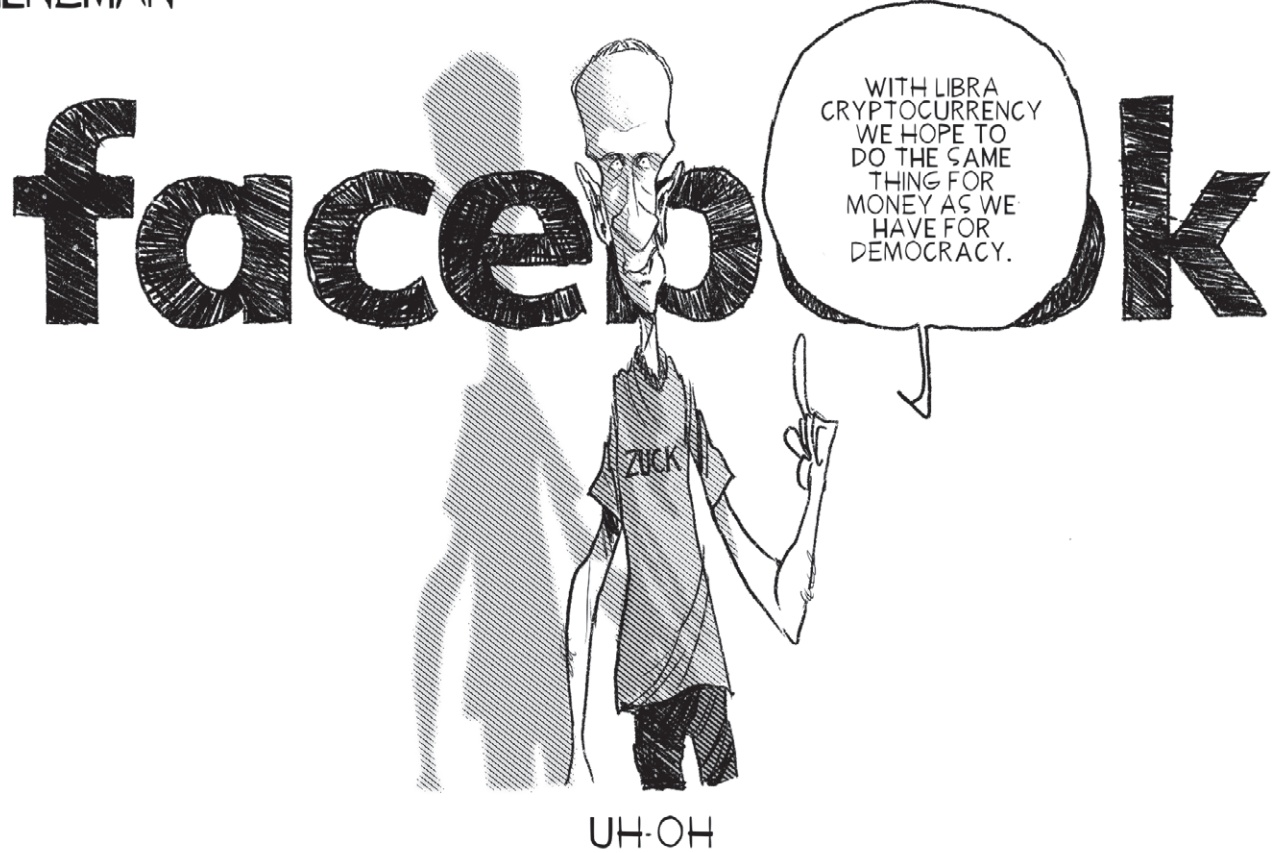
We, the editorial staff of The East Carolinian, believe all of the events, from Gerlach interacting with students in an inappropriate manner, to how the photos surfaced depicting the night, to the timing of his resignation and subsequent leaking of additional videos, reflect poorly on the university and the administrative staff involved as a whole.

While Gerlach himself has admitted he made a wrong decision to attend the bar that night, the anonymous nature to multiple elements surrounding this situation makes it seem mysterious. As this is written, the person who sent the first round of photos to various media outlets remains cloaked in secrecy, as do the motives behind releasing surveillance camera footage of Gerlach walking back to his car.

This suspicious behavior does not instill trust in the regulatory bodies that are put in place to govern these types of activities and investigations. Despite attempts to bring the office of the Chancellor closer to the students he or she serves, the students of ECU can not help but feel like their leaders don't actually care about that connection at all.

All we are asking for is additional investigation into the sources behind potentially career-altering photos and videos before a rush to judgement.

