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Gateway West, located on College Hill, is one of the many residence halls that students have begun to move their belongings into for fall.

## ECU plans three virtual career fairs

George Martin  
TEC STAFF

East Carolina University will host multiple online career fairs in the fall where students will be able to meet potential employers as they take precautions against the spread of COVID-19.

Associate Director of Career Services Patrick Roberts said normally career fairs are in person and last between three and four hours. The event was normally held at a nearby convention center where students would walk around and talk to employers.

In the fall, three career fairs will be held online to adhere to social distancing requirements, Roberts said. A health and wellness fair, an internship fair and an engineering and technology fair will be held on Sept. 17, Oct. 7 and Oct. 14.

"All three of those will be done virtually through our jobs posting system called Handshake, and they're launching a new platform this summer that they're using to do virtual fairs," Roberts said.

Students will log into Handshake and register for the event they want to attend, Roberts said. Once registered, students will be able to see which employers will be attending the fair and sign up for either



Patrick Roberts

one-on-one or group sessions with different companies. Registration for career fairs is currently open on Handshake.

Roberts said employers are given time slots where they may set up for group or one-on-one sessions, with around 15 minutes for each type of session. Employers have a limited number of time slots, so Roberts said students should be prepared and update their Handshake profile.

"Once you sign up to meet with an employer one-on-one, they're going to have the ability to look at your profile, look at your resume to see if they want to, you know, have that conversation with you. So a lot of it is preliminary work," Roberts said.

Students should make appointments with career counselors before the career fair so they may be prepared for the employers, Roberts said. Career services offers a resume review that students may use on their website.

Adam Denney, associate director of employer rela-

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## Pirates continue early move-in

ECU Campus Living helps students return to campus

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Early move-in began on July 22 for East Carolina University students living in on-campus residence halls in the fall, and will end on Saturday to control the number of residents moving in at any given time to help limit the spread of COVID-19.

The move-in process this year is noticeably different from prior years, as students will continue to drop off their personal items before moving into the dorms for the year. This precaution is a way to limit the number of people entering and exiting the residence halls to slow the spread of COVID-19.

William McCartney, the associate vice chancellor for campus living, said on July 22 there was a nine hour timeframe for move-in that was split into three different windows where students could arrive to drop off their belongings.

"There were 19 people that moved in from nine o'clock in the morning to noon, there were 16 people who moved in between noon and three o'clock and there were 15 people who moved in between three and six so you can see that



William McCartney

they're very well spread out and every building is like that," McCartney said.

The only problem McCartney said he has experienced with the new move-in system has been a few rooms which were not completely cleaned due to the abrupt ending of the spring 2020 semester. Some families of students who have been dropping off their belongings have praised the new move-in system. McCartney said one mom moving into Clement Hall praised the speed the new system allowed for with less people to worry about.

"We are supposed to be sending out a survey that goes to families that have dropped off their belongings and we will hear back from them," McCartney said.

There are two different move-in days, one for students who have already dropped off their belongings and one for those who are moving in at the same time as their things, according to McCartney.

Sophomore psychology major Justice Beverly said he received his residence hall assignment at the end of June with an updated email on how early move-in would operate in mid-July.

Beverly said he chose early move-in so he did not have to worry about it when he returns back to school in August. The move-in process went smoothly with social distance guidelines and mask enforcement, according to Beverly.

"They sent us an email explaining

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## BSAO established

New athlete organization begins at ECU

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A new student organization was recently founded by two students at East Carolina University, Shellbi Chapman and Naomi Whitaker and together, the pair founded the Black Student Athlete Organization (BSAO).

Both Whitaker and Chapman are student-athletes as members of the track and field team and they each graduated in the spring, however, they have a year of athletic eligibility left. Whitaker runs both the 100m hurdles and 400m hurdles and Chapman runs the 400m hurdles as well.

"The Black Student Athlete Organization is a group of student-athletes promoting African-American history, culture, and social justice issues," Whitaker said. "It is com-



Naomi Whitaker

prised of students of all different walks of life that want to promote the same thing."

The founding members tag July 9 as the founding date, but the organization has yet to be made official by the university. There are still a few steps needed to be taken in order for the organization to be officiated by ECU. The organization will need to be registered through the Engage app while it is still in the planning stage, according to Chapman.

Together, Whitaker and Chapman said the goal of the BSAO is to give a larger platform and voice to black student-athletes, as well as giving black athletes a source of community at ECU. The organization will also provide sources of education regarding social injustice and African-American culture.

The organization's mission statement is "to promote an inclusive environment for black student athletes to further influence values of inclusivity, diversity, and social justice on the campus of East Carolina

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COURTESY OF AMANDA BRENDEL

The Marching Pirates, who will take on a new director this year, march toward the stadium.

## Band director settles in

Macie Tano  
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As the Marching Pirates get ready for the fall semester, Band Director James Busuito continues to prepare to take his role in leading the band amid the COVID-19 pandemic.

