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Officials offer nighttime safety advice

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With shorter days and longer nights, local safety personnel relay tips on how students can have a safe end to the fall semester and speak on the resources available to them in the event of an emergency.

East Carolina University Police Department (ECU PD) Lieutenant Chris Sutton said he doesn't want people to view ECU PD negatively or think they have no one to turn to if they find themselves in a perilous situation involving dangerous behaviors.

"Yes, they (students) can (call ECU PD) and they should feel like they can do that and not put themselves in a situation where they may get in some type of disciplinary action or enforcement activity," Sutton said.

If someone is using a controlled substance or having a medical emergency, ECU PD does have Narcan to reverse the effects, according to Sutton. He said if someone is suffering from alcohol poisoning they should also be called because the effects may be irreversible which would lead to "a very terrible situation."

Sutton said he wants to use situations like these as "teaching moments" and not "a crutch" which allows students to continue dangerous behaviors. He said he would rather have students view ECU PD as a resource and aid.



Chris Sutton

ECU PD has a "shared responsibility" with the Greenville Police Department in patrolling downtown, Sutton said. When students go downtown it's important to try to control their environment, he said. Students can control their environments if they're in a club or bar by being aware of the exits and their controlled substance intake, according to Sutton.

"If you down with the mindset that you're going to get as inebriated as possible or you're going to allow other controlled substances to be put in your body that's gonna make it harder for you to control and maintain cognitive awareness, then those are some things you should consider and reduce as much as possible," Sutton said.

Sutton recommends traveling in larger groups and using a "reputable ride source." He said students should be "more aware" of potentially dangerous situations and shouldn't get into a vehicle if they are uncomfortable.

Sutton said students can use ECU Transit for uptown shuttle service on Thursday, Friday and Saturday as an alternative to ride-sharing companies. Sutton said student apartment complexes such as The Bellamy, 33 East, Copper Beech, University Manor and Captains Quarters have contracts with ECU Transit to provide rides downtown.

Sutton said ECU PD should be called immediately whenever someone is having an issue related to safety which can be done through the LiveSafe app anonymously.

Sutton said ECU PD has used a specialized unit called a Crime Suppression Team during the fall semester to reduce criminal acts which cause problems on campus.

"Whether it's a high frequency of larcenies or traffic-related issues or alcohol or drug-related problems, we have this specific team that will be working on operations to help make our campus a safer area for our students," Sutton said.

Greenville Fire/Rescue (GFR) Chief Eric Griffin said GFR is a full-service emergency service. GFR provides fire, Emergency Medical Services (EMS), technical rescue, fire prevention activities and fire inspections.

The most common call GFR receives is due to unattended cooking for fire calls, Griffin said. For medical calls, GFR

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The Celebration of Light ceremony will honor and recognize a multitude of faiths and traditions which take place during the holidays.

ECU to honor faiths Celebration of Light to recognize beliefs tonight

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The Celebration of Light event will be held tonight from 6 to 7:30 in East Carolina University's Main Campus Student Center, room 253, where individuals are welcomed to celebrate a variety of faiths and traditions that students may participate in during the holiday season.

Shaun Simon, the associate director of Intercultural Affairs, said the Ledonia Wright Cultural Center (LWCC) stays current with student development and cultural practices on campus. It develops tools to measure student involvement and its impact on students, she said.

"The Ledonia Wright Cultural Center leads with vision, compassion, ethics, transparency and

we always put our students first," Simon said.

The Celebration of Light is an opportunity for ECU and the surrounding community to come together to honor the various religious and cultural celebrations taking place this time of year, Simon said.

According to Simon, the event will consist of members of the ECU community coming forward to share their knowledge of their faith and cultures. They will additionally be discussing their traditions they partake in with their fellow community, she said.

"The Celebration of Light will provide an opportunity for participants to acknowledge and celebrate the many faiths, traditions and spiritual practices that make up

the tapestry that is Pirate Nation," Simon said.

The Celebration of Light was hosted by the LWCC and the Office of Equity and Diversity (OED), Simon said.

Some committees who are partnered with the offices include The Well: Episcopal Lutheran Campus Ministry, Hillel at ECU, Indian Student Association, African and African American Students Ambassadors, the Religious Studied Cub, BSU and AMEXCAN, Simon said.

The LWCC hosts a variety of programs which highlight and celebrate the different cultures at ECU throughout the academic year, but this is the first time the Celebration of Light will be hosted on campus,

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Future AAC slate revealed

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American Athletic Conference commissioner Mike Aresco announced a two-year scheduling model for football that included conference-only games on Monday.

With the University of Connecticut leaving the conference on July 1, 2020, the AAC will be left with 11 teams in its football conference starting next season. Even without that 12th team, however, the AAC was granted a waiver by the NCAA to maintain its conference championship game.

"The waiver was very important, it was a relief to get it," Aresco said back in October. "You never take anything for granted... we were hopeful but we got it for '20 and '21. Having the waiver for '20 and '21 gives us some breathing space. We didn't want to be forced to add a team in order to play a championship game or to play a championship game with uneven divisions. This allows us to play with 11 teams, to match our two top teams."

Divisions dissolved beginning in 2020, the AAC will keep its model of playing eight conference and four non-conference games. With that in place, each team in the conference is set to face the other 10 at least once in the span of the next two seasons, a move to keep play fair and balanced within the league.



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An ECU receiver attempts to gain more yards against Gardner-Webb.

In 2020, East Carolina University is scheduled to play the University of Central Florida, the United States Naval Academy, Southern Methodist University and Tulane University at home. The Pirates will get the University of Cincinnati, the University of South Florida, Temple University and the University of Tulsa on the road in league play.

