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HALLOWEEN 2020

City, ECU officials note distancing rules

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Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs Virginia Hardy sent an email statement to all East Carolina University students on Oct. 27 that discussed staying safe during Halloween this year during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Halloween at ECU is one of the most prominent holidays of the year, according to Hardy, and since the global pandemic has disrupted the college experience for many, students should remain safe.

"I am reaching out to every ECU student, regardless of where you are - on campus, off campus in the Greenville area, or away from Greenville - and asking you, actually pleading with you, to be safe this weekend," Hardy said. "Do not bring unnecessary risk to you, your roommates, your friends, or your family by going out to celebrate Halloween without taking all the health and safety precautions to prevent the spread of COVID-19."

This fall semester and a virtual environment is not preferred, but students should continue to social distance, avoid large gatherings, wash and sanitize hands frequently and wear their face masks, Hardy said. She highlighted the fact that Governor Roy Cooper's Executive Order states there can be no more than 25 individuals inside and 50 outside.

ECU students must take these precautions to work toward a normal spring semester, according to Hardy's statement.

"This Halloween, we expect students to make safe decisions and show responsible behavior - protect yourself, protect your family and protect your school," Hardy said.

The City of Greenville released information pertaining to this year's Halloween celebrations on its website, addressing some common questions that citizens have about the festivities.

There will be no downtown Halloween event this year, with roads remaining open in downtown Greenville as opposed to other years, where they have been blocked off, according to the City of Greenville website.

Bars will be open at 30% capacity with outdoor seating only, and patrons are required to wear face masks when not drinking or eating. The sale curfew for alcohol remains at 11 p.m. due to Governor Cooper's order, according to the website. House gatherings must stay below 25 people indoors and 50 people outdoors.

"The Greenville Police Department will be partnering closely with East Carolina University Police and will have extra resources to monitor and enforce social gatherings on Halloween," the website said.

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Halloween safety promoted

Greenville and ECU PD encourage caution over weekend

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Both the East Carolina University Police Department (ECU PD) and Greenville Police Department (GPD) continue to work to enforce safety precautions and organized protocols they conduct over the Halloween weekend.

Chris Sutton, a captain for the ECU PD, said a large, part of the college experience is the social aspect, which has been affected by the ongoing pandemic. He said there is a concern with large gatherings that may take place during the weekend as some crowded gatherings have occurred since the start of the semester.

"There's some concern that our students will get together and will mix and mingle with not just their peers here at ECU, but then also individuals from out of town from particularly some of our sister institutions," Sutton said. "Halloween falls on a Saturday and so that tends to be an even busier time so we want to be able to manage it, keep the numbers in the parties down and hopefully be able to control the spread and not see a lot of outbreaks occur."

There will be additional patrol officers patrolling the ECU and Greenville communities starting on Oct. 30 through Nov. 1., according to Sutton. As for now, he said 25 people are allowed to be indoors at once and 50 outside.

Since the beginning of this fiscal year, which began on Aug. 10, Sutton said the ECU PD has responded to calls as well as complaints from students and citizens to help diffuse some large gatherings which have taken place.

"It's possible that there could be some enforcement action that takes place whether it's a referral through the student rights and responsibilities office or some type of a citation which could be a charge for violation of the executive order which is a misdemeanor," Sutton said. "We could issue city code ordinances that results in more

of a fine than a criminal charge so there's some different options that we have that we would use."

If a first time violation occurs or if the number of individuals doesn't exceed the state orders, then it is less likely a charge will be issued, according to Sutton. He said although he wants ECU students to enjoy this experience of Halloween, it's important that everyone follows the nec-



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Masks are recommended to slow COVID-19 spread on Halloween.

essary precautions to keep COVID-19 case numbers down.

There will not be a Halloween event taking place downtown this year, Kristen Hunter, public information officer for the GPD, said. An organized event, where students and other individuals around the community come, usually takes place every Halloween, but COVID-19 has altered this year's festivities, she said.

The streets, which are typically blocked off, will remain

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Pitt Street to host Halloween celebration

Local brewery will serve drinks, food and offer live music at its holiday event



CONTRIBUTED BY BRIANNA LONG

Pitt Street displays one of its Halloween themed beverages.

Kyle Arnoe
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Pitt Street Brewing Company, located at 630 S Pitt St., will hold its fourth annual Halloween celebration beginning with the "Halloween Fun Run" at 9 a.m. on Oct. 31 with food trucks, costume contests, and music by Gabby Live with the Band waiting at the finish line.

Pitt Street Brewing Company's General Manager Brianna Long said the 15 barrels of the Dickinson Avenue-based micro-brewery and the people who operate them have a mission to cultivate a sense of community through brewery events and experiences.

The wide draught board will be complemented by Anita's Mexican Restaurant food truck and Prevail food truck, Long said. There will be live music by Gabby Live with the Band and costume contests, for attendees, dogs and for people in

decorated face masks, she said.

"This will be our fourth Halloween here in Greenville and while it will look different from years past, we still will have the same vibe with a beer release, costume contest, food trucks and live music. We are very excited to have Gabby Live with the Band joining us for the evening. They are the same band we had for New Year's Eve this year (2019)," Long said in an email statement.

The Halloween celebration will be conducted safely in cooperation with COVID-19 guidelines, according to Long. The brewery will operate at 50% capacity and the brewery will forbid further entry once the max has been reached, she said. Masks will be required, socialization will be distant and cleaning rituals will be performed,

she said.

Long said the brewery will feature 14 different brews, one hard seltzer and two ciders. A beer release is also scheduled. The wide selection, Long said, has a taste for everyone, and "Sunday Candy" is her favorite.

"My favorite right now would have to be our Sunday Candy, a Lulo Guava Blonde Ale. It has just the right amount of tanginess to differentiate itself from anything else I've ever had before," Long said.

The event will begin with the "Halloween Fun Run" at 9 a.m. for early risers interested in a run alongside the Pitt Street Run Club and the Junior League of Greenville, North Carolina, Long said. The brewery is working in partnership

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Dowdy Health Sciences holds Halloween sale

Today, Dowdy Student Stores' Health Sciences Campus location will host a Halloween spooktacular sale event from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The main campus Dowdy location will hold its sale on Friday and Saturday. More information can be found on the Dowdy Student Stores Engage page.

