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## Houston's former QB starts in NFL

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Before head coach Mike Houston joined East Carolina University football in 2018, he worked at James Madison University (JMU) where he coached former Duke University quarterback and most recently, rookie starting quarterback for the Dallas Cowboys Ben DiNucci.

DiNucci, former JMU quarterback who played under Houston in 2018, had an unlikely first career when Dak Prescott and Andy Dalton, both Dallas Cowboys quarterbacks, were injured. Houston said he texted with DiNucci last week about the opportunity and is proud of his former player.

"It's exciting seeing a guy that played for you getting that opportunity," Houston said. "I'm a lifelong Cowboys fan so that made it a little bit more extra special."

Against the Philadelphia Eagles, the Cowboys lost 23-9. Even though DiNucci completed 21-of-40 passes for 180 yards, he was sacked four times with two fumbles.

DiNucci spent three college football seasons at the University of Pittsburgh football program before transferring to JMU. As a freshman he played in 12 games, then went on to make six starts as a redshirt sophomore quarterback.

Against Oklahoma State in 2017, DiNucci threw for a season high of 228 yards and a touchdown. He then made his career start for JMU with 110 yards and a touchdown in 2018. Houston said DiNucci's situation at the University of Pittsburgh football program was not favorable.

"He had some struggles there at Pitt. It wasn't a good situation for him," Houston said. "(I'm) just really proud of the way he turned his career around there at JMU with us."

Jimmy Moreland, former cornerback for the blue devils who played under Houston, was picked up in the seventh round of the 2019 National Football League (NFL) Draft by the Washington Football Team. As a redshirt senior in 2018 at JMU, Moreland started all 13 games and won multiple awards including Consensus First Team All-American, HERO Sports Fan's Choice FCS Defensive Player of the Year, First Team ECAC All-Star and more. Against the University of Delaware, Moreland had a season high of 10 tackles and intercepted for 217 yards total in 2018.

Moreland debuted his NFL career in 2019 when he started against the Philadelphia Eagles and recorded

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Campus Living was one of the departments affected by recent furloughs.

## ECU employees face furloughs

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Due to the online transition of undergraduate courses at East Carolina University after a rise in COVID-19 cases among students, some employees throughout the divisions of Student Affairs, Academic Affairs,



Athletics and Administration & Finance have been furloughed for the remainder of the 2020-2021 academic year due to financial losses over the year.

Sara Lilley, interim assistant vice chancellor for the university's human resources department, said in an email statement that ECU had to make the deci-

sion to furlough employees in different departments because of interruptions in revenue sources due to the pandemic.

Lilley said the furlough plans that have been implemented are in place through the end of the current fiscal year, which ends on June 30, 2021. She said all University of North Carolina System institutions have the authority to furlough non-faculty employees, and some other institutions have implemented furloughs much like ECU has.

"The type of furloughs that have been implemented include full furloughs (no pay for at least one month), partial furloughs (employee will not receive pay for only part of a month or will be placed on a temporarily reduced work schedule), and temporary salary reductions (reduction of employee base

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## SHS prepares for increase of COVID-19

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As East Carolina University approaches the end of its fall 2020 semester, ECU Student Health Services and Campus Living continues to prepare for the spring 2021 semester with mass COVID-19 testing for students, faculty and staff and COVID-19 regulations for on-campus residents.

Associate Director for Clinical Operations at ECU Student Health Services (SHS) Ellen Goldberg said SHS will offer mass exit testing which will begin a week prior to the end of the fall 2020 semester for students, faculty and staff. She said SHS will begin exit testing on Nov. 16 and anyone interested in this should look on SHS's website for further information on specific times, dates and locations of testing.

SHS has offered testing Thursdays on both the Health Science Campus and Main Campus throughout the fall semester in hopes to attract faculty and staff to get tested for COVID-19, according to Goldberg. She said this type of testing clinic will continue into the spring semester but the dates may be changed to accommodate student schedules.

"The lessons learned from the fall coupled with the knowledge that we have going forward and the plans in place, I think we're in a really good spot for the spring and we hope we don't have to enact any large scale operations that we had to do in the fall," Goldberg said.

Associate Director of Residence Life for Academic Initiatives Mike Perry said ECU Campus Living has tested 25% of on-campus students each week during the fall semester. He said Campus Living plans to do the same for the spring but the percentage of students will be lowered to accommodate for the increase in students who live in on-campus residence halls.

Students who plan to stay on-campus for the spring 2021 semester are required to provide a negative COVID-19 test prior to move-in, according to Perry. He said students can be tested at home or once they arrive in Greenville to drop off their belongings before official move-in.

Perry said Campus Living has decided to offer single occupancy rooms for the spring semester in hopes to eliminate potential COVID-19 hotspots

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# City council changes street mural name

'Black Lives Do Matter' project changed to read 'Unite Against Racism' on First Street

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The Pitt County Arts Council at Emerge Gallery and Art Center and North Carolina Civil was ready to move forward with the "Black Lives Do Matter" street mural, when Greenville City Council members voted on Nov. 9 to change the mural to read "Unite Against Racism."

During the council meeting's public comment period, a variety of community members discussed the "Black Lives Do Matter" street mural, advocated for Black lives in the community, state and region and for the mural to be completed.