In 2021, ECU gets Cincinnati, USF, Temple and Tulane at home and will travel to UCF, the University of Houston, the University of Memphis and Navy to

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OGA to host Peace Corps information session

Today from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. there will be a Peace Corps information session at the International House. The information session is sponsored by the Office of Global Affairs.

Study abroad information session series to continue

Today from 4 to 5 p.m. at the International House a study abroad informational session will take place to educate students on the opportunities they may have through ECU to travel abroad.

Off-Campus housing fair to take place in MCSC

Tomorrow, the fall off-campus housing fair will take place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Main Campus Student Center ballrooms. The tabling event will feature different complexes students can live in off-campus, food and prizes. The event is hosted by ECU's Off-Campus Student Services and Campus Living.

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COE honors educators

Staff Report
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Eight local residents were honored by East Carolina University due to their service and dedication to the field of education.

Sherry Rae Buck, J. Christopher Buddo, Christa L. Farmer, Lynn Pritchett Harrington, Kathy Sue Gaskins Riggs, Lynne C. Wigent, and Alana M. Zambone were inducted on Nov. 9 into the Educators Hall of Fame at East Carolina University's College of Education (COE) according to a press release sent by ECUNews Services on Friday. Mabel James Perry was honored posthumously, the press release said.

The ceremony took place in Fletcher's Recital Hall and the keynote speaker was Charles Coble, a former dean of the ECU College of Education, and past chair of the advisory board, the press release said.

"The men and women who are about to be inducted into the Educators Hall of Fame have gone above and beyond what is expected of educators and helped to raise the dignity of our profession," Bruce Beasley, chair of the COE Professional Advisory Board said in the press release.

Buck, who was inducted into the Educators hall of fame, earned her Bachelor of Science in Special Education and Master of Science in Child Development and Family Relations from ECU, the press release said.

Buck created the first inclusive pre-kindergarten for exceptional children in Pitt County in 1999, the press release said. Buck has had research published in the Early Childhood Education Journal and is a member of the Professional Educators of North Carolina.

Buddo, dean of the College of Fine Arts and Communications was inducted in the Educators Hall of Fame. He earned a Bachelor of Music



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Inductees of East Carolina University's College of Education Hall of Fame pose with their awards.

from James Madison University and a Master of Arts in Music and Doctor of Musical Arts from the University of Iowa, the press release said.

Buddo has previously served as the Director of the School of Music and currently serves as the Dean of the College of Fine Arts and Communications at ECU. He is a bassist and has performed with seven symphonies and in two music festivals, the press release said.

"It's just a humbling experience particularly when I look at the others on the list, I know a number of these people," Buddo said in a press release.

Perry received her Bachelor of Science in Child Development and a second degree in Family and Consumer Sciences from ECU. She

began her teaching career at North Pitt High School, where she was a class advisor, girls' basketball coach and mentor, the press release said.

Gaskins Riggs earned her Bachelor of Science in Business Education, Master of Arts in Middle Grades Education, and Educational Specialist degree from ECU, the press release said.

The press release said Riggs dedicated her career to serve Pitt County Schools through roles as assistant principal of Wintergreen Elementary School, Chicod Elementary School and G.R. Whitfield K-8 School.

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Simon said.

The LWCC usually partners with the Division of Student Affairs and the University's Strategic Direction when hosting events, but it also collaborates with alumni, faculty and community partners in which their research, professionalism and academics correspond with the programs content, Simon said.

Some of the programs include the Heritage Month celebrations, leadership, workshops where initiatives are focused on student's success, identity development that helps students understand their overlapping identities, and social justice and community engagement, Simon said.

The Celebration of Light event is targeted towards ECU's population and Greenville community so people can all learn more about the fellow community members' faith, beliefs and traditions, Simon said.

Simon said the event is important to the community because we, as a society, are more focused on Christian religions but those are not the only faiths there are, she said.

"The LWCC firmly believes in highlighting and celebrating the unique attributes that all of our community members bring. It is not our differences that provide conflict but our indifference to learn about our neighbors, and the Celebration of Light provides that opportunity to learn about other faiths and traditions that our community practices," Simon said.

Simon said she hopes participants of the Celebration of Light will provide empathy and understanding for those during the holiday season, which allows a comfortable space for individuals to celebrate in whatever ways feel familiar to them. She said those who participate will leave knowing more about the variety of traditions that make up Pirate Nation.

Meredith Morgan, program specialist for diversity and inclusion education and training is hosting with LWCC for this event. The purpose of the event is to bring all sorts of people from different beliefs and backgrounds together, she said.

The event is designed to help participants learn about different religions and traditions that celebrate light towards the end of the year, Morgan said.

The ECU members are going to be people represent-



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The Christmas tree at Five Points Plaza is currently on display at the corner of Evans Street and Fifth Street to celebrate the season.

ing Diwali, Winter Solstice, Christmas and Hanukkah, Morgan said. The organizations hosting this event hope people come together to have interface dialogue and learn about each other, she said.

"It's important because in order to create a more inclusive environment, we have to understand each other and we need to learn from each other. By learning about each other, we can understand how our differences create diversity and how we have more in common than we think, which is beautiful," Morgan said.

Morgan said she wants everybody in the ECU and Greenville communities to feel like their beliefs are valid whether they're atheist, Hindu, Christian or another religion. The Celebration of Light is a great way to bring people together and celebrate the differences between them, she said.

Morgan said she hopes participants will learn all about the different religions, traditions and be more educated around the holidays so if they meet someone of a different religion, they'll know how to wish them a happy holiday.



Shaun Simon



Meredith Morgan

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gets calls about dehydration related to drinking among students, according to Griffin.

"First of all they should make sure to have working smoke alarms in all of the sleeping areas, also make sure that when you're cooking you don't leave it unattended as much as possible. We kind of would probably say if you're out all night, you're tired. Don't come home and try to cook," Griffin said.