SHENEMAN TRIBUNE CONTENT AGENCY



# MrBeast is a good influence

## YouTube creator sets great example for children



**Danielle Schmid**  
GUEST COLUMNIST

Local Greenville and one of YouTube's most creative content creators, MrBeast is taking a break from giving money to the people and is now giving back to the environment. The down to earth YouTuber is currently taking on his most demanded video request of planting 20 million trees with the help of the National Arbor Day Foundation.

Since launching the campaign on Oct. 25, MrBeast has received a \$50,000 donation from famous makeup guru and businessman, Jeffree Star, a \$1,000,000 donation from Tesla owner, Elon Musk, a \$150,000 donation from a co-founder of Twitter, Jack Dorsey and many many more. With each tree costing one dollar, MrBeast has already raised well over \$8 million.

While there is usually little to no importance in the videos posted to MrBeast's Youtube channel, this video

campaign brings hope and motivation to young adults and children all over the world. With much of MrBeast's audience being below the age of 18, MrBeast is being the positive influence GenZ and the world in general needs.

When it comes to his content, he's one of the few YouTubers that does things most people would find impossible to do. While many have found little to no ways to protect our environment, MrBeast and his team are making it known that you can make a strong, productive impact on the world no matter what you do or where you come from.

With there being so many negative and toxic influencers and YouTubers worldwide, MrBeast and his squad are the humorous, relatable, small-town dreamers you'd want your kids to look up to. Unlike most famous influencers, MrBeast embraces his viewers by asking them to come, physically help out with videos. While very few YouTubers maybe have one meet up a year, MrBeast brings fans out for many

different videos. In his latest, MrBeast got viewers to come plant trees. While they only planted 1,700 trees, this video brought awareness to the campaign and has already racked up over 27 million views.

Being the influencer MrBeast is for young children, I find this campaign so important and exciting. Without kids even noticing, through MrBeast they're learning that it's possible to do extreme, "impossible" things if you're dedicated and consistent. Along with that, they're unconsciously realizing that taking care of the earth is crucial and should come naturally to us.

All in all, MrBeast could really be shaping the younger generation into well-rounded adults. I truly believe young children who follow him will not only be respectful and humorous but they will be giving and environmentally woke.

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# Have a fun, safe Halloween



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Halloween, a time of year many anticipate. A day where you can dress up in a fun costume and celebrate. It's a time for everyone to get together, marvel and laugh at each other's costumes, and have a good time. While I hope everyone has a fun and safe Halloween, it is important to remember a few things.

Halloween has always been a popular holiday among college students, I mean who doesn't want to dress up in a costume and go to a Halloween party with friends. However, ECU has dealt with some issues on Halloween the past couple of years.

In 2014, a Halloween block party being held at the Riverwalk Townhomes apartment complex turned into a large riot involving thousands of ECU students and other residents of Greenville and surrounding areas. It resulted in some injuries and damages to some property, such as flipped transits, street signs being pulled out of the ground, car windshields being shattered and more.

The riot was eventually broken up by police using tear gas and flash bangs, but not before the damage was done, not only to the property but to ECU's reputation. Multiple videos and pictures of the riot were taken and sent around. Even as a high school student who had never even been to ECU, I got to see these videos and pictures. They eventually made it to national news, and ECU officially gained the reputation of "a party school."

While the Greenville Police Department have taken precautions each year since to make sure things stay in control, this holiday still tends to bring out the worst in some people. Between

**"Halloween is a great holiday to celebrate with your friends and dress up. Whatever you choose to do tonight, make sure you are staying safe and making good decisions that won't affect you or your school's reputation in the long run."**

reports of drunk driving, alcohol poisoning, and offensive costumes, Halloween can cause anxiety for some people.

Obviously, everyone wants to have a good time celebrating Halloween, but it's important to do so in a safe manner. If you choose to drink tonight, make sure you are drinking in moderation, as to avoid potential alcohol poisoning, and possibly missing your Friday classes due to a bad hangover. Stay with a group of trusted friends and avoid situations where you don't feel comfortable.

Also, if you plan on drinking, make sure that you are aware of your transportation options. ECU offers late night transits to and from downtown and some apartment complexes. There is also SafeRide, an ECU ride service that can pick you up at different points on campus and take you to where you need to go. You must have your ECU OneCard, and are allowed two guests with valid IDs. Uber or Lyft are two more options. Regardless of your transportation method for the night, always avoid getting in a car with someone who has been drinking.