On Oct. 19, during a City Council meeting, the mural was changed from "Black Lives Matter!" to "Black Lives Do Matter." Jermaine McNair, executive director of North Carolina Civil, a non-profit community development organization in Greenville, said he has helped the artists with this mural despite the adjustments that have been made.

"We did agree to add 'do' in here ("Black Lives Do Matter") because we want this project to happen and that allowed us to add more artists to the project," McNair said in reference to the Oct. 19 meeting before the name change.

Ann Harrington, a Greenville, North Carolina resident,

said one of the functions of art is to promote and educate, and this mural does both of those things. The saying "Black Lives Matter" bothers some people due to political connotations, according to Harrington.

"We can embrace the artist's vision of a mural in the heart of the city that unequivocally states that Black lives do matter. It is but a start, but a good start. Please turn that dark cloud into a shining rainbow by approving the First Street mural project," Harrington said.

Rick Smiley, a council member, who also oversees District 4, said the First Street mural is a dramatic and controversial topic that raises passions between all individuals. He said some people are uneasy by this mural, but Black individuals and people of color have not been treated well on multiple occasions not only all over the country, but also specifically in the community of Greenville. Smiley said he thinks the mural is an appropriate thing for the city to permit.

William Litchfield, a council member that oversees district 5, said he believes in the Black Lives Matter



Ann Harrington



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The street mural will be painted on First Street by the Town Common.

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## BRIEFS

**Gamma Psi Sigma to hold blood drive**

Today, the ECU chapter of Gamma Psi Sigma will partner with the American Red Cross to hold a blood drive from 2 to 6 p.m. Those who wish to attend can find the address and more information on GPS' Engage page.

**Virtual Housing Fair to be held Thursday**

Tomorrow, ECU Off-Campus Student Services will host its virtual housing fair from noon to 2 p.m. Students will be able to research apartments near ECU's campus and compare prices, amenities and more. More information can be found on OCSS' Engage page.

**G.O.L.D Series to host workshop on media**

Today, the East Carolina University G.O.L.D Series will host a discussion and workshop on "How to Have the Media Work for You" from 3 to 4 p.m. Students will learn how to use the media to effectively get a message across to an audience. More information on how to attend can be found on the event's Engage page.

**SGA hosts weekly virtual office hours**

Tomorrow, East Carolina University's Student Government Association (SGA) will host its weekly virtual office hours from 3 to 4 p.m. Students will have the chance to speak to SGA's executive board about issues pertinent to the student body. More information on the event can be found on SGA's Engage page.

**CLCE to host Cupola Conversations**

Tomorrow, the Center for Leadership and Civic Engagement (CLCE) will host a Cupola Conversations event from 4 to 5 p.m. Faculty guests Jonathan Morris and Jody Baumgartner will speak on the 2020 election and an open conversation will be held. More information can be found on the CLCE's Engage page.

## CORRECTIONS &amp; CLARIFICATIONS

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Citizens are encouraged to reach out to local veterans and organizations to show appreciation for past service in the United States Armed Forces.

# Pandemic halts Veterans Day events

## Recognition and honor of past servicemen and women remains encouraged

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As the usual East Carolina University Veterans Day events have come to a halt due to the COVID-19 pandemic, ECU Student Veteran Services (SVS) and Military Outreach encourage the community to remain aware while they express their support to the U.S. Armed Forces and veterans.

Associate Director of ECU Military Outreach Jeff Netznik said, prior to COVID-19, Veterans Day celebrations would entail parades where veterans were able to show younger generations the pride they have from serving the country.

"It's important for individuals to go out there and show their support for these veterans," Netznik said.

The pandemic caused this year's Veterans Day to be different, Netznik said. However, he said there are still ways to let a veteran know they remain in the thoughts of civilians and continue to be honored.

Most individuals know a veteran, whether it's a family member, co-worker or through a general social environment, Netznik said. He said due to the restrictions placed on events and gatherings this year, a simple phone call to a veteran could make a difference.



Jeff Netznik

Student Veteran Services Associate Director Nicole Messina said SVS would typically partner with the Pirate Veterans Organization (PVO) on campus for a Veterans

Day fundraiser and it would allow students and the ECU community to purchase a flag to be displayed outside of Joyner Library. She said the pandemic has halted that event this year.

"The reason why we did that (the flag fundraiser) is because it's important to the veteran community that we remain visible," Messina said.

Sometimes it may be difficult to determine who a veteran may be among one's classmates, according to Messina. She said it is important to remind the ECU campus community that veterans are around.

While the flag display will be halted due to the pandemic, Messina said Green Zone Training for faculty and staff will continue throughout the week. She said Green Zone Training is an event where faculty and staff are able to talk about the traditional needs and issues for veterans in the classroom.

"Pretty much every week since we have pivoted back online, we have had like an online, you know, WebEx meeting where our student veterans can get online and we can just kind of talk to each other," Messina said. "There is no agenda. It's purely social."

Messina said weekly meetings give student veterans an event to look forward to where they are able to engage.

SVS continues to check in with student veterans regularly and make sure they have support, Messina said. She said it's important to check in with student veterans because some may have a difficult time being online and away from a large number of people.

Jeremiah Caudill, a first-year graduate student within the history department at

ECU and student veteran, said there is a large veteran population in the university community and it's important to recognize those who sacrificed time, effort and even lives for the country.