Griffin said to stay safe while drinking it is beneficial not to overindulge. It is important to stay hydrated, according to Griffin. He said to stay safe it is important to monitor themselves and their friends.

Griffin said the signs of alcohol poisoning are hot and dry skin, nausea, vomiting and slurred speech. He said GFR should be called as soon as possible

because it can have dangerous effects upon an individual.

If someone calls authorities in the event of a medical emergency while under the influence they will not get in trouble due to the Good Samaritan



Eric Griffin

Law because they are doing a "good deed" by calling help to save a life, Griffin said. He said students are young they don't know at what point someone would need medical help.

Griffin said the demographics of calls for overdoses is college-aged students to 34. Sometimes they're worried they will get in trouble and don't call, he said. "That's not a good idea. If you see someone having those kinds of problems you need to call so we can get them some help. We're not there to get them in trouble, we're there to help," Griffin said.

Blake Halsey, chair of the ECU Student Safety Committee and senior political science and security studies double major, recommends students and members of the Greenville community download the LiveSafe app. Halsey said tips can be reported anonymously if suspicious activity is suspected. He said he uses the app to report lighting outages.

He said the app has a Safe Walk feature which allows students to share their walk with a friend or parent. He said a safety escort can be arranged by calling ECU PD's mainline at (252)-328-6787. Another option available through transit is SafeRide, Halsey said.

Halsey said students are signed up for ECU Alerts via email as soon as they're registered as a student. He said students can add a phone number to receive ECU Alerts on PiratePort and add family members' phone numbers as well.

Halsey said ECU Alerts provide

information about severe weather, active shooter situations and other safety concerns. He said alerts aren't sent often but when they are they provide important information.

Halsey said he always tells people to carry an umbrella for rain purposes. He said in the event of a tornado go to the most interior area of a building and lowest level.

Halsey said roads flood often in Greenville and recommends to "turn around, don't drown."

Halsey said there are many construction zones in Greenville which students should stay out of construction zones and stay away from the fencing. He recommended students give themselves extra time to get places and stay out of the area being worked on.

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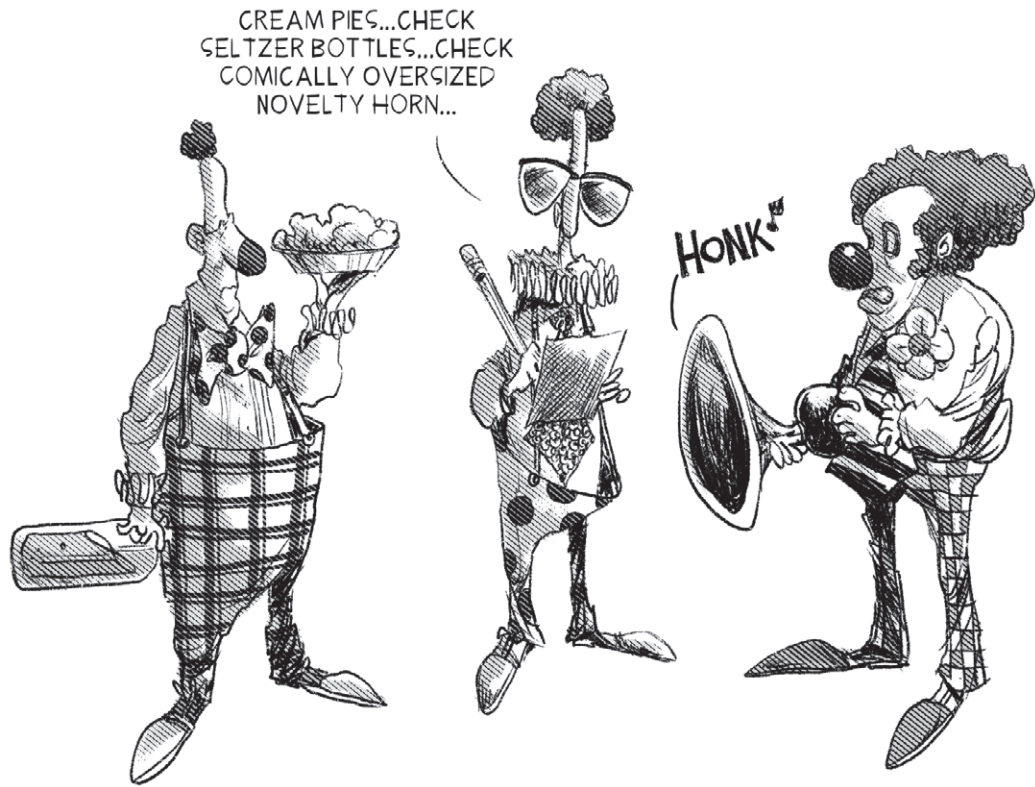
Event offers insight on oppression

On Nov. 13, East Carolina University hosted the “Tunnel of Oppression” at the Main Campus Student Center ballroom where students had the opportunity to learn about other people’s and fellow student’s experiences and challenges they have faced with oppression in society today. The event was theatrical and had actors portray and highlight the experiences of marginalized groups who often faced discrimination or oppression in society. Participants were able to interact with host organizations and walk around and experience nine scenes throughout the tunnel. The setup of the event allowed attendees to come as close as they possibly could to a real life experience dealing with oppression.

We, the editorial staff of The East Carolinian, believe the “Tunnel of Oppression” was an important event for students and staff members to participate in because it allowed them to be more aware of the challenges other people face in society on a daily basis. It is easy for today’s generation to become blindsided of the struggles different minorities face each and every day.