Of course, there are other fun alternatives for those who don't want to drink and risk getting a ticket. The Student Activities Board (SAB) is hosting their annual Halloween Havoc at the

Main Campus Student Center tonight from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. There will be a costume contest, outdoor games and activities such as Just Dance, music provided by a DJ, food, crafts, and much more. You are also allowed to bring two guests with you. All you need for entry is your OneCard.

Lastly, it is important to remember to wear a costume that you want to wear and feel comfortable wearing but doesn't offend others in the process. The past couple of years, backlash to cultural appropriation in costumes has increased, and for a good reason. While you may believe your costume depicting another culture (I.e. Native American, African American, Pacific Islander, etc.) is okay, others may take offense to it.

Halloween is a great holiday to celebrate with your friends and dress up. Whatever you choose to do tonight, make sure you are staying safe and making good decisions that won't affect you or your school's reputation in the long run. With that being said, have a happy Halloween!

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### TODAY

**After April: Live Music**  
Pitt Street Brewing Company  
8 p.m.

**Spooky Spelling with Mother Earth**  
MPorium  
7 p.m.

### TOMORROW

**Freeboot Friday**  
Five Points Plaza  
5:30 p.m.

**Blackbeard Sessions:**  
ECU Magnolia Belles  
Blackbeard Coffee Roasters  
7 p.m.

**Honor's College Talent Showcase**  
Whirligig Stage  
7 p.m.

**Celebration of Life Gathering for Dr. Sharon Pruitt**  
Greenville Museum of Art  
2 p.m.

**Stray Local Live Music**  
Pitt Street Brewing Company  
8 p.m.

**MFA Thesis Exhibition**  
Jenkin's Fine Arts Building  
5 p.m.

### SATURDAY

**Hoodie Weather Tour: Danny Grooves, Cut Rugs and Friends**  
The State Theatre  
8 p.m.

**Game Day Shuttle**  
Five Points Plaza  
3 p.m.

**Dia de los Muertos**  
Town Commons  
11 a.m.

**Gorham's Cafe Food Truck**  
Pitt Street Brewing Company  
6 p.m.

### SUNDAY

**Sid Kingsley Live at Christy's**  
Christy's Euro Pub  
8 p.m.

**Sunday Series with the Take Kindlies**  
Pitt Street Brewing Company  
3 p.m.

**Free Market**  
Really Really Free Market  
11 a.m.

# Hatchets on Halloween

## Stumpy's prepares for annual halloween eve bash tonight

**Hannah Bolick**  
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Stumpy's Hatchet House will host its annual Halloween party tonight at 6 and will offer party-goers hatchet throwing, free food, and a year of free throwing for the winner of the best costume.



**Josh Davis** from a regular night of throwing at Stumpy's because you are not confined to one lane for axe throwing.

The general manager of Stumpy's Hatchet House in Greenville, Josh Davis, said this event is different

from a regular night of throwing at Stumpy's because you are not confined to one lane for axe throwing.

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"It's just going to kind of be a free for all so people can meet new people, you're not just stuck with your own group, so if you don't have Halloween plans this is a perfect time to come out," Davis said. "You get three hours for the price of two and for \$40 you get from 6

to 9 and you can be back here and mingle, have free snacks, throw as much as you want. We will be back here training people, partying with them, there's going to be Halloween music, the whole setup."

The costume contest will be held throughout the night and anyone who comes to Stumpy's dressed in a costume is eligible to enter. Stumpy's will post pictures of the contestants on their Facebook and Instagram pages for the public to vote on, according to Davis. After a week, the winner of a free year of throwing will be crowned.

Stumpy's recently lowered their minimum age allowed from 21 to 18 and Davis said he hopes that this change will entice more East Carolina University students to come out and enjoy the unique entertainment available at Stumpy's.

"We run affordable specials for students, the fact that you can bring your own beer or wine of your choice, or snacks or whatever, if you're over 21 saves a lot of money



Stumpy's Hatchet House gets ready for its annual Halloween party tonight.

whereas if you go to bars you are paying five or six dollars a drink," Davis said.



**Bryton Abrahams** said that the experience you get at Stumpy's

is totally different than anything offered on ECU's campus.

"It's definitely something abnormal, I mean on ECU there's what? Bowling, the movie theater, there's a game room with like pool tables. There's nothing else, there's nothing that really grabs your attention," Abrahams said.

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Caption

# Costume culture in Greenville

**Devin Raines**  
TEC STAFF

Halloween returns to Greenville and, with it, East Carolina University students share what creative costumes they will wear on the big night out.