"These men and women that are veterans, they've sacrificed a lot of their time, effort,



Jeremiah Caudill

sometimes their lives, or their, at least their bodies to hopefully make this country a better place," Caudill said. "It's a good idea that ECU should recognize that."

Caudill said he is former president and vice president of PVO at ECU. He said PVO works in an effort to bring veterans and veteran-friendly people together to build a social network.

Several events are unable to take place this year due to the pandemic, but writing letters is a way to show veterans and those deployed they have not been forgotten, Caudill said.

"We can't really do too much. We can't get together and do anything as a group for risk of spreading illness, but you know something as much as writing a letter to deployed ECU students, let them know we're still thinking about them, that can be done," Caudill said.

More information on Student Veterans Services (SVS) can be found on its website, and more information on ECU's Military Outreach is located online.

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salary that does not reduce the expected work hours of the employee," Lilley said.

ECU faces an estimated revenue deficit of \$25 million due to fiscal losses associated with the COVID-19 pandemic, according to a Sept. 25 report. The report said ECU continues to try to reassign those who are furloughed to vacancies in other university departments when possible and will continue to provide faculty and staff with information, guidelines and answer questions related to furloughs, the report said.

Vice Chancellor of Administration and Finance Sara Thorndike said the divisions on campus which have been affected by furloughs include four major departments throughout the university. While employees are not paid on furlough, Thorndike said ECU continues to pay the employer share of employee benefits.

ECU partners with ComPsych, an

employee assistance program, to provide the Faculty and Staff Assistant Program (FASAP) which benefits faculty and staff as well as their immediate family members through counseling, Thorndike said. ComPsych delivers innovative and quality counseling and resources to help employees, staff and family members, according to ECU's Human Resources website.

"Employees are not compensated while on furlough. The salary savings reduce expenses for the areas on campus that have seen significant revenue declines due to COVID," Thorndike said.

Director of ECU Transit Wood Davidson said the transit staff were not impacted by the recent round of furloughs, but had similar impacts earlier this fiscal year. He said full-time employees in transit received a flexible one week furlough that was required of employees throughout the department from July to September and continued to receive benefits. Davidson said the department was involved in the

same conversation as other departments across campus and that they were affected due to the current state of the budget and impacts of COVID-19.

Davidson said about 10 full-time employees in the department were affected and that the department has two vacant full-time positions, one being a result of COVID-19, and will remain vacant through June 30, 2021. He said as a result of service and other reductions, ECU Transit anticipates having a balanced budget this fiscal year without impacting its reserves and that leaving these positions vacant is additional cost savings for the department.

"I had some people that would choose to do it all in one week, so they were out five days which was their 40 hours, or you could split it up and do a day a week for

a number of weeks; it could be broken up kind of based on what the employee's needs were and what the department's needs were," Davidson said.

On Sept. 25, according to a release from ECU News Services, 25 employees in the Administration & Finance and Academic Affairs Departments of the university faced furloughs. The release said some of these furloughs would be for a set number of days while others would be for the remainder of the fiscal year.

"Across campus, the reduced demand for employee services and such a large disruption to revenues has forced an institutional response," Interim Chancellor Ron Mitchelson said in the press release.

North Carolina law does not allow for ECU to use tuition or state-appropriated funds to cover any revenue shortfalls in any divisions, the press release said.

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in residence hall buildings. He said Campus Living plans to fill College Hill residence halls first and open West End halls if need be as they continue to accept spring residence hall applications from students.

"I think one of the things we just want students to know is part of the reason we're going for the single room approach is that we're really confident that this will allow us to keep students in the halls for the whole semester," Perry said.

In the case of an increase of COVID-19 cases among on-campus students, Campus Living has designated College Hill Suites for quarantine and isolation, according to Perry. He said Campus Living has about 375 rooms available as needed for students who test positive for COVID-19.

Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs Virginia Hardy said ECU will have enough quarantine and isolation spaces on campus to accommodate any increase in cases. She said a large part of keeping COVID-19 cases low comes from student compliance on local, state and federal guidelines and protocols.

Hardy said students need to understand ECU has done all it can to prepare for a successful spring semester, but that can only happen if everyone does their part to social distance, wash their hands and wear masks. She said students benefit from engagement on campus and she hopes that can happen throughout the spring semester.



Virginia Hardy

"We're jumping through hoops and it's not



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Student Health Services will increase students testing in the spring to attempt to slow the spread of COVID-19.

fun for anybody, but it is what it is and this is where we are, and we all need to comply and do what we need to do so our university can stay open for the entire semester and get ready

for summer and fall of 2021," Hardy said.

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## OUR VIEW

### 2020 election results must not divide us

After four days of waiting since Election Day, it was announced on Nov. 7 around 11:30 a.m. that Democratic Party Presidential candidate Joe Biden and Vice President candidate Kamala Harris defeated President Donald Trump and Vice President Mike Pence in the 2020 Presidential Election.

Biden beat Trump for the place of the 46th President of the United States after winning the swing state of Pennsylvania and securing the state's 20 electoral votes. Biden ended up receiving a total of 284 electoral votes, while Trump received 214.