Though some may not be able to relate to these experiences, students were able to learn the realities of the world that are not often covered in the media. With this experience, students were not only able to recognize their privileges, but also learn how they can use them to educate others about discrimination towards minorities and help make a change in society today.

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GOP IMPEACHMENT STRATEGY MEETING

‘Nothing happened’ at ECU

Victims of sexual harassment and assault have been failed

Living Like Libby



Elizabeth Johnson
TEC STAFF

In a few weeks I will be leaving East Carolina University, but I cannot help but feel that I’m leaving this university with unfinished business. I’ve investigated stories which have led to change on campus, but there’s still so much room for improvement at ECU.

This campus should be a safe environment where students are able to feel safe and comfortable. I’ve tried to cover stories to highlight how sexual harassment and assault and discrimination are handled through ECU, but I haven’t gotten a response from anyone in the administration willing to talk about this.

I think I’ve felt the need to investigate these stories because I felt I didn’t get justice in my own life. While I still don’t fully understand what happened to me, I’m working to overcome this.

At 17, I trusted my professor. At 17, my professor called me pet names. At 17, my professor asked me about my romantic partners. At 17, my professor told me I had plagiarized and I was being investigated, but he was going to help me and he wanted to meet me after next class.

I didn’t know how to tell my mom I was about to get kicked out of ECU. I didn’t know how I had plagiarized, because I hadn’t. I didn’t know who the

board was that was investigating me. I didn’t know any of this because I was lied to about being investigated.

I didn’t have boundaries at 17. I didn’t know what was okay and what wasn’t, I just knew I was uncomfortable. When I told someone what happened, I was told “nothing happened.” Even now, I don’t know if I’m overreacting or if something actually happened when something happens.

Maybe ECU’s hands were tied and there was nothing they could’ve done. I don’t know. Telling me “nothing happened” was the worst thing they could have possibly said to me. Maybe they could have told me that they needed to look further into this or something else.

It’s hard to believe that “nothing happened” when my mom calls me out of health class to the Dean of Students Office where I have to tell them everything that happened when I’m still petrified that I’m going to get kicked out of school for plagiarism. It’s hard to believe that “nothing happened” when my family can only contact the school through its lawyers.

It’s hard to believe that “nothing happened” when I have panic attacks entering my classrooms and meeting my new professors on the first day of classes every semester since then.

I’ve had far worse things happen since then and I have gone years without telling anyone because I’m terrified that no one will believe me.

I know that what happened wasn’t illegal because North Carolina state laws don’t protect 17-year-olds. Regard-

less, it was wrong. It is a school’s job to protect its students and ensure that they can learn in a safe and comfortable space. Maybe it’s too hard to treat women and girls with respect, but no matter what location they are in, they should feel safe.

Threatening to take something away from someone else or humiliating them in front of their peers and coworkers is not something we should just sit by and let happen.

There needs to be a change. Things aren’t okay because someone is a “student,” a “stranger,” or a “reporter.” What happened was wrong, but without action we’re just left knowing that it was wrong.

I don’t know who to tell when bad things happen. I tell my friends who tell me to tell authorities who can do something about the bad things. One thing I’ve learned about those people is that it’s easier to protect the bad people than it is to help me.

I’m far less naive now. I’ve gone through far worse by now. I’ve learned how to build boundaries and the difference between what is okay and what isn’t okay.

Despite me growing as a person and keeping everything buried deep inside, I know the response to this is going to be something about how I lied. Well, I didn’t and that’s my only defense.

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It’s fine to not ‘finish in four’

Tano Talk



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Finish in four. Those words are drilled into us as soon as we step foot on East Carolina University’s campus. Of course as incoming freshmen, we believe that this is an easy task to complete, and while many students do succeed in

doing so, others do not. And that’s okay.

Many students feel like they have to finish college in four years in order to be successful. While completing your courses and receiving your degree in four years is great, it’s sometimes not possible for some students for a variety of reasons.

One of the main reasons students take longer to graduate is due to them changing their major, which is becoming very common for students during their college career. I know three people that changed their major during their freshman and sophomore years, and I know a couple other people who have changed their concentrations and their minors. Personally, I have changed my minor three times during my past two and a half years here.

While changing majors can definitely set you back in course credits and may require

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you to complete an extra semester or two, I believe it’s better than graduating with a degree in a major you ultimately end up having no interest in.

According to a report by The Washington Post in 2013, only 27% of college graduates in the United States were found to have a career that was related to their major. This could be due to lost interest in the subject, or better job opportunities.

I have a cousin who graduated from Appalachian State University in 2013, with a degree in teaching. During her time in college, she was passionate about teaching. However, once she graduated, she realized she simply did not want to teach anymore. And her situation is definitely not unique.

Some people, like my friends, come to this realization earlier on while they’re still in college, and decide to change their major to something they are passionate about. Sure, they may be in college longer than others. However, they may end up having a career they enjoy, and the time they spent working towards a degree in that field will be worth it.

Many, if not all, students find themselves struggling with their courses at some point or another. This can result in inadequate or failing grades in a class, and they may choose to retake the class altogether.

My freshman year, I did very poorly in a class decided to retake the class. Although it landed me three credits behind, I am glad I made this decision as I did far better in the class the second time.

College is meant to be a time for students to figure themselves out, their interests, their career goals, etc. Of course, mistakes will be made, whether that be failing a class or choosing a major that ultimately isn’t right for you. Regardless, finishing college and receiving a degree in four years is not always possible, and that’s okay. The only bad thing about needing extra time to graduate is the stigma behind it, which is something that needs to be abandoned.

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» ANALYSIS

Pirates' defense has slipped

ECU's struggle to stop the run has hampered efforts in 2019



Daniel Shepard

As the old adage goes, defense wins championships. In January, Clemson University (11-0, 8-0 ACC) capped off a perfect 15-0 season with a 44-16 rout of the University of Alabama (9-1, 6-1 SEC) to win the College Football Playoff National Championship.