Halloween Express owner and ECU alumna, Lisa Cartwright, has owned the seasonal store for the past 21 years after having expressed a need for a location in Greenville.

Pennywise from the movie "It" is a popular costume this year, as well as aliens, according to Cartwright. Students are likely to put together costumes inspired by Pinterest or their imagination. Cartwright said students are going out all weekend, so they aren't buying multiple full costumes, but accessories to switch things up.

"People want to be what everyone else isn't," Cartwright said. "Our recommendation is this, don't worry about not being something everyone isn't, just be really good at what you're being."

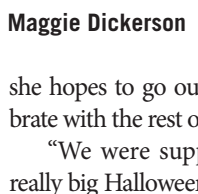
For people on a budget, Cartwright said it is easy to put something together to make animal or zombie costumes. Using the things in one's closet is a cheap and fun way to make creative costumes out of what one already owns, according to Cart-



Halloween Express of Greenville gets community ready for the Halloween spirit.

wright.

Junior psychology major, Maggie Dickerson, will dress up as a Greek goddess inspired by Athena this year in a way to stand out from the more typical costumes while still being "cute."



**Maggie Dickerson** As for festivities, Dickerson said she hopes to go out tonight to celebrate with the rest of ECU.

"We were supposed to have a really big Halloween party, but some

of the people they kind of said no, let's not," Dickerson said. "We may go out Thursday night, I know some of us already have our costumes, so I wouldn't mind going out Thursday night."

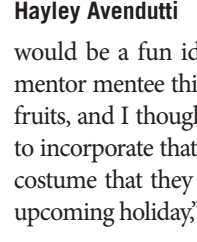
Dickerson bought her costume from Amazon, but she recommends that people who want to go all out to go to a costume store for something amazing. For people on a budget who have a good imagination, she recommends creating a costume out of props or things already in one's closet.

"I went online, Amazon is really good, but I would recommend going into stores if you have the budget

wise to support your local Halloween costume stores," Dickerson said. "Back in my hometown, that's what I did and they had pretty good deals."

"Personally, I would much rather look online and go to like different cosplay websites because I feel like they make a lot higher quality for a better price," Kilgore said. "But the problem with that is that since it's so last minute I don't think it would get here in time."

Senior English major, Hayley Avendutti, is dressing up as a pineapple to recognize her sorority "fruity family" after having welcomed her little to the group.



**Hayley Avendutti** "I thought it would be a fun idea since it was a mentor mentee thing that I did with fruits, and I thought it would be fun to incorporate that into a Halloween costume that they could use for the upcoming holiday," Avendutti said.

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# Rock bands to headline Costume Ball

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Pop rock band Big Something and psychedelic group Psyllo Joe will headline the annual Costume Ball tonight at 7 at the State Theatre.

This will mark the first time that the Costume Ball, a staple of the Big Something's performances, will be hosted in Greenville. The group has maintained the tradition for nine years, performing the event in the Raleigh and Greensboro area.

Big Something is a "fusion of pop, funk and improvisation, taking their listeners on a unique journey of musical styles," according to its press release. Lead vocalist, Nick MacDaniels, started the band with five others in 2009 after attending Elon University. The band has since released five studio albums, with the latest "The Otherside," debuting in April 2018.

"We have a lot of different influences from funk to hard rock to reggae and hip-hop. We're just making music that we enjoy and everyone is welcome," MacDaniels said.

In 2012, Big Something also launched a grass-roots music festival called *The Big What* which takes place each year in central North Carolina and brings together artists and fans for three days of performances, according to MacDaniels.

MacDaniels expressed his optimism for this year's costume ball, which also marks the band's return to Greenville.

"We used to play Greenville a lot when we first started, so we started to bring the costume ball to the State Theatre," MacDaniels said. "We heard East Carolina makes a big deal of celebrating Halloween, so we thought we'd host it there."

MacDaniels also explained what the show

means to fans of Big Something in terms of a live experience. The singer said the main event of the celebration is the costume contest.

"It's always one of the biggest shows of the year. We do an audience costume concert and announce the winner on stage. We get really creative with the audience," MacDaniels said.

The costume ball originally started as an outdoor performance put on by Possum Holler Productions in Prospect Hill, North Carolina, according to MacDaniels. The event grew in popularity and has become a cornerstone of Big Something's identity.

MacDaniels explained why the costume ball is so well regarded among fans of Big Something.

