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Quarterback Holton Ahlers rolls to his left during the Pirates' game against the University of South Florida earlier in the season.

CCSD fully booked until spring 2020

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East Carolina University's Center for Counseling and Student Development (CCSD) is currently booked through the rest of the fall semester, leaving students having to wait until the spring semester to schedule regular appointments outside of crisis screenings.

Valerie Kisler-Van Reede, the director of the CCSD, said the counseling center has 25 service providers for students to meet with which includes staff and graduate counselors in training. She said each of the providers work a different amount of hours a week.

Reede said she has let ECU's administration know the CCSD is "very busy," but declined to comment on who she spoke to.

The International Association of Counseling Services, which ECU's CCSD is accredited by, recommends the counselor to student ratio as one counselor to 1,500 students, Reede said.

Reede said the CCSD has two counselor vacancies it is in the process of filling. She said with the two vacancies, ECU's counselor to student ratio is different than the recommended numbers.



"When a student has a screening appointment and they schedule a follow up, yes at different times of the semester there can be a significant wait. Typically, then we look at other services that they can attend in the meantime and if that wait is not suitable for the student we can again refer them out to other places," Reede said. "The student is of course always able to use the crisis services in the meantime."

Reede said the CCSD can refer students to other resources. She said some referred services are not always free which differs from ECU's center in which the services provided are covered by students' tuition and fees.

Other locations students may be referred to include the Marriage and Family Therapy Clinic, located at 612 East Tenth Street, the McClammy Counseling & Research Lab, located in 118A Ragsdale Hall, Navigate Counseling Clinic, located at 4410 Health Sciences Building and the ECU PASS Clinic, located in Rawl Building room 311.

Each student who comes in to the CCSD is talked to about what is an appropriate follow-up for their situation, Reede said. Students are able to learn more about the services offered by the CCSD or locations they may be referred to on the department's website or flyers.

"We do not have any new appointments available (as of November). They do come open as students cancel, so students can still call and see if we have appointments available, otherwise we are encouraging students to come in

Pirates to face UConn ECU will play the 2-8 Huskies in Connecticut

Daniel Shepard
TEC STAFF

Two games are left in the 2019 season for East Carolina University's (3-7, 0-6 AAC) football team. Two games to find that elusive fourth win, something that has evaded the Pirates since 2015, and to prove their last pair of contests was not a fluke.

"You can't do anything until you get the fourth (win)," head coach Mike Houston said. "That's kind of been our deal the past couple of weeks. I think it's an important deal for our kids. If you ask those guys how important it is, they'll tell you. It's a big deal for us."

While four wins in a 12-game season may not seem like much, it would represent an improvement in a program under new leadership after a trio of lackluster campaigns. Kickoff between the Huskies and Pirates is slated for noon.

In the Pirates' way for that fourth victory of the season is the University of Connecticut (2-8, 0-6 AAC). Winless

in conference play up until this point, the Huskies and Pirates are the only two programs in the American Athletic Conference with that distinction.

For the Huskies, a mixture of struggles on the defensive side of the football and inconsistent play at the quarterback position has greatly contributed to their eight losses this year.

Ranked 113th out of 130 FBS programs, UConn will enter Saturday's matchup allowing nearly 452 yards of offense to opposing teams per game. While inside the top-60 at stopping the passing attack, UConn is one of the few teams worse than ECU at preventing the run, ranking 124th in rushing defense (228.6 yards allowed per game).

Even so, the Huskies are improved on that side of the ball compared to last season. In 2018, UConn recorded only 11 sacks and as many takeaways. Only 10 games into this year, however, UConn is sitting on 18 sacks and 12 takeaways.

At the top of the board in sacks for the Huskies is sophomore defensive lineman Lwal Uguak with four while fellow sophomore defensive lineman paces the team with 5.5 tackles for loss this season.

With the fourth fewest amount of

seniors and graduate transfers on their roster (11), 43% of the Huskies' roster is made up of either freshmen or redshirt freshmen, ranking them as the 25th youngest team in the country.

One of those true freshmen, quarterback Jack Zergiotis, is the Huskies' leading passer. While UConn has used a trio of quarterbacks pretty regularly, Zergiotis has cracked the 1,000-yard passing mark, racking up 1,114 yards through the air on the back of a 55.9% completion rate.

Zergiotis, while he has started seven games this season and each of the last four, has been sharing time with graduate quarterback Mike Beaudry.

Beaudry began the season atop the Huskies' depth chart at quarterback but has started only two games since, mopping up in blowouts in each of the last two contests.

"I think whoever's under center is playing well, they can really give you problems and they're a good offensive football team," Houston said. "I think we're really going to have to do a good job of tackling to slow down the running

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Holiday sale to showcase student art

Hannah Bolick
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

The East Carolina University Visual Arts Forum will hold its annual holiday sale and showcase fine art from the School of Art and Design today at noon until 8 p.m. in the Main Campus Student Center.

Visual Arts Forum Outreach Specialist, Sophia Ramirez Jaco, said the organization connects and manages the different art guilds within the fine arts at ECU. Each guild will have a section at the sale where many different members of that guild will have their work displayed, according to Ramirez.

The selection at this sale isn't the only thing that makes it unique. Ramirez Jaco said it is the fact that it is by students for students that makes it different from other art or holiday sales.

"I feel like the uniqueness comes from it is just that person that's sitting beside you in your English class or is just a fellow student that you've seen multiple times and just didn't know they made work of this level," Ramirez Jaco said. "I feel like it's more personable than just a random like little pop-up that you'd find and if you do really like the piece there is a chance you will be able to see it again or you'll be able to actually be acquainted with the artist who made it."