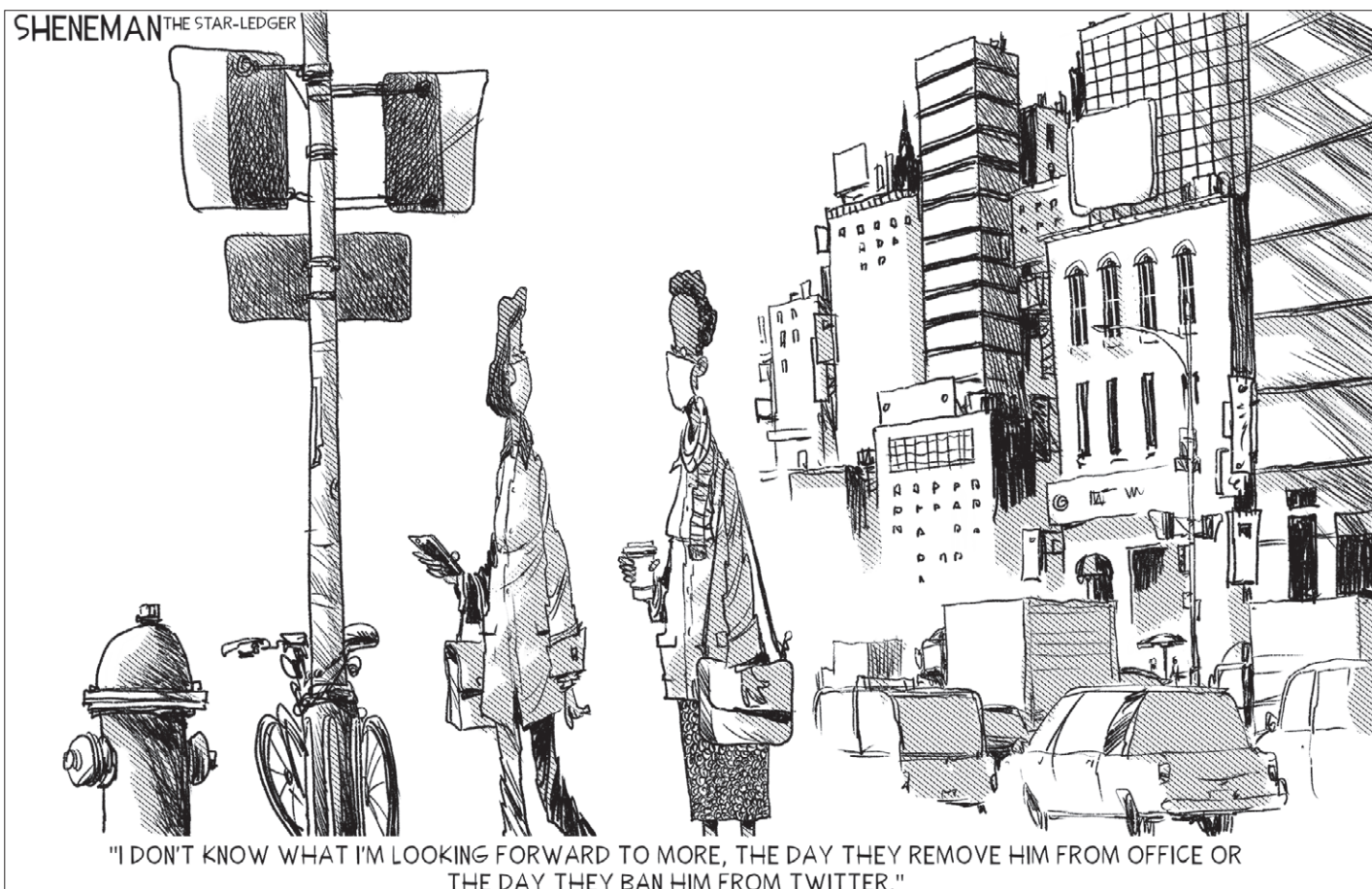
Under Biden in office, he plans to focus on COVID-19 containment, affordable healthcare and economic recovery, according to Biden's website. Biden plans to improve Personal Protection Equipment (PPE) for healthcare workers on the frontlines during the pandemic.

We, the editorial staff of The East Carolinian, would like to remind everyone that whether or not the election results were in your favor, it is important for us to continue to stand together and support one another in the East Carolina and Greenville, North Carolina community.

Whether or not you are in favor of the results from the election, it is our duty to continue forward as a nation and strive for reform. Political activism should not come to a halt if those in positions of authority are not in your personal interest.

During his victory speech on Nov. 7, Biden said, "it's time to put away the harsh rhetoric" and said he wants to unite the nation. Biden's speech served as a reminder that despite political leanings, we must unite again and continue to work with one another.

As Harris is the vice president-elect, she would make history as the first Black woman and person of south Asian descent to occupy this position. The 2020 election marked an historical year as the country has seen more women, minorities and people in the LGBTQ community elected to political positions.



## Opinions are not the same as fake news

### Consumers of media should be aware of the content they read



**Hannah Bolick**  
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There has been a lot of talk in recent months about "fake news" and bias in the media. Now, I won't say there is absolutely no bias in the media or that there aren't media organizations which are skewed one way or another on certain issues. There are issues with corporately owned media, and reporters are human beings with innate bias which is bound to be reflected in their writing sometimes.