In giving up those 16 points, the Tigers finished the 2018 campaign allowing just 13.1 points per game to opposing offenses, a number that paced the country. Further down on that list, East Carolina University (3-7, 0-6 AAC) slotted in at 121st out of the 130 FBS schools by allowing 37.3 points every time out.

That number was accompanied by nearly 440 yards of offense given up and saw the Pirates finish the 2018 season ranked 122nd in the country in passing yards allowed (270.1 per game).

A 58-3 drubbing at the hands of North Carolina State University (4-6, 1-5 ACC) ensured the Pirates would rack up a third straight 3-9 season, as they lost seven of their final eight games.

With a new coach at the helm and five of its top-10 tacklers from a season ago gone, 2019 has always been viewed as something of a rebuilding year for ECU's program.

Even so, two losses to nationally ranked opponents by a combined 11 points has begun vaulting the Pirates back into the national spotlight. Over 1,000 yards passing by sophomore quarterback Holton Ahlers in the Pirates' last two games, as well as a school-record six passing touchdowns against Southern Methodist University (9-1, 5-1 AAC), allowed ECU to rack up a combined 94 points.

Unfortunately for Pirate Nation that offensive effort, which included two 200-yard receiving games by underclassmen wide receivers, was in vain. While ECU scored nearly 100 points, its defense yielded 105 combined points, including 59 against the Mustangs in Dallas, Texas.

"Certainly, our coaches, our players, everyone wants to get the wins, that's the key to the whole thing," head coach Mike Houston said. "Offense, defense, it's a team thing, everything is a team thing. All three phases have to work together, that's one thing that we've made tremendous strides with is unifying our locker room and unifying the guys on our roster."

After giving up well over 1,000 yards over the course of their last two games, not only do the Pirates sport a 3-7 record, but they also feature a defensive unit that has regressed instead of progressed this season.

Against the Mustangs, the Pirates yielded 222 rushing yards as part of the 636 total SMU hung on the afternoon. For the Pirates' defense, that represented the fifth time an opponent had gained at least 200 yards on the ground this season, with NC State and the University of Central Florida (7-3, 4-2 AAC) falling just short of that plateau.

On the season, ECU's defensive unit is giving up just over 206 rushing yards per contest, a mark that ranks 114th out of 130 FBS teams. With 2,061 total yards from their backs, opposing teams are gaining nearly five yards per carry against the Pirates, an uptick of more than half a yard compared to last season.



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Defensive back Colby Gore looks to make a tackle against a Temple ball carrier. The Pirates eventually lost that game 27-17.

Tasked with stopping the run, ECU's defensive line and linebacker corps has simply failed to get the job done. Junior linebacker Aaron Ramseur, the Pirates' third leading tackler from a season ago, began 2019 buried in the depth chart. Even so, he had finally worked his way back into the rotation, drawing his first start of the season at middle linebacker against UCF.

Ramseur, however, was lost to injury only one game later, tearing his ACL against the University of South Florida (4-6, 2-4 AAC), leaving the Pirates' linebacker corps in relatively inexperienced hands. Of the six players listed on the two-deep depth chart against SMU, sophomores Xavier Smith, Myles Berry, Delvontae Harris and Gerard Stringer as well as junior Warren Saba combined for only 48 tackles in 2018.

Despite junior linebacker Bruce Bivens continuing to place his name atop ECU's tackle sheet week-to-week, the Pirates' defense has struggled to find its footing.

With their lackluster effort against the rush, the Pirates have also struggled to keep opponents out of the end zone once they enter the red zone. Tied for 124th in the nation, ECU has allowed a red zone conversion rate of 92.1% (35-for-38) to opposing teams in 2019 and currently ranks 91st in third down conversion defense at 42.3% (60-for-142).

With their rush defense lacking compared to last season, the Pirates have actually stepped up in defending the pass. Ranked 122nd in the nation after allowing 270.1 passing yards per game last season, ECU has cut that number to 237.5 yards, good enough for 79th in the country. Still, opposing teams have racked up 234 first downs on the Pirates, and are still averaging close to 445 yards per contest.

Helping the Pirates cut down on the passing attack has been true freshman cornerback Ja'Quan McMillian. Having

started every game thus far for coach Houston, McMillian is tied for fifth in the conference with 11 passes defended and is tied for fourth in the American Athletic Conference with three interceptions.

With the assistance from those picks, the Pirates have forced a takeaway in nine straight games after an interception against the Mustangs. That streak represents the longest since ECU managed at least one takeaway in 10 straight games during the 2013 campaign.

Even with that effort, combined with nine sacks from senior defensive end Kendall Futrell, the Pirates are still searching for consistency on the defensive side of the football 10 games into the season.

"I think it's a group that's continuing to work to try to improve every single day," Houston said. "Continuing to try to get the point to be more consistent and performance at a much higher level."

Without allowing the University of Cincinnati (9-1, 6-0 AAC) to drive the field in the waning minutes three weeks ago to kick a game winning field goal or the presence of critical mistakes against the Mustangs, the Pirates could very well find themselves sitting at 5-5 with two wins over quality opponents.

Instead, these next two contests, beginning with a matchup against the University of Connecticut (2-8, 0-6 AAC) on Saturday, will provide ECU the chance to carry some momentum into 2020. Slated to be 13.5 favorites on the road against the Huskies this week, the Pirates will continue their search for an elusive fourth win that the program has failed to accomplish since 2015.

Kickoff between the Huskies and Pirates is scheduled for noon on Saturday.