SAB to host MYO Pumpkin Painting

Today, the East Carolina University Student Activities Board will host make-your-own pumpkin paintings as a part of their Halloween Havoc event series from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Students can RSVP on SAB's Engage page and pick up their pumpkin in the Main Campus Student Center.

G.O.L.D Series holds session on marketing

Today, the G.O.L.D series will host a session about effective marketing and branding of organizations from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. The link to join and more information can be found on G.O.L.D's Engage page.

SAB to host virtual ghost hunt

Friday, ECU's Student Activities Board will hold a lecture on paranormal experiences and a virtual ghost hunt at 5 p.m. The virtual ghost tour will be hosted by Chris and Dee Moon, a pair of paranormal experts. The link to both the lecture and the ghost hunt can be found on SAB's Engage page.

SAB to screen 'The Conjuring 2'

Friday, the Student Activities Board will host an outdoor screening of the movie The Conjuring 2 at 8 p.m. as part of its October Outdoor Movie Series. Students must provide their own seating. Tickets can be reserved on the Student Activity Board's Engage page.

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The East Carolina University Main Campus Student Center is one of many pollings sites within Pitt County where citizens may go to participate in early voting.

Pitt County sees high voter turnout

Record numbers of early votes seen in leadup to 2020 presidential election

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TEC STAFF

As the presidential election on Nov. 3 nears, thousands of Pitt County ballots have already been submitted through in-person early voting and the absentee system due to COVID-19 crowd restrictions.

Director of the Pitt County Board of Elections Dave Davis said this year is one of the busiest presidential elections he has ever been involved in over his past 12 years as director. He attributes the increased interest to the ongoing pandemic.

"All the limitations as far as what the pandemic has brought on, as far as getting as many voting booths and as many people into the voting enclosure as we can and everybody seems stressed and on edge and making sure that their vote is counted," Davis said. "It will be just with the newness of the pandemic but otherwise the voting process hasn't changed."

Out of the 25,000 ballots received so far in Pitt County, 8,000 of them were absentee ballots, as of Oct. 21, according to Davis. He said the most absentee ballots he recalls receiving in a single election was 2,500.

Due to social distancing, Davis said it may take longer for individuals to cast their votes due to the need to reduce the amount of people inside polling locations.

"With the social distancing, they (voters) will have to wait in line, or usually in Pitt County they don't unless they wait until the last minute to vote but because of social distancing limitations on the number of people in a room, that of course is going to create lines," Davis said.

There are seven polling locations for early voting in Pitt County, Davis said. On Election Day, Davis plans to have 42 polling locations

open. At the 42 locations, poll workers will wear masks, clean and disinfect while they work to additionally enforce social distancing, he said.

According to the Pitt County Election website, the final day for early voting is Oct. 31.

The polling locations include: Agricultural Center, Auditorium at 403 Government Cir; Center at Alice F. Keene Park, Arts & Crafts Room at 4561 County Home Road; Eppes Recreation Center, Multi-purpose Room at 400 Nash St.; Farmville Community Center, Community Room at 3886 S. Main St.; ECU Main Campus Student Center, Room 125 at 501 E. 10th St.; Willis Building, Auditorium at 300 E. 1st St. and Winterville Fire Station and the Community Room at 2593 Railroad St.

One person who plans on voting early and in-person is ECU junior history secondary education major Patrick Fahey. He said he isn't necessarily against absentee voting.

"There is just way too much on the line between the republican and the democratic party," Fahey said. "When it comes to mail-in stuff, the postal service isn't at its best, especially this time of the year because the holidays are coming up so the post office is starting to get busy as it is and on top of it, you got these ballots that you have to hope to make it on time."

Fahey said he supports voting in-person in a safe manner with masks, social distancing and hand sanitizer. He said people have grown accustomed to going everywhere with masks and adhering to social distancing guidelines while they wait in line.

There is some risk of voter fraud, according to Fahey. He said he knows a voter needs to have a witness sign their absentee ballot but in the process tampering could occur.

"The pandemic hasn't stopped people from going to the stores. It hasn't stopped people from partying, especially ECU students. There's gatherings, everybody knows there's gatherings,"

Fahey said. "It (COVID-19) hasn't stopped students from gathering but it stopped students from voting in-person. To me, there's no reason why people can't go vote in-person."



Patrick Fahey

Fahey said an in-person ballot is secure and credible, but there is no guarantee when it comes to mail-in votes in his opinion. There is no need to not vote in-person because other aspects of individuals' lives have been stopped because of COVID-19, according to Fahey.

Absentee ballots were never a concern before this year, according to Fahey, but this election season there is greater risk of the election being tampered with because there are more people who will vote by mail.

Junior business major Logan Gutzmer plans to vote with an absentee ballot due to her registration being in Virginia.

Gutzmer said she was able to track her ballot online this year and see when it was received and accepted. She said she wasn't concerned about the possibility of bias within the mail services.

"I could see that being a concern, I've actually never even thought of that being a possible situation, but I definitely can understand how people would be concerned about that. I feel like that's not a very likely situation. It's a little bit unlikely," Gutzmer said.

If Gutzmer was in Virginia where she is registered or was able to vote in person in Greenville, she said she would probably do it in-person. She said since lives in Greenville but still has residency in Virginia it is easier to stay and vote absentee.

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Fall 2021 recruitment encounters changes

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East Carolina University's fall recruitment process continues to take a virtual format as Zoom calls, online university events and socially-distanced campus tours for incoming freshmen take place while COVID-19 presents restrictions to future members of Pirate Nation.

Instead of traditional admitted student days, open houses and college fairs, ECU has taken the usual face-to-face recruitment process mostly digital, according to the Director of Undergraduate Admissions Stephanie Whaley. High school seniors have interacted with the university in an online format since applications opened Aug. 1, she said.

"As an admissions office, typically our

admissions counselors are visiting high schools and community colleges during the fall semester," Whaley said. "Usually they are visiting about three high schools a day, as well as attending college fairs but right now, none of those things are in-person."