Busuito, the new Associate Director of Bands, said he initially was drawn to the position at East Carolina University due to

the school's location in North Carolina.

"I've heard great things about North Carolina for years. It's a state that is increasing in population, and you really don't hear anything but good things about it. And, when you start learning a little bit about the school, for me, it almost felt familiar. For me, that's highly desirable to be a part of. That was kind of the primary drive for my motivation

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## BRIEFS

## Umbrella Market open tonight in uptown

Today, the Umbrella Market will open at Five Points Plaza at the corner of 5th and Evans Streets from 5 to 8 p.m. The market will host around 20 vendors including Designs on You, Richard Wilson Fine Arts and Blissworks. More information on the Umbrella Market can be found on its Facebook page. The market times may be subject to change if heat is a concern.

## Tuition due for ECU fall semester classes

Tomorrow, tuition for all fall semester classes are due for East Carolina University students enrolled in classes by 5 p.m. ECU is required to cancel student schedules for nonpayment if payment in full or satisfactory payment arrangements are not made for each term. Payment plans and payments to the university can be made on PiratePort.

## Summer classes come to an end

Tomorrow, both the 11-week and second summer sessions for East Carolina University students will come to a close. Exams will be held July 31 and final grades must be turned in by Aug 3. All courses were held online due to social distancing measures put in place by the state. For more information on exams and deadlines students should see their classes syllabi or speak to their professor.

## CORRECTIONS &amp; CLARIFICATIONS

Correction: The July 22 photo of Charles Coleman on page A6 was taken by Anna Allen from The East Carolinian.

## Global Affairs plans future trips

## Study abroad programs reflect on changes made due to COVID-19

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Following fall study abroad cancellations due to COVID-19, East Carolina University's Office of Global Affairs remains hopeful for spring 2021 programs and plans to give students the learning experience that some have cherished in the past.

Assistant Vice Chancellor of Global Affairs Jon Rezek said fall study abroad programs were cancelled under the guidance of the University of North Carolina (UNC) System Office and the determination of programs for the 2021 spring semester will come from that level as well.

Rezek said some students who experienced the fall cancellations have deferred their applications to the spring. He said although plans are currently in place for the spring, students should understand their trips are not guaranteed.

"We are moving forward as if we will be able to send students abroad, but we're making sure that students understand that nothing is guaranteed at this point," Rezek said.

It's been a while since students have had the opportunity to be sent abroad due to COVID-19, according to Rezek. He said the department will continue to take this time to re-evaluate what the university and department can do to make programs more appealing to students in the future.

Rezek said there has been significant growth in study abroad participants and programs in the past, but that may slow down over the next year or two. He said there could be a partial set back in terms of international students and exchange programs as well.

"We want to make sure that we're promoting our programs where there is capacity for international students to come study and where, you know, they have good opportunities," Rezek said.

The Office of Global Affairs believes study abroad and international experiences are beneficial to the growth and development of students, according to Rezek.

Coordinator of Faculty-led Study Abroad Whitney Morris said precautions are being made and the department will continue to make sure the countries where students will go have the necessary infrastructure for students after a pandemic.

Students should know that necessary precautions will continue to be taken to make sure they



Jon Rezek



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Cinque Terre, Italy during an East Carolina University study abroad trip in the spring semester of 2019.

are going to be safe and have a good international experience if they decide to go abroad, according to Morris.

"Unfortunately, with the pandemic, it has rattled a lot of students' expectations, but this won't last forever," Morris said. "We still want students to have those international experiences."

Benefits of studying abroad still exist, according to Morris. She said students who study abroad are more swift to get a job or accepted into graduate school after graduation.

Italy Intensives Program Director Linda Darty runs a semester long program based in Tuscany, Italy. She said she is hopeful for the spring semester and the program will follow guidelines and restrictions given by ECU as well as the Italian government.

"I'll have to modify whatever we have to do to follow their guidelines and make sure that, you know, regarding the COVID crisis, that we're keeping our students in compliance with what they're having all the Italian citizens do," Darty said.

This is a worldwide pandemic and taking responsibility and precautions is something that can be done in Italy as well as in America, according to Darty. She said she encourages students to not give up on the idea of studying abroad.

Darty said if students are allowed to go abroad, things may look a little different. She said bus capacities will change, train capacities will be reduced and students could be placed differently in the student apartments.

"I promise I will make sure that it is an amazing experience for all the students that come and I hope they won't give up because there won't be this opportunity again once they graduate," Darty said. "It's something they should take advantage of while they're here."

Senior communication major Savannah Walker studied abroad in Nottingham, United Kingdom as part of the International Student Exchange Program (ISEP) during the fall semester of 2018. She said she learned a lot about herself and important life skills on her travels.

Although students may be frustrated and scared about their travels during a pandemic, they shouldn't give up, according to Walker. She said as long people do their part here at home they should study abroad as soon as they can.

"If you're meant to be somewhere then you'll be in the right place at the right time," Walker said. "I definitely think don't be scared, this too shall pass."