However, I think the largest issues surrounding all of the cries of "fake news" and "bias" are not instances of actual reporting of incorrect information or bias in news reports. I think readers don't always understand or acknowledge the difference between opinion columns (such as this one) and actual news reports.

The ultimate goal for media professionals is to present the truth. Our duty is to present the facts of a situation and allow readers to draw their own conclusions based on those facts. Perhaps there are individuals who have some ulterior agenda with their writing, but it is a gross overgeneralization to say that "the media" as a universal entity presents lies to its readers on purpose and without remorse.

News organizations do sometimes publish the opinions of their reporters, editors and guest columnists, but these articles are not presented as news or fact. They are labeled as "opinion," "editorial," "analysis," "review," or some other denotation to indicate the story to follow is based on the opinion of the



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Consumers of the media need to be sure if they are reading news articles or opinions before jumping to conclusions.

writer. People don't always pay close enough attention to what they are reading to realize that these articles are not meant to be taken as objective articles.

It is the duty of the publication to denote when a story is based on a writer's opinion, but it is equally the duty of the reader to know what they are reading. On an even more basic level, it is the duty of the reader to read beyond the headline of a story to understand what is really being discussed. A headline is a description of what is within a story, not a statement of the publication's view on the subject.

If readers do not want any bias inserted into the media they consume, then media organizations are trusting them to draw their own conclusions based on the facts presented.

If readers can be trusted to draw their own conclusions based on their own analysis of the facts, they should be paying close enough attention to what they are reading to be able to discern whether or not they are reading an opinion piece.

What would media organizations stand to gain from purposely lying to their readers and presenting our opinions as the unfiltered truth? We strive to do just the opposite. We want to gain the trust of our readers so that they keep coming back to us for reliable information. If we consistently published "fake news" our readers wouldn't keep coming back.

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## Learn to expect the unexpected in life

### Senior Column



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Despite the fact that I am about to graduate from East Carolina University in December, I feel like I have overcome much more than just my undergraduate studies

with experiencing two elections, a civil rights resurgence and a pandemic that the modern world hasn't seen since 1918.

My time at ECU, and at The East Carolinian (TEC), is at an end. As sad and uncertain about the future that I am, I remain hopeful that my time here has prepared me for the future. My experiences have ultimately taught me to expect the unexpected in life.

I joined the paper on a whim and thought I would try something new. After I was trained to be a sports reporter, I applied to work over the summer for the newspaper. Although I got the job, no other sports reporters applied and I was thrown into the metaphorical fire as a first-time section editor.

With no previous job experience as a reporter or editor, I immediately felt overwhelmed and had no desire to continue. I stuck with the job and fell in love with sports in a new way. Reporting on games, writing stories and talking about sports became my new passions and I would not have known if not for that situation.

Working at TEC continued to teach me how to deal with the unexpected and change, again in the form of a new job. After a summer and the fall semester as the

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*-Brendan Gillespie*

sports editor I was moved to the news chief. Both me and my news editor had no news experience at the time, so I again had to adapt to unexpected circumstances.

While being a news reporter is probably not a career path I will pursue, that semester taught me a lot about reporting on breaking news, becoming more oriented to maintaining a schedule and asking for help when needed.

In my final semester, yet another unexpected event taught me some lessons. The start of the COVID-19 pandemic was right around the end of the previous spring semester and into the summer.

Again, working over the summer brought a completely new perspective to light through the Black Lives Matter movement. As a white male, I have had no personal experience with racism of any kind. It seemed like a fairytale to me and I always thought it pretty much went away after the Civil Rights Act of 1964. I was wrong.

The murder of George Floyd on May 25 opened my eyes to the prejudice going on in the United States and remind me that racial profiling is still happening today. The Black Lives Matter movement grew national attention and made me proud to be an American because black voices were being heard about racial injustice and allies

from all backgrounds and races were standing by them in support.

After returning to Greenville, North Carolina, to work as multimedia manager for TEC, I had my first real encounter with COVID-19 when my roommate's girlfriend contracted the virus. I had to go and self-quarantine and learned that the virus and contact tracing is something to be taken seriously.

Once I was moved back to the sports department, COVID-19 made reporting on sports very difficult, considering most collegiate sports were being either cancelled or postponed. It forced me and my reporters to be creative with our stories and ultimately helped our ability to write stories in the long run.

Throughout my time in college, I have experienced many things that were unexpected. Thanks to my time spent at TEC, I have learned to adapt to the many changes in life and how to turn those negatives into a positive. Although it is sad to leave school and my friends at TEC, I'm sure this is yet another event that I will get through as I have before thanks to them.

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## Taniyah Thompson looks to have a strong season

### Sophomore guard continues to show growth for McNeill and Pirates

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Sophomore guard Taniyah Thompson looks to have a strong 2020-21 season for the East Carolina University women's basketball team under the guidance of head coach Kim McNeill.

"My personal goal is to be the best I can be for the team and help our team get a lot of wins this season," Thompson said.

The Pirates' schedule has not been released due to delays enforced by the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) regarding COVID-19.

Last season, Thompson averaged 13.7 points a game, one assist, 3.3 rebounds, and 1.9 steals as she started in all 30 contests for the Pirates. Thompson said her favorite moments from last year were practices and the improvements the team made.