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ECU falls to Charlotte, looks toward VCU

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East Carolina University (1-3, 0-0 AAC) women's basketball team lost on Sunday against the University of North Carolina Charlotte (4-0, 0-0 C-USA) bringing its season record to 1-3. The Pirates struggled coming out of halftime, giving the 49ers the chance they needed to secure their perfect 4-0 record.

"They deserved to win the game tonight because they executed their game plan and we didn't," head coach Kim McNeill said. "We will keep working, we will keep getting better. I will continue to say that the team we are now will not be the team that we are in January. As a staff, we believe in this team, we believe that we're setting a standard here for this program, and we'll keep pushing and challenging these ladies every day."

Junior guard Lashonda Monk, led the Pirates in points with 17. She tied her career-high of four three-pointers, including a halftime buzzer beater, and rounded out the stat sheet with five rebounds and four assists. Junior guard Necole Hope put up 10 points and freshman guard Tanyiah Thompson



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ECU guard Necole Hope drives toward the basket during a recent loss against UNC Charlotte.

dropped nine points during the loss.

Turnovers seemed to be the narrative of the game as both sides had a high number of takeaways. ECU had 19 turnovers and UNCC had 23. The back-and-forth fight over possession took a toll on the Pirates after the 49ers took over during the end of the third quarter. Three-point shots were falling, but UNCC

hit more shots and capitalized off of ECU's mistakes in the third quarter. Ending with a 10-0 run, UNCC led 43-36 going into the fourth.

The Pirates fought and came out hitting their shots to start the fourth quarter, but their opponent was able to hold them off until time expired. ECU lost at the end of the game 59-47 to the 49ers.

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FULL STORY

ECU will play at Virginia Commonwealth University (1-2, 0-0 A-10) on Wednesday for the Pirates' first game on the road this season. ECU has struggled at home to start the season, but look forward to grabbing a win on the road this week.

"We've got to be a better disciplined team," McNeill said. I keep telling everybody that this is not about building a team, it's about building a program, and there is a difference between building a team and building a program. We've got to become a more disciplined team, we've got to play with more sense of urgency. All of that comes a part of doing it in the program, teaching kids how to win and what it takes to win, and really buying in on the little things."

VCU is coming off of a two-game losing streak, in losses against both Seton Hall (3-0, 0-0 Big East) and No. 25 University of South Florida (4-0, 0-0 AAC). It is looking to snap its losing streak against a struggling ECU squad.

History between ECU and VCU has been split at 4-4 between the two teams, but one will gain the advantage after the Pirates travel to Virginia. Tip-off will be at 11 a.m.

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round out its conference schedule.

"This scheduling model provides balance and competitive equity and will contribute to the exciting seasons to which we have become accustomed in the American Athletic Conference," Aresco said in a press release. "It is a fair model that was unanimously supported by our athletic directors."

ECU has not played Tulane, Memphis or Houston since 2018. All three of those games, however, resulted in losses for the Pirates as part of a 3-9 campaign one

season ago. The times and dates for each matchup in 2020 will be announced in February while the conference has yet to announce what process will be used to determine the two teams that will play in the league championship games moving forward.

The Pirates are scheduled to be back in action on Saturday when they travel to East Hartford to face the UConn Huskies. Kickoff is slated for noon.

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Running back Demetrius Mauney looks to find the end zone.

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Aries (March 21-April 19) -- Today is an 8 -- Romance and fun take the spotlight. Take action for love, with eyes wide open. Pay attention to what's going on. Hidden dangers could arise. Compassion wins.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Today is a 9 -- Gain strength and gain options. Prioritize practical solutions over frivolities. Who do you want to be? Put action behind possibilities that light you up.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) -- Today is an 8 -- Get out and explore. Learn new views, cultures and wonders. Whether discovering flavors in your own neighborhood or around the world, investigation produces results.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) -- Today is an 8 -- Domestic matters take attention. Clean, sort and organize. Repair and reinforce structures and systems. Invest in long-lasting quality. Cook up something delicious with your family.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Today is a 6 -- Your peace of mind increases in a quiet setting. Decrease clutter. Organize your desk. Complete tasks and file. Get ultra-productive behind closed doors.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Today is a 9 -- A financial opportunity could benefit a shared endeavor. Coordinate your response and make your move. Sign contracts and make deals. Completion leads to profits.

Gemini (May 21-June 20) -- Today is a 6 -- Slow down to study the situation. You don't have the full picture. Review background materials. Don't lose yourself in daydreams. News travels fast and far.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) -- Today is a 9 -- Plan, schedule and throw your energies behind a team project. Incredible results are possible in coordination with friends. Compromise and pull together.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) -- Today is a 7 -- Old assumptions could be challenged. A partner's opinion is important. Connect to ensure you're on the same page. Collaborative action attains your shared goal.

Cancer (June 21-July 22) -- Today is an 8 -- Don't offer to pay for everything. Your head's full of ways to make money. Slow impulsive urges and make budgets and plans instead. Get resourceful.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) -- Today is an 8 -- Professional opportunities require action. Get out and go! Take charge and focus on what needs to be managed. Get support where needed. Take decisive action.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) -- Today is an 8 -- Demands for your energies may seem high. Balance your pace for endurance. Reduce stress by postponing what you can and getting support when needed.