Senior illustration major Rebekah Ryan will sell her

artwork in the show for the first time this year, but she has attended in the past. She said that she is excited to see what all of the other guilds have to offer and also to gain some professional experience for herself and the members of her guild.

"In a broader sense, selling your work can give upcoming artists the confidence to push on in pursuing a career in art. It's awesome to see the glow other students get when they sell a piece," Ryan said. "The practice of printing, packaging, taking an inventory of your work and then the table setup, registration... it's really good real-world-working experience."

She went on to say that so many guilds involved in the show there is a large variety of pieces to browse. She described the sale as being "kind of like an appetizer sampler at a restaurant... you get a little taste of everything."

Junior ceramics and art education double major Rachel Breitingner will sell some of her ceramic pieces at the sale. She said that she looks forward to seeing all that the fine arts department has to offer while she expands her professional skills.

"It is exciting to get such a wide perspective of what is happening in the art building, as well as being able to sell some



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ECU art student shows off handmade pottery mug for holiday sale.

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Apply for a U.S. passport at the International House

Today from noon to 4 p.m. students will have the opportunity to apply for a passport at the International House. The Office of Global Affairs will be accepting first-time only U.S. Passport applicants only and no appointment is needed. More information can be found at <http://travel.state.gov/content/passports/en/passports/apply.html> and questions can be sent to passports@ecu.edu.

Climb Night for Ladies at the CRW

Tonight from 9 to 10 female students only are invited to learn the basics of climbing and belaying by an all-female staff. The event will consist of climbing, socializing, and students might find a new rock climbing buddy and it will be held at the Climbing Wall at the back of the Recreation and Wellness Center.

Holiday Sale by the Visual Arts Forum

Tomorrow from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. students from the School of Art and Design will have artwork for sale. Some of the items include drawings, photos, paintings, jewelry, ceramics, textiles, and sculptures. This event will be held at the Main Campus Student Center and parking is available at the parking deck for \$1.

Cornhole tournament to be hosted by OGA

The inaugural Cornhole Tournament is hosted by the Office of Global Affairs and will be held tomorrow at the lawn of the Main Campus Student Center from 3 to 5 p.m. Students will have the opportunity to pick countries as teams to compete with each other in cornhole to win the top country.

CORRECTIONS & CLARIFICATIONS

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



ECU student Cassidy Cannada, a junior birth through kindergarten education major, is a Pirate Navigator who gives admissions tours to prospective students.

Admissions looks ahead

Fall 2020's applicant review process is underway

George Martin
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

As the fall semester comes to a close, East Carolina University's Office of Admissions is working to read through potential students' applications and deciding who will have the opportunity to become a Pirate in 2020.

Stephanie Whaley, the assistant vice chancellor and director of admissions, said the biggest thing the office looks for in prospective students relates to who has the drive to go through their degree program and eventually find a rewarding career.

"As we are recruiting students, we are looking for those who are on a college preparatory track for their high school graduation and those who have a desire to contribute to the ECU community," Whaley said.



Stephanie Whaley

The admissions office has special initiatives which are being implemented in order to advertise to prospective students, Whaley said.

Whaley said one initiative is an attempt to provide a personalized experience during the recruitment process by having admissions counselors at ECU's campus begin to have counselors throughout eastern North Carolina as well.

"We continue to have those counselors, and we have increased our presence of regional counselors throughout the state this year so that we are able to provide the same personalized attention that we provide to eastern North Carolina students, to those throughout the state," Whaley said.

Whaley said an additional initiative being

taken is ECU's participation in North Carolina's Apply to College Week which happened between Oct. 21-25. During that week, ECU waived application fees for students who wanted to apply. During this time, ECU received a record number of applications. A total of 6,225 freshman applications were received, she said.

"We participated by waiving the fee because we heard from many people that the fee can be a barrier to the admissions process, and ultimately, the enrollment process," Whaley said.

The campus tour program has additionally been revamped this year in order to give prospective students a better impression of ECU's campus, Whaley said. The tour now starts in the Main Campus Student Center (MCSC), which Whaley said she feels will be a better first impression of ECU and what it has to offer.

ECU is also offering new scholarships this year in order to attract different kinds of students, Whaley said. The Beacon Scholarship, which is an automatically awarded merit based scholarship, and the Raise Me scholarship, which is awarded to students who qualify for free or reduced lunch at their high school, Whaley said.

"Basically, students with demonstrated need have the opportunity to earn micro-scholarships by documenting what they're already doing in high school. For example they have to put in their high school courses, and based off the grades that they get they get money," Whaley said.

According to the Raise Me website, www.Raise.me, students may earn money for having leadership roles in their respective high school community.

Whaley said the student essay is a very important part of an application, because it

allows for the office to get a prospective on the student whose test scores and high school grade point average may not allow for.

Julie Poorman, the director of financial aid, said 72% of students at ECU have received some sort of financial assistance from scholarships, loans or work possibilities.

Poorman said it is very important that students get all of their information correct when they are applying for their Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), because a failure to do so could result in months of waiting in order to resubmit your FAFSA.

Poorman said it is additionally important for students applying for FAFSA to use a wired internet connection instead of WiFi, because applicants will be entering personal information like their social security number.

It is additionally important that when applying for FAFSA or even to college through the admissions process, that students use a permanent email address instead of a temporary high school email, because once a student graduates, that email will be inaccessible.

Keith Graziosi, a senior in high school applying to ECU from Greenville, said the essay portion is an important part of the application process.

"The majority of your application is just stats on how you did academically in school and shows nothing about your personality," Graziosi said.