The Pirates finished their 2019-20 campaign with an overall record of 9-21 and an American Athletic Conference (AAC) record of 6-10.

In last season's opener on Nov. 6, 2019, Thompson dropped 11 points on The University of Middle Tennessee which was the most points scored by a freshman in their debut in six years. Thompson was the first ECU freshman since 1999 to reach double figures in the scoring column within the first three games. This included a 25-point performance against The University of South Carolina Upstate and a 17-point performance against the College of William and Mary.

Thompson's historic numbers in games are a result of her hard work in the practice gym and McNeill has recognized her efforts.



**Taniyah Thompson**



Sophomore guard Taniyah Thompson takes the ball to the hoop against a UConn defender.

"She's the hardest worker that we have on our team and she's so committed and so brought into what we are doing at East Carolina. Any adversity that you run into will help you grow as a person. That helped her grow on the court. She understands what happened last year and doesn't want to go through it again this year,"



**Kim McNeill**  
McNeill said.

At the conclusion of last season, Thompson was unanimously voted to the AAC All Freshman team along with the AAC All Academic team. Thompson is the first and only player from ECU to earn multiple AAC freshman of the week honors as she won the award twice in February 2020, according to ECU Pirates.

Thompson has grown both on and off the floor in her short time at ECU, but it's the growth off the floor that McNeill said she has seen the most from Thompson.

"Coming into East Carolina, we had known

her (Thompson) for a really long time and it's not the growth on the court I've seen the most, it's the growth off the court. Being more vocal, having more of a personality and laughing and joking with her teammates," McNeill said.

Thompson is from Hamden, Connecticut, where she attended Hamden High School and lettered there all four years. Thompson helped Hamden win its first Southern Connecticut Conference (SCC) title in school history. In that game, Thompson scored 35 points and won MVP of the game, according to ECU Pirates.

Before leading Hamden to a conference title, Thompson was awarded the school's Defensive Player of the Year honor as a freshman.

In high school, Thompson was three-time First Team All Southern Connecticut Conference (SCC) along with winning First Team All State honors twice. She is Hamden's all time leading scorer with 1,877 points over the course of her career.

Thompson was also an ESPN Radio 1300 Player of the Game, a four-time Gametime CT Player of the Game and a McDonald's All-American Nominee, according to ECU Pirates.

Thompson said her father acted as an important role model to her as she grew up which helped her succeed as a player on the court.

"The biggest role model in my life would be my father, Fred Thompson. We've been on this journey for a long time and he helped me come up with training," Thompson said.

Thompson and the Pirates will return to play in one of the four windows for the start dates announced by AAC commissioner Mike Aresco on Oct. 7. Start dates announced are Dec. 14 to Dec. 17, Dec. 18 to Dec. 20, Dec. 21 to Dec. 23 and Dec. 28 to Dec. 31, according to Aresco.

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three solo tackles. During his second game with Washington against the Dallas Cowboys, he recorded six solo tackles. On Dec. 7, 2019, Moreland was placed on injured reserve when he sustained a foot injury, which ended his season early.

As for the East Carolina University football team, Houston believes he has a talented group of student-athletes who could get the opportunity to play in the NFL.

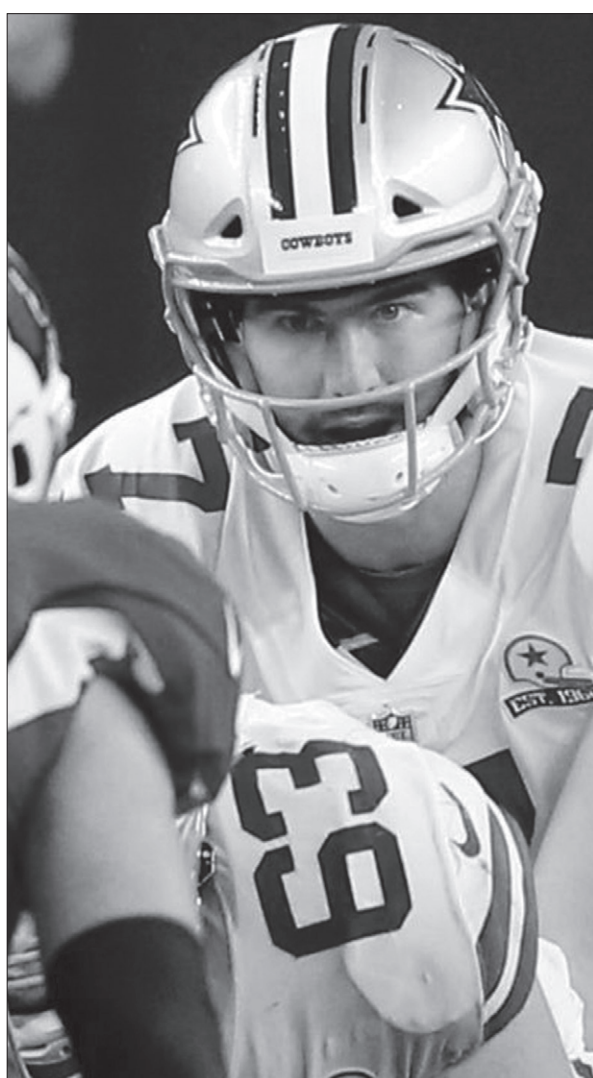
"I think we have several (players) that have the potential for that, hopefully we got them for a little while longer before that becomes a reality," Houston said. "I think we have some guys, talented guys on the roster here."