Stephanie Whaley

Whaley said incoming freshmen face unusual obstacles this year compared to the usual anxieties stemmed from university commitment decisions. To combat the anxieties she said ECU has allowed deferral of a prospective student's fall 2020 applications to spring 2021 or the fall 2021 semester.

ECU has seen a 5% decrease in new freshmen enrollment for the fall 2020 semes-

ter attributed to the COVID-19 pandemic, Whaley said.

"Obviously our goal always is to increase enrollment," Whaley said. "For the spring for new undergraduate freshmen we expect to have a slight increase over the number of students we brought in last year."

ECU admissions projects 50 to 60 new freshmen to enroll for the spring 2021 semester, as of spring 2020 where they received around 32 new freshmen, according to Whaley. She said transfer student enrollment numbers have not been affected as much and they expect 550 new transfers for the spring 2021 semester.

Margaret Turner, director of Admissions and Recruiting for ECU Honors College, said the Honors College has additionally taken a virtual route with fall recruitment. She said the Honors College have primarily conducted

Zoom calls with students and held meetings in-person with individuals and families who were on-campus for tours. She said large-scale events won't happen face-to-face this recruitment season.

Turner said virtual recruitment can present some challenges such as not being able to meet face-to-face. She said virtual conferences don't give the same effect as in-person interactions.

"Typically, I'd travel a good bit in the fall across North Carolina with my colleagues," Turner said. "(The Honors College) holds events in a lot of big cities or visits specific schools and areas and holds a lot of in person events but all of that was cancelled."

Turner said the Honor College faculty had to adapt to COVID-19 in the same way students have had to in order to follow social distancing guidelines.

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open this weekend, according to Hunter, and the "festival atmosphere" that everyone is used to will be totally changed. Bars will remain in Phase 3, she said, and outdoor capacity is reduced 30% capacity or 100 guests, whichever number is less.

"All the indoor seating areas must be closed and patrons have to wear a face mask when they're not actively drinking or eating and the bars just as they have been have to be closed. Alcohol sales shut down at 11 (p.m.) so that certainly changes the downtown atmosphere," Hunter said.

GPD doesn't want to take away students' Halloween fun, according to Hunter, but the department does want everyone to stay safe and healthy. She said if individuals actively follow guidelines, everyone can get back to a sense of normalcy.

Trick-or-treating will still take place this year, according to the City of Greenville's website, and officers will be located in Greenville neighborhoods the night of Halloween. Individuals

should wash their hands before giving out treats, there should be individually wrapped bags of treats and people should wear masks to give treats while outside, the website said. For people who dress up, a mask should be a part of their costume.



Natalia Figueroa-Bernal

Freshman public health major Natalia Figueroa-Bernal said she is concerned about the parties that are likely to occur at ECU during Halloween weekend. Since Halloween is a major holiday, Figueroa-Bernal said she expects families and friends to do fun activities.

"The COVID-19 cases will only increase if we continue to gather in groups. I am worried about individuals who are elderly and have serious medical conditions. I truly hope ECU and Greenville take extra precautions during the Halloween weekend," Figueroa-Bernal said.

ECU will have people patrol the residence hall lobbies, according to Figueroa-Bernal. She said she hopes ECU con-

tinues to enforce social distancing and sanitation around the halls during the weekend.

Figueroa-Bernal said she hopes ECU students continue to take the necessary safety precautions. As for the Greenville police, she said she would want extra patrolling to help interrupt large gatherings to help reduce the spread of COVID-19.

"Just because you may not have COVID-19 right now, it does not mean you will never get it. You could spread the virus and not know it," Figueroa-Bernal said. "Please worry about your health and the health of those around you. We all want to return to normal. To do that, we must take safety precautions. Please wear your mask, practice social distancing, wash your hands, and use hand sanitizer."

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends a maximum of 25 people indoors and 50 outdoors, according to its website.

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OUR VIEW

Americans must make time to vote

Election Day is less than one week away, and when it arrives on Nov. 3, it will be a proverbial turning point in what direction American politics will take over the next four years. Election Day serves as a reminder to Americans to remain galvanized and engaged in politics, especially during and after the election.

We, the editorial staff of The East Carolinian, believe that everyone who is able to should take the time out of their schedule to vote in the 2020 election. There are multiple ways to vote, with in-person voting and mail-in-ballots that will be accepted until Nov. 3.

A lot of young people have become more politically involved and aware of current events throughout the country. Some young people have moved toward different sides of the political spectrum and may believe that neither candidate promotes what they truly believe in. It is still important to promote political progress so society continues to adapt to whatever the majority deems are being important.

North Carolina has already seen record numbers of voter turnout, with about 2.7 million votes being cast as of Oct. 27, according to the North Carolina State Board of Elections. Voter turnout has been strong this election, but still, less than 50% of North Carolinians have voted.

North Carolina has become a battleground for many politicians due to being one of the popular swing states. This is why both parties have been in or around Greenville, North Carolina since the beginning of October. Jill Biden, wife of presidential democratic candidate former Vice President Joe Biden; Douglas Emhoff, husband of Biden's running mate Senator Kamala Harris; Lara Trump and President Donald Trump have all visited Pitt County over the past month to promote their platforms and encourage people to vote for their political parties.

People will disagree with each candidate on certain topics, but a mark of being a functioning member of a society is growing up and making concessions for the betterment of everyone. We encourage all to vote, as it does make a difference in society.