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how the move-in was going to work, moving in and social distancing. Once I got to campus, they were definitely enforcing those standards and making sure everyone was having a great move-in experience while keeping their distance and staying safe," Beverly said.

The early move-in process for junior elementary education major Alyssa Marshall, who also works for Campus Living, was organized and efficient as she said she decided to move in July 23. She said she knew there would be less foot traffic for early move-in and expects the week before the school's move-in to be ridiculous.

The early move-in process runs smoothly, according to Marshall. She said early move-in should be something ECU

considers again in the future.

"I didn't have to wait more than five minutes for my keys. Everybody did the social distancing like they were supposed to. There were lots of dollies and stuff so students didn't have to carry their stuff," Marshall said.

As an employee of ECU Campus Living, Marshall said she took part in the crew that closed down the residence halls in the spring 2020 semester. All the staff she encountered during the early move-in process were helpful and very nice, according to Marshall.

More information on ECU's early move-in guidelines and process is located on ECU's Campus Living website.

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tions, said last year between all the job fairs held in the fall over 300 employers came to ECU including CISCO, Enterprise and the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA). Denney said right now, the number of employers who have registered for the fair is historically the same.

"From an economics standpoint, there are still industries that are thriving right now. We've had Food Lion participate in our fairs in the past, there's still a lot of tech companies out there that are doing work and distribution, so I think there's still going to be a lot of great opportunities for our students this fall," Denney said.

The online fair will allow for students and employers to connect in a different way, Denney said. He said the online format allows for new and different employers to engage with the university, due to the need for travel being eliminated.

Denney said every degree and program at ECU prepares students to be successful once they enter the workforce. He said it's important to meet with Career Services to understand how to translate new skills into the workforce.

"Students have completed projects,

they've done capstone projects, research, internships, they've participated in classes and all of that work, that accumulating work, has given them skills that are transferable and prepares them to go into the workforce," Denney said.

Students can prepare for the career fair by connecting with career service liaisons and being proactive, Denney said.

Jamie Watkins, a junior psychology major, said the career fair is important so students may prepare for life after graduation.

"The fair lets students get an idea of who is hiring in their field and what they may be looking for, so I think that it's important that kids at ECU are aware of the opportunity they have with the career fair," Watkins said.

While Watkins has not attended any previous career fairs, she plans to join the virtual fairs this year in order to try and find a job or internship. She said she has prepared for the fairs in the fall by working on her resume and how she will pitch herself to employers.

Career Services offers resume reviews on its website, where students may also register for the career fairs which will be held in the fall.

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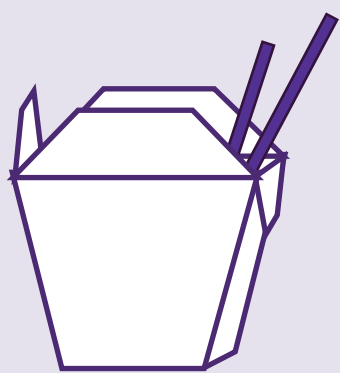
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Local artist William Seymour, who plans to release his second solo album "Make Love Instead" on Aug. 3, performs his music at a local venue.

# Artist to release new music

## William Seymour's solo album will be available next week

**Yasmine Curmon-Ward**  
TEC STAFF

Local artist William Seymour plans to release his second solo album titled "Make Love Instead" on Aug. 3, available on Spotify, YouTube and Apple Music.

The album is "a blend of folk music, rock music and blues," according to Seymour. He said he released his first solo album titled "Quicksand" in April of 2019.

"I think it's (the album) really good. I enjoy it, and I think that other people will too," Seymour said.

The title track "Make Love Instead" was selected as the album name because it stood out to him as the overall theme of the album, Seymour said.

"Make Love Instead" includes eight songs, Seymour said, and his favorite song on the album is "Oh My God," which he thinks is the most upbeat song on the album.

"I play the acoustic guitar, electric guitar, the bass and I do the vocals (for the

album), but I brought in about 12 other musicians to play the other instruments, like the drums, piano and pedestal guitar. There's also some trombones and a saxophone," Seymour said.

Seymour's band, The Broadcast, had a few months-long tour planned for the summer, but it was cancelled due the COVID-19 pandemic, Seymour said. He said the band was supposed to perform in Colorado, New York and New Jersey.

"Before COVID-19, I hosted an open mic night at Christy's (Euro Pub). That was every Tuesday night, and that was with the house band that I had there, a lot of those guys played on this record too. I also played at the (Still)life Loft, Winslow's, the Buccaneer and a few other restaurants in uptown," Seymour said.

Normally, Seymour said he would have an album release show, but has to postpone that show for a while.

Seymour said he now streams live shows

on Facebook Live instead.

"I hope people enjoy it (Make Love Instead). I hope I'm able to play these songs (live) when I'm able to again. I'll probably make another album in another year and a half," Seymour said.