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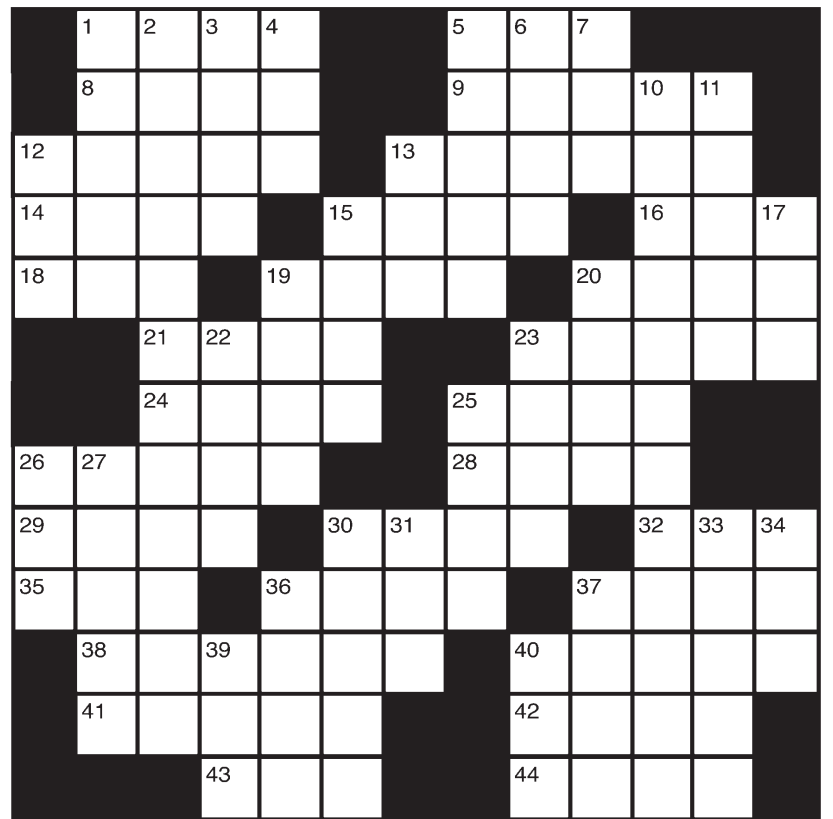
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- 8 Gossip columnist ___ Barrett
- 9 Brian Van Holt's role on "Cougar Town"
- 12 Card player's two
- 13 Adventure series about a collie
- 14 Bouquet holder
- 15 Prominent feature for Durante
- 16 Psychedelic drug, for short
- 18 JFK's predecessor
- 19 "___ Bridges"
- 20 Singing voice
- 21 "What Not to ___"
- 23 ___ clothes; use a fitting room
- 24 Actress Judith ___
- 25 Hubby on "The King of Queens"
- 26 "___ World"; sitcom that starred Harry Anderson
- 28 Seaweed
- 29 Small bills
- 30 "Making the ___"; reality series
- 32 Estes or Reiner
- 35 State in which "Picket Fences" was set: abbr.

- 36 "Life on ___"; short-lived Jason O'Mara sci-fi crime drama series
- 37 Adams or Falco
- 38 "Hart ___"; series for Robert Wagner and Stefanie Powers
- 40 ___ Ryan of "The Beverly Hillbillies"
- 41 "Hearts ___"; John Ritter sitcom
- 42 Cheat; defraud
- 43 Knight or Koppel
- 44 Tillis and Gibson

DOWN

- 1 Tire groove pattern
- 2 "The Real ___ Orange County"
- 3 "___ Upon a Time"
- 4 ___ West
- 5 Put to shame
- 6 Role on "The Golden Girls"
- 7 "___ This Morning"; competitor of "Good Morning America"
- 10 Actor on "Mike & Molly"
- 11 "Say ___ the Dress"
- 12 Blockbuster rental, often
- 13 "NCIS: ___ Angeles"
- 15 ___ a soul; no one
- 17 Actor ___ Knotts
- 19 Scottish denials
- 20 As snug as a bug in ___
- 22 Arden and Plumb
- 23 "The Greatest Story Ever ___"; movie for Charlton Heston
- 25 Rather and Aykroyd
- 26 Tony ___ of "Leave It to Beaver"
- 27 Lt. ___ Van Buren; "Law & Order" role
- 30 Exposed
- 31 Mr. Linkletter
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- 34 Mayberry resident
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- 37 Canal of song
- 39 "Your ___ Parade"
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EVENTS

TODAY

Loud Luxury
State Theatre
Midnight

Table Top Tuesday
Pitt Street Brewing
Company
6:30 p.m.

Jenny Caldwell
AJ McMurphy's
8 p.m.

TOMORROW

Jazz at Nino's
Nino's Cucina Italiana
7 p.m.

Glowga
Stilllife
6:30 p.m.

Night School #02
Whirligig Stage
Midnight

THURSDAY

Comic Book Club
Smashed Waffles
7 p.m.

Art is Good Medicine
Emerge Gallery and Art
Center
6:30 p.m.

Blue Jackal Under the Tree
Greenville Museum of Art
10 a.m.

FRIDAY

Carolina Chicken & Waffles
Mpourium
6 p.m.

Red Carpet Affair & Silent Auction
Hilton Greenville
7 p.m.

Maddi's Fridge
Wright Auditorium
7 p.m.

SATURDAY

Heavy 90's Tribute Night
The State Theater
7:30 p.m.

Yoga in the Galleries
Greenville Museum of Art
10:30 a.m.

Kaci Creole Food Truck
Mpourium
6 p.m.



Attendees of the Greenville Fire and Rescue taste and select their favorite chili in the 2018 chili cook-off fundraiser to benefit the United Way of Pitt County.

Chili cooking for a cause

Greenville Fire and Rescue to host annual cook-off

Sarah Hooper
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

The city of Greenville Fire and Rescue will host its annual chili cook-off fundraiser tomorrow at 11:30 a.m. at the Greenville Fire Station One to benefit the United Way of Pitt County. United Way Committee Chairman Valerie

Paul said The United Way of Pitt County serves multiple nonprofits throughout the community, addresses job readiness, supplies families with basic needs, and early education. The chili cook-off is one of the ways that help raise money to address these issues.