Graziosi said has gone to football and basketball games at ECU since he was little and wants to continue to support ECU throughout his college career.

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Career Services prepares graduating Pirates

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TEC STAFF

With graduation in a few weeks, many East Carolina University students are about to enter the workforce.

Associate Director of Career Services Jim Kuras said there are services both in person and online in order for students to be able to meet with a career counselor. Students are encouraged to make appointments through Handshake, he said.

Kuras said Career Services always recommends that students apply for jobs sooner rather than later but understand students are really busy.

Employers are looking for candidates four to six months out from graduation, Kuras said. He said employers will wait for a candidate to graduate if they are the right candidate for the job.

"So I would say the moment they decide they're looking for employment is the right time (to start applying for jobs)," Kuras said.

Career Services has drop-in hours between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. Monday through Friday where students can meet with someone for about 15 minutes to go over one



Jim Kuras

to two career-related activities, Kuras said. If students want to talk about their career plans, students are recommended to schedule an appointment with their counselor through Handshake, he said.

There are currently no statistics on how many ECU students graduate with a job or internship lined, but Kuras said across the country 80% of students have opportunities at graduation or within six months of graduation and ECU students are a part of that.

Adam Denney, Associate Director of Employer Relations said Career Services is trying to inform students that Career Services can be used the entire time a student is at ECU. There are part-time job fairs and career fairs hosted by Career Services, he said.

Denney said students should begin coming to Career Services and speaking with their Career liaisons prior to these career fairs beginning in January.

"From an employer's perspective, the employers that I connect with, they are more likely to hire students who have completed an internship," Denney said. "So that the idea of completing an internship at that basic level is extremely important as students start to think about the next part of their career."

There are many variables to how long it takes a candidate to find a job, Denney said. He said



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ECU Career Services is located at 701 E. Fifth St., and is open Monday-Friday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

it depends on industry, engagement, and job opportunities.

"I think we can say this without any reservation that we have found that students that are engaged with our office, that are utilizing our resources and attending our events are more likely to obtain interview and job opportunities," Denney said.

Senior finance major Rushil Patel said he is graduating in December and has had two internships and one internship that turned into a job while at ECU.

Patel said he has used the services provided

through ECU Career Services such as Handshake, resume help, and job fairs.

"Well, the one (internship) that I had here in Greenville, the first one that I got, I found that through Career Services and the second one I found through the job fair they had here at the College of Business so I guess through Career Services," Patel said.

Patel said he is looking for jobs right now. He said he is using websites such as Indeed, Redhat and Handshake.

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through crisis so, again, we can connect them with appropriate resources," Reede said.

Reede said if a student feels they are at risk they are able to come to the CCSD's "crisis hours," Monday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., where they will be connected with the "appropriate resources."

"As it's true at most counseling centers across the country, we can certainly use more positions to try to provide counseling services in support to students seeking counseling help on campus," Reede said.

There have been five reported ECU students deaths during the fall 2019 semester. Reede said the counseling center offers

a grief support group in addition to crisis appointments for students who may have been affected.

Virginia Hardy, ECU's vice chancellor of Student Affairs said the most recently reported student death was due to juvenile diabetes. She said she did not have information regarding the four student deaths that occurred off-campus, including some of which were speculated to be suicides.

The other four reported student deaths happened off-campus, Hardy said. When a student dies on-campus, the ECU community is notified, she said.

"I have not received any confirmation with what happened with the previous individuals," Hardy said.



Virginia Hardy

Hardy said she recommends students living in residence halls to notify their resident advisors and hall coordinators if they witness or hear about a student demonstrating harmful actions or thoughts.

"The university is very much committed to helping our students in providing them with the resources and services they need, and we want them to have a very satisfying experience here at East Carolina," Hardy said. "Well-being is taken very seriously in all aspects of well-being, physical, mental, emotional, financial, spiritual, academically, you name it."

Hardy said understanding that ECU undertakes a partnership with its students to provide the appropriate resources to encourage the "overall well-being" of students.

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OUR VIEW

Celebration unites ECU students

The first amendment to the United States Constitution protects every citizen's right to practice, or not, any religion they would like. With a cultural mix as strong as America's, it's important that people understand and respect all the different religions that may be practiced by individuals of all faiths.

We, the editorial staff of The East Carolinian, believe the Celebration of Light, hosted by East Carolina University in the Main Campus Student Center, is a wonderful opportunity for students to become more culturally aware as the holiday season rapidly approaches.

Exposed to students of all different backgrounds and ethnicities while at ECU, events like the Celebration of Light are vital in educating people on the practices and beliefs each religion holds in the highest regard.