"It's a big production, it's like an immersive experience where everyone gets dressed up, and it's a great way to celebrate Halloween," MacDaniels said.

Psyllo Joe, the opening act for this year's ball, has also been noted for improvisation in its music. Lead vocalist Bryan Quintard has described it as "experimental psychedelic rock." They have worked with Big Something at costume balls in the past.

The band formed in 2014 in Greenville, North Carolina after the members met for live music sessions at Peasant's Pub. Quintard's inspiration for the name comes from the silo in his old college home where he threw many parties.

Quintard offered his own insight into the costume ball and the experience it provides to the audience.

"It's different from your typical show. It makes for a unique night, you never know what's going to happen," Quintard said.

The costume ball also allows people to come



The Costume Ball will debut at the State Theatre.

together and celebrate what makes Halloween so special and festive.

Quintard also expressed his optimism at the idea of performing in the State Theatre and collaborating with Big Something again.

"I'm super happy that Greenville has a venue specifically designed for music. We really like Big Something, so it'll be nice to see them again," Quintard said.

Quintard went into further detail, explaining how a live performance such as the costume ball can help the audience develop a connection with the performers.

"The most enjoyable thing for me is connecting with the crowd, feeling their energy and the band's energy. You don't have to say anything but you definitely feel like you're connecting with them," Quintard said.

Tickets can be purchased through the State Theatre website and Facebook page.

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**Taurus** (April 20-May 20) -- Today is an 8 -- Grow shared accounts. Miscommunications between partners with Mercury retrograde can interrupt and frustrate. Guard patience over the next three weeks. Clarify mistakes right away. Connect with humor.

**Gemini** (May 21-June 20) -- Today is a 7 -- Keep equipment in working order. Delays, misunderstandings or mistakes could frustrate your work and health over the next three weeks with Mercury retrograde. Slow down to get done faster.

**Cancer** (June 21-July 22) -- Today is a 9 -- Keep practicing your physical routines. Romantic overtures could backfire over the next three weeks with Mercury retrograde. Clarify misunderstandings immediately. Find your sense of humor and reconnect.

**Leo** (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Today is a 7 -- Clean, sort and organize at home with Mercury retrograde. Review old papers, photos and possessions. Make repairs before things break. Revise household infrastructure.

**Virgo** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Today is a 7 -- Take extra care with communications with Mercury retrograde. Clear up misunderstandings as soon as possible. Launch creative projects after three weeks. Plan and prepare.

**Libra** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) -- Today is an 8 -- Monitor cash flow closely. Allow extra time for travel, invoices and collections with Mercury retrograde for three weeks. Double-check numbers. Review financial records and budgets.

**Scorpio** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) -- Today is a 7 -- Upgrade your brand. Consider consequences before speaking with Mercury retrograde in your sign. Figure out what works and what doesn't. Reaffirm commitments. Edit communications closely.

**Sagittarius** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) -- Today is an 8 -- Revise and refine your message. Avoid misunderstandings with Mercury retrograde. Delays or breakdowns could affect mechanical equipment. Make repairs immediately. Re-establish old bonds.

**Capricorn** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Today is a 6 -- Consider transitions, past and future. Nurture old friends and connections over the next three weeks with Mercury retrograde. Have patience and humor with communication snafus.

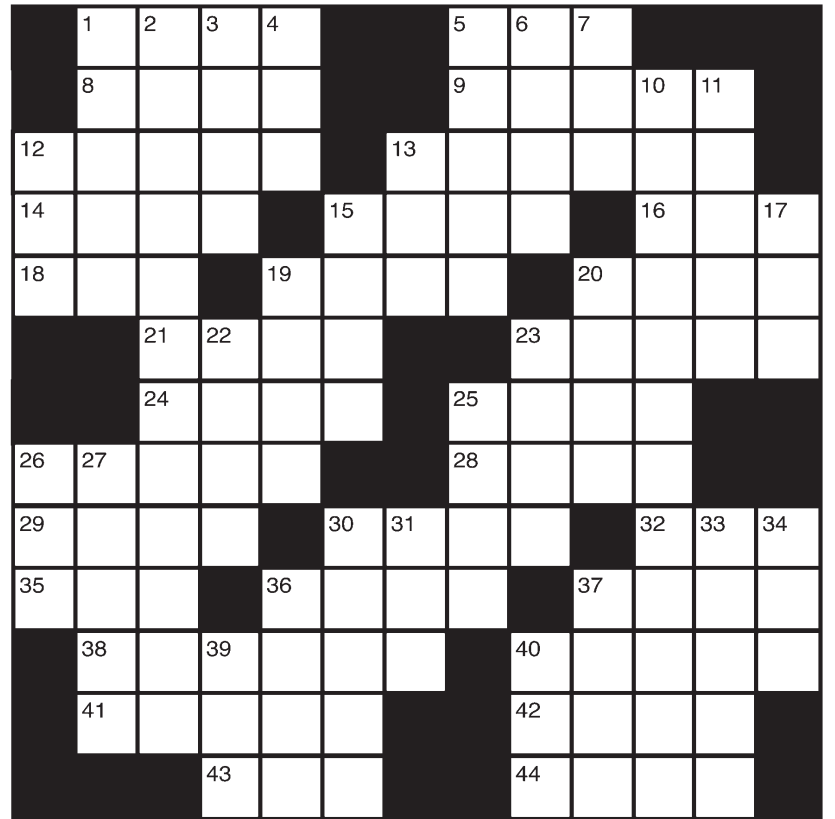
**Aquarius** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) -- Today is a 7 -- Team misunderstandings could cause delays. Review professional data closely with Mercury retrograde. Guard against communication breakdowns. Back up hard drives, important documents and archives.