Pirates star quarterback Holter Ahlers has had several individual game highs this season. Against the University of Tulsa, Ahlers completed 50 pass attempts, three touchdown passes, 38 passing completions and 330 passing yards. Ahlers completed 50 pass attempts against Georgia State University (GSU) as well.

Against Tulsa, Pirate inside receiver Tyler Snead had 16 receptions and received for 108 yards. Overall, Snead has totaled five punt returns for 47 yards and 12 kick returns for 210 yards. He has a total of 673 all purpose yards and averages 112.2 all purpose yards a game.

Senior punter Jonn Young's game highs include 55 long punts and a 46% punting average against the University of South Florida (USF), as well as two punts inside 20 against the University of Central Florida and six punts against GSU.

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Former JMU QB Ben DiNucci takes snaps for the Cowboys.

## » ANALYSIS



Pirate guard Tristan Newton takes on three Knights defenders in the painted area during last season's contest against UCF.

## Tristen Newton projected to be valuable for ECU

As the East Carolina University men's basketball team continues to prepare during the offseason, one player who is projected to have an impact as a ball handler on the team this season is sophomore guard Tristen Newton.

Newton is a 6 feet 5 inches tall point guard from El Paso, Texas, who joined the Pirate roster in the 2019-2020 season as a freshman. As a young guard, Newton gained a good amount of game experience. His minutes were valuable and increased over the course of the regular season and into conference play.

Newton started in the final 12 games in the Pirates' 2019-2020 season, and averaged 29.8 minutes per game. He played the highest number of minutes among the ECU freshmen on the team. Newton's minutes were put to good use as night-in and night-out he filled the box score up with starting point guard numbers.

Over the course of the season, Newton averaged 11.0 points per game and a team-high 3.7 assists per game. He added 4.5 rebounds per game and led the team in steals with 1.2 per game.

Junior forward Jayden Gardner led the team in minutes with 34.3 per game last season, but Newton's time on the floor placed him right behind Gardner. Newton ranked second on the team in scoring behind Gardner. Even in rebounding, Newton held the second highest average behind Gardner's 9.2 boards per game.

Newton's effort during his first year put him in a good position to play valuable minutes in the upcoming season. His best performance came



**Tristan Newton**

late in the season against the University of Connecticut (UConn) on Feb. 29. In his 38 minutes spent on the court against UConn, Newton dropped 25 points to lead the Pirates in scoring, and added six assists to lead the game in the same category. Five rebounds and two steals rounded out his statline on the defensive end. Against UConn, Newton played his most complete game, and with this performance coming near the end of the season, the young guard shows that there is more to come in his collegiate career.

This performance from Newton

came in the absence of Gardner's usual scoring numbers as he only had nine points, shooting 2-10 from the floor. Gardner had five turnovers in the game. Newton proved his ability to step up to be a primary scoring option when needed. Despite the loss to UConn, the game was a significant one for Newton.

Newton's play during his freshman year was record setting. He topped the most assists, with 114 in total, in a single season by a freshman. His assist numbers are the fourth-most by a freshman in American Athletic Conference (AAC) history.

His scoring ability along with his playmaking will be a positive asset to pair with Gardner this season. Newton proved in his young career that he can be the reliable second option that the Pirates desperately need. In order to see improvement from the Pirates, Newton's ability as a playmaker needs to be utilized.

As the extended offseason continues, the Pirates have added some depth to the guard position with the addition of freshman guard Noah Farakhan. Having Newton and Farakhan on the roster should produce a more well-rounded offense, releasing some of the offensive pressure off of Gardner.

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**Aries** (March 21-April 19) — Today is an 8 — You can see what your partner needs. Nonetheless, don't get pushy. Practice acceptance and compassion. Share what you're learning. Nurture a loving spark.

**Leo** (July 23-Aug. 22) — Today is a 7 — Don't launch creative projects yet. Beautify and polish. Edit and prepare. Avoid controversy or jealousies. Consider the long-term implications before acting. Read the fine print.

**Sagittarius** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Today is a 7 — Wait for developments with a team effort. Anticipate resistance and avoid sensitivities. Question authority without getting confrontational. Provide peace, calm and stability.

**Taurus** (April 20-May 20) — Today is an 8 — Guard your physical health, fitness and energy. Nurture yourself with rest and good food. Don't push if it hurts. Reduce stress. Relax with good music.

**Virgo** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Today is an 8 — Put love into your work and demand rises. Don't try to force anything. Wait for developments. Make an artistic beginning. Keep expenses low. Imagine perfection.

**Capricorn** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Today is an 8 — Dutiful efforts win professional reward. Monitor and observe without pushing. Use gentle pressure rather than force. You don't have the full picture. Patiently persist.

**Gemini** (May 21-June 20) — Today is an 8 — Love is the game and the prize. Don't fret about the future. Savor deliciousness and beauty in the present. Connect with your dear ones.

**Libra** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Today is an 8 — Proceed with caution before making a personal change. Consider long-term consequences before acting. Imagine how it might affect others. Envision what you really want.