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Politics should not ruin friendships

We must respect each others' opinions and political affiliations



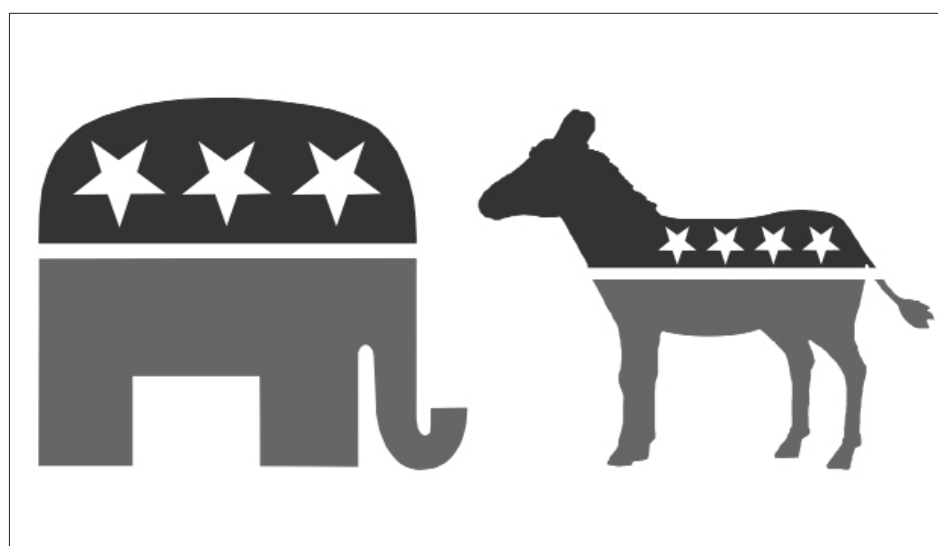
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TEC COLUMNIST

This year has been a year of firsts, fights and fears for our country as we sit amid a global pandemic and encounter social justice movements across all states. If the year couldn't get more chaotic, add a presidential election into the mix. Debates have turned virtual and households have picked sides; red, blue or somewhere in the middle.

Our country's youth has advocated for their voices to be heard through the power of voting and utilizes social media to spread the word. No matter the age, with voices comes opinions as everyone is entitled to their own. An election year is a tough time for anyone as they prepare for the potential change in power, but it is important to remember sometimes politics and people don't mix.

A close friend of mine was told by a mutual friend they would not continue to be friends with them if they chose to vote to re-elect President Donald Trump. They were distraught to hear news of someone willing to throw away years of friendship over conflicting political views, and ultimately declined to vote in this year's election. An unpopular opinion from that friend cost them their right to vote due to their fear of losing a friend over something so uncertain at the moment.

The world thrives on people who make their own decisions and stick to their beliefs, and no one should feel as if they



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Americans should not let political differences tear apart friendships and must learn to respect each others' opinions.

can't voice their opinion because their views are deemed wrong by others. I have found myself biting my tongue and called names by peers who label me to one party or the other, when I belong to neither. Split second judgements by others have further pushed the divide between our country on social issues, economics and governance.

An election year heightens the already tense state of our country and people use politics as a wedge to drive themselves further and further away from one another. Outspoken individuals turn to social media to throw knives into the hearts of their political enemies while hiding behind a screen that makes them bulletproof. Some individuals are used as pawns to lure undecided voters to one side or the other as if it is a life or death decision on

whether they choose to vote and who they choose to vote for. Words hurt no matter the context and during an election year everyone is hypersensitive.

Take the time to be nice to those who have differing opinions from your own and never take the chance to ruin friendships and relationships over political views. At the end of it all, this is just another election where we vote based off of who we believe is best fit to serve our personal needs and the country as a whole. It is never a time to gang up on someone who doesn't see eye to eye on political views and hope you can convince or kick them out of your life.

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Students cannot afford off-campus apartments



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It is a very popular decision for students in college, especially at East Carolina University, to move off campus into an apartment. Most apartment complexes in the ECU and Greenville, North Carolina, area charge students an excessive amount of money for rent.

Some or most students pay for college themselves and do not have much financial help. ECU's tuition is approximately \$7,239 a year for in-state students, according to ECU's undergraduate admissions website. This does not include the money students use for personal items, college necessities, other bills, textbooks and nutrition needs.

I think it is absurd student apartments would charge students an excessive amount of money for rent. Don't they know we are in college? Additionally, COVID-19 is still actively present and can affect students and the money they earn.

Some or most college students work minimum wage jobs and do not have the ability or resources available to pay for their own rent. Most students do not have a steady income. I know quite a few people where the burden of rent is placed on their parents, which restricts the student from truly being allowed to experience independence.

Most students desire an off-campus living experience. However, I think they

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-Michelle Mazzei

are not given a fair opportunity to be able to have this. It would be easier for students to live off-campus if the prices were lower.

The Proximity at Tenth apartment complex charges students a starting monthly rate of \$1,200, which is only for a one bed and one bath, according to Proximity's website. For a two bed and a two bath, the price for rent starts at \$830 a month for each student, the website said, and a three bed and three bed starts at \$760 for each student and a four bed and four bath starts from \$720 for each person.

This cost of rent for apartments is overpriced. Even though the apartments are somewhat furnished and come with amenities, it is still a lot of money. For me personally, I can't even afford a four bed and four bath.

The Eastern on Tenth charges students \$1,090 monthly minimum for a one bed and one bath per month, according to its website. A two bed and two bath is listed at a starting price of \$780 a month and a three bed and three bath starts at \$660.

Again, I personally can't afford this.

I have various bills I have to pay for and although, I have a steady income, these prices are not feasible for me or many other students. Not to mention, parking is not included at many apartments so students often have to additionally pay for a parking pass.

Typically, an apartment's rent is at a standard rate and is not per individual room. I think if this were in place at off-campus living apartments it would make student's lives a lot easier and their living experience would be cheaper and more enjoyable.

I am a sophomore, and I was living on campus in a Living and Learning Community (LLC) up until students unfortunately got sent home due to COVID-19. I considered living in an apartment this year, but I could not afford it, which is why I was in a residence hall initially. If the prices were somewhat cheaper, I could have leased an apartment and I would still be in Greenville, North Carolina today.