**Pisces** (Feb. 19-March 20) -- Today is an 8 -- Make educational plans and itineraries for later exploration with Mercury retrograde. Reduce travel and shipping over three weeks. Communicate thoughtfully. Keep confidences. Make deadlines.

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- 15 Ernie's "Sesame Street" pal
- 16 "If I \_\_\_ a Hammer"
- 18 Lemony drink
- 19 "\_\_\_ the Clock"
- 20 Heche or Hathaway
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- 28 "The Donna \_\_\_ Show"
- 29 Diner on "Alice"
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- 37 "One \_\_\_ Hill"
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- 4 Little friend of Winnie the Pooh
- 5 Film critic co-host with the late Gene Siskel
- 6 Express bottled-up frustration
- 7 Actress Jillian
- 10 One of the hosts of "Wipeout"
- 11 "...Little Lulu, with freckles on your chin, always \_\_\_ out of trouble..."
- 12 "Not \_\_\_ Stranger"; Frank Sinatra movie
- 13 Actress \_\_\_ Thompson
- 15 Catherine of "JAG"
- 17 \_\_\_ Moines, Iowa
- 19 "NYPD \_\_\_"
- 20 Actor \_\_\_ Gross
- 22 George of "CSI"
- 23 Role for Marcia Cross on "Desperate Housewives"
- 25 One of the Maverick brothers
- 26 Univ. in Dallas
- 27 Mae and Adam
- 30 Game show host Drew
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- 33 One of the nieces on "The Bernie Mac Show"
- 34 Billy \_\_\_ Williams
- 36 Sport played on horseback
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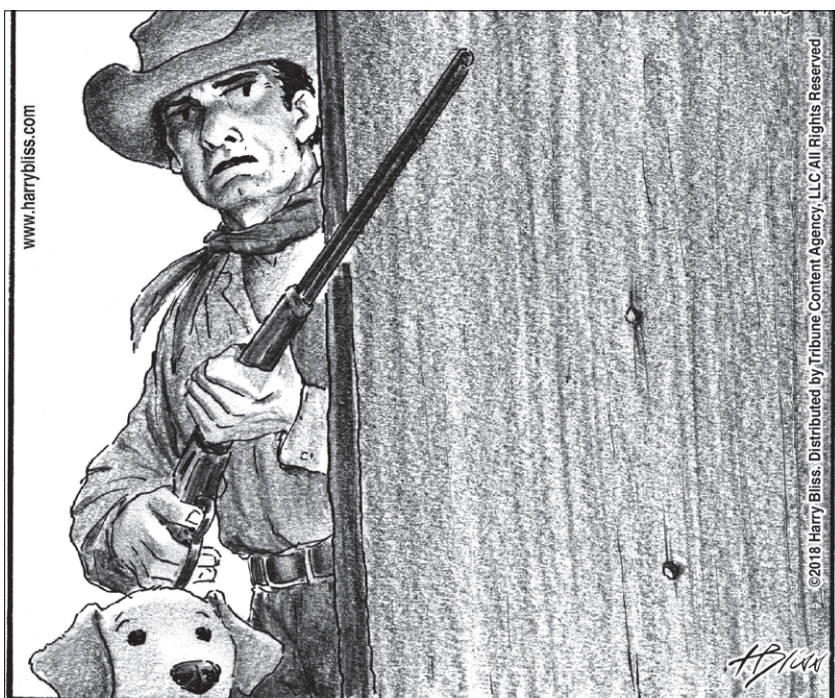
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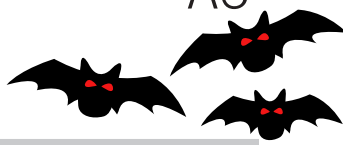
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# TEC 'sports

