

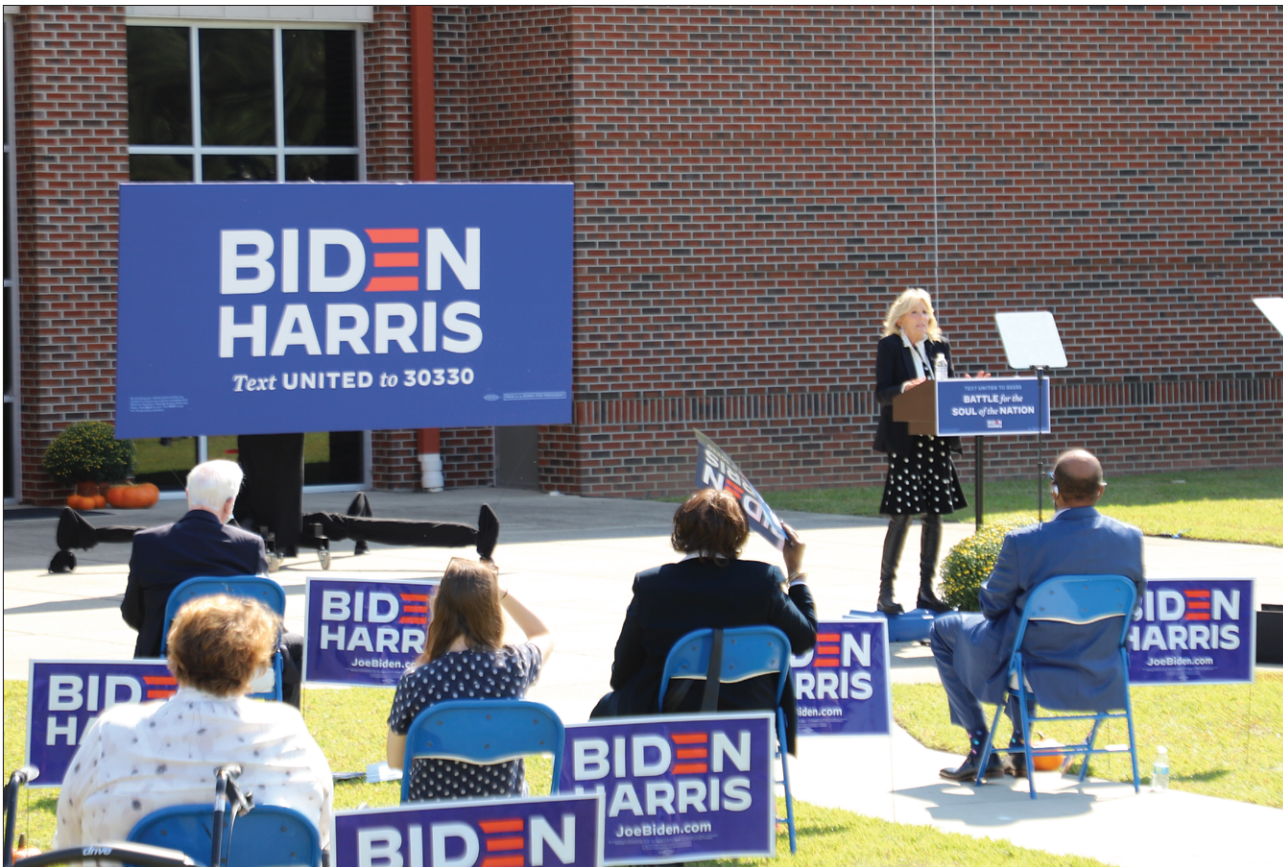


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Jill Biden, wife of presidential nominee Joe Biden, addresses supporters of her husband's campaign at Pitt Community College Tuesday afternoon.

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## ASA hosts virtual series for members

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The Autistic Students Alliance has adjusted its programs to continue to support the autistic community at East Carolina University while classes remain online.

Ellie Maye, the president and founder of the Autistic Students Alliance, said the organization is based off of autism acceptance and is led entirely by autistic people. She said many autistic students at ECU had long felt that discussions about autism should involve those on the spectrum directly.

Maye said the organization will launch the Autism Careers Program, a four-part series that discusses how to get started in the workforce as an autistic person in society. She said the series will include a panel of guest speakers, presentations on how to interview and discussions on how to be successful in the workplace environment as an autistic person.

"The careers program (Autism in Careers) is all about addressing inequalities faced by Autistic people in barriers of employment. We have consulted with a variety of people to make a great series of presentations. We will be making recorded versions of the first part, and uploading those adaptations to YouTube in the coming week," Maye said.

The first of the four part series was held on Sept. 23, according to its website. The first installment allowed for members of the ASA to hear about the experience of an autistic professional, the website said. ECU Career Services and the College of Business also talked at the event.

ASA has found great success since its creation but has faced many challenges in recent months alongside many other groups across campus, according to Maye. The COVID-19 pandemic has forced many to move their meetings and gatherings online, which includes ASA, but Maye said she decided to take this obstacle as an opportunity to branch out and spread their audience to the public.

"Instead of just sitting around and complaining about there not being a solution, we decided to be the solution," Maye said.

The ASA has launched an array of initiatives such as discussions with faculty groups on how they can accept and include autistic students in the classroom. The ASA leads programs geared toward the empowerment of autistic students and hosts workshops that provide guidance for the ECU autistic student population as they adjust on campus and to adulthood, according to Maye.

After ECU transitioned to remote instruction for undergraduate courses, ASA went to a virtual format and has reached a wider audience due to this shift, according to Maye. She said that ASA also initiated virtual meetings that included both its

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## Jill Biden stops in Pitt County

### Former Second Lady encourages unity amid pandemic

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Jill Biden, former Second Lady, came to Greenville on Oct. 6 for a Biden for President North Carolina Get Out the Vote Rally at Pitt Community College.

Jill Biden said it is important to create a plan on how people will vote. She encouraged early voting and said it's important to talk to friends and family about voting plans, encourage others and get involved.

Jill Biden

"Early voting starts here on October 15," Jill Biden said. "But if you already have a ballot, turn it in as soon as you can and if you don't, make a plan now, right now, to vote."

Jill Biden said people need to believe their communities are stron-

ger than the challenges they face. She said together, voices are more powerful than ever and people need to show their power to decide what happens in this election.

Joe Biden has listened and brought people together his entire career, according to Jill Biden.

"He (Joe Biden) will be a president for all Americans," Jill Biden said. "And he has a plan for all Americans to end this pandemic, to rebuild, to reimagine a future that's better than ever."

This plan is to give students a chance to go to two years of community college without debt, to protect pre-existing conditions, to create a public health insurance option so that everyone can afford healthcare and to bring down prescription drug costs, according to Jill Biden.

Community colleges benefit students in many ways, Jill Biden said. She said one of her favorite aspects of community colleges is that they're able to meet students where they are

with flexible classes and programs.

Don Davis, representative in the North Carolina Senate for District 5, said the election is down to the wire, and that it is important people vote in November. Davis said Jill Biden's commitment to students and community colleges is important due to the need for higher education.

"It's great to have (Jill Biden) in Greenville, great to hear the reassuring words of the importance of higher education, of community college and obviously a lot of students will go on and transfer from the community college into our UNC (University of North Carolina) System, so this is what it's about," Davis said.

Eastern North Carolina faces a lot of challenges, according to Davis.

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## Pirates seek first win

### Team hits the road to play USF down south

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On the road for the second week in a row, the East Carolina University football team (0-2, 0-1 AAC) will travel to Tampa, Florida to challenge the University of South Florida (1-2, 0-1 AAC) on Oct. 10 at 7 p.m.

The Pirates continue to look for their first win of the season after losing back-to-back games by at least 20 points. The season opener was spoiled by the University of Central Florida (2-1, 1-1 AAC) with a final score of 51-28 and the first road game of the season was a loss to Georgia State University (1-1, 0-1 SBC) last week with a final score of 49-29.

USF is coming off of a 28-7 loss in a conference match-up against the University of Cincinnati (3-0, 1-0 AAC). Earlier this season, USF was shut out against the University of Notre Dame (2-0, 1-0), losing 52-0. The only win for the Bulls came against The Citadel (0-3, 0-0 SoCon), with a final score of 27-6.

While the Pirates have yet to win a game in the 2020 season, the conference matchup against USF presents an opportunity to move up in the American Athletic Conference (AAC) ranks. Both teams are on a two-game loss streak and currently sit at the bottom of the ranks. ECU head coach Mike Houston said the Pirates' failures to this point of the season are not due to a lack of effort from players.

"The one thing that really does piss me off is when people take shots at the kids," Houston said. "Because if there is any group that it's not their fault and they're trying very hard to do what we're asking them to do and they want to go out and play at a high level, it's our players."

The quarterback matchup between the two teams pits junior quarterback Holton Albers against the Bulls' sophomore



Mike Houston

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Under Phase 3 of North Carolina's COVID-19 reopening plan, bars and clubs have reopened at reduced capacity.

## Bars, clubs reopen

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TEC STAFF

Bars and clubs in Greenville, North Carolina, are back open after Governor Roy Cooper announced the start of Phase 3 on Sept. 30, which allowed for the establishments to open to the public at 5 p.m. on Oct. 2.

With the Phase 3 order, bars and clubs may operate outdoors at 30% capacity, or 100

guests, whichever is less. The 11 p.m. curfew on alcohol sales for in-person consumption still applies, and is extended until Oct. 23, according to Cooper's order.

Greenville bar owners and employees have mixed feelings about Cooper's new order. Tony Frazier, the owner of Fifth Street Distillery and Annex, said while he is pleased to be able to open his bar, he's not sure about the measures bars have to follow.

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### ONLINE

»NEWS: Black Student Union hosts Black Lives Matter march

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## BRIEFS

## ECU SAB to host canvas painting

Today, ECU Student Activities Board will host an event where students may paint their own canvas. Canvas painting kits will be provided to students and the event lasts from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. in the Main Campus Student Center.

## Financial Management to host third meeting

Today, the previous president of the Financial Management Association Tess Snider will speak on her position as financial solutions advisor at Bank of America, Merrill Lynch virtually from 6 to 7 p.m. via Webex.

## GPSS to host virtual playlist bingo

Today, playlist bingo will be hosted by Graduate and Professional Student Senate online. 75\$ gift cards will be awarded and a 250\$ cash prize will be awarded for the final game. Bingo will last from 7 to 8 p.m. and the link can be found on GPSS' Engage page.

## Greenville City Council to convene

Today, Greenville City Council will convene virtually to discuss multiple ordinances as well as discuss the design firms who will build a new community pool and the Epps Recreation Center. The stream will begin at 6 p.m. and link to the City Council's meeting can be found on the City of Greenville's website.

## POTSA to host regular meeting

Tonight, members of the Pre-occupational Therapy Student Association will have the chance to speak with former members of the organization who are currently in occupational programs. The events will take place from 7 to 8 p.m., and the link to the event may be found on the POTSA Engage Page.

## Campus Rec and Wellness holds Fit Friday

Tomorrow, ECU Campus Recreation and Wellness will host Fit Friday. Students will be encouraged to stay active virtually through their social media accounts from Noon-1 p.m.

## CORRECTIONS &amp; CLARIFICATIONS

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Career Services adjusted its Job and Internship Fair to an online format to follow guidelines set by ECU during the COVID-19 pandemic regarding large gatherings.

# Job and Internship Fair returns

Students will have the opportunity to meet virtually with potential employers

Michelle Mazzei  
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The annual Job and Internship Fair hosted by East Carolina University Career Services premiered yesterday to registered students where local and national employers were available for students to talk to and potentially interview with.

Tom Halasz, director of Career Services' Operating Division, said these career fairs are created to help ECU students connect with organizations and find more job opportunities for the future.

"Students have the opportunity during this fair to take part in group sessions which would be an opportunity for them to learn more about the employers and the opportunities they have," Halasz said. "There will also be one-on-one sessions, not interviews, but it's a very important interaction where students can talk more about themselves and why they are interested in the organization."

Forty-eight organizations from all around the country tuned into the event yesterday, Halasz said. There are typically around 100 organizations who partake in these fairs when they are face-to-face, but due to COVID-19, the economy and an online conversion, there is a decrease, according to Halasz. He said he thinks there could have been a decrease in the number of students who participate in this event due to virtual circumstances.

In the past, half the time for the event was dedicated to the Job and Internship Fair and the other half was for student interviews, Halasz said. Since the event had been made virtual, there were 1,500 one-on-one sessions the organizations planned to conduct at the event. Halasz said students had the opportunity to sign up for these sessions during the virtual event



Tom Halasz

"Employers will discuss what their organizations do and we highly encourage students to do research prior to the event," Halasz said. "That way they don't spend the entire interaction learning about the employer but rather they impress the employer with their knowledge and desire to come work for them."

Halasz said throughout face-to-face events, students get jobs and internships directly from the fair and this virtual event was no different as these organizations look to hire ECU graduate and undergraduate students.

Career Services helps students to prepare for job interviews and further job opportunities, Halasz said. There are videos on the Handshake website distributed through Career Services that shows how individuals can conduct job searches and how they should conduct themselves during the fair.

"The academic experience students have had this year has been disrupted," Halasz said. "We had students going through finals and starting new classes these past couple weeks. Students are really good at keeping a focus on their academic schedules, but it's been really challenging for students to pivot their focus on their job and internship search."

Lee Brown, director of the College of Business Career Center, said because the Job and Internship Fair was made virtual, it had been a challenge to communicate with and get the information out to students about this event. Brown said students have been sent numerous emails about this event and have asked how to sign up.

Typically, 30% to 40% of students who attend are business majors, according to Brown, and he said although the number of students will be lower, he suspects the majority were still be business majors.

"It is a really good opportunity for the students, and I mean any student whether they're freshmen, juniors or sophomores," Brown said. "A lot of times the perception of career fairs are just for those students who are

graduating and that's not the case at all. Every student should be involved in the career fair, whether it's looking for an internship or jobs or networking with employers to learn more about the opportunities within their field."

Students should have signed up for this event through Handshake as they were not able to attend if they did not, Brown said. He said the sooner students registered, the more time they had to select which group and one-on-one sessions they want to attend.

Assistant Director and Internship Coordinator for the College of Business Career Center Melissa Parks said there was a virtual Health and Wellness Career Fair on Sept. 17. She said there will be a virtual Engineering and Technology Fair on Oct. 14 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Parks said these events are designed to connect students further with internships or with future employees.

"There will be great contacts and connections to make at this event, including companies like the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC), Enterprise, NetApp, Sherwin Williams, Lowe's, Live Oak Bank and many more," Parks said. "It's a great chance to meet and network with employers in their chosen field of study, as well as practice their pitch statement and how to properly engage potential employers."

Students can schedule an appointment to meet with their career counselor through the Career Services website or they can email career services, Parks said. She said students can go onto the Career Services website to watch any of the Career Services workshops in order to further their knowledge or obtain information about job searches, interviews with employers, resumes or prospective careers.

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Melissa Parks



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G.K. Butterfield, who serves for the U.S. House for District 1 in N.C., addresses the audience at the rally.

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The economy took a hit due to COVID-19, health challenges and education. He said he has encouraged everyone he knows to go and vote.

Davis said there will be multiple sites on East Carolina's campus such as the Main Campus Student Center or the Willis Building with more sites across the county.

"The word today is realize the importance of making your voice heard in this process," Davis said.

Representative for the North Carolina House for District 8 Kandie Smith attended the rally and said Jill Biden's speech made her feel a sense of unity.

It is important to vote so everyone's voice may be heard, Smith said. America is

at a pivotal moment, according to Smith, and there have been two times in American history where a president hasn't been for a second term. She said now is the time to change American's history in order to come back together as a country.



Kandie Smith

"This vote will affect us for years to come, so I think young people have to understand that the decisions they make now will affect them later," Smith said. "A lot of the time, the younger individuals, we're used to them living in the now. We can do that, but the world has changed, you have to look at your future."

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## ASA continued from A1

members and the public, created a YouTube channel for meeting recaps and posted regularly on its social media platforms. Maye said there is variation between each individual's experience with online classes.

"Autistic traits are very broad (and in some ways contradictory) from person to person," Maye said. "Many autistic people I have heard are struggling with online classes for a variety of reasons, while on the contrary I have seen some who felt the opposite."

The adjustment in the past few weeks has particularly been tough for many, with many students being forced to move back home due to ECU's transition to online classes for the entirety of the fall semester, Maye said. With this in mind, she said some have found online classes to help eliminate the distraction of campus life.

"(COVID-19 has been) a really mixed bag so to speak. There are many variables to consider, both positive and negative," Maye said in reference to the varying effects the pandemic had on autistic members of the organization.

Though they face many difficulties during this time, the Autistic Students Alliance will continue to meet and make an impact on the campus, according to Maye. She said she hopes to grow a great network of advocates and continue to help ECU create an inclusive and adaptive environment for the autistic student population.

Treasurer for the ASA Reagan Anderson described the organization as all-inclusive

and acknowledges the Autism Spectrum and Asperger's, especially those who have made it part of their identity. She said that ASA raises more awareness and provides a more in-depth understanding of autism for those who are a part of the organization.

"If I could compare ASA to other autism organizations, it would be that it provides more information and insight about the Autism Spectrum as well as those with Asperger's," Anderson said.

ASA member Taylor Hicks, who is also a junior art major, said she considers herself neurotypical, so she wasn't originally sure what autism was and how it affected people. She said she nervously attended the first meeting to see what the organization was all about. Hicks said she didn't know she'd become an official member at first, but after having such a great experience with the group, she decided to join to further her knowledge about autism.

"I would ask questions about the group or autism in general, and when they responded without hesitation and understanding, I also realized how open minded everyone was. I would become an official member of the group so I could further my knowledge about autism," Hicks said.

ASA meets once a week, and specific dates and more information is located on its website and on its Instagram and Twitter.

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Taylor Hicks

## OUR VIEW

### Community should support art fundraiser

The Jaycee Park Center for Arts and Crafts has begun its 10th annual Carter Williams Art Show and Fundraiser on Monday to help raise awareness for breast cancer.

Until Oct. 12, the art show and fundraiser will be held virtually due to COVID-19. The art pieces in the fundraiser will be posted on Jaycee's Facebook page where information on how individuals can purchase the art pieces will be provided with each photo. Individuals who are interested in purchasing the art pieces in the fundraiser, a staff member from the Jaycee Park Center for Arts and Crafts will reach out for payment and shipping information.

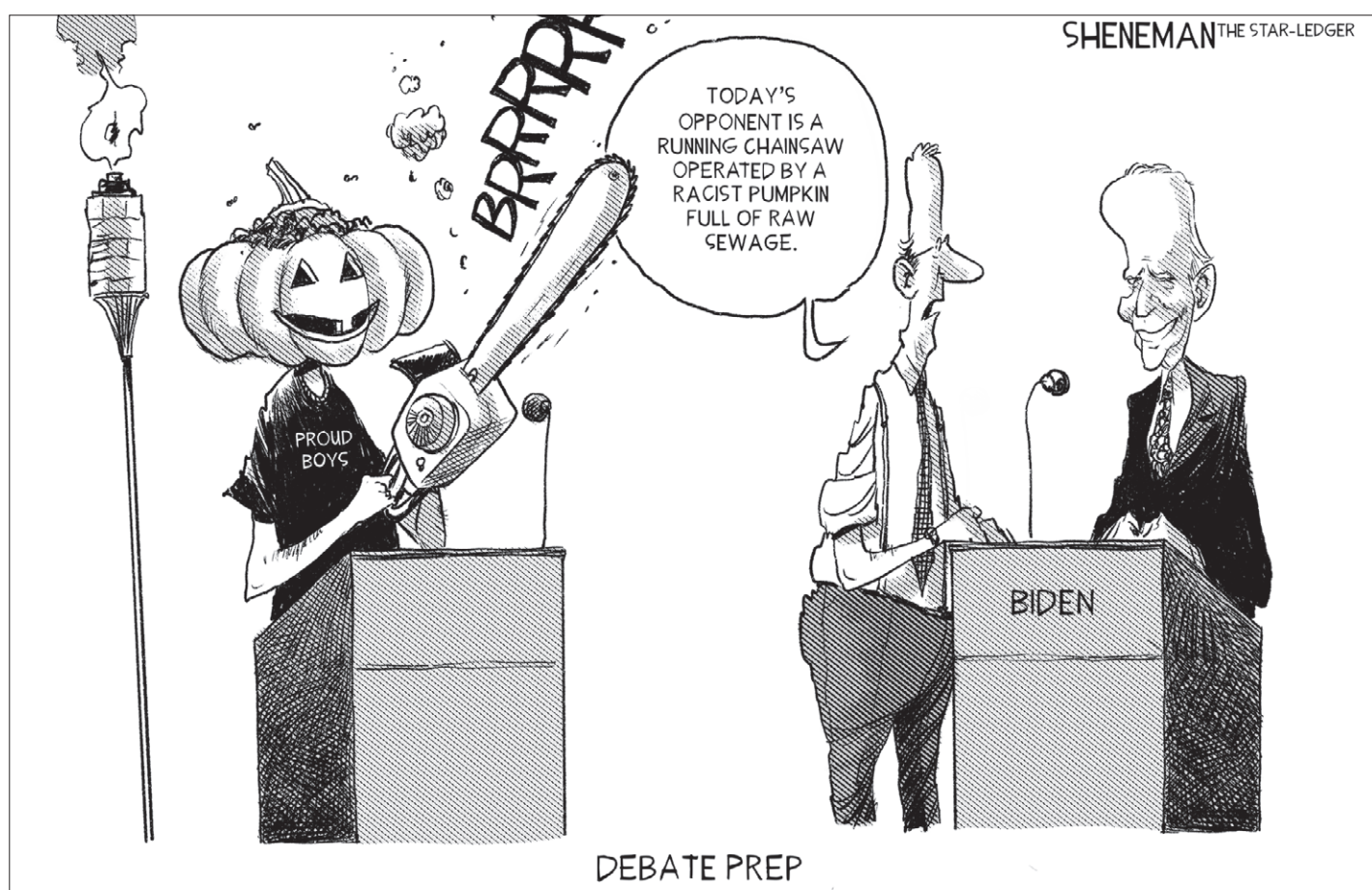
Those with limited internet access can schedule an appointment for an individual tour of the art selection as long as their temperature is below 100.4 degrees, hands are sanitized before entering the building, wear face coverings and refrain from touching the artworks. All the proceeds raised for the event will be donated to The National Breast Cancer Foundation.

We, the editorial staff of The East Carolinian, believe the Carter Williams Art Show and Fundraiser is a wonderful event for people to participate and support and fight to end breast cancer, especially since October is known as Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

Breast cancer is one of the most common cancers to occur in women in the U.S., according to The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Each year in the U.S., 250,000 cases of breast cancer are diagnosed in women and almost 2,300 in men. It is also the second leading cause of cancer death among women with about 42,000 women and 510 men in the U.S. die each year due to the illness.

The art show and fundraiser also gives the chance for people to support local, state and national artists. To continue to support local artists is essential now more than it has been in the past as COVID-19 may continue to affect the financial status of many artists.

We encourage people in the Greenville community to support the Jaycee Park Center for Arts and Crafts during this important fundraiser, especially when the goal of the event supports a good cause.



## Young adults must watch debates

### First-time voters should understand candidates' stances and positions

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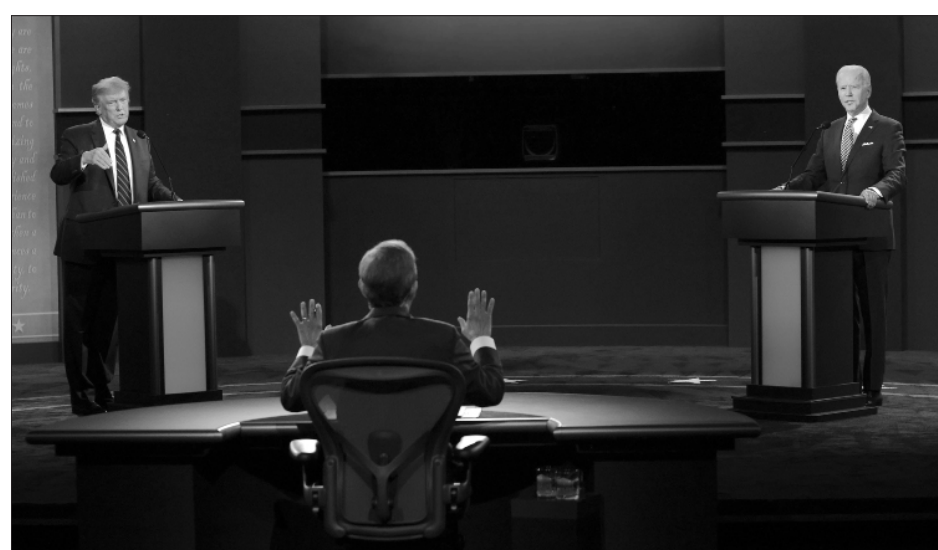
**Giana Williams**  
TEC STAFF

The first presidential debate took place on Sept. 29 and has been a hot topic on social media since that night. A lot of the responses from younger viewers were memes but in other instances, it was reactions from the comments that were said by both candidates, President Donald Trump and democratic candidate former Vice President Joe Biden.

Watching the first debate was cringe-worthy but interesting. I have never been seriously into politics until this year since this will be the first big election I will vote. So, understanding the candidates, their stances and political positions is very important to me right now because I don't want to vote for the wrong person.

That Tuesday night made me realize how important these presidential debates are, especially for first-time voters. Young people, ages 18 years or older, can joke around on social media about the events that took place during that debate, but this is not a joking matter at this point.

The younger generations represent a big chunk of eligible voters, so their votes will be important this year. That's why we keep seeing ads on our social media timeline screaming at us to register to vote, which by the way, the last day to register is tomorrow. As a college student, I do encourage



President Donald Trump and Joe Biden with moderator Chris Wallace during the Presidential Debate on the Sept. 29.

young people to not only register to vote but to also watch these debates. Election Day is only less than a month away, and unless there's a delay due to the increasing number of mail-in ballots. One of the candidates will become President of the United States for the next four years on Nov. 3. I understand that some of the candidates may not be a favorite to some, but either way, the vote will always matter and be appreciated.

The first 2020 United States vice presidential debate was yesterday. During that debate, I hope everyone paid attention to the vice president nominees political positions, how well they spoke and voiced their opinions and most importantly, how they treated their opponent.

Vice presidential debates are not often talked about or watched, but it's just as important as the presidential debate. The vice president nominees represent their running mate. Most of the time, the vice presidents' views are exactly, if not, almost similar to their running mate. So, it's important to watch them as they will be the second-in-command of leading the country.

I understand some people get a good laugh when politicians argue with each other. But in all seriousness, understand debates are important and voting for a wrong individual will impact the country.

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## Graduates struggle to find jobs in pandemic



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When the COVID-19 pandemic began at the end of my senior year of college, one of my first thoughts was what does this mean for me as a new graduate?

That's why you go to a four-year university, to in some way be employable at the end. I was scared.

Like most seniors in college, I had been planning my next steps since the fall of my senior year. I had already signed a lease to move 12-hours away to a new city and state with the confidence that my college experience would be enough to help me secure a position. I had been applying for jobs since September of 2019 and had even gotten a few interviews scheduled for later.

When the lockdown began in March, every single interview I had was canceled due to COVID-19. Every internship or job I had applied for sent out a mass email saying that due to the pandemic they would no longer be hiring. It was absolutely terrifying. I was already committed to begin paying rent in a new state beginning in July and I had nothing lined up to assure me that I could do that.

A lot of really hard decisions had to be made between March and April. I had to give up my apartment in Greenville in hopes to be able to save

**"Stop talking about how you know someone who knows someone who landed their dream job during the pandemic. Most importantly, just support them, love them and try to encourage them."**

-Jenna Price

whatever I would've been spending on those expenses over the summer until my move.

I began applying to any and every job posting in the area I was relocating to. It was hard because on the one hand, I wanted to be picky with whatever job I chose. One of my biggest fears was to end up at a job I absolutely hated. But on the other hand, my health insurance would expire after graduation and my savings wouldn't last past August.

I consider myself lucky. One job I applied for called me back and I went through the interview process. However, the company was on a hiring freeze and they couldn't tell me when they would be able to offer me a position. Fortunately, I was offered a job with them toward the end of June and began working in July.

Though this has a happy ending there are still a lot of things that didn't work out for me and many other graduates like we would've liked. I haven't had health insurance since June. My benefits begin with my new

job in October, but as someone who has chronic illnesses, it's been really hard dealing with the anxiety revolving around that. Though I love my job and I love the work I'm doing, not everyone has been as fortunate as me.

I have several friends who graduated in the spring with me who also took the first position they were offered and hate their jobs. I have even more friends who graduated who are still looking for jobs.

I wish I had useful tips for graduates, but unfortunately, I don't. I do have tips for the friends and family of those graduates. Stop asking them how the job hunt is going. Stop talking about how you know someone who knows someone who landed their dream job during the pandemic. Most importantly, just support them, love them and try to encourage them.

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## A.J. Beechler wins GCAA event

### ECU men's golfer victorious in tournament held at Pinehurst

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East Carolina University men's golf team junior A.J. Beechler won the Golf Coaches Association of America (GCAA) Amateur Series event at Pinehurst No. 6 by 3-strokes with an 11-under-par (72-68-65) on Sept. 27.

An ECU Pirates press release said the GCAA series is a string of tournaments for men's and women's collegiate golfers around the country and the only contingency is that players are only allowed to compete if they were on an active roster last season or are scheduled to be on an active roster this year. The series started in August and will continue through November.

"I grew up playing at No. 6 and I've had good luck on the course in the past," Beechler said in an ECU Pirates press release. "It was the most calm and nervous I've been in a tournament. Once I got to 8-under-par through 15 holes in the third round I was nervous, but I knew how to play the course so that helped me calm down."

The press release said Beechler was five strokes off the lead at the completion of the first round on Sept. 24, but responded with a 4-under-par (68) during his second round of 18 later that afternoon. He then moved within one stroke of the lead as they headed into the final round on Sept. 25.

Beechler began play on Sept. 25 on the back nine with an eagle on the par-5 10th hole. He went on to birdie three of the next five holes to move to 8-under-par before paring two of the final three to finish the final round at 7-under-par, according to the press release.

"I didn't check the leaderboard till after I hit my final tee shot on 18 and I saw that I was leading by a few which relieved me of any pressure," Beechler said.



ECU junior golfer A.J. Beechler chips the ball from the bunker at an event from a previous season.

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This particular tournament at Pinehurst No. 6 was one head coach Andrew Sapp said he knew Beechler would be a strong favorite for.

Sapp said Beechler's tournament win is definitely a bright spot in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic and the negativity surrounding it. Sapp said Beechler's success is something that positively motivates and boosts all of his teammates.



"I knew he would be one of the favorites," Sapp said. "The field was very strong, but it is A.J.'s home course and he has won the 4A State

Championship there twice so he felt very comfortable on that golf course."

Beechler finished his high school career with a long list of accolades. Beechler attended Pinecrest High School in Southern Pines, North Carolina. While he was there he led Pinecrest to three consecutive North Carolina High School Athletic Association 4A state championships (2015, 2016, 2017).

Beechler is also a two-time News & Observer Boy's Golf Player of the Year (2017, 2018), two-time NCHSAA 4A individual medalist (2017, 2018) and a four-time all-conference selection.

In his freshman campaign, Beechler was only one of three players to compete in all 12 events. He recorded three top

10 finishes and carded a season-best five-under 211 at the General Hackler Championships. In his sophomore season, Beechler again played in all tournaments, shot par or better in 50% of his rounds and at the Bank of Tennessee Intercollegiate tournament he recorded the team's lowest tournament score at four under par.

Beechler has been one of the leading golfers for ECU since he has stepped on campus and Sapp said he holds Beechler in very high regards.

"A.J. is a champion," Sapp said. "He has won multiple high school state championships as well as other junior tournaments. He isn't the type of player where you would say these are his strengths and these are his weaknesses. He does everything really well and when he putts great he scores great."

Beechler's father, August Beechler Sr., was in the Guinness Book of World Records at the age of 13 for shooting a 58 in a single round, according to ECU Pirates. Beechler's biography on the team page said Beechler Sr. also was the youngest player in golf history to qualify for a PGA Event at the age of 15.

Beechler's mother, Lindsay Beechler also has a few accomplishments as a coach. She was named the NCHSAA Women's Golf Coach of the Year for the 2017-2018 season, according to Beechler's biography.

San Jose State head coach and President of the GCAA John Kennaday said in a press release that the GCAA will continue to provide tournament opportunities for collegiate golfers and that they want golfers to be able to compete in the unavailability of traditional competition. Beechler will compete from Oct. 9 to Oct. 11 in the CGA NC Four-Ball Championship in Greensboro.

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## FOOTBALL continued from A1

quarterback Jordan McCloud. The Bulls did play a number of quarterbacks in last week's loss to Cincinnati, but McCloud saw more snaps than the rest of the Bulls quarterbacks. Houston recognizes the Bulls' struggles at the position, but also said the Bulls have a talented group at the quarterback position.

"They've had their issues at quarterback," Houston said. "They've got talent, they've got four different quarterbacks they've played, all four are talented players. One transferred from North Carolina, another one a grad transfer from one of the SWAC schools and then they've got the freshman number 12 and then they got McCloud who played against us last year."

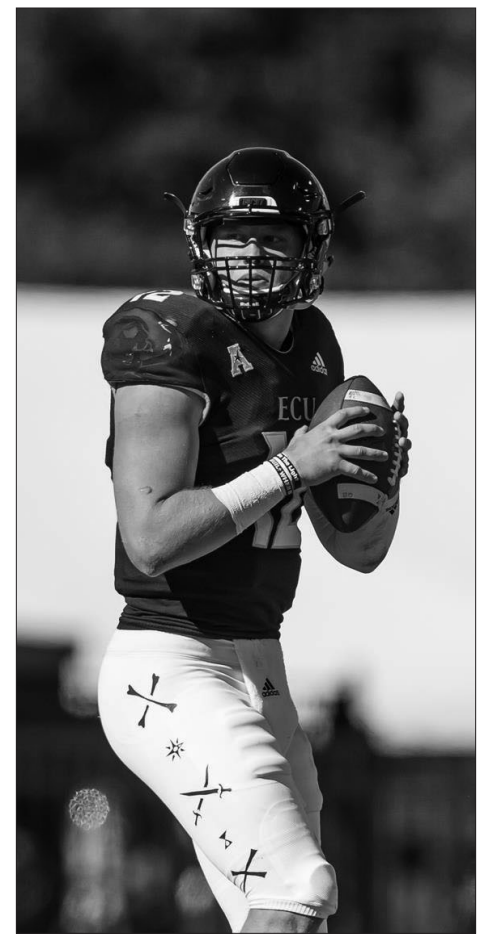
McCloud has only thrown one touchdown on the season and has only thrown for 269 yards in three games. USF has had a rotation of four quarterbacks who have played this season and has had a combined 435 passing yards.

Ahlers has thrown for 451 yards and three touchdowns in two games, surpassing all of USF's quarterbacks combined. Ahlers has added four interceptions to his stats list in comparison to McCloud's two. For the Pirates, Ahlers has been under duress in the pocket, resulting in several interceptions and six sacks so far this season.

The number of sacks so far this season are a direct result of the Pirates having some issues up front on the offensive line and coach Houston said these issues are a result of inexperience and growing pains within the group.

"I wouldn't say not knowing what to do as much as having experience doing it," Houston said. "What I mean by that, Nishad Strother has played three different positions in two weeks and just a normal person might say going from right guard to right tackle to left tackle is not a big deal. It still is different, there are different things and you work with a different guy. I think there's some of that."

ECU has two players with over 100 receiving yards already this season. Sophomore receiver Tyler Snead leads the Pirates with 113 yards on 13 catches and adds a receiving touchdown to his stat list. Behind him is junior receiver Blake Proehl who has 107 yards on 13 receptions.



Junior quarterback Holton Ahlers eyes the coverage.

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Graduate student receiver DeVontres Dukes is the leading receiver for USF with 100 yards on eight catches. He also has the only passing touchdown on the team.

Running the football seems to be a priority for the Bulls. According to their stats, USF has two running backs with over 20 carries on the season, both with over 100 yards. Sophomore running back Johnny Ford leads the team with 153 yards on 24 carries, and sophomore running back Kelly Joiner is right behind him with 129 yards on 28 carries.

The Pirates don't have a single running back with over 20 carries, but the best production in the back field has come from freshman running back Keaton Mitchell. He leads the team with 66 rushing yards on 9 carries.

ECU will continue to look for the first win of the season in Tampa, Florida this weekend. Kickoff is scheduled for 7 p.m. on ESPN+.



Holton Ahlers




Keaton Mitchell

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**Leo** (July 23-Aug. 22) — Today is an 8 — Listen to all team views. Consensus takes longer than rule by authority. It's worth the wait, as people own their cause and actions.

**Sagittarius** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Today is a 7 — Keep your promises and patience, especially with your partner. A critic can help you fix something that doesn't work. Unexpected surprises require adaptation.

**Taurus** (April 20-May 20) — Today is a 7 — Plan moves carefully to avoid costly mistakes. Communicate your way around unexpected surprises. Resourcefulness pays off in spades. Find creative ways to manage with less.

**Virgo** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Today is a 7 — Anticipate professional pitfalls before launching ahead. Make changes in real time. You learn more from failure than success. Monitor feedback. Adjust, tune and adapt.

**Capricorn** (Dec. 19) — Today is an 8 — The pace is picking up. Maintain physical practices, despite interruptions, distraction and unscheduled demands for your attention. Stay cool and nurture your energy.

**Gemini** (May 21-June 20) — Today is a 9 — Navigate around unscheduled disruptions. Keep advancing a personal plan. Draw upon hidden resources. Theories require revision when put into practice. Keep communication channels open.

**Libra** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Today is an 8 — Expand your territory. Stick to practical options and avoid unmet fantasies. Prepare for unexpected road conditions. Watch for hidden agendas. Investigate and explore.

**Aquarius** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Today is an 8 — Prioritize love, passion and fun to restore your energy, enthusiasm and creativity. Play games, sports and music. Relax and appreciate your dear ones.

**Cancer** (June 21-July 22) — Today is a 7 — Stay skeptical of wild schemes. Step back to review plans and possibilities. Choose the most practical options. Take simple steps, one at a time.

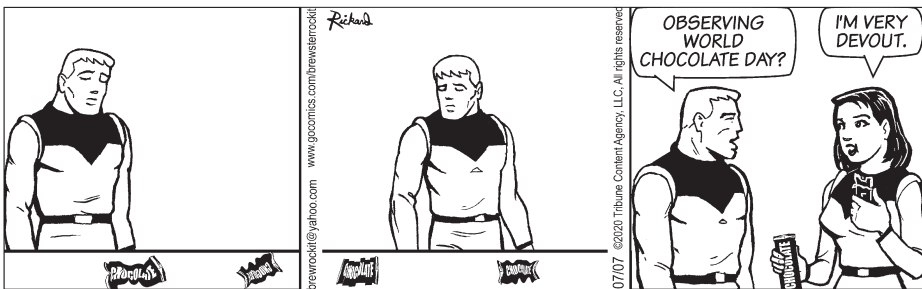
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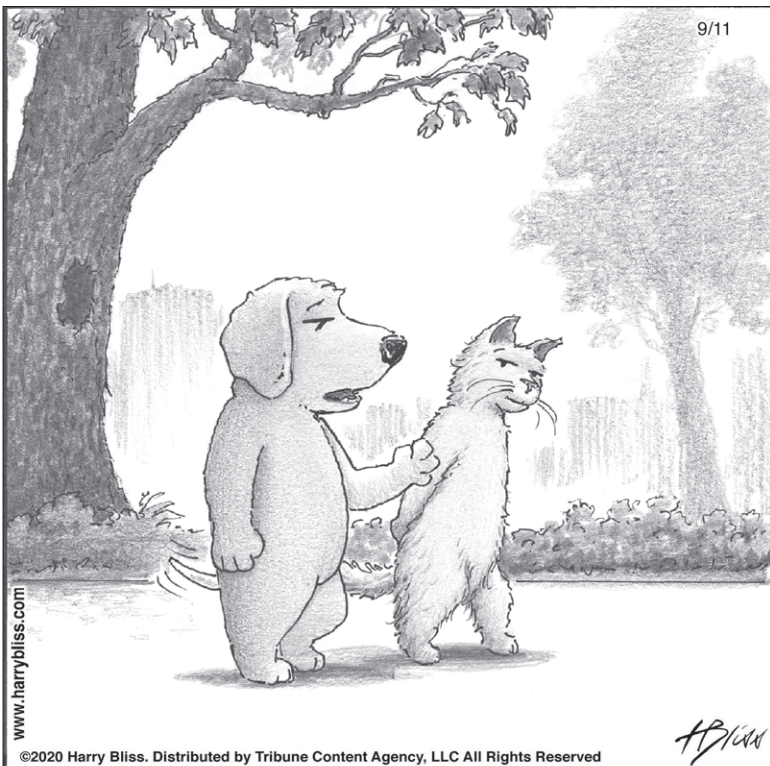
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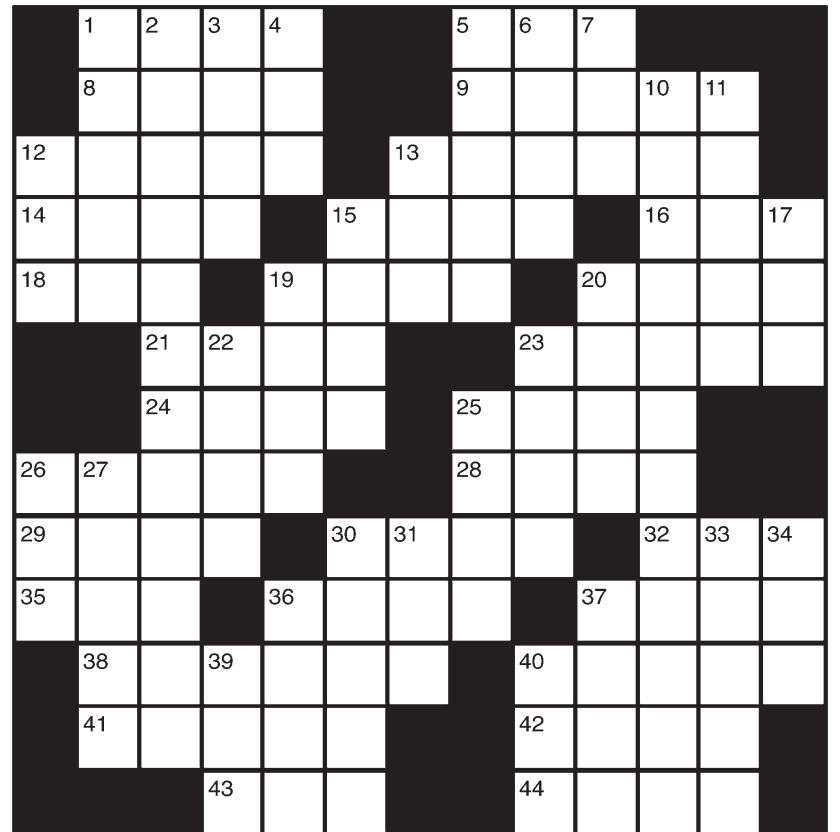


"What I really want to do is chew up children's books."

## CROSSWORD

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### ACROSS

- Series for David McCallum
- Rebecca's hubby on "Return to Amish"
- "\_\_ of Eden"; James Dean movie
- Film fawn
- Winningham and her namesakes
- Luxury British car
- \_\_ vera; lotion ingredient
- "Undercover \_\_"
- Bee's follower
- Oahu or Maui: abbr.
- Actress Seymour
- Cry of sudden distress
- Roy Rogers' shoe
- "The \_\_ Hornet"
- Takes advantage of
- "\_\_ Team"
- Singer Simon
- Woody Guthrie's boy
- First James Bond film
- "Chicago \_\_"
- Former TV maker
- 180 degrees from WSW
- "\_\_ Marlene"; popular WWII song

### DOWN

- Patricia & her family
- Eunice's portrayal on "Mama's Family"
- "\_\_ dead people"; Cole's line in "The Sixth Sense"
- Canonized people: abbr.
- Belittle; humiliate
- Paper sacks
- Large flightless bird
- "The \_\_"; Chris Harrison's series
- Castle or Ryan
- \_\_ tai; tropical drink
- Stewart or Cryer
- Cave dwellers
- Very long time
- "The \_\_ Bishop Show"
- Televangelist Roberts
- Scandinavian capital
- Actor Richard
- Calcutta dress
- File drawer, perhaps
- Golfer Palmer
- "The X-\_\_"
- "\_\_ Fly Away"
- "Falcon \_\_"
- "Up in the \_\_"; George Clooney film
- Boys
- Georgia \_\_; univ. in Atlanta
- "A Boy Named \_\_"; Johnny Cash hit
- \_\_-Man; classic video game

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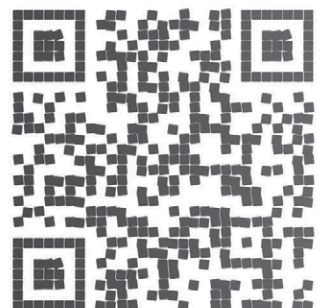
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**College Night**  
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5 to 8 p.m.  
252-751-0300

### TOMORROW

**Live music by Eric Sommer**  
Christy's Euro Pub  
301 Jarvis St.  
7 to 10 p.m.  
252-758-2774

**The Invisible Man Movie**  
Student Activities Board  
Virtual  
8 to 11 p.m.  
252-737-1808

**The Schwa Show**  
Emerge Gallery and Art Center  
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1 to 8 p.m.  
252-551-6947

### SATURDAY

**Good Samaritan 5K Run**  
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From left to right: Ida Kavafian, Hye-Jin Kim, Peter Wiley, Marcy Rosen, Ara Gregorian and Kim Kashkashian play together during this year's virtual event.

# Music festival streams virtually

## Four Seasons fall opener took place in digital format

**Hannah Bolick**  
TEC STAFF

The Four Seasons Fall Season Opening Extravaganza was streamed in the Four Seasons digital concert hall on Sept. 27 and then again on Oct. 4 at 3 p.m. and introduced each of the four residencies which will take place as part of the fall season.



John Holloway, the managing director of the Four Seasons Chamber Music Festival, said this year, the fall portion of the festival will be held virtually in the new Four Seasons Digital Concert Hall. Normally, musicians would come together physically for the festival, Holloway said.

"Four Seasons brings the world's foremost musicians to

North Carolina to present concerts, master classes, interactive discussions, community outreach and more. Our mission is two-fold – to create dynamic and world-class concerts; and to develop the next generation of great musicians," Holloway said in an email statement.

There have been some challenges associated with the move to a virtual format, Holloway said. He said the musicians are accustomed to playing in "the world's biggest concert halls," with professionals taking care of lighting and recording.

For this season opener concert, musicians had to do their own recording and video shooting, Holloway said. For some of the pieces in the event, musicians met up and recorded together or individuals recorded solo pieces from their homes. For other pieces, musicians were recorded separately and

edited together so they sounded as if they were in the same place, Holloway said.

Throughout the free live streamed event, Ara Gregorian, founder and artistic director of the Four Seasons Music Festival, introduced each of the four residencies which will take place throughout the season. Musicians that will be featured in each residency said a few words about the music they will play and then a recording of a piece from the residency was shown.

"While challenging to get used to initially, the virtual format provides so many opportunities. We can reach everyone in the world now and show the world what Four Seasons, ECU, Greenville and all of our supporters have built," Holloway said.

Some of the concerts from the season will be made up of material recorded by artists ahead of time

and sent in, and some of them will be livestreamed from their normal venues in both Greenville and Raleigh, North Carolina, according to Holloway. For the portions of the festival that will be livestreamed or recorded with all musicians physically in-person, he said certain precautions will be taken against the spread of COVID-19.

Holloway said musicians wear masks and social distance at rehearsals and performances. He said both the musicians and staff as well as their listeners have had to "learn many new skills" to maneuver through the festival due to COVID-19.

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## BARS continued from A1

"Of course I'm happy, but with the restrictions we have, it's almost difficult to make money when you're at 30% capacity outside. So, I mean I'm happy we are finally open, but what are you going to do with 30% of people. You can't pay the bills with that," Frazier said.

Frazier, who also owns Rafters Social Club, said he is thankful Fifth Street has an outdoor deck area, but is not able to open Rafters due to Phase 3 only allowing bars to operate outdoors.

However, Frazier said Fifth Street saw a decent turn out on Friday, with the 30% capacity rate being reached within the first 45 minutes to an hour. He said the bar will continue to operate seven days a week from 5 to 11 p.m.

"Everybody wants to be back to normal. Everybody is tired of it. It just has gone on way too long. People are ready to be out and back to normal," Frazier said.



**Tony Frazier**

As for Cooper's policies during COVID-19, Frazier said he disagrees with them, as he was originally told his bar would be able to open back in April. Regardless, he is pleased that the bars are open to some extent.

Frazier said bars have the same safety guidelines as restaurants, but he will not make anyone wear a face mask at Fifth Street if they do not want to. He said he will continue to offer masks to customers and they can choose to wear one or not. Regardless, the bar will continue to take measures to keep its customers safe.

"It's your constitutional right to wear a mask or not wear a mask. I can't tell you that you have to. I offer them (masks), I offer hand sanitizer, we clean the bar like normal and everything is in plastic cups so it's all thrown away. But, you can't make someone wear a mask, it infringes on the federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act laws and their constitutional rights," Frazier said. We offer them (masks), and if you have your own, wear it, great. If you don't, there's nothing I can do to make you take one."

Now that bars are able to operate again, Frazier said his goal for Fifth Street is to get back to what it was before the lockdown. He said he believes the lockdown was unnecessary to begin with, and he thinks it is mainly political at this point. He said he is ready to get back to making money and see everyone enjoy themselves again.

Frazier said he believes people should come out to the bars again, but said if people don't want to go out, they should stay in. He said he wants everything to go back to how it was prior to COVID-19.

"I feel like we need to get back to normal

life and do the things we were doing before this and just continue on with life. Everybody just needs to get back to daily life and go to bars and be sociable like they used to and get back to it," Frazier said.

Ashley Tkatch, a senior business marketing major and a VIP cocktail server at Club Stilllife, said she had mixed emotions about the bars being able to open again. She said she was excited to get back to work, but was also nervous and anxious to see how it would go with the new regulations.

Tkatch said she worked at Stilllife on Oct. 2 and Oct. 3 last weekend and both nights were very different from one another attendance wise.

"Friday was overwhelmed with so many people coming at 5 to 11 p.m. I think everyone wanted to make the limited capacity and be able to get in," Tkatch said. "Friday was so busy. Saturday took a couple hours to finally get people in. I'm sure they (customers) drank a lot and were resting from Friday rather than partying Saturday."

As for attendance for Greenville's Uptown scene in general, Tkatch said she believes it will be steady for all the bars and clubs, with more people coming out each weekend since the businesses were closed for so long.

Tkatch said while she believes people should come to Stilllife and go to the bars, she still believes people should continue to follow COVID-19 safety guidelines while out so everyone can enjoy themselves.

"I think with social distancing and face masks and COVID (-19) awareness that people should continue to come downtown,



**Ashley Tkatch**

because for the college kids, it's what makes the most out of Greenville. The bars are a fun way to bond with others and create long time memories and try some drink specials," Tkatch said. "The bars over the past few months have worked to protect their customers, especially with COVID (-19), so I think it's time to celebrate the reopening."

Zack Downy, a senior marketing major, said he was pleased to hear that the bars would reopen under Cooper's Phase 3 order.

Downy, who attended Stilllife and Fifth Street on Friday night, said he appreciates the safety precautions the bars are taking and is excited to go to them more now.

"When I found out the bars were opening again, I was excited to be able to go back downtown like I did before the lockdown. I think the bars are doing a great job at keeping their customers safe and I'm looking forward to going to them more often now," Downy said.

For more information on Fifth Street or Stilllife, visit their Instagram and Facebook pages.

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