"The chili cook-off is a piece of our campaign that's been coordinated by the Fire and Rescue department," Paul said.

The cook-off will benefit and support community partnerships such as The Boys and Girls Club of the Coastal Plains and the Pitt County Partnership for Progress. Additionally, Greenville Mayor PJ Connelly and Greenville City Manager Ann Wall will take part in the competition as judges, according to Paul.

Public Information Officer for Greenville Fire and Rescue, Rebekah Thurston, said the event is known to bring together business end of the community with multiple Greenville employees who will bring their own special recipes to compete.

"There are about ten restaurants from uptown that are entering the professional

division and each of the six fire stations cook a pot of chili as well," Thurston said. "There are a number of other city employees from other departments that are putting in pots as well."

Emerge Art Gallery will sell custom ceramic bowls, made by local artists at the cook-off, according to Programs Director at Emmerge Art Gallery, Paula Roundtree. Roundtree said this will be Emmerge's third year participating in the chili fundraiser.

"The partnership with the chili cook-off benefits Emmerge in the fact that we are able to get our name out there and local artist's names," Roundtree said. "We love to be a part of different community events and help to promote local artists."

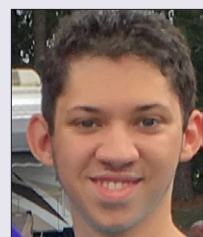
Admission to the chili cook-off is free. For \$5 attendees can get a bowl of chili with a drink. For \$8 attendees can have unlimited chili with a drink. All proceeds will go directly to the United Way of Pitt County.

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MOVIE REVIEW

'Midway' provides historical justice, but fails to entertain



Olan Bryant
TEC STAFF

Premiering in theaters Nov. 8, Roland Emmerich's "Midway" recounted the story of America's darkest hour during World War II, and showed the heroic action of sailors and airmen during the battle of Midway in 1942.

The film features an ensemble cast consisting of Ed Skrein, Patrick Wilson, Luke Evans, Aaron Eckhart, Woody Harrelson, Nick Jonas and Dennis Quaid and follows the story of America's early involvement in World War II after the Japanese attack at Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941. The audience sees the struggles faced by members of the US Navy as they recover, only to discover in June of 1942 that the Japanese are planning another attack at Midway Atoll in the Pacific.

The story mainly follows Lieutenant Commander Richard Best (Skrein) as he leads a bomber squadron aboard the USS Enterprise during the battle. Attention is also given to the other members of the US Pacific Fleet involved at Midway, such as Admirals Chester Nimitz (Harrelson) and William Halsey (Quaid), along with the sailors and pilots under their command.

The secondary character of the film

is Lieutenant Commander Edwin Layton (Wilson), a naval intelligence officer whose mission is to decode encrypted Japanese messages in the aftermath of Pearl Harbor and determine where they will strike next.

As an action film, "Midway" does an excellent job at using special effects to show off thrilling naval and aerial sequences, which make up a good portion of the film's run time. As a spectacle, it's thrilling and Emmerich does justice to the scale of the battle of Midway, which tipped the scales of the war in America's favor.

The more human moments of the film, however, are typical of your everyday action flick. I felt that the characters were caricatures of macho heroes who delivered very clunky dialogue, especially during the action sequences. There was very little characterization, and the little that we see felt stilted. To his credit, Wilson's performance as Layton was the most complex and moving of the film, while Harrelson and Evans were seemingly decent.

The up front, in your face action that the film delivers doesn't leave a lot of room for suspense or tension, which usually helps in a historical setting.

My impressions of "Midway" were that while it was historically accurate, the heavy handed nature of the human relationships we



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Nick Jonas in battle as Bruno Gaido in 'Midway.'

see, despite the talented casting and excellent action pieces, make the film a bit of a slog to get through. But it does honor the sacrifices of those who fought at Midway, so perhaps it's still time and money well spent.

RATING:



3 out of 5

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ECU SOTD to bring fairytales to life in 'Into the Woods'

Devin Raines
TEC STAFF

East Carolina University's School of Theater and Dance will perform James Lapine's and Stephen Sondheim's "Into the Woods" tomorrow night at 7:30 in McGinnis Auditorium until Sunday evening.

Director of "Into the Woods," Bryan Conger, has been working on this production since last semester and is excited to finally bring this production to life on opening night.

"Into the Woods" was a production that had been tossed around when in the planning

stages, and it was finally decided on because of the opportunities that it gives to students to challenge themselves, according to Conger.

"I thought also, because it's a fairy tale, to me I could cast a wide variety of types of actors, so that was really important to me," Conger said. "Also, it's complicated material, it's sophisticated, yet has a commercial appeal doing it as well."

The tale follows the seven leads as they traverse the Brothers Grimm's fairy tales, trying to find their hearts' desires. This performance shows that, with everything each character has wished for, that there is a cost to pay, according to Conger.

"I think ultimately what the theater should first and foremost do is take people on a jour-

ney, and to entertain them, and I think this play certainly does that. However, I also think we are also in a time that is highly decisive" Conger said.

"The sooner we sort of embrace each other's differences and come together as a community, that's when we can live in the woods together."

Stage manager and senior BFA theater arts major, Lindsey Boyette, has been in charge of making sure rehearsals run smoothly while communicating between production members since last semester when preparations were taking place.

Having already acted as stage manager for previous productions Boyette felt strongly about joining the show and getting the chance to sink her teeth into this production.

"Nothing brings the actors and myself alive more than an audience member and having a reactive and excited audience, so that's something I always look forward to," Boyette said.

Tickets are \$10 for ECU students and \$17.50 for general audiences and can be purchased on the School of Theater and Dance website.

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Bryan Conger



Lindsey Boyette

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