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Voters stay vital amid COVID-19

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Campus political organizations at East Carolina University will continue to work to encourage student voting as the 2020 presidential election approaches and have now incorporated virtual webinars and gatherings in an effort to gain civic engagement.

The ECU Center for Leadership and Civic Engagement (CLCE) Assistant Director Alex Dennis said the voter registration and engagement processes will be different this year due to the lack of large tabling events on campus. He said CLCE has a team of students who plan to walk around campus in an effort to engage one-on-one with students.

The pandemic has worried some, but also allows an opportunity to research candidates and explore important issues, according to Dennis. He said everyone's vote matters when it comes to elections, both locally and nationally, and when done at a young age it can become a habit.



Alex Dennis

"That's kind of what we're trying to create is that habit of being involved in our democracy and voicing your opinion and really caring about, you know, who you're voting for and what you're voting for," Dennis said.

Registration processes may look different this year during the pandemic, according to Dennis. He said the CLCE will try to share as much information and knowledge as possible with the student body. It wants to give students the opportunity to make a decision about how to go about voting and what option best suits them.

The Andrew Goodman Foundation (AGF) Team Leader Amrina Rangar, who works with the foundation to organize events on ECU's campus, said AGF is a foundation that is partnered with CLCE. She said AGF works to lift voting barriers and encourage the youth vote.

There were some on campus events planned for this semester, but over the summer, AGF tried to figure out how to make those events virtual, according to Rangar. She said the foundation plans to use social media on Instagram Live and with videos, to answer any common election questions students may have.

"Our Pirate's Vote Team has kind of come up with this plan where we send registration kits and comquestions and absentee ballot requests to each residence

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ECU PD and other law enforcement patrolled the areas surrounding campus this weekend to limit and stop students from congregating.

Local police curtail gatherings

Law enforcement works to enforce COVID-19 rules

Madison Barnhill
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Thousands of East Carolina University students returned to campus last week and with them, parties and social gatherings were brought back, which the ECU Police Department (ECU PD) as well as Greenville Police Department (GPD) continue to monitor and work to shut down.

Lieutenant Chris Sutton of ECU PD said most of his attention is now focused on diffusing large gatherings or parties on and around campus. This diffusal is called the Responsible Behavior Initiative and is used to identify, educate and improve cooperation and collaboration to reduce the number of parties happening around campus.

"A large gathering is defined differently by many people, but right (now), according to the governor's (Roy Cooper's) executive order, a large gathering is 25 people or more," Sutton said. "We're (ECU PD) focusing on gatherings that appear to be on their way to that magic number of 25."

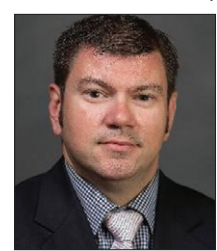
During the fall of 2019, a group of officers were identified as the Crime Suppression Team, Sutton said. Over the course of the last year, he said these officers focused on crosswalk and traffic violations as well as theft around campus.

The Crime Suppression Team has since been redirected toward the Responsible Behavior Initiative, according to Sutton. He said these officers identify what would be gatherings, approach the tenants or residents, identify who is a student, exchange contact information and explain the guidelines surrounding gatherings and COVID-19. He said a party atmosphere does not necessarily catch the attention of officers, but the size of the gathering does.

"Our efforts in this area (are) to gain cooperation and compliance from the tenants, so once the explanation is given to the tenants and property owners, we explain they exceed the number of 25. Then they (the officers) will return, (we) will ask them (individuals) to voluntarily disperse and we will be happy

to assist them in helping disperse the crowd in a non-confrontational way," Sutton said.

ECU PD has observed that in most of the interactions it has had, students show complete compliance and cooperation, according to Sutton. He said if there is resistance, ECU PD has university sanctions which can apply to these students and in this case the officers would refer them to the Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities (OSRR).



Chris Sutton
(OSRR)

If students continue to resist violations found by the officers such as underage drinking, fights or drugs, they can be referred to the OSRR, Sutton said. State charges and city code violations can be given, and the GPD could be called in to help with

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Pitt Street celebrates third year open

Brewery hosts anniversary events to commemorate missed occasions over quarantine

Joshua Nelms
TEC STAFF

Pitt Street Brewing Company, located on 630 S Pitt St., continues to host a week of celebrations in honor of its third anniversary, which began Aug. 16 and will run through Aug. 23.

Briana Long, general manager at Pitt Street, said the celebrations will continue to happen each day this week, with different themes each day, focused around things that were missed in 2020.

"We (Pitt Street) have our anniversary week (which started) this Sunday, and instead of having one party on one day and having a lot of people, we are trying to spread it out throughout the week," Long said.

The brewery will be enforcing safety procedures for COVID-19, which include wearing a mask and making sure its customers and staff members continue to social

distance, Long said. She said the brewery will operate at half capacity.

Stephanie Hall, a server at Pitt Street, has been with the company since its first days in business. Hall said the environment at the brewery has been "great" for the past three years and she has enjoyed watching the area grow.

"It's always been like a family working here, everyone has gotten along really great. It has been a great environment to learn about beer (and) a lot of stuff I didn't know which has been really cool. Watching this whole area come up and grow because we were one of the first businesses down here and now there is so much more to do and it has just

really flourished," Hall said.

With the celebrations beginning on Sunday, the brewery had its Pints and Poses event where a yoga instructor came in to teach yoga to participants, according to Hall. She said Monday was a sports event themed celebration and Tuesday was decades themed. Today will be workout themed and participants are asked to show up athletic attire.

Customers who attend the events tomorrow and Friday will be treated to food trucks and live performances from local bands. This week includes a celebration for the customers who missed out on their birthday celebrations due to COVID-19, Hall said.

"(Tomorrow) is Lungin' Luau and the food truck Prevail Food Truck will be here for the first time, Friday is festival themed, we have Psylo Joe, a local jam band coming,

according to Hall. The brewery was

Saturday is a big birthday for everyone who didn't get to celebrate their birthday during quarantine," Hall said.

Pitt Street was affected by COVID-19, according to Hall. The brewery was



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Luke Hancock and Clint Todd enjoy a cold beer at Pitt Street Brewing Company.

expected to close for a while, but did curbside takeout orders on its beer. She said this gave Pitt Street the opportunity to get some business before reopening for Phase 2.

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SGA to host virtual office hours

Today, East Carolina University's Student Government Association (SGA) will host virtual office hours for students to speak with members of the Executive Cabinet from noon to 1 p.m. on WebEx. The meeting will be open to the student body and the Meeting Number is 120 572 7320 and the password is HMmr98yDJJ3 (46679893 from phones).

Cupola conversations speak on political expression

Tomorrow, Cupola Conversations will continue its weekly speaker series from 4 to 5 p.m. by speaking about political expression and free speech. The conversation will allow students to interact virtually and practice political expressions. The meeting will be held virtually on Microsoft Teams. More information can be found on Engage.

Autistic Students Alliance to host presentation

Today, East Carolina University's Autistic Students Alliance will host a virtual presentation on Webex from 6 to 7 p.m. about applying for accommodations and those available on ECU's campus. The meeting link can be found on Engage. The meeting number is 120 930 8695, and the password is asa_virtual.

PPAC to host virtual meet and greet

Tonight, from 4 to 5 p.m. East Carolina University pre-professional advisors (PPAC) will host a virtual meet and greet to share more about its program and what it offers to students. Those interested can find more information on the ECU events calendar.

Greenville City Council to meet

This Monday, Greenville City Council will convene to discuss matters pertaining to the city. The agenda for the meeting will be posted to the Greenville City Council website.

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The Pirate Academic Success Center's entrance on the east side of the Old Cafeteria Complex. ECU students will be able to access PASC's services virtually this semester.

PASC adapts to new semester

ECU tutoring center to continue virtual instruction

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TEC STAFF

As East Carolina University enters its second week of classes for the fall 2020 semester, the Pirate Academic Success Center (PASC) will begin virtual tutoring services through Microsoft Teams.

PASC Director Elizabeth Coghill said the Teams platform will serve as the main mode of instruction for all tutor services offered through PASC. She said the platform has provided success for students and tutors during summer 2020 classes.

After her attendance at various town hall meetings conducted by Interim Chancellor Ron Mitchelson, Coghill said she knew it would not be a good decision to bring tutors into the center on campus.

"They'll work from their apartments or homes to be able to make those connections with any student in specific courses," Coghill said.

The PASC will offer one-on-one tutoring sessions, study groups, test reviews and study skills coaching for the 2020-2021 school year, according to Coghill. She said the option to use Teams came about due to students free access to it through their



Elizabeth Coghill

ECU student email and its overall better layout than WebEx.

Coghill said students who participate in the study skills course will meet virtually with either a professional staff member or upper-classmen student tutor. Study skills can be a great way for students to develop accountability in their courses, she said.

Tutors are asked to create personable relationships with students as the online platform for tutor services can make students hesitant, Coghill said.

"They're (student tutors) not all knowing, they're a student seeking help and I think there's real power in being able to say and encourage 'you know that was a hard class, here's what I did,' so that students have a real world perspective on how to progress in the class," Coghill said.

Senior chemistry major Madison Craney said she chose to be a student tutor because she enjoyed chemistry, wanted to help others and work on campus simultaneously. She said fall 2020 will mark her third year as a student tutor.

Craney said she was reluctant to the idea of virtual tutoring sessions, however, she is excited for what the fall 2020 semester will hold.

Tutoring services are a way for students to challenge themselves and to make sure they are in line with the materials taught in classes,

according to Craney. She said she feels there is a stigma around tutor services but reminds that students shouldn't hesitate to utilize them.

"Students are a lot more hesitant to get involved in tutoring, and I think that a lot of students are exhausted from spending their whole day in front of a computer screen and they don't really want to reach out to get more help on a computer screen," Craney said.



Madison Craney

Interim Chancellor Ron Mitchelson said the decision to transition tutoring services online is wise and the PASC has gone a long way to refine what it is and show success at what it does.

It takes a special kind of commitment and resilience in students to partake in tutor services, according to Mitchelson. He said the PASC provides the resources to make sure students can be successful in their courses.

"I think the students that do it actually feel good about themselves and I would encourage them to experience that, that they have invested and they've done things that they can tell people," Mitchelson said.

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hall," Rangar said. "They should be getting those things in soon."

Rangar said she encourages students to research and go to as many non-biased sources as much as possible to compare and contrast the views of each candidate. She said it is important for students to note what they think is important to each candidate they look into.

NextGen North Carolina is a part of a national organization, NextGen America, and has campus organizers who work with ECU students for engagement. Rachel Weber, NextGen North Carolina's press secretary, said NextGen has been 100% digital since March and has worked closely with ECU students and community groups.

"We've really been working just to get education and resources into the hands of young voters about how to cast their vote, how to register, how to vote safely and

securely this fall," Weber said.

NextGen's focus over the next few months is to make sure ECU students know how to vote and cast their ballot, whether that consists of an absentee ballot request, early voting or a plan for election day, according to Weber. She said there will be virtual events held such as debate watch parties and voter education sessions.

Weber said she encourages young people to make a plan for election day as soon as possible. She said it is important for students to research, look to see how they have been personally affected by COVID-19 and find what they are looking for in the presidential candidates.

"Interestingly, I think even amid the pandemic, we're seeing that civic engagement and attention to politics in the U.S. is at an all time high among young people,"



Rachel Weber

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crowd dispersal.

Sutton said the number of parties ECU PD has dealt with this academic semester so far is comparable to numbers the department has seen in previous opening weekends of the fall semester. With the element of uptown being removed, such as bar closures, Sutton said students may not favor it, but they need to understand the situation so they can return to what life was like before the pandemic.

"I fully believe that with the cooperation of everyone that's involved in this effort, we (ECU) can have students here through the end of this semester and we can have students leave this Thanksgiving for the holiday break and that's a tangible

goal we can accomplish," Sutton said.

Paul Cook, chief of the division of infectious diseases at Brody School of Medicine, said large gatherings or parties are bad because they emit a higher risk of exposure, especially if people are not wearing a mask.

Cook said he encourages students to decline invitations to parties and if students would like to get out they should take part in outdoor events, such as social frisbee, while social distancing outside. If students are indoors and six inches apart as opposed to six feet and do not have on a mask, those circumstances are when the virus becomes easily transmiss-



Paul Cook



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Students volunteer with The Andrew Goodman Foundation to register students to vote in 2019.

Weber said.

NextGen's Greenville field organizer Dustin Queen hosted a Zoom webinar on Friday to feature voter registration, early voting and absentee ballots.

Queen said, due to difficult circumstances and uncertainty triggered by COVID-19, it is important for young people to have the information they need to vote

safely and securely this fall.

Information on Future NextGen events is located on the NextGen North Carolina website. Information on voter registration and processes is located on the ECUUnited website.

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sible, he said.

"Anyone (who) believes that the virus is not more than a bad cold or the flu is either ignorant or they're fooling themselves. I see patients with this pretty much every day, and this is much more transmissible than the flu, much more deadly than the flu and the people that get this are extremely ill and these are only people that end up in the hospital (not including those who aren't admitted to hospital)," Cook said.

Sophomore intended nursing major Lyllian Treece said she understands the want to see friends and venture out of the residence halls, but she said she refuses to be in a room with more than ten people because of how easily transmissible the virus is.

Treece said it is irresponsible to go

out a lot right now and to party makes it worse. She said ECU PD should account more people for their actions. She hopes this Responsible Behavior initiative would help ECU see a decrease in the number of parties that occur on and around campus.

"We are already put at risk by being on campus, but with parties happening again, it counteracts the efforts being put by the university so the campus can stay safe. It honestly feels like with each step forward a party brings us ten steps back," Treece said.



Lyllian Treece

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OUR VIEW

Off-campus living were unprepared

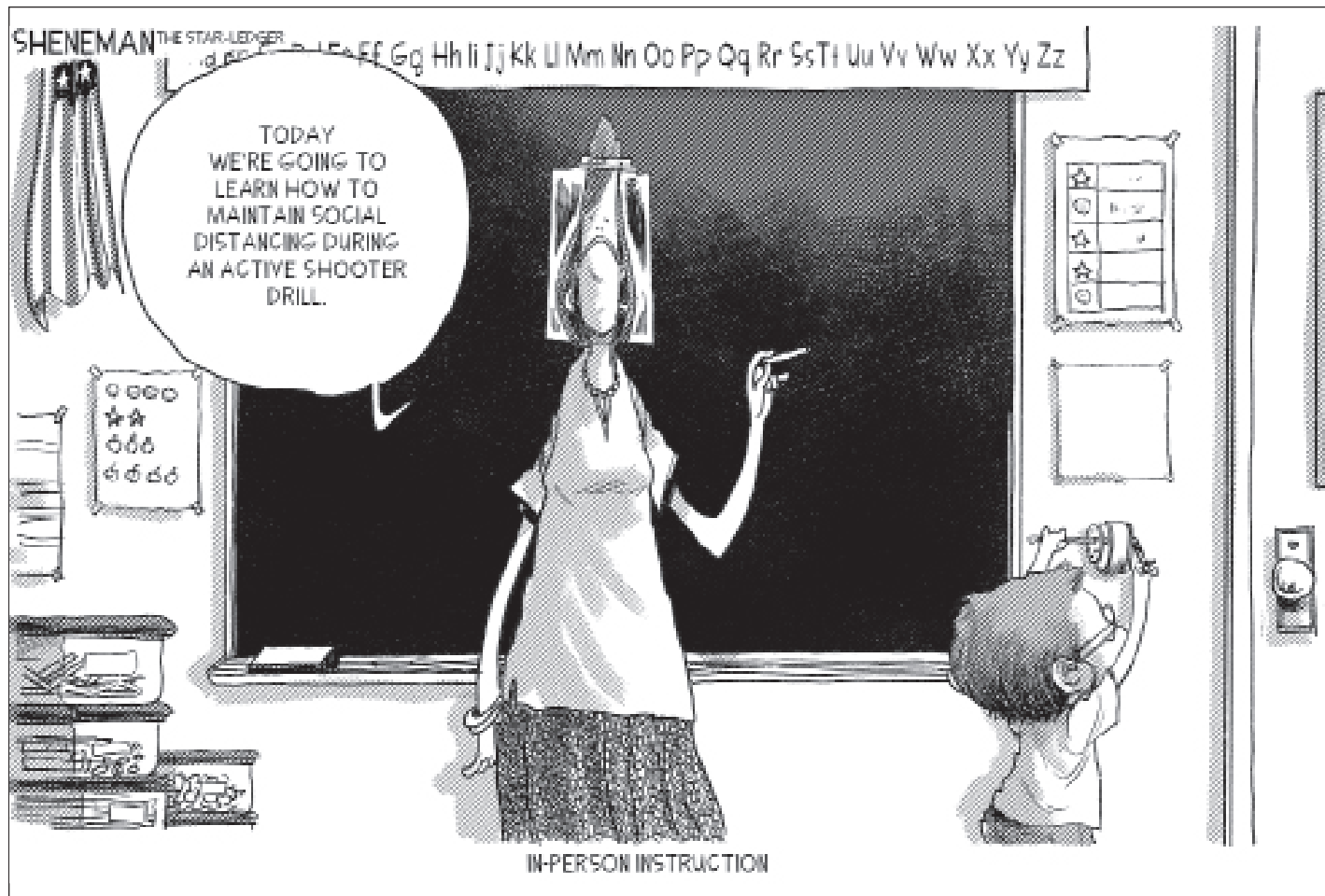
A few East Carolina University students had experienced move-in complications with their off-campus apartment complexes such as Copper Beech and 33 East during the beginning of the month. Some students even took to social media to post videos and pictures of the conditions of their supposed “move-in ready” apartments on platforms such as Facebook and Twitter.

Some of the conditions described by students included black rings around a toilet with no water inside, lights and air conditioning units not working, missing bed frames, the smell of mildew, stains on carpets and more. The students sent their complaints to the respective apartment complex’s managements, but their calls were reportedly not returned or they were advised to sublease their apartment in to get out of their lease.

We, the editorial staff of The East Carolinian, believe the conditions of the student apartment complexes were unacceptable and completely negligent, especially during the current situation of COVID-19. The apartment complexes had months to have its units cleaned and in good condition for new tenants and had no excuse to have the apartments turn out the way it did, knowing students would be back on campus earlier than normal.

Copper Beech and 33 East have yet to put out a statement about the conditions of its units which is unprofessional when ECU students and their parents need answers as to why the apartments looked the way it did. A student has stated if Copper Beech denies her refund or any form of contact with management, she plans to get a lawyer.

ECU students and other tenants deserve answers from the apartment complexes about the terrible conditions and management should not ignore the situation. Students deserve a public apology from the apartment complexes’ management and to know the means they plan to take to solve these problems.



Discrimination is not political

Williams' World



Giana Williams
TEC STAFF

During the middle of summer break, an Instagram account called “Dear ECU” caught my eye after hearing about the page from a news story published by The East Carolinian. The account received a lot of buzz over the summer due to its content that spread awareness of the racial micro and macro aggressions toward minorities which take place at East Carolina University and in the Greenville area.

The goal of this account moved me but reading each submission hurts and angers me. Reading about those who had to deal with these racist encounters just made me feel unsettled. At the time I first viewed this page, I never had a blatantly racist experience in my life. It was always micro aggressions or backhanded compliments such as I “talk or act white for a Black girl” or I was the “perfect” skin complexion for a Black girl, but never in my almost 20 years being on Earth would I have thought I would have witnessed a racist experience until recently.

While working at my part-time job on Saturday around 8 a.m., I checked out a customer’s groceries. He was an old white male and could be about the same age as my grandfather. Other than wearing a face mask, the man was also wearing a full trench coat and snow gloves. It kind of confused me since North Carolina is usually very humid and warm in the mornings, but I didn’t think too much of it because maybe he



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Outside window of the LGBTQ Resource Center reminding ECU students all Black lives matter.

was protecting himself since we’re in the middle of a pandemic. Checking out the guy was fine with no problem, but the actions he did afterward made me raise an eyebrow.

As the guy started to leave, he suddenly started signally with his hand, yelling at my coworker (who is Black) to move out of his way because “we’re supposed to be six feet apart.” But proceeded to walk in between three white customers who were coming into the store just fine. The action shocked all of the workers who were also working at the front end of the store because it was a weird experience for all of us.

All of us came together and talked about how ignorant the man was because, for one, he exited out the wrong door when the store is currently set up for customers to enter one way and exit a different way due to COVID-19. Two,

he could’ve gone around my coworker because it was so much open space around her from both sides. Three, why did he specifically yell at my coworker to move out his way but not the other three customers who were coming towards his direction?

I’m not saying that I wasn’t surprised by this experience because I work in a more closed-minded town filled with older people, but I was in full shock. It made me realize that even though society tells us racism “no longer exists,” it sadly does still exist, and not just systematically. Some old people who are still “stuck in their ways” and proceed to carry this racist ideology to their children is just one of the many problems we have in America right now.

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Campus outbreaks are inevitable

Hoop's Hot Scoop



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As thousands of East Carolina University students returned to the Greenville campus last week, social distancing measures were put in place across campus but students still went out and socialized off-campus.

I completely understand the feeling of fear that you may miss out on your early college experience. The freshman class of ECU missed the second half of their senior year and they, as well as returning students, have a very different college experience this fall.

It is no secret that a big part of one’s college experience is socialization and parties. This is how many of us meet our lifelong friends and make memories that last. However, partying in the midst of a pandemic will ultimately lead to a ruined year for everyone.

ECU has done a phenomenal job of setting up social distancing measures and sanitation stations across campus. The block scheduling is also incredibly smart, limiting the number of students on campus at one time and allowing for more cleaning time in between classes.

Even with all of these measures in place, they will be of no use if students neglect to

“The parties will always be there. Some people who may contract the virus because of your reckless actions may not be.”

-Sarah Hooper

follow them on weekends. Yesterday University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill moved all online due to multiple cluster outbreaks. A party of 400 people was broken up off ECU’s campus about a week ago, and made it onto the Daily Mail, an international news outlet. Having the image of ECU students socializing in the midst of a pandemic is disgraceful and does nothing to help our image, reputation and pride at ECU.

Not only does going to large scale events with people who are not wearing masks dangerous in a pandemic, it’s downright selfish. If a student is on campus all week and then goes to a party and exposes themselves to the coronavirus and ends up contracting it, they could spread it to many other people by going back into their residence halls and seeing their professors each week.

On Sunday, ECU Alert sent a text out about a cluster of coronavirus cases in Gateway Residence Hall. While ECU is limiting the number of people in and out of dorms, I feel that an outbreak is inevitable if parties off

campus continue - the prime example being the cluster already discovered in Gateway. The freshmen who so badly want a normal freshman year may have that taken away because of their other classmates’ “need” to party.

Just this past weekend, I heard countless parties in my own apartment complex and saw many of my acquaintances post about parties that they attended this weekend. There’s a way to socialize during a pandemic without going into a crowded house filled with strangers that you don’t know.

I say this from the bottom of my heart, please do not go to parties on weekends. Not only will this send everyone on-campus home again, it will also ruin the in-person experience of classes for students of all ages at ECU. The parties will always be there. Some people who may contract the virus because of your reckless actions may not be.

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Open Mic Night
The Blackened Kraken
 123 E 5th St.
 8 to 11:30 p.m.
 252-215-8822

TOMORROW

College Night
Stumpy's Hatchet House
 816 Dickinson Ave.
 5 to 10 p.m.
 252-751-0300

Tapas and Jazz
Starlight Cafe
 104 W 5th St.
 5:30 to 10 p.m.
 252-707-9033

General Knowledge Trivia
Uptown Brewing Company
 418 Evans St.
 7 to 10 p.m.
 252-689-6487

FRIDAY

CRW Friday Float
Student Recreation Center
 E 7th St.
 3:30 to 6:30 p.m.
 252-328-6387

Anita's Taqueria
Pitt Street Brewing Company
 630 S Pitt St.
 6 to 10 p.m.
 252-227-4151

REVIEW

'Project Power' is intense, action-packed



Yasmine Curmon-ward
 TEC COLUMNIST

Netflix's new sci-fi action movie "Project Power," released on Aug. 14, and rated R for violence and bloody images, delivers an intense action packed story with insights of government corruption, experimental drugs and injustice.

The movie was directed by Henry Joost and Ariel Schlma with scriptwrite by Mattson Tomlin, and it is described on Netflix as gritty and exciting. The movie is trending at number one on Netflix in the United States.

The movie's cinematography shots and focuses are perfect, and they continued to get the message across on screen. The movie could have featured popular streets in New Orleans to get a better feel of the environment, but the lack of New Orleans sights did not take away from the storyline. The viewer has to pay attention to small details or movements to make sense of what is going on in the movie.

The special effects and makeup are creative as well, and make the movie realistic and exciting. The best scene of the movie is when Newt (Machine Gun Kelly) overdoses on the power drug while fighting Jamie Foxx's character, Art.

One of the main characters Robin (Dominique Fishback) is in a desperate situation, taking care of her mother who needs money for surgery and believes that selling the power drug is the only way for them to survive. Robin gets thrown into conflict with Art and Frank (Joseph Gordon-Lewitt), a cop who uses the power drug, but later works with them for a bigger cause.

In the film, Art was given radiation when he was a soldier in the military because the government wanted to make superheroes. He became a "lab rat" to be studied and his daughter (Kyanna



Jamie Foxx, who plays Art in "Project Power," in one of the scenes in the movie, which was released on Netflix on Aug. 14.

Simone Simpson) was taken from him because she showed signs to have powers as well.

The movie shows a constant theme of the government being corrupt and is not for the people. There is an underlying message about how the government and the system is not built for black women. Art encourages Robin to find what her power is and to use that to make it in life because "the system is designed to swallow you whole," according to Art.

The story of Henrietta Lacks, a black woman whose tumor cells were taken for research without or consent in 1951, is mentioned by a white woman (Amy Landecker) working for the government, justifying taking Art's daughter for research would help human evolution.

All the characters' acting was believable and made you feel that you were not watching a movie. Foxx's character shows that you cannot judge a book by its cover, as at the start of the movie he seems to have different motives. As the movie progresses, he opens up about

his life and the audience can connect and empathize with what he is going through.

Frank is a similar type of character as well because he wanted to bring about justice for his city to the point of what he felt was necessary. Doing the right thing does not allow you to go by the book. He is in conflict with his captain (Courtney B. Vance) who does not want his staff to use the drug to fight crime, but Frank has reasons to believe his captain is working with the company Teleios that is selling the power drug.

This movie is highly recommended for people who enjoy action, violence and heart in a movie. The underlying messages are relatable and the cinematography is excellent.

RATING:



5 out of 5

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Social moved online

Harold Bloomfield
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The Jesse R. Peel LGBTQ Center will host a virtual Welcome Back Social for students today at noon and tomorrow at 5:30 p.m. to relay information about the center, programs and opportunities it has for students.

Mark Rasdorf, senior associate director for the Jesse R. Peel LGBTQ center, said he will host the Welcome Back Social alongside other staff members to introduce East Carolina University's new and returning students to the center.

Rasdorf said he had to cut back on the amount of guest speakers and the usual dinner the center would have due to the social being held in a virtual format rather than face-to-face. He said he will allot time for students to converse with each other in hopes to keep it as similar to the usual Welcome Back Social the center would typically host.

"The impact of COVID-19 means we are going to have to work harder to reach students, especially for first year students and transfer students," Rasdorf said. "One of our goals this year is to do the best we can and work harder to reach students. We are here to support students in any way we can."

Jessica Mellowski, assistant director for the LGBTQ center, will work with Rasdorf to make the virtual Welcome Back Social as informative and interactive as possible, she said in an email statement.

Usually, the Welcome Back Social would have more activities to encourage fellowship, according to Mellowski. Food and other guest speakers would be involved if it wasn't held virtually but because of COVID-19 that feature had to be sacrificed, according to Mellowski.

"Every year, the center holds a Fall Welcome and Social (event) to gather together for dinner, fellowship and to learn about the programs the center has plans for that semester," Mellowski said.

Mellowski said the Welcome Back Social will include an overview of the center's history, staff introduction and highlight the resources offered. She said the staff will talk about programs coming up within the next couple of months.

The LGBTQ center has taken mandatory mask and social distancing measures to make sure everyone is safe, according to Mellowski. She said the staff



Jordan Gaskin in the Jesse R. Peel LGBTQ Center.

has increased the center's social media presence to reach more people.

"Our center is a resource, referral, educational and social space for the entire campus. We plan to do everything in our power to continue the same level of programming and support that we always have, just in creative ways that prioritize safety," Mellowski said.

Ricky Chandler, a sophomore nursing major, said he visits the LGBTQ center regularly and finds it to be a great place to be.

Chandler said the staff was welcoming toward him and he found the center to be a good place to go to. The center has many resources, programs and is a "good place" to spend time as a bisexual male, he said.

"Even though I went to the Welcome Back Social last year, it (the LGBTQ center's social) is still good to support, and I wanted to show that support and regardless (of) if it is face-to-face or through video chat, it is still good to connect with people," Chandler said.

More information on the Welcome Back Social can be found on the LGBTQ center's website.

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Aries (March 21-April 19) — Today is an 8 — With Mercury entering Virgo, your work and health get more interesting. Find efficient tricks. Balance physical health, wellness and creative projects. Learn from experts.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) — Today is an 8 — Make bold declarations. For three weeks, with Mercury in Virgo, it's easier to put your feelings into words. Express your affection. Communicate your love.

Gemini (May 21-June 20) — Today is an 8 — Infuse love and creativity into your home over three weeks, with Mercury in Virgo. Decorate, beautify and add ambiance. Solutions arise in family conversation.

Cancer (June 21-July 22) — Today is a 9 — You're especially brilliant, with Mercury in Virgo. Creative communications flower. Talk about subjects dear to your heart. Express gratitude and acknowledgment. Honor someone helpful.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) — Today is a 9 — Communication gets profitable, with Mercury in Virgo. Network, wheel and deal for positive cash flow over three weeks. Connect to share support and strengthen bonds.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Today is a 9 — Your natural charm and artistic creativity get enhanced over three weeks, with Mercury in your sign. Speak out powerfully. Make important connections. Reach out.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Today is an 8 — Introspection, writing and organization provide peaceful restoration, with Mercury in Virgo. Take time for ritual, meditation, spiritual and philosophical thinking. Listen to what's inside.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Today is an 8 — Your team grows stronger over three weeks, with Mercury in Virgo. Friends help you advance. Get more done faster by committee. Play your part.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Today is a 9 — Advance your career through networking and communication. Edit and refine the messaging, with Mercury in Virgo. Pay attention, respond quickly and focus on details.

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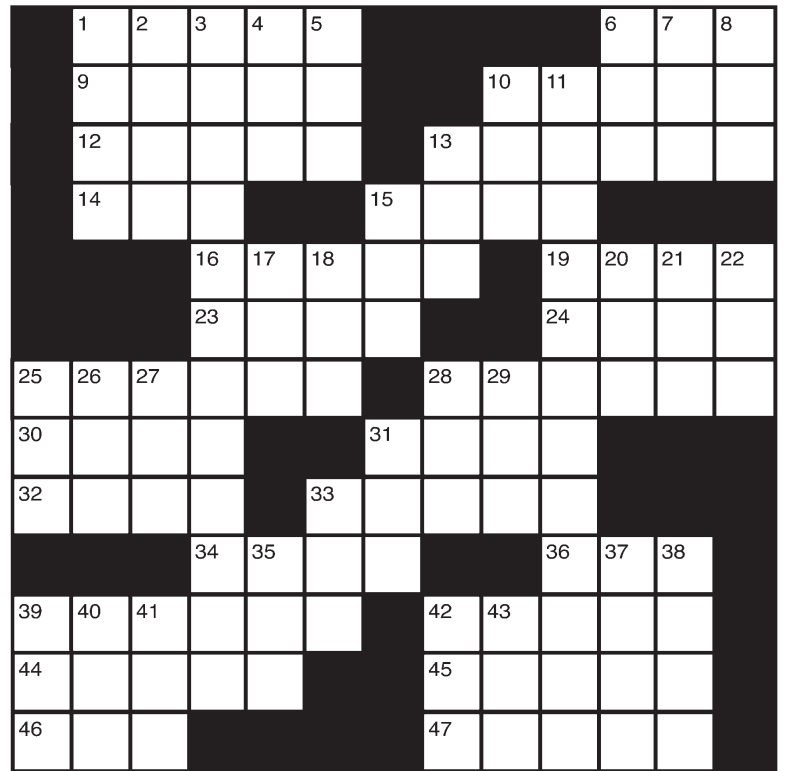
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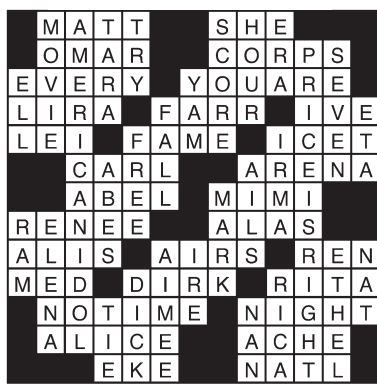
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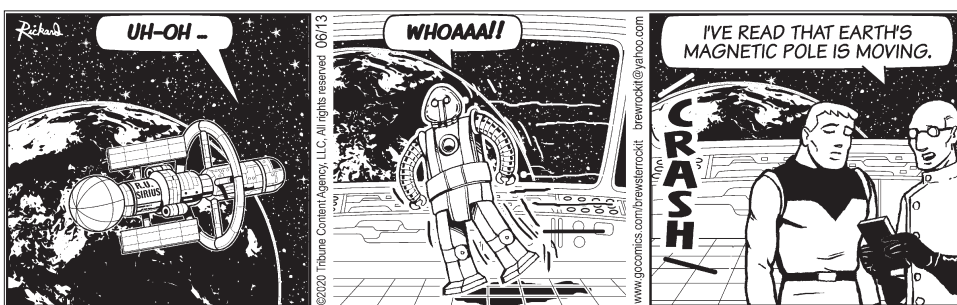
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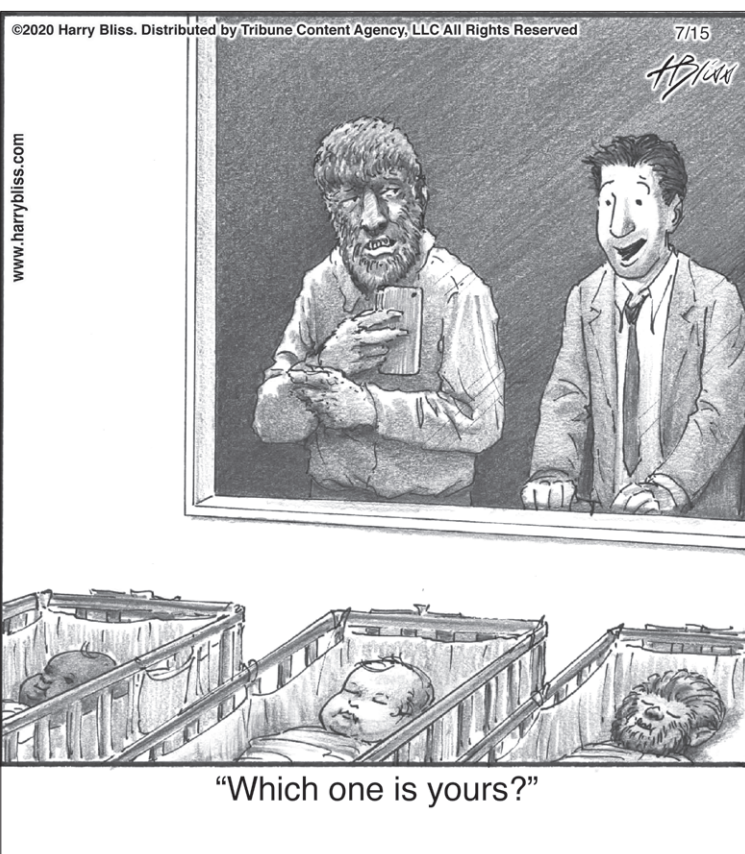
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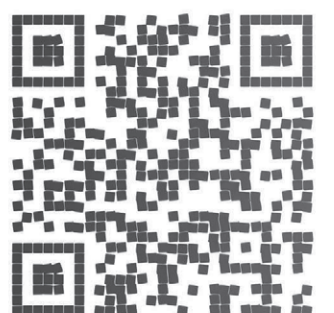
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» ANALYSIS

Athletes' voices should be heard

The insight and opinions of ECU student-athletes are worth hearing



Dylan Woolard
TEC STAFF

Sports in the United States of America have become one of the most lucrative businesses in the world in part due to its plethora of personalities, both famous and infamous with fans and the community around them.

Those same personalities that could be building small empires on the backs of their own names, talents and futures are expected to sit and wait while a university of their choice builds its own empire.

Descriptive words such as “moxy,” “good spirited” and “leader,” are all terms that scouts in any sport will feed management when a player’s personality is in line with what the team would like to do. The question remains though, how can college athletes put themselves on display for potential suitors at the next level if their university does not allow them to speak to the media?

That question is in need of answering at East Carolina University. Since the COVID-19 pandemic caused ECU to finish the spring 2020 semester with full online instruction in mid-to-late March, the university has restricted the media’s access to its student-athletes. The decision to keep athletes from speaking now is as confusing as ever.

So much is happening today in the U.S., whether it be social injustice issues, political movements or a global pandemic. People in the U.S. typically look to television personalities, movie stars, musical artists and especially athletes for their answers on topics like this, so why make the decision to coddle and hide your student-athletes from a community that looks up to and wants to hear from them?



ECU inside receiver Tyler Snead tucks the football high and tight during practice reps at fall camp.

Junior starting quarterback for the Pirate football team, Holton Ahlers is from Greenville, North Carolina and played high school football at D.H. Conley High School. His father, Morgan Ahlers, is the public address announcer for ECU men’s basketball and football. A family so deeply ingrained in the culture of the community and familiar with what is healthy for the town has been silent through it all.

Ahlers’ voice is one that could only do right by ECU and Greenville. He was named to the 2020 Wuerffel Trophy Pre-season Watch List which is a community service award handed out to college football’s top community leader. ECU needs to

let its outstanding student-athletes speak. These student-athletes’ voices are invaluable and their impact on the community could be immeasurable, but instead they’re held in check and remain silent.

Perhaps ECU is concerned that its student-athletes will speak out against the school’s best interests. That seems unlikely right now though as the school and its athletic conference in the American Athletic Conference (AAC) have continued to push for a near normal start to the 2020 college football season and student-athletes across the nation have also been largely in favor of playing in 2020.

Student-athletes saying otherwise are

calling for things like players unions within their affiliated conferences or elevated precautions as it pertains to COVID-19. Neither of which is in opposition to ECU’s agenda. Players unions and added precautions can only mean a safer and more secure college football season during this pandemic. In fact, a players union of some variety might ensure that student-athletes are allowed to speak on their own terms.

Instead, we’re left with this archaic system that resembles ownership over individuals. A student that doesn’t play sports for the university and simply pays tuition to attend classes is afforded the right to say whatever he or she would like to say. However, a student-athlete who helps earn millions of dollars a year for his or her university is left to do and say what the university asks of them.

Not only is this a frustrating system that can leave student-athletes disadvantaged, but students who exist as members of the media are affected as well. The lack of content when a reporter isn’t allowed to speak with sources creates this false display of inefficiency and poor use of one’s resources. In reality, ECU’s decision to keep players quiet and away from members of the media, student-media even, is detrimental to its student body and community.

The main point for joining the student newspaper at ECU or any school for that matter is to build a portfolio and to advance your skills as a reporter, editor, amongst other positions. Minimum or no access to student-athletes as a sports reporter cuts your weekly content in half and can leave stories short and without quotes from the people that are actually preparing and playing games.

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Season to begin

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Between cancelled matches and a pandemic ridden off-season, the East Carolina University women’s soccer team may have faced changes, but is still scheduled to play soccer in the fall regardless.

ECU women’s soccer head coach Jason Hamilton will enter his third year with the Pirates, and while off of a 5-10-3 season in 2019, the current season will see some changes, according to Hamilton.

“Change is always hard,” Hamilton said. “From everyday protocols to try to keep everyone safe, to the constant changing information. We are just taking it one day at a time with what is in front of us that day.”

The American Athletic Conference (AAC) Board of Directors announced on Aug. 5 its plans for the women’s soccer season this fall. The plan includes playing an in-conference eight-match round robin schedule starting Sep. 6, and will have the four-team AAC Women’s Soccer Championship in early November.

The AAC will allow teams to play non-conference opponents if they meet the COVID-19 testing guidelines set by the AAC’s Medical Advisory Group, but only if the teams were set to meet by Sep. 1. Subsequently, the Pirates had to cancel their first six matches against Longwood University, Old Dominion University, High Point University, The University of South Carolina, Virginia Commonwealth University and The College of William & Mary.

Currently, the Pirates are scheduled to face-off against Duke University on Sep. 1, which will be the first time in 10 months that the team plays against someone in a different color jersey. Coach Hamilton said this off-season has given the team more time together before play.

“I think this has given us more time than usual which is a good thing,” Jason Hamilton said. “We are typically given six to 10 days to be together as a group prior to our first competition and that is really hard to get everything covered. This extended time to talk about things in more detail and prepare is something



ECU goalie Melanie Stiles receives a shot attempt.

we look at as a positive.”

Even though the Pirates have had this extended off-season, Hamilton said they do not care who they play. He said the team is excited to go out and play against another.

“I think we have a very strong schedule,” Hamilton said. “We just want to get out there and compete regardless of the opponent. Having the spring season cancelled, it has been a long time since seeing an opponent.”

The Pirates have a senior class made up of 10 players who all have played together over the past few years. They are led by redshirt senior goalkeeper Melanie Stiles and senior defender Kim Sanford. Both players have shown consistency in their numbers for the Pirates.

Stiles transferred from Clemson University after her redshirt freshman season. In her first year with the Pirates, she started all 19 games and finished with an average of 1.17 goals allowed and had a save percentage which ranked her second in the AAC.

Last year for the Pirates, Stiles yet again started every game at goalkeeper. She finished with the most saves (91) for an ECU goalkeeper since 2015 and recorded six shutouts which lead her to her first career All-Conference honor.

Sanford has played a pivotal role for the Pirates since her true freshman campaign. Sanford started all 18 matches as a freshman and recorded second-most minutes played on the team (1,496). In her sophomore, season Sanford set new career-highs with two goals and three assists.

Last year for the Pirates, Sanford became the leader of the defense as she led with 1,684 minutes played and was named to the AAC All-Conference Second Team along with the AAC All-Academic Team.

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