**Aquarius** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Today is an 8 — Expand your territory. Review reservations and conditions before advancing. Stay respectful and keep a low profile. Avoid risky business or controversy. Discover hidden beauty.

**Cancer** (June 21-July 22) — Today is a 7 — It may take a mess to make a domestic improvement. Envision the results you'd love. Research and compare for best value. Consider future appreciation.

**Scorpio** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Today is a 7 — Your imagination goes wild. Relax and enjoy the ride. Retreat into a peaceful phase of private introspection. Settle into restful contemplation. Recharge batteries.

**Pisces** (Feb. 19-March 20) — Today is a 7 — Keep your fingers on the pulse of your shared finances. Monitor account conditions to adapt for changes. Guard against technical glitches. Contribute for growth.

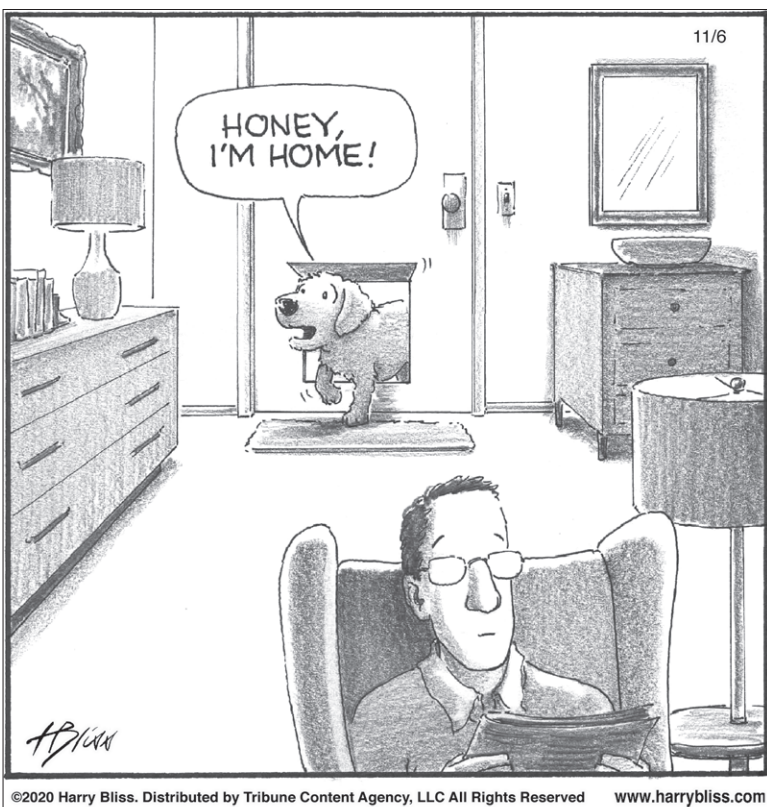
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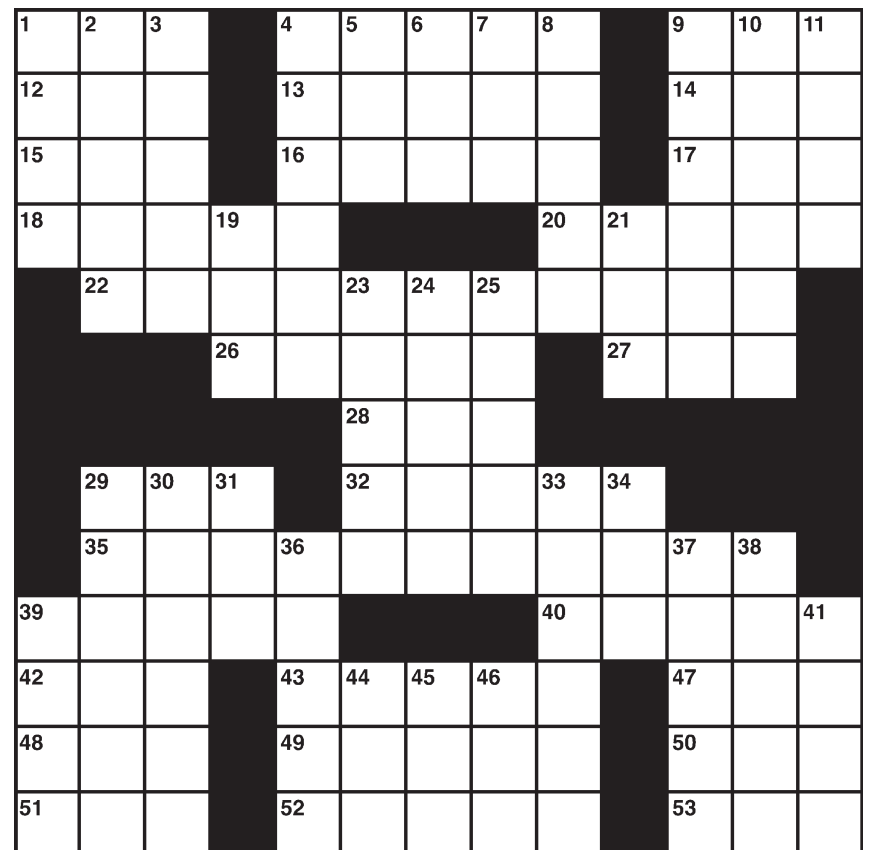


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