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EVENTS

TODAY

Open Mic Comedy Night
Pitt Street Brewing Company
 630 S Pitt St.
 8 to 10 p.m.
 252-227-4151

Open Mic Night
The Blackened Kraken
 123 E 5th St.
 7 p.m. to Midnight
 252-215-8822

Intro to Bookmaking
Emerge Gallery and Art Center
 404 Evans St.
 6 to 8:30 p.m.
 252-551-6947

TOMORROW

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

The Rock Food Truck
Pitt Street Brewing Company
 630 S Pitt St.
 6 to 9 p.m.
 252-227-4151

Wine Tasting event
The Rickhouse
 710 Red Banks Rd.
 5 to 8 p.m.
 252-689-6377

FRIDAY

The Radio Play Series: Trifles
ECU School of Theatre and Dance
 Virtual
 Available through Sunday
 252-328-6390

William Seymour at the Loft
The Loft by Stilllife
 511 Cotanche St.
 8 to 11 p.m.
 252-329-9991

Stokes Family Farm of Terror
Stokes Family Farm, NC
 3674 Ivy Rd.
 7 to 10 p.m.
 252-341-0677

Magnolia Arts Center Auditions
Magnolia Arts Center
 1703 E 14th St.
 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.
 +1 888-622-3868

SATURDAY

Halloween Full Moon Yoga
Purple Blossom Yoga Studio
 302 S Evans St.
 10:30 a.m. to Noon
 252-364-2917

Halloween Party at Stumpy's
Stumpy's Hatchet House
 816 Dickinson Ave.
 6 to 9 p.m.
 252-751-0300

William Seymour Halloween Show
at Christy's
Christy's Euro Pub
 301 S Jarvis St.
 6 to 9 p.m.
 252-758-2774

'Mask-Er-Ade' debuts Friday

Third Street Catering to host eight-course dinner event

Harold Bloomfield
 TEC STAFF

Third Street Catering, located at 600 W 3rd St., will host a "Mask-Er-Ade" event with eight courses of fresh, local farm to table food on Oct. 30 from 6:30 to 9 p.m.

Everett Garner is the executive chef of Third Street Catering. He will be the chef for the evening as well and set up reservations and decorations.

Garner said that the "Mask-Er-Ade" event will have an eight course meal and will be an evening to promote Third Street. He said the event will be utilized to raise funds for the Third Street Education organization.

"It's an eight-course menu," Garner said. "Everyone will be seated at once and we will bring it out course by course."



Everett Garner

This is the second chef's table event Third Street Catering has done this year, according to Garner. He said the business usually does these events seasonally but because of COVID-19 it has only been able to do two.

Garner said the Halloween season has influenced Third Street Catering to do the Chef's Table event with a masquerade theme. He said the name "Mask-Er-Ade" is a play on words because of COVID-19 and the requirements for attendees to wear masks.

"Back in the summer when everything shut down because of COVID-

19, we (Third Street Catering) thought it would be cool to have an event that was very small. We have limited the seating to 25 people. We thought it would be cool to have something where people can come out, feel safe, after spending so much time not being able to do those things," Garner said.

With the COVID-19 pandemic looming, Garner said he tried to find creative ways to keep his staff working. He also said he wanted to do his best to keep everyone safe while they have a good time.

Garner said he makes sure to keep everyone safe as the pandemic remains ongoing. He said the tables will be spaced out so nobody sits too close together and all staff members are expected to wear masks and gloves.

"We (Third Street Catering) have been in operation for about a year and a half, but we have grown very slowly and organically so we want people who may not have heard of us to come out and see what we are about. Our main focus is to provide a cool experience," Garner said.

The event attendees will vary as Garner said he expects a diverse group to be in attendance

He said the age range will be anywhere from people in their 20s to those in their 60s.

Meridith Rizzuti is a volunteer for the Chef's Table event and also a board member at Third Street Education Center. She works with other staff members to create and plan events. She said she attended the first Chef's Table event as well.



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Angel Sutton prepares ingredients in the kitchen of Third Street Catering.

"We (Third Street Catering) always try to get things secured or donated if we can because we are a non-profit we try to keep the cost down," Rizzuti said.

The event is currently sold out with 21 guests who have already signed up, according to Rizzuti. Every time a Chef's Table event is hosted, she said she looks forward to connecting with people. She said she tries to make sure it is a different group each time, and those who attend the "Mask-Er-Ade" are a completely different group than the last Chef's table.

Rizzuti said she was thankful for Garner and complimented the food. She said special food will be served that is sourced from local farms and fishermen in Pitt County or as close as possible.

"Any of our Chef's Table events are really just connecting with the community, giving people a chance to come out and support Third Street, it's not a fundraiser but it definitely raises awareness of what we are doing and what we are," Rizzuti said.

There will be staff dressed up with masks outside of the building in order to greet people on the way inside, according to Rizzuti. She said the tables will have their names on them ready for the guest to sit down and they will be taken through what Rizzuti calls a "journey of food." She said each course will be served to everyone at the same time so no one will have to wait.

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Student chef starts food business

Yasmine Curmon-Ward
 TEC STAFF

Chef Hecky, an international-style food catering business, opened for business in September as East Carolina University senior business management major Hector Rivas formed it from within his own apartment.

Rivas said he has catered for East Carolina Kiddie College, located in Winterville, so far and continues to work to build his clientele. He said he cooks two days out of the week where each day he cooks until he sells out of plates and customers can place their order through direct messages through his Instagram account @ChefHecky. He said he delivers orders or customers can pick up their order from his apartment.

Originally, Rivas said he wanted to start the business in the summer, but was delayed until the beginning of September due to the pandemic. He said he wanted to wait until people had the extra money to support a small business.

"I am doing well," Rivas said. "I am doing different menus a week, starting out with plate combos to start out with."

The menu consists of pastas, shrimp and grits, American soul food and more, according to Rivas. He said he is currently learning how to make vegan and vegetarian meals that he can add to the menu. He said in the weeks to come he wants to serve specials such as "Meatless Monday" for vegan and vegetarian customers.

Rivas, who is originally from Killeen, Texas, said his family taught him the recipes he cooks today when he was younger. Rivas said his family taught him how to cook all kinds of dishes and he considers himself a lover of all foods.

"I have a passion for sharing what I know about food with other people and I want them to be happy trying my food," Rivas said.

After he graduates from ECU in May 2021, he said he plans to go to culinary school to perfect his craft. The ultimate goal for the future, according to Rivas, is to own several restaurants and businesses while he additionally harbors a desire to pursue a



CONTRIBUTED BY HECTOR RIVAS

Hector Rivas with one of the dishes he prepared. music career.

Rivas, whose musical stage name is "Hecky Heck," said he and his friend Nicholas Bickford "NickdaBick" perform together as "Nectar," a combination of Rivas' and Bickford's first names. Rivas said Nectar released a mixtape in March, self-titled "Nectar." Rivas said he has a solo project in the works that he plans to release at the end of the year.