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

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Cincinnati 49-14. ECU is winless in American Athletic Conference play. No. 17 ranked Cincinnati

enters Saturday's matchup as 24 point favorites to win the game. Our offense and defense has struggled to find any ounce of consistency for four quarters and will continue to do that at home against UC.

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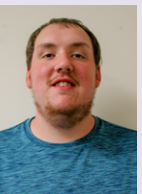


Cincinnati 45-13. No. 17 ranked Cincinnati is almost sure to give ECU trouble. The Bearcats are

ranked No. 1 in the AAC for pass defense efficiency, and also has 11 interceptions on the season. If ECU wants to win, they must limit mistakes in the air and be able to successfully run the ball on the ground.

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Cincinnati 45-10. Why? Cincinnati is not the offensive juggernaut that Central Florida was. However, they

do have some explosive weapons in quarterback Desmond Ridder and tight end Jasiah Deguara. Couple that with a defense that is tied for second in the FBS with 19 takeaways and the Bearcats should be able to hold the Pirates in-check on Saturday.

# ECU defense takes hit

## Pirates' linebacker corps hampered by injury

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TEC STAFF

Head football coach Mike Houston confirmed on Tuesday that junior linebacker Aaron Ramseur tore his ACL and will miss the remainder of the season.

"We'll help him through that rehab and be excited to have him back next year," Houston said. "But that was a tough blow. He had played very well against Central Florida and was really starting to come around so it's disappointing for all of us to see his season come to an end."

Used sparingly at the beginning of the season, Ramseur slowly solidified his name on the depth chart as the season deepened. Against Gardner-Webb University (3-5, 1-2 Big South), he booked five solo tackles, two for a loss of yardage and one sack.

Since then, Ramseur added 3.5 tackles for loss to his resume, bringing his total to 5.5 for the season, while at the same time adding an additional sack against the College of William & Mary (2-6, 0-4 CAA).

Just two games ago, Ramseur had somewhat of a break-out contest, totaling 14 total tackles (seven solo, seven assists), two of which were tackles for loss. In that game, Ramseur made his first start of the year at middle linebacker, a position usually



Aaron Ramseur

filled by fellow junior linebacker Bruce Bivens. Ramseur ranked ninth in the tackles department with 34 before his injury and currently ranks fourth on the team with his aforementioned 5.5 tackles for loss.

Without Ramseur moving forward, the Pirates' linebacker corps becomes relatively



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The ECU defense reacts after a play during last weeks game against the South Florida Bulls.

thin. While Houston has indicated the depth chart is likely to change ahead of Saturday's matchup with the University of Cincinnati (6-1, 3-0 AAC), Bivens is now backed up by sophomore Delvontae Harris who has played only eight games at the collegiate level and began the season suspended.

Sophomore linebacker Myles Berry made his first collegiate start at will linebacker against the University of Central Florida (6-2, 3-1 AAC), replacing sophomore Xavier Smith who has been banged up a bit.

"We need that group to play well," Houston said of his linebackers. "It's a group that I think has some potential, but they've got to play well. I did not think that group played particularly well on Saturday, but they weren't the only ones. But they've got to perform at a high level."

While the blame was not placed squarely on the shoulders of the linebacker corps, ECU's defense yielded over 300 rushing yards to USF last Saturday, allowing over 500 yards of total offense. In that game, sophomore

linebacker Gerard Stringer booked only two tackles while Smith, ECU's leading tackler, was in on seven (five assists, two solos).

The Pirates will enter Saturday's home game against Cincinnati allowing 192.2 rushing yards per contest

to opposing programs, ranking them 99th in the FBS. ECU has only been marginally better against the pass, limiting teams to 225 yards per game, the 69th fewest in the country. In all, however, the Pirates' defensive unit is yielding 417.2 yards every time out (88th in the FBS).

Five times this season ECU's defense has given up at least 450 yards of offense, including each of the last three games, culminating in 611 yards yielded to UCF on Oct. 19.

The Pirates will be back in action on Saturday when they face Cincinnati inside Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium. Kickoff is scheduled for 7 p.m.