Jeff Blinder, owner of Spazz Presents booking company, said he knows Seymour through booking events around Greenville.

Blinder said Seymour performs all over and he holds open mic events. He said he invited Seymour to perform at his annual music festival "Spazz Presents" numerous times.

"(Seymour) gives the regulars a night to stretch their music legs, but more importantly, it gives new performers to showcase their stuff," Blinder said in an email statement.

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to join the faculty here," Busuito said.

In his position, Busuito said he will direct the Marching Pirates and Basketball Pep Band, and will also conduct the Symphonic Band.

Prior to coming to ECU, Busuito said he worked at Rutgers University in Newark, New Jersey, as the assistant director of the concert and athletic bands, as well as the director for the Rutgers Symphony Band and instructing the Marching Scarlet Knights and Pep Bands.

"What I did up there was assist with the marching band, and I essentially ran the pep band there for basketball, and later on we actually incorporated volleyball into our performances," Busuito said. "In addition to that, I had responsibilities with the school of music that involved directing a concert ensemble and teaching a methods class for grad students. I also taught conducting to students as well."

Busuito said he believes his experience at Rutgers University will benefit him as he transitions to working at ECU.

The rehearsal process Busuito uses worked well with the bands he worked with at Rutgers University, Busuito said, and he believes it will work for the bands he directs at ECU as well.

"I think that the things that I do really uniquely well is that I have a process in terms of rehearsal that works efficiently. I don't like for there to be any waste of time, and I know the students' time is incredibly valuable, so I think the rehearsal process is very important. At least for me in the past, it's been a pretty high level of performance," Busuito said.

The performance of the bands itself is also an important aspect, Busuito said, whether it be the marching band or the pep band.

For the marching band, Busuito said he believes every halftime show "has to be a banger." At Rutgers, he said the marching band would sometimes collaborate with other campus groups for performances. As for the pep band, Busuito said he's looking forward to seeing what ECU has to offer.

"I know the basketball band here (at ECU) is already very strong, so what I'm anxious to see is what kind of force they (the pep band) are trying to impose on the opposing team. The same thing goes for football too, in between plays or during halftime, we're supposed to be there to serve as a distraction against the opposing team," Busuito said.

As for his plans for the fall semester, Busuito said he's planning for various scenarios for the marching and pep bands.

These plans can include performing as usual while social distancing or performing virtually

over livestream, Busuito said. He said he is prepared for the football season to be delayed or cancelled.

"Athletics has a lot of things to consider. For us right now, essentially what I'm doing as well as every band director in the country is we're preparing for a variety of scenarios. Right now, I don't have the information on it (the bands' plans). It's part of the waiting process, and seeing how things play out. It makes it very difficult for all of us," Busuito said.

However, Busuito said he can also use this time to work on things the bands normally wouldn't have as much time to do, due to rehearsal and performances. This includes working with the section leaders in the bands to examine the bands' sounds and physical appearances while performing.

Regardless of what happens, Busuito said he will continue to advocate for and work with his students and keep them involved during the semester, although it may be difficult at times due to COVID-19.

"I'm optimistic that we'll be able to offer an experience this year. My planning process has essentially been that I am going to be planning for things as usual until I get told that it will be done differently. We're sort of operating on a lot of assumptions, and things may change, and that's okay. We're going to adapt, and make sure that we're there to kind of serve the role that we're supposed to play," Busuito said.

Mary Kiefriter, a senior music therapy major and drum major for the Marching Pirates, said she looks forward to Busuito leading the Marching Pirates this year.

Kiefriter said she met Busuito at the beginning of summer via WebEx. She said she appreciated his enthusiasm for ECU and working with the bands.

"He (Busuito) has been very encouraging and communicative to the student leaders as well as the members themselves throughout the changes we have to adjust to in order for the season to happen," Kiefriter said. "I look forward to his new perspectives on things like rehearsal, student leadership and game days. He is bringing an outside view to everything while still keeping our traditions that make us the Marching Pirates."

No matter what happens, Kiefriter said she is still looking forward to the upcoming semester and performing, as well as meeting new band members and working with her co-drum majors.

More information on Busuito and the Marching Pirates can be found on the Marching Pirates' website.

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## OUR VIEW

### ECU needs to address discrimination

An anonymous Instagram account called Dear ECU has started to shine a light on the discrimination and microaggressions on East Carolina University's campus and provides a safe way for people to share their stories. The account was inspired by similar accounts at other universities within the University of North Carolina System. The purpose of the account is to provide a safe and anonymous space for students, faculty and alumni to share their stories where they have encountered racism at ECU.

We, the editorial staff of The East Carolinian, believe it is great that people who feel discriminated against have a safe place to share their stories and shine a light on issues which the university has. However, without a plan to fix the problem, it is just words.

Many different scenarios of discrimination on campus have come forth, whether it be intentional or unintentional microaggressions, including a story involving Pirate Media 1. This behavior should not be tolerated and should be addressed by the school.