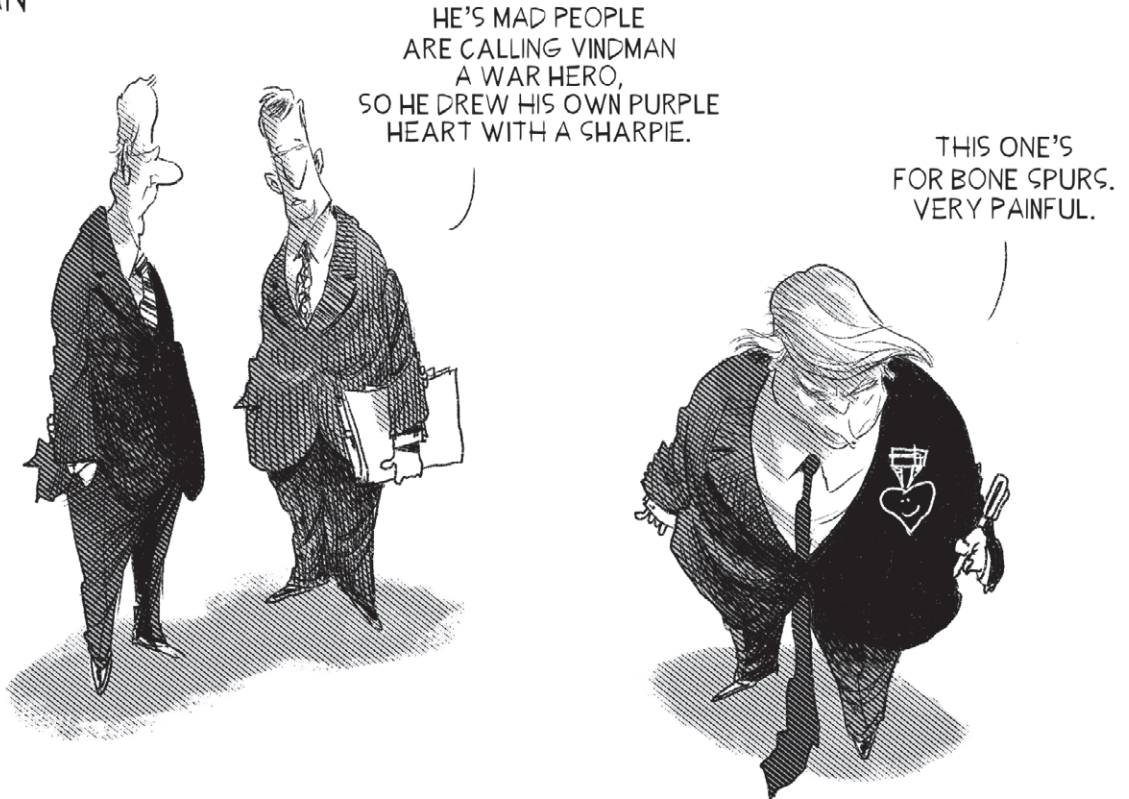
Moreover, any program that provides students with an opportunity to broaden their horizons and interact with others they may not have otherwise come into contact with, is beneficial and should be promoted as much as possible.

In the same vain, gatherings like the Celebration of Light are important, not just for the cultural benefits, but for the community value as well. At ECU, our differences, just as much as our similarities, are what make us a family.

For students and residents of Greenville to be able to attend events that celebrate differences and teach people to respect others no matter their beliefs really show that ECU is attempting to bring the student body together and create a family culture.

For that, we can only be supportive when events like these take place on campus or in the surrounding Greenville area.

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Farmland is disappearing

The United States' food supply is rapidly dwindling



Craig Malmrose
GUEST COLUMNIST

America is currently under assault, and in ways the news media has all but overlooked. The aggression to which I'm referring concerns the ongoing threat to the U.S. food supply.

First, let's consider the rapid disappearance of U.S. farmland — now evaporating at a rate of 175 acres per hour, according to the American Farmland Trust. A quick calculation will show that this equates to 4200 acres lost in every 24-hour period. The AFT reports "One major reason, which has spiraling effects, is that farming is an incredibly difficult, and not a very lucrative career path. The average age of the American farmer was nearly 60 in 2012, and as those farmers retire or pass away, successive generations turn elsewhere for jobs, the land goes fallow and is sold off. Another reason: it's sometimes simply worth more to sell farmland rather than actually farm the land, especially if that farmland is near a city or town."

To add insult to injury, nearly 30

million acres of our farmland has been bought by foreign investors. Ohio Farm Bureau Director of Media Relations, Ty Higgins, told National Public Radio in a May interview that "Once a foreign entity buys up however many acres they want, Americans might never be able to secure that land again. So, once we lose it, we may lose it for good."

According to an article in Forbes, "Farmers are pretty much under stress all the time since many factors that affect their livelihood are outside of their control. However, over the past few years the combination of lower prices, rain that has created havoc with their ability to plant and finally China freezing the imports of U.S. grown crops due to President Trump's tariffs has unfortunately created almost the perfect storm against them."

Additionally, The Guardian reports that "Americans waste about a pound of food per person each day, with people who have healthier diets rich in fruit and vegetables the most wasteful, research has found." This problem has been manifested in two significant ways, both of which are preventable. First, restaur-

ant patrons are often overwhelmed by the attractive offerings on menus. As a result, some order more than they can eat, and the rest goes to waste. Furthermore, consumers in supermarkets take home far too many groceries, pack them into the fridge, and by the time they get around to eating them, they've reached their expiration dates. More food, down the drain.

About 150,000 tons of food is tossed out in US households each day, equivalent to about a third of the daily calories that each American consumes. Fruit and vegetables were the most likely to be thrown out, followed by dairy and then meat.

With the immense, ongoing loss that surrounds us every day, one can only wonder: Who will be feeding us 20 years from now? And should any of us feel confident that our broken-down government will take steps to help solve these problems?

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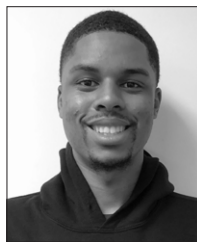


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Students walk through campus leading up to exams. It's important for students to try their best but not to overexert themselves during this time.

Don't overwork mind and body

Doin' the Dan Thing



Daniel Roberts
TEC STAFF

As we prepare to turn in final projects and final assignments before the last day of class, one of the biggest things that will be on the minds of students all over will be final exams. While these exams may put a

certain amount of pressure on students, I believe that students can find a sense of balance and not overdo it at the end of the day.

When I say do not overdo it, I mean do not do so much at once to where you end making yourself sick or weakening your immune system because you have chosen to put so much pressure on yourself. There are those of us who will probably have to pull an all-nighter studying for these exams and putting together these last projects and presentations. Sleep deprivation will end up becoming a big problem for students across the board during the exam period.