"Our music is primarily hip-hop. On 'Nectar' we touched on R&B, did some experimental sounds with house music. Our genres vary, we have a lot of influences; it's a fusion of different genres," Rivas said.

Due to ECU's eight-week block schedule, Rivas said he has a lighter course workload, so he has the time to cook and work on his music. Rivas said he posts recipes and food reviews on his TikTok account and plans to upload cooking videos to YouTube in the near future.

and I agreed to it because we've always supported one another and always helped each other out in everything that we do, so I said 'yeah.' I was on board with anything they wanted us to do."

The Prevail food truck will take over from 6 to 10 p.m. Owner Matthew Shawn Cole said he hopes to "stretch brains" with his authentic and inventive Hawaiian menu. The menu, which is frequently rotated, will feature special short-rib burgers for the event.

The Prevail food truck stays local and has visited Pitt Street Brewing Company before, Cole said. He said he enjoys the mutually beneficial relationship the brewery and food truck share.

"They (Pitt Street Brewing Company) always do something really cool for Halloween night and we got together," Cole said. "It was as simple as 'let's do it.' They wanted to do something different, have a

Rivas said rappers J. Cole, Kendrick Lamar, Lil Wayne and others are on his list of inspirations. He said his music can be found on all major music platforms like Spotify, Apple Music and YouTube.

"I've always been interested in music, I feel like it (music) taught me how to release anxiety that I have and helps me with my mood. Music always makes me happy, so I like to keep it around," Rivas said.

Bickford, a former ECU student, said he met Rivas when they were roommates in Gateway Residence Hall at ECU. He said he enjoyed the first dish he tried of Rivas' which was fettuccine alfredo.

Bickford said he would compare the food Rivas cooks to that of chef Gordon Ramsey. He said he is happy for Rivas to start his business as he has mentioned the start of the catering business for a significant amount of time.

"The food is immaculate," Bickford said. "Hands down Hector is probably the best chef, best cook I know. I know a lot of cooks, but he (Rivas) is very passionate about what he does and I am happy for him."

Robert Smith, a senior communication major, said he is a photographer for Rivas and a consistent customer. He said he buys food every week from Rivas' catering business and is inspired by his work ethic.

Smith said Rivas was a motivation to him to get back into photography. He said he was inspired as he saw Rivas work on the start of his business throughout the COVID-19 quarantine period rather than sit around and complain about the challenges.

"Hector (Rivas) is a great guy. He shows nothing but love and spreads positivity to the Greenville community with his cooking," Smith said. "For my birthday, I asked him to make me a loaded potato salad, that was really good. He blessed me for my birthday," Smith said.

More information on Chef Hecky Catering is located on Rivas' Instagram and Twitter pages.

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with the two clubs to promote participation in the run. With a starting point at the backyard of the brewery, there are prepared routes for 5k, 10k or half-marathons to host runners of virtual races.

After the race, Anita's Mexican Restaurant food truck will serve tacos and quesadillas from Noon to 4 p.m., owner and head chef Edwin Carbajal said. He said Anita's has been on the road for 10 years now. Pitt Street Brewing and Anita's have worked together in the past, said Carbajal, and have a supportive relationship.

"Pitt Street and Robin (Ashley, Umbrella Market coordinator for Uptown Greenville) were the ones who called me about having the event for Halloween," Carbajal said. "They asked me, you know, if I could collaborate with them and help them out,



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Pitt Street will host its annual Halloween event. cool food truck there, and the rest is history. We have a really good relationship, Pitt Street and Prevail."

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Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Today is an 8 — Relax and have fun with people you love. Laughter eases tears. Practice your arts, sports and hobbies. Get carried away by your favorite obsession.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) — Today is a 7 — Slow and consider. Express emotions when you feel them. Process recent transitions. Clean and organize your spaces. Connection with nature restores you. Enjoy special rituals.

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Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Today is an 8 — Focus on your physical labors and performance to nurture your health and energy. Balance work with rest and good food. Pamper yourself some.