As the editorial staff, we would like to assure our readers that we work hard as the leaders of our publication to ensure that each member of our staff feels equal and accepted in our office, no matter their race, gender, religion or sexual orientation, amongst others. It is not just the university's responsibility to ensure that ECU's campus is safe for everyone, but it is our responsibility as leaders to hold ourselves accountable.

Dear ECU has captured the attention of ECU Student Affairs with a follow from its own Instagram account, but ECU has yet to address any of these stories posted on the account. We think it is very important for ECU to acknowledge and address these incidents and to investigate them if necessary.

The spotlight on intolerance is currently shining brighter than ever on society. It will leave no room for shadows or darkness to hide. There is no room in this new environment to allow for these actions to go unchecked.

SHENEMAN THE STAR-LEDGER



## Letter to the editor | Misogyny should never be tolerated

To the editor,

Representative Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez addressed the House Floor this week with regards to the verbal attack directed at her by Representative Ted Yoho with these words: "This is not new. And that is the problem...It is cultural. It is a culture of lack of impunity, of accepting of violence and violent language against women, it is an entire structure of power that supports that...I want to thank him for showing the world that you can be a powerful man and accost women. You can have daughters and accost women without remorse. You can be married and accost women. You can take photos and project an image to the world of being a family man and accost women without remorse and with a sense of impunity."

One year ago, the speaker of these words was told to "go home," to another country, by the male leader of our country (Donald Trump). Our campus heard the chant of supporters, echoing the sentiment. On July 23, Dear ECU, a new Instagram account and safe space for Black, Indigenous and People of Color (POC) students to anonymously share micro and macroaggression incidents, shared an experience of sexual assault on a student by a campus residence hall office assistant. According to the testimony, there were no repercussions or consequences for the aggressor, despite evidence of admittal.

It was at nearly the exact moment that my graduate school journey began, in 2018, that sexually immoral and unwanted occurrences simultaneously began to happen in my own personal and physical life. I remember well the anxiety that plagued me as I walked campus, attempting to focus my energies on the coursework before me, a 36-year-old mother's English graduate dream come true. And I know well the anxiety that has worsened since.

During a training for graduate students on sexual violence, I realized that the behaviors that had come to be targeted at me were not okay. And that they had specific names. They were actual and recognized aggressions against women. And they should not be accepted, according to the training.

I never went to campus officials or administration because these were not campus-based incidents. They were occurring in my home. The intensity of the situation grew so much that I withdrew that semester, heartbroken that he'd taken my East Carolina dream from me, too.

When I returned the following semester online, now out of the home and in my very own for the first time in my life, starting a life from utter scratch, almost no one in the English department or graduate school knew of the experiences that had led to my withdrawal, or the ones that persisted as the backdrop of my studies, my work, my life. But when I did return, it was with a 4.0 GPA, maintained through the end. When I did return, it was with grit and fervor I'd never had before, and with a kinship to the authors and characters in my multicultural literature studies, those who knew injustice even worse than I did.

Every semester I had to relive the initial events that had led to my withdrawal, knowing that somewhere on campus a stranger was reading my testimony and my



COURTESY OF TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE  
U.S. Representative of New York Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez speaks at a press conference on Feb. 6.

plea to prove that despite what had happened, and what continued to happen, I could, and I would, do this. Because it's the best thing I've ever done, graduate school at East Carolina.

My personal feminine experience, the one that is traumatic and unfair and undeserved and left unpunished and emotional and wrong wrong wrong, paralleled the racial, cultural and gender experiences of those I've come to read, study, write and present about. Toni Morrison, Jean Rhys, Richard Wright, Nic Stone, Angie Thomas and countless more. Writers who've both been on the receiving end of gross injustice, and have, or are, bravely working to expose it. Characters and real-life individuals who sometimes never reached their happy ending because a stronger, larger, oppressive power cut them off from it. The social injustice was rampant then. It persists now.

One year ago I wrote of the racial injustice of that chant on our campus, which still

Why was nothing done? Why was the issue dropped? Why do I still deal with harassment? Why is this sort of abuse enabled, supported, overlooked, ignored? Why is our system set up to verbally recognize but in practice...do nothing?

I may have stood alone in this physical space I'm in, but I will forever be grateful for these last two years, for my professors, for the deep and wide exposure to abolitionists, feminists, civil rights leaders, slaves, writers, academics, activists who also knew the depth of undeserved treatment and pain. And yet, they persisted. No matter the outcome.

Essentially, when I wake up in the morning and face the harassment and/or abuse my day will hold, I feel that, for me, for many, a woman without a voice, I am not living in the year 2020 where freedom and equity should abound. I am living in a much more long ago time, a darker time, a time when equality was reserved for a select elite. A

**"One year ago I wrote of the racial injustice of that chant on our campus, which still plagues our communities. Today, I, along with Ocasio-Cortez and Dear ECU's 'anonymous,' feel burdened with sexual injustice."**

plagues our communities. Today, I, along with Ocasio-Cortez and Dear ECU's "anonymous," feel burdened with sexual injustice. My own story has rendered these very specific words to me: "It's a felony." "Sexual battery." "I'm sure we will get a conviction with this evidence." "I do believe you are an abused woman." "I want you to know, none of the things you have told us, the things that have been done to you, are ok."