Healthline published an article back on April 19, that spoke on the impacts and symptoms of sleep deprivation. They said that when we are sleep deprived that it becomes difficult to be able to concen-

"I believe that students can find a sense of balance and not overdo it at the end of the day."

trate and/or learn new things. What that is saying is that we might think that we are functioning and taking in all of this information when are spending hours and hours studying going over powerpoints, notes, and previous tests perhaps. Too much studying and not enough sleep will not equal success more times than not, you have to find balance between studying and getting a good night's sleep.

Sleep deprivation can also cause us as students to weaken our immune systems. This time of year more students find themselves getting sick, especially with the transition from fall to winter weather. Not getting enough sleep will add to the level of sickness that can perhaps take over the East Carolina University campus. Key thing is for students to take the time to actually get some good quality sleep at night. We may try and use caffeine or coffee to keep us awake so we can study as much as we can for these final tests.

After Dec. 3, students will not have to

worry about going to class except for their final exams. We will be able to put in a good amount of hours we see fit to study for our exams. Even when there may possibly be multiple exams students will have to take in one day, they can still study as much as they need to without relying on an all-nighter.

Doing so much at the end of the day will mess students up more than they realize whether it is as a result of the grades they may get or if it's the after effects of getting through such a time in the life of a college student. I want to reiterate my key point, please do not overdo it because it will end up causing more problems for students all across the board. Stay focused, do not get too stressed and finish the semester strong.

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TEC 'sports

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

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48-17. Why? ECU has shown that it can compete with two of the nation's best

opponents in Cincinnati and SMU. The Pirates scored 43 points and 51 points respectively. ECU has defeated UConn in the past three matchups. Holton Ahlers has stepped up to the plate and will lead ECU to its fourth win of the year.

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51-21 ECU. Holton Ahlers has been on a tear offensively, throwing multiple 400 plus yard

games in a row against skilled AAC opponents. C.J. Johnson and Tyler Snead may also receive a high amount of targets. UConn is ranked dead last in both passing and rushing yardage as well as effectiveness. Expect another high-octane ECU offense under Mike Houston.

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28-10 ECU. The Pirates are coming off two record-setting offensive performances

against Cincinnati and SMU. The Huskies will likely have a 1,000-yard rusher in Kevin Mensah this season and he will likely give the Pirates some trouble on Saturday. Even so, ECU should win comfortably and get its first road conference win since 2017.

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35-17 ECU. ECU has played amazing offense these past couple of games against

SMU and Cincinnati. Connecticut is nowhere near those two teams in terms of offense, so the Pirates should be able to put up some points and get the stops they needed against Cincinnati and SMU.

ECU to play Purple Aces

Pirates face Evansville in Nassau, Bahamas on Friday

Daniel Shepard
TEC STAFF

Facing a team that defeated the No. 1 program in the country can present somewhat of a challenge. Taking on that team at neutral court in the Bahamas is something completely different, however. That is the challenge the East Carolina University (1-3, 0-0 AAC) men's basketball team will face when it plays the University of Evansville (3-1, 0-0 MVC) on Friday in Nassau, Bahamas.

"I think it will be a good test, obviously you got a good Evansville team on Friday night, off to a great start to the season," Pirates head coach Joe Dooley said. "I think it'll be good for our guys to



Joe Dooley

experience one of these trips." Evansville, under head coach Walter McCarthy, took down the University of Kentucky (3-1, 0-0 SEC) by a score of 67-64 on Nov. 12. It was the first time in school history the Purple Aces had taken down a No. 1 ranked opponent, a feat made even harder since the game was played in Lexington, Kentucky.

With that signature win under their belts, the Aces began the 2019 campaign with a perfect 3-0 record before falling to Southern Methodist University (4-0, 0-0 AAC) 59-57 on Monday at home. Sophomore forward DeAndre Williams contributed 13 points in the losing effort while junior guard Noah Frederking poured in 12 points.

Despite being held to only 57 points against the Mustangs, the Aces are averaging 73 points per contest on the back of 89 and 79 point efforts earlier in the season.

Williams, Evansville's leading scorer with 17.8 points, has led the offensive showcase thus far in 2019, shooting 64.4% from the floor and 45.5% from beyond the arch. As a team, the Aces rank sixth out of 10 teams in the Missouri Valley Conference with a 43.8% shooting effort from the field.

That number is backed up



Sophomore Jayden Gardner attempts to score a basket against a recent opponent. The Pirates are 1-3 on the season.

with a 35.1% three-point average while the Aces' 84.4% showing from the free throw line is top in the MVC.

With that hot shooting, the Aces will enter Friday's contest sporting four players averaging double-digit points. Redshirt junior guards Sam Cunliffe and Artur Labinowicz both average at least 10 points off the bench while shooting nearly identical field goal percentages just over 43%. While Evansville is fresh off a loss to SMU, the Pirates are riding a three-game losing streak after dropping Saturday's matchup to Liberty University by 20 points.

After racking up 80 points in its home opener against the Virginia Military Institute, ECU's scoring output has greatly decreased. In the three games since, the Pirates have not broken the 62-point plateau, failing to even reach 60 points twice.

At the heart of those scoring issues, as one would expect, has been a problem putting the ball into the hoop. On the season, the Pirates are shooting 42.2% from the floor, placing them eighth out of 12 teams in the American Athletic Conference. Additionally, the Pirates are ninth in the AAC, shooting 28.4% beyond the arch.