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## PIRATES continued from A1

Speaking to the ball distribution point, Ridder owns a 61% completion rate this season, a number that has crept as high as 81.8% against Marshall University (5-3, 3-1 C-USA) earlier in the campaign.

With his legs, as Houston speaks to, Ridder is sitting on 202 net rushing yards through seven games. That number places him third on the Bearcats' roster behind junior running backs Michael Warren II (498 yards) and Gerrid Doaks (214 yards). All told, the aforementioned trio makes up over 75% (914 of 1,214 yards) of Cincinnati's rushing yards this season.

"He (Ridder) is the unquestioned leader of that offense," Houston said. "He does a great job directing it. That's one thing that we're going to have to do a good job of accounting for him both in the passing game and in the running game as well."

As has been the case for ECU's offense at times this season, Cincinnati's red zone offense has struggled, ranking 126th out of 130 FBS teams entering play on Saturday. That has held the Bearcats to the 71st best offensive team in the country by points scored and kept the pressure on a defensive unit that is continually rising to the occasion

Led by junior safety Darrick Forrest who has racked up 61 tackles in 2019, the Bearcats own the 37th best defense in the country, allowing 344.7 yards per contest. Both against the rush and pass, Cincinnati ranks inside the top-50 in the FBS and has scored 59 points (8.4 per game) off turnovers.



Holton Ahlers

"They're sound fundamentally and all of their players are very aggressive," Houston said. "He's (Fickell) created that culture there. It is very much a look at how we want to play here."

Junior jack (hybrid of defensive end and linebacker) Michael Pitts and defensive tackle Elijah Ponder have totaled a combined 12.5 tackles for loss for the Bearcats this season and have seven sacks to their credit to anchor Cincinnati's pass-rush attack and allow it to rank 24th in the FBS by holding opponents to 20.4 points per game.

On the back-end, sophomore safety Ja'von Hicks owns seven (four interceptions, three fumble recoveries) of his team's takeaways in 2019 while seven different players have picked an opposing quarterback through the same number of games.

When the Bearcats step off the bus on Saturday, it will be the first time since 2017 they have visited Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium. While that result was a good one for ECU, a 48-20 win, last season's matchup was one to forget for the Pirates.

In Cincinnati, under less than stellar weather conditions, ECU lost 56-6, extending a run of seven losses in eight games to conclude the 2018 campaign.

"That was probably the most miserable game I've been a part of as a football player was last year there, for multiple reasons," sophomore quarterback Holton Ahlers said. "We remember that, we're a young team, we were all there last year, so we remember that and we'll think about that all week."

Slated to be heavy underdogs at home on Saturday, the Pirates will be without junior linebacker Aaron Ramseur as Houston confirmed he tore his ACL last week against USF. While a hit to ECU's linebacker corps, it will be on the Pirates' defense to keep Saturday's game close.

Whether or not that happens remains to be seen as ECU attempts to kick its 2-9 record when playing back-to-back games at Dowdy-Ficklen since joining the AAC.

Kickoff between the Bearcats and Pirates is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Saturday.

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# Men's golf earns fifth

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After five tournaments in the fall, the East Carolina University men's golf team closed out their fall schedule tied for fifth place at the Intercollegiate at Innisbrook in Palm Beach, Florida.

The Pirates finished the Intercollegiate at Innisbrook with a total score of 864, 12-over-par, tying them with the University of Houston for fifth. Playing three rounds at Innisbrook Resort, their lowest being round three at 286 strokes, 2-over-par.

Individually, ECU had two top 15 finishers. Sophomore golfer A.J. Beechler finished in fourth place with a score of 208, 5-under-par (71, 68, 69). Junior golfer Tim Bunten in a six-way tie for twelfth place, finishing with a total of 214 strokes, one stroke over par (70, 74, 70).



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A.J. Beechler chips from a bunker during a recent golf meet.

"We had some great play from A.J. and Tim this week and it was good to move up the leaderboard today," head coach Andrew Sapp said in a press release.

In the beginning of September, the Pirates teed off their season at the Island Resort Collegiate in Escanaba, Michigan. They finished the tournament with a two-way tie for third place and a stroke total of 859, 5-under-par (282, 287, 290).

"We are definitely better now than we were at this point last year and we just have to keep improving," Sapp said.

ECU men's golf will return to play on Feb. 3 for the Sea Best Invitational in Ponte Vedra, Florida. This will kick-off their spring season consisting of six scheduled tournaments before the American Athletic Conference Championship tournament.

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