The problem continues, however, when "an entire structure of power that supports" violence and abuse, allows it to happen, to go unnoticed, unreprimanded, completely unattended. Because if I, then, took the university's training, if I recognized the sexual violence for what it was, if I went to the proper and highest authorities, if I was told it was wrong, criminal, if I was nearly assured of accountability (finally) through a conviction...

privileged inner society.

My time of freedom, equity and justice has not yet arrived. And yet, I persist. No matter the outcome. And I am empowered by those others who've stood up and spoken up. Ocasio-Cortez. Anonymous. And so, I too, will persist. Because the hope of justice and equity is far greater than the false power of the morally weak oppressor. And his enablers.

As a student continuing to educate myself, as a mother of a coming-of-age daughter, as a public school teacher to young mixed and POC girls, I must persist, for their sake, with hope. Some days there is nothing else to lean on. Our time must come.

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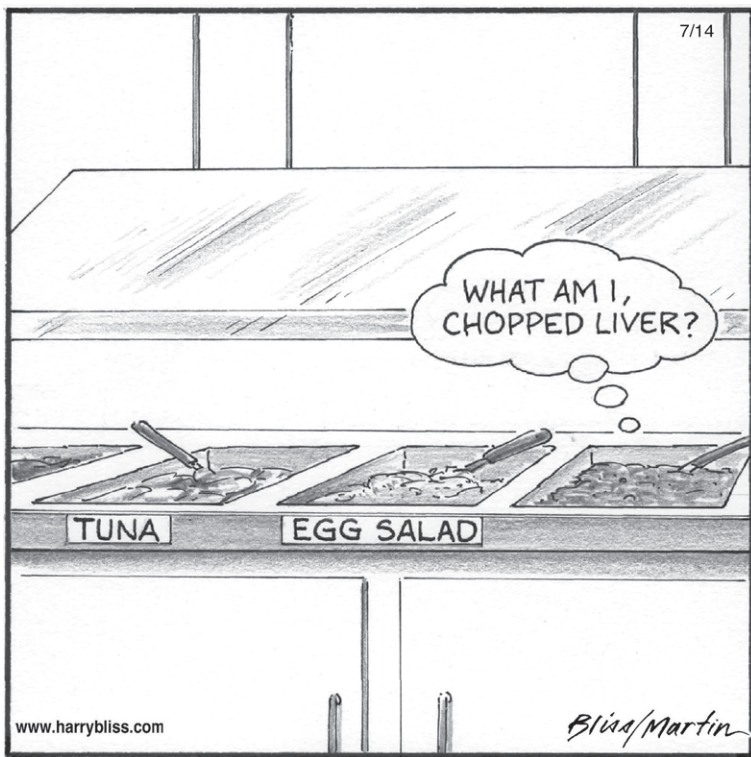
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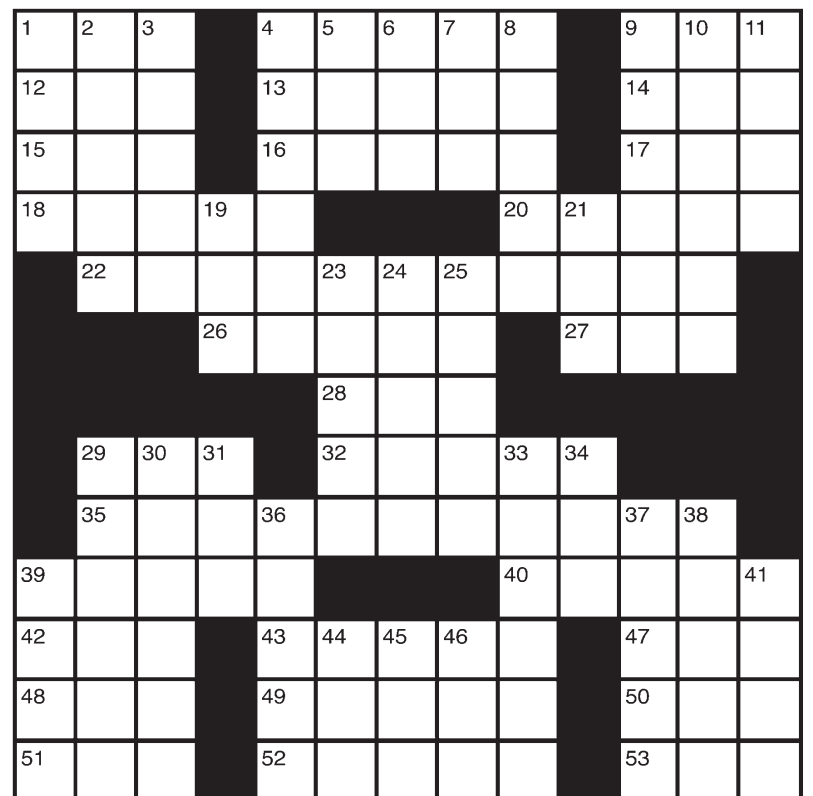