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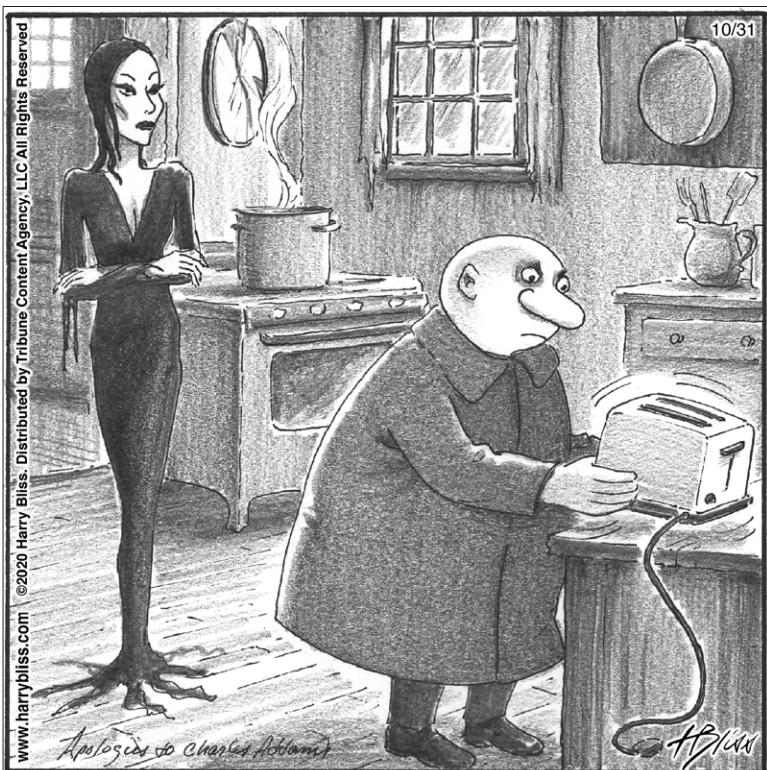
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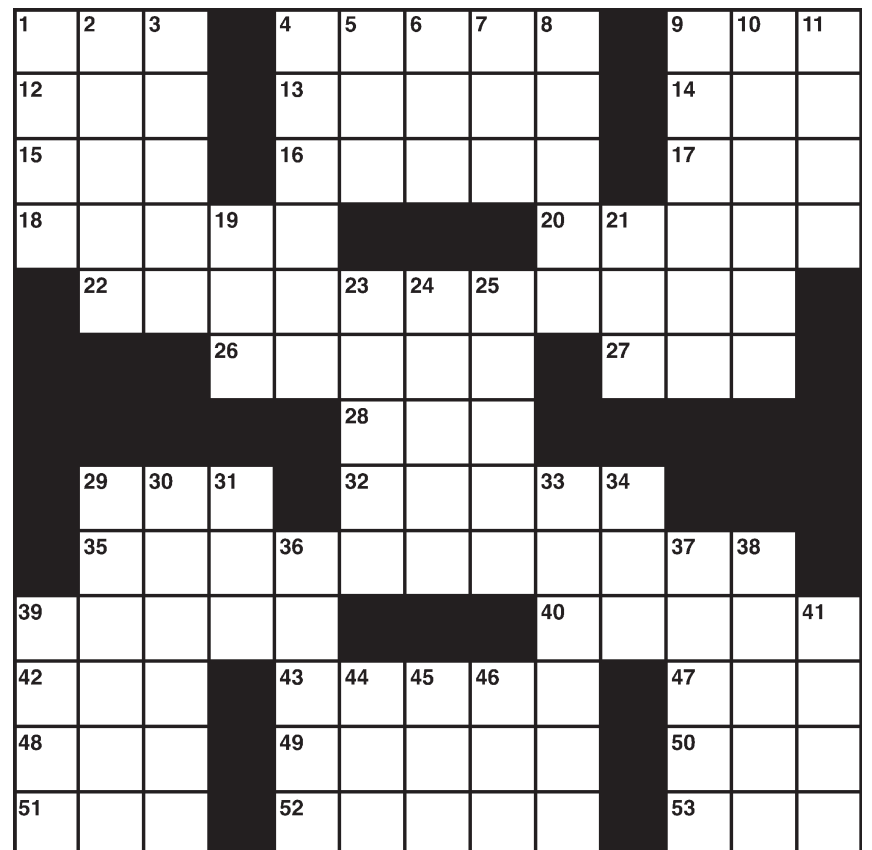


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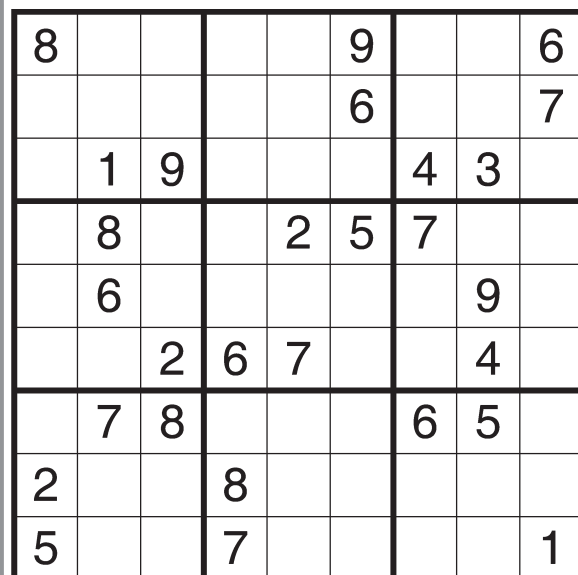


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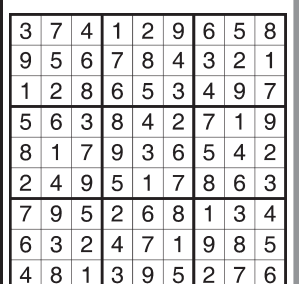
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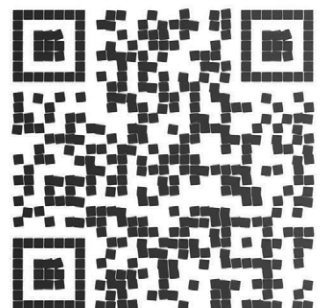
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ECU football utilizes bye-week to prepare for Tulsa

Houston stresses importance of extra practice time before Saturday's game

Cade Carlson

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After the Pirates' loss to the United States Naval Academy (3-3, 3-1 AAC) on Oct. 17, the East Carolina University football team (1-3, 1-2 AAC) will use its bye-week protocols to prepare for a road matchup against the Tulsa Golden Hurricanes (2-1, 2-0 AAC) on Oct. 30.

Head Coach Mike Houston stressed the importance of a win last Saturday. With a win against Navy, it would have moved the Pirates to a win percentage of .500 in the conference, and would have given them momentum heading into the second half of the season.

"I'm really disappointed in not being able to get what would have been a huge win for our program and would have been a second straight win in American Athletic Conference (AAC) play," Houston said.

The Pirates' recent struggles in the American Athletic Conference (AAC) play have been evident, as the team has been 2-9 against conference opponents over the last two seasons. In addition, the Pirates have yet to win an AAC home matchup in each of their last six outings.



Mike Houston

Houston said a bye-week will be important in the Pirates' preparation for the game against Tulsa. With some players sidelined, and a tough road game ahead, the Pirates will look to fire on all cylinders during this break.

"I think this week is a great opportunity for us to really go into next week strong and well prepared, and look forward to playing next Friday night in Tulsa, Oklahoma," Houston said.

Houston said with injuries, COVID-19 setbacks, and not having regular summer and spring practices, the development of both the offensive and defensive lines have been affected. Houston said with both lines dealing with setbacks, there is room for growth heading into the latter part of the season.

Houston was not short to praise how both



Head coach Mike Houston speaks to a referee during a past game in the current season.

his offensive and defensive lines have made strides and improvements up to this point in the season. He said he is excited for the potential of the defensive front line for many years to come.

"It's a group that's gonna be here for a long time. That's really gonna solidify us defensively up front for the foreseeable future. A lot of competition, a lot of depth, and a lot of ability," Houston said.

Houston said he was pleased with how the offensive line has been responding to adversity over the last three weeks. In addition, he said he is optimistic as the season moves forward.