Both of those numbers contribute to a lackluster 64 points scored per game by the Pirates (11th in the AAC) and a negative-4.8 scoring margin (last in the AAC).

"We look at the number of open shots we've missed, I think we've missed quite a few," Dooley said. "I think some of the guys, for example (junior guard) J.J. (Miles) is a little sped up, he's never played at this speed. Just as importantly, we've missed a bunch of shots at the rim. We missed a bunch of bunnies on Saturday at the rim and I think some of that is confidence."

Even with their shooting troubles, there have been bright spots for ECU's basketball team. Sophomore forward Jayden Gardner is replicating is freshman campaign with 20 points and 9.3 rebounds through three games. Freshman forward/guard Brandon Suggs, one of the 11 new players on the roster, is second on the team in scoring with 11 points per game.

Pressed into service due to injuries, freshman guard Tristen Newton is currently leading the Pirates in average minutes played with 33.2 per game. With those minutes, Newton has contributed 9.8 points per game and 14 total assists compared to only nine turnovers.

Despite size differences between the two teams, ECU sports three seven-footers while Evansville's tallest player is 6-9, each program has grabbed an average of 35.8 rebounds per game.

"They've (Evansville) played small quite a bit," Dooley said.

"They've played some four guards, they switch a lot of things. We'll have to be able to adjust and play small some times but also, when we do play big, do some different things."

Gardner, averaging better than nine rebounds per game, leads that charge while junior center Ludgy DeBaut and freshman center/forward Charles Coleman average two and 2.5 boards per game respectively, on average.

DeBaut, however, has been lost for the season after injuring his foot. Dooley indicated on Monday he will redshirt, leaving the starting center job up to Coleman for the time being.

Nevertheless their struggles this season, the Pirates will be tasked with playing three games in as many days in the Bahamas.

"Just make sure you feel the AAU excitement," Gardner said. "Playing AAU games, you're playing three games a day. It's just reliving the old glory days."

Tip-off between the Pirates and Aces is scheduled for 8 p.m on Friday.

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back and I would expect all three quarterbacks to be healthy this week, which means we've got to be ready to defend a very good offense."

Averaging just under 200 yards through the air per contest, the Huskies' true threat comes on the ground. With a dynamic duo of running backs in junior Kevin Mensah and graduate Art Thompkins, UConn has averaged over 137 rushing yards every time out in 2019.

That mark itself ranks 96th in the FBS but Mensah ranks 30th on the individual charts with 918 yards on the ground. On 200 carries, Mensah is averaging 4.6 yards per rush and 91.8 yards every game. His nine rushing touchdowns are tied for 36th in the country while his nine career 100-plus yard games is tied for sixth in program history dating back to 1968.

"We talked about this last night in the coaches' office. If you just flip on the film, watch them and don't worry about anything else other than the film, you look and it's a really good football team," Houston said. "I think offensively, the thing that stands out is a big, strong offensive line. Mensah is on his way to 1,000 yards rushing this year. The backup, Thompkins, has been a good changeup and has been very productive."

Thompkins, who has more yards (443) than ECU's leading rusher as UConn's backup, rushes for nearly five yards every carry despite being the smallest back listed on the Huskies' depth chart. As UConn's primary kick returner, however, Thompkins paces the team with 1,387 all-purpose yards, a number that includes 244 receiving yards and 700 kick return yards.

Running behind the Huskies' aforementioned offensive line, Mensah and Thompkins have helped the program net 1,374 yards on

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-Mike Houston

the ground this season as they have combined for 11 touchdowns.

Without some experienced members of the offensive line, however, that may have not been possible.

Redshirt senior offensive tackle Matt Peart has started all 46 games of his collegiate career and represents 25% of a quartet of Huskie offensive linemen to start every game this season. In fact, UConn is one of only 11 FBS programs to return four starters to its offensive line from the 2018 campaign.

While that experience is helpful in opening up running lanes, it has failed to help the Huskies produce points on the board as UConn will enter Saturday averaging 18.6 points per game while simultaneously allowing 40.6 points per game.

Despite breaking the 300-yard mark on offense in half their games this season, the Huskies are allowing teams to score at a 93% clip once they enter the red zone, with 86% of those being touchdowns.

That could potentially spell good news for a Pirates team that often struggles to punch the ball into the end zone inside the 20-yard line. In their last two games, however, scoring has not been a problem as the Pirates racked up 94 points against two nationally ranked opponents.

"Probably the only negative of the bye week when it came was just how our team was playing and trending," Houston said. "We had an excellent bye week. I thought the players, I could not have asked them to be better men-

tally and have better effort. Very energetic practices and I thought we accomplished a lot last week."

Sitting on only three wins, however, ECU is still looking for its fourth win of the season. With a win on Saturday, the Pirates would secure multiple road wins for the first time since 2015. In addition, a win against the Huskies would give ECU its first road conference win since 2017 when the Pirates defeated the Huskies 41-38 in East Hartford.

Unlike their counterparts on Saturday, the Pirates have had little problems scoring points this season, especially in conference play. Entering the weekend, ECU has posted an average of 28.2 points per game in conference tilts, averaging nearly 440 yards of offense in the process.

With each team still looking to get its first conference win of the season, the Pirates will attempt to break a five-game losing streak following an open date. The Huskies, on the other hand, will be searching for a senior day win in their final home game as an AAC school.

"I think we're going to get their (UConn) best shot because it's the next game for them," Houston said. "I think both of us are looking at it as a big game for our programs. We both are hungry for that win this Saturday. I don't know how much all of that other stuff has to do with it. I think they just want to win on Saturday."

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Taurus (April 20-May 20) -- Today is a 9 -- Energize your work with love and passion. Put heart into your performance and it soars. Physical action produces results. Aim for flourishing health and vitality.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Today is a 9 -- Things could get lucrative. Harvest a windfall. Keep things simple and save extra nuts for winter. Don't take risks or gamble. You're building for the future.

Gemini (May 21-June 20) -- Today is an 8 -- Imagine a dream realized, especially with love and romance. Give and take without consequence. Play and have fun with someone attractive. Get creative.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) -- Today is a 9 -- Advance toward a personal goal. Let others know what you're up to and gain valuable support. Dress for the part you want. Practice with optimism.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Today is an 8 -- Career opportunities have your attention. Accept an inviting challenge. You can figure out this puzzle. Keep your objective in mind. Bring your strength.

Cancer (June 21-July 22) -- Today is an 8 -- Energize a home-improvement project. Decisions made now can have long-lasting impact ... consider color, lighting and mood. Try things out before committing. Prepare for change.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) -- Today is a 7 -- Creativity and imagination thrive with peaceful conditions. Careful planning now saves money and time later. Keep a low profile and research options and possibilities.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) -- Today is a 9 -- Fair winds and smooth sailing grace your journey. Explore, investigate and discover. Learn from respected elders and teachers. Their guidance illuminates the path ahead.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Today is a 9 -- Recon-

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) -- Today is a 9 -- Tackle detailed tasks to manage financial, legal or insurance matters. Bolster your shared investments through careful monitoring. Add resources where needed. Build for long-term growth.

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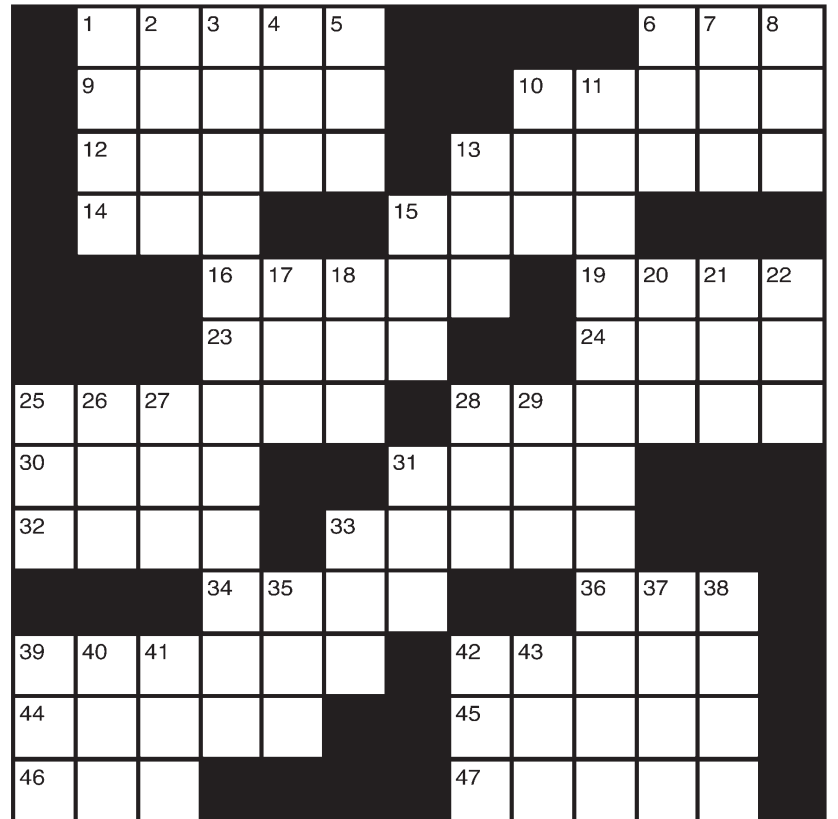
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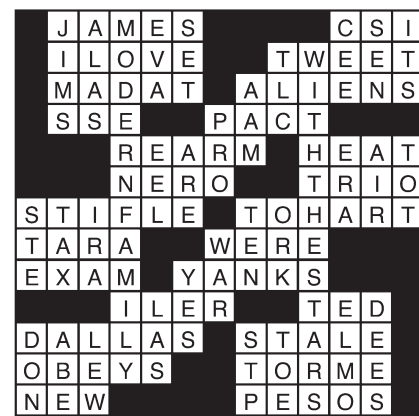
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- 31 Carrie's hubby on "The King of Queens"
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- 34 "The ___ of Night"; old crime drama series
- 36 "___ Life to Live"
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- 10 Long, long time
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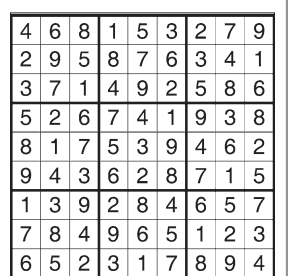
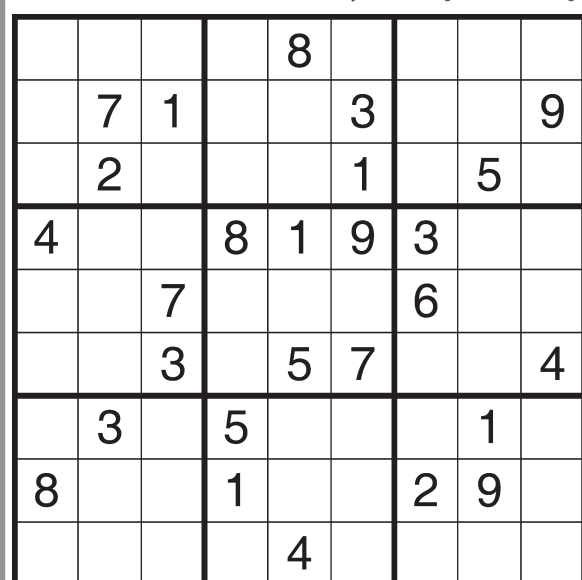
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Pianist Professor Eric Stellrecht performs among East Carolina University Opera Theater students and 'Hansel and Gretel' performance members during rehearsal.

ECU to present classic fairytale

School of Music Opera Theater to perform 'Hansel and Gretel'

Hannah True
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

East Carolina University's Opera Theater will perform Engelbert Humperdinck's "Hansel and Gretel" tomorrow at 7:30 p.m. at the historic Turnage Theater.

Director of ECU's Opera Theater and faculty member in the department of vocal studies, Daniel Shirley, explained that the show will be a perfect performance for first-time opera goers.

"Hansel and Gretel is the perfect first opera for audience members who are unfamiliar with the art form," Shirley said. "We are performing in English, and the opera features music which is both recognizable and approachable."



Meredith Howell

Junior vocal music education major and the actress who will perform as Hansel, Meredith Howell, explained that this will be her first major role in one of ECU's Opera Theater performances.

"It is so beautiful to take what I learn in the classroom during the day and put it up on stage. Between learning the role, character

development and proper vocal technique, I strive to be the best that I can be," Howell said.

Howell said that she has learned so much through opera, has gone through many vocal changes and it has allowed her to test her strengths and weaknesses.

Senior vocal performance major and the actress who will play as Hansel and Gretel's mother, Maggie Fox, has learned firsthand that opera puts a lot of strain on an individual.

"A couple of years ago I started to have pain when I sang and I went to the ENT. They told me that I had pre-nodular swelling," Fox said. "I had to decide to change the way I sang, and keep going no matter how difficult it seemed, that is probably the biggest hurdle I have had to overcome in my college career."

Howell explains how much she loves and appreciates the Opera Theater and its faculty for giving her the experiences that she will remember when she goes out in the real world to implement what she has learned into her teachings as an aspiring choir teacher.

"To be a public university and have such a thriving school of music and opera program is

beautiful," Howell said. "I love that we all get the opportunity to perform many different roles and gain real life experience before we even get out into the real world."

All performers in the show are ECU students in the school of music and have been practicing since August and were cast back in April, according to Shirley. He expressed his admiration of these students and their dedication to the performance.

"This opera has been a joy to rehearse. Each role is triple-cast, which is a testament to the great student singers we have in the ECU School of Music," Shirley said.

The choir in the performance will also feature children from throughout eastern North Carolina. Tickets will range from \$20 for general admission to \$15 for seniors, faculty and staff and only \$5 for students. The production will be shown on three separate dates including tomorrow, Nov. 23 and Nov. 24. Tickets can be purchased on the official Arts of the Pamlico website.

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of my work. Sales like these not only will sell individual pieces of art, but can garner commissions and repeat patrons," Bretitnger said. "Learning to make things to sell is imperative training for anyone who hopes to be a working artist."

Ramirez Jaco said that people should come out the event to support ECU fine arts students who sometimes fade into the background, see what they are working on, and see how they are becoming professionals just as much as anyone in any other field.

The East Carolina University Visual Arts Forum annual holiday sale will include photo prints, stickers, buttons, shirts, scarves, hats, book marks, paintings, ceramics and more, according to Ramirez Jaco.

The sale will be open from noon today until 6 p.m. on Saturday in the Main Campus Student Center. More information on the closing times for the sale can be found on the online ECU events calendar by clicking on today's date.

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Senior William Wain Richardson performs center stage in Story Book Theater 'Yo Vikings.'

ECU senior sings his way across the stage

Devin Raines
TEC STAFF

Wrapping up his time here at East Carolina University, senior BFA in arts and professional acting major, William "Wain" Richardson, sets his gaze towards the stage yet again for another main stage role as the Baker in "Into the Woods" tonight at 7:30 in McGinnis Theater.

Richardson came to ECU as a freshman as an intended major in professional acting, and entered into the Meisner program in his sophomore year where he spent four semesters learning about what it takes to become an actor.



William Richardson

"Especially with Meisner, it kind of takes you apart, and then, through the course of those four semester, you're starting to put yourself back together," Richardson said. "You learn a lot about honesty when you're going through that because you're trying to live truthfully under imaginary circumstances."

Senior musical theatre major and performing as the Witch in "Into the Woods," Mila Bolash, has worked with Richardson for the last few years both in previous stage productions as well as the Meisner program.

"He is in my Meisner class, so we have gone through the same intensive acting training together which deals with a lot of being very vulnerable and being very open," Bolash said.

"So I know Wain very well, and I can honestly say he is such a sweetheart and just one of the most pure humans you will ever meet"

Bolash said Richardson has shown a definite growth with his confidence and his abilities throughout their joint time at ECU, but that can definitely be seen with Richardson's performance in "Into the Woods."

Associate professor with the Theatre of School and Dance, Jill Matarelli Carlson, has worked with Richardson over the years as a movement coach as well as an intimacy coach for his main stage performances.

"I've had him a number of times in my movement classes, and he's taken some of the stage combat classes, and I really look back on his growth from the time that he got here," Carlson said.

Compared to his primarily acting roles, Carlson said that Richardson is going to blow away his audience with his more vocally charged role.

"I really think he's going to be successful wherever he ends up because he is such a genuinely good person, like really great to work with," Carlson said.

Richardson will perform in "Into the Woods" main stage performance hosted by the ECU School of Theatre and Dance tonight until Sunday afternoon at 2. Tickets are on sale now through the ECU SOTD website.

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