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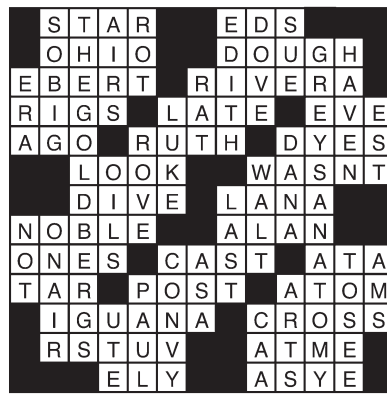
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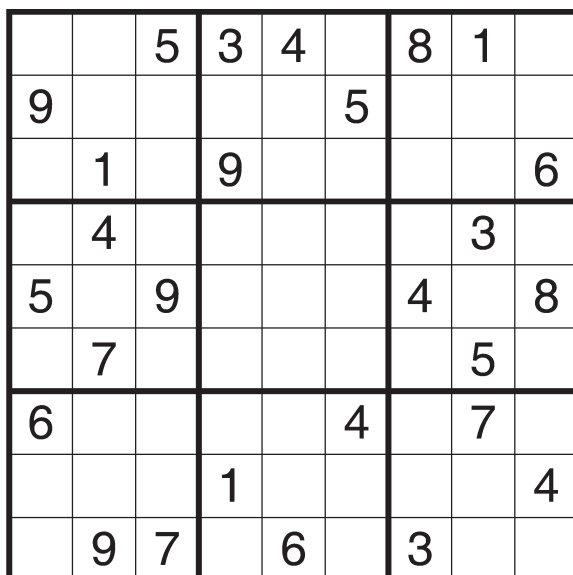
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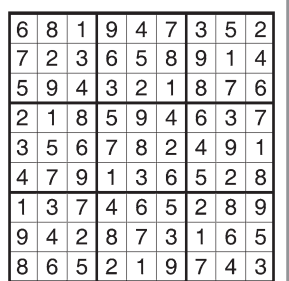
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# Pirate football will close out strong

## ECU football will face stiff competition in weeks 11 and 12 of play



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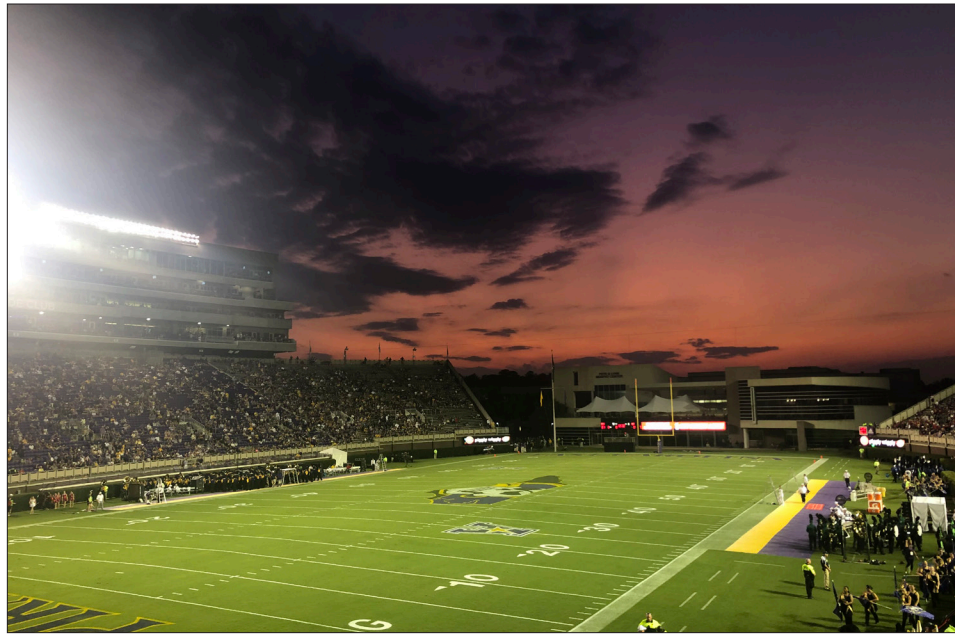
In weeks 11 and 12, East Carolina University football will take on Temple University on Nov. 21 and Southern Methodist University on Nov. 28. At this point in the season, the Pirates will likely have already locked up a spot in a bowl game of some kind, assuming postseason bowl games will be played during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Pirates will travel to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania to take on the Temple Owls in a Saturday matchup after the Owls return from a road matchup with the University of Central Florida Knights and the Pirates return from their road game against the University of Cincinnati.