Avery Jones

Some of the offensive line struggles have been noticeable, specifically in the Georgia State (2-2, 1-2 Sun Belt) game, Houston said. However, he said he is very pleased with the kind of comradery the group has shown this season.

"I really am excited about that group and the way they have kinda meshed," Houston said.

With the Southeastern Conference (SEC) giving the University of Alabama (5-0, 5-0 SEC) head coach Nick Saban the ability to coach on

Oct. 17 against the University of Georgia (3-1, 3-1 SEC), a few days after he tested positive for COVID-19, there was confusion amongst fans as to what the NCAA's COVID-19 protocols were.

Houston said that day-to-day testing is a part of everyday life now because of COVID-19. As a result of COVID-19 testing and contact tracing protocols, some players missed the game last Saturday.

"I think each conference has spent a lot of time developing their protocols. I know this has been something that the physicians and administrators in the American Athletic Conference spent a great amount of time on during the offseason," Houston said.

Houston has been pleased with how the Pirates have handled COVID-19 tests and contact tracing up to this point, but injuries have additionally been a prevalent issue.

With one active positive COVID-19 test currently at the quarterback position, along with a few others being out due to contract tracing, Houston said he feels positive that they will return for the game on Oct. 30.

"We do expect all of those players to be back with us this weekend, within a day or two of each other. So as we go into next week, that group will be rejoining us as long as there's no setbacks as

far as testing goes," Houston said.

One new group that has shown potential has been the Pirates' 2020 recruiting class. Houston was quick to note that freshman running back Rahjai Harris was someone they spent a lot of time recruiting, and it has paid off on the field.

Rahjai Harris has played a large role in the offense this year as of late with his high motor and level of physicality. Over the last two games, Harris has run the ball 41 times for 287 yards and averages a total of seven yards per carry.

Houston said Harris is not only a player who carries himself with pride, but continues to work with his fellow teammates to bring a sense of family on and off the field.



Rahjai Harris

"You get to know him more in-depth as a person, and you see his character on a daily basis. The way he carries himself, the way he interacts with his teammates, how coachable he is, and you see his competitive drive to be great," Houston said.

With a great opportunity coming up this week against Tulsa, the Pirates are using this bye-week to prepare and bounce back after a 27-23 loss to Navy last weekend. Houston said the team will spend a lot of time working on their own schemes.

Whether if they are in review of film or if they go over individual assignments, Houston said he hopes the Pirates can use this week to gain some momentum for the remainder of conference play. He said he will use this week to utilize some of the younger players that fans have not seen yet.

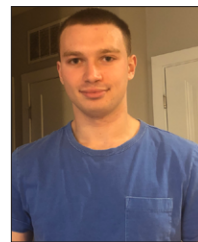
"This week we're focusing on a combination of getting ready for Tulsa, and we're going to spend a certain portion of practice each day repping our stuff against Tulsa and what we expect," Houston said.

ECU will look to get back on track in the AAC and get a win from Tulsa. Kickoff is set for 9 p.m. Oct. 30 and can be found on ESPN2.

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» ANALYSIS

Loss of impact players costs Pirates' win vs. Navy



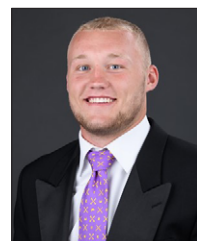
Jess Sabin
TEC STAFF

East Carolina University football team's (1-3, 1-2 AAC) loss against the United States Naval Academy (3-2, 3-1 AAC) was a hard fought slug fest where both teams relied heavily on their running games, rushing for a combined

102 times for 556 yards, but if ECU had all of its starters who knows who would have won. Navy won 27-23 and the game was close throughout. If one team got a little bit of a lead the other would come back and tie it or bring it to within a one score game. Navy was up 7-0, but ECU went on a 13-0 run and Navy tied the game at 13-13 going into the half.

In the third quarter, Navy went up 27-13, but an 80-yard touchdown run by freshman running back Rahjai Harris quickly brought it back to a one score game for ECU and with 6:33 minutes left in the game, a 39 yard field goal by senior kicker Jake Verity made it 27-23.

Due to COVID-19 protocols, the Pirates were without several key players. Junior quarterback Holton Ahlers, senior safety Davondre Robinson, junior running back Darius Pinnix, sophomore outside linebacker Damir Faison, and sophomore running back Demetrius Mauney all missed the game.



Holton Ahlers

According to head coach Mike Houston after the loss to Navy on Oct. 17, the players were kept out due to COVID-19 testing and subsequent protocols such as contact tracing. Houston said there was only one positive test and the other players who were tested were kept out due to contact tracing.

With true freshman Mason Garcia under center, the Pirates offense struggled with the passing game and were forced to rely much more on the ground attack. Garcia was a mere 10-20 for 104 yards, no touchdowns and no interceptions.

Ahlers may not be having the best statistical season with just 673 yards, six touchdowns and four interceptions on 57.1% passing through his three games, but his repertoire with the receiving core and his overall experience could have made a big



Quarterback Mason Garcia scans the field.

enough difference to sway the game in the Pirates' favor.

While Pinnix and Mauney's absences weren't harshly felt since the emergence of true freshman running back Rahjai Harris, the loss of depth at the running back position was felt as ECU needed Harris to have his second straight game of over 100-yards rushing. Against Navy, Garcia was the Pirates second leading rusher at 81 yards.

The lack of Robinson and Faison's presence on the defensive side was felt as well. Despite Navy only throwing five total passes the whole game, going 3-5 for just 40 yards as a whole Navy still had over 300 yards of offense.

While neither Robinson or Faison have had seasons like junior linebacker Xavier Smith has had, Robinson has contributed nine total tackles and Faison has had six. Their impact with tackling surely would have helped slow down Navy's rushing attack.

Had the Pirates been at full strength with a stronger passing attack and fully loaded backfield, the game against Navy could have looked very different. Even without players such as Ahlers and Pinnix the game went drastically different than Navy's 42-10 trouncing of the Pirates in 2019.

It is currently unknown who the Pirates will get back when they travel to Tulsa, Oklahoma to play the University of Tulsa (2-1, 2-0 AAC) on Oct. 30. Regardless, it's no doubt that the absence of several players was responsible for the Pirates' loss against Navy.

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