Temple will play host to the Pirates at Lincoln Financial Field, the home of the Philadelphia Eagles. Since joining the American Athletic Conference (AAC) in 2014, the Pirates have made three trips to the shared home of the Owls and Eagles and have lost every single time. In fact, ECU has failed to beat Temple a single time since joining the AAC, accumulating zero wins in six attempts.

Most notably, the Owls defeated a nationally ranked Pirate team in 2014 when former head coach Ruffin McNeill had the Pirates ranked No. 21. ECU rolled into Philadelphia for the first time since 1994 and went down to an Owls team that was clearly outclassed, but had the help of some rainy weather on their side. The Pirates lost to Temple 20-10 and fell out of the top 25.

Since the first AAC meeting between the two teams, the Owls have been led by two head coaches who have later accepted



A sky of purple covers Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium during a home contest from the 2019 season.

head coaching positions in Power Five conferences. Current head coach of the Carolina Panthers Matt Rhule served as the head coach of the Temple Owls from 2013 to 2016 before leaving the program to take the head coaching job at Baylor University.

After Rhule, Temple served as a quick pitstop for current head coach of the Georgia Institute of Technology Yellow Jackets Geoff Collins. Collins was only the head coach of the Owls for the 2017 and 2018 seasons before accepting the job as the Yellow Jackets' head coach.

The Owls are currently led by head coach Rod Carey and if recent history serves as an appropriate precedent, the 2020 season could serve as a try-out season for Carey. In his first season as the Owls' head coach, Carey managed an 8-5

overall record with an impressive 6-1 mark at home. If the 2020 season proves as successful as the 2019 season for Carey, he may field offers from Power Five institutions.

Carey's 2019 season was no fluke either. The former Northern Illinois University head coach accrued a 52-30 overall record and an even more impressive 38-10 record in conference play while leading the Huskies.

A well coached program inside and out, Temple proves its worth on the field more often than not and Carey is just one in a long line of coaches trying to keep the ball rolling in Philadelphia. The fact that Carey, his staff and the Temple football roster is full of experience as it pertains to success, being a successful program and maintaining that success gives Carey and his Owls squad the advantage over the Pirates.

The Pirates will earn a bowl game in the 2020 season, but this is the kind of late in the season game that a roster with minimal experience at the top has no idea how to win. The Owls are impressive at home and have a wealth of knowledge on how to keep grinding late in the season when playing for a bowl or conference championship.

The loss won't be an embarrassing one though, ECU will put up as good a fight as it knows how and force the Owls to use all of that experience the roster has accrued over years of competitive play. The Pirates will drop a tough loss to a really solid Temple team that has simply been around the block a few times.

Following the loss to the Owls, the Pirates will host SMU in a Saturday bout at Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium on senior day.

Amidst all the celebrating that goes along with senior day festivities, the Pirate offense has a chance to take advantage of a defense that they shredded in 2019. Junior quarterback Holton Ahlers will look to repeat his six touchdown and near 500 yard performance from last season's 59-51 loss to the Mustangs.

This game will most definitely be a show that NFL scouts and fans of the mobile quarterback alike will want to check out as Ahlers will be trying to get past not only the SMU defense, but will also be looking to outduel the Mustangs' returning starting quarterback and senior Shane Buechele.

Buechele came to SMU in 2019 from the University of Texas at Austin where he was replaced over the course of the 2017 and 2018 seasons by current Longhorn starting quarterback Sam Ehlinger.

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## BSAO continued from A1

University, the surrounding Greenville community, and beyond," according to Whitaker.

As far as who the organization will target as its audience, ECU varsity student-athletes are the main objective. The goal is to reach university athletics as a whole, but while more participants may come from intramural and club sports, communication with those programs will be more difficult, according to Chapman and Whitaker.

"As of now it's for our varsity sports," Chapman said. "We haven't really contacted anybody outside of our varsity sports because we have no way of doing that. But I feel though as athletes, we all have the same struggles that we need to include everyone in at some point."

Being inclusive is an important aspect of the organization, Whitaker said. With the way college athletics is monetized, she said everyone's voice needs to be heard throughout the organization and the university.

By focusing on the people, the founders of BSAO plan to have community service and educational events organized by a committee and partnerships with other organizations that will be involved. There have not been any plans for specific future events, however, the focus of education and social injustice will be the centerpiece of planned events, according to Chapman and Whitaker.



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Jayden Gardner, CJ Johnson and Brooke Stith.

"One of the main goals we had is to not just have events where it's just athletes there," Whitaker said. "We wanted to really partner with student organizations that are already established that compromise of the everyday student, just to fill that gap that we have between student-athletes and the regular student population. We are all trying to spread the same message, so why not do it together?"

As the necessary steps are taken to make BSAO an official ECU organization, the founding members are working hard to create a group that encourages culture and community among student-athletes. The founding members can be contacted via email at [chapmansh16@students.ecu.edu](mailto:chapmansh16@students.ecu.edu) and [whitakern16@students.ecu.edu](mailto:whitakern16@students.ecu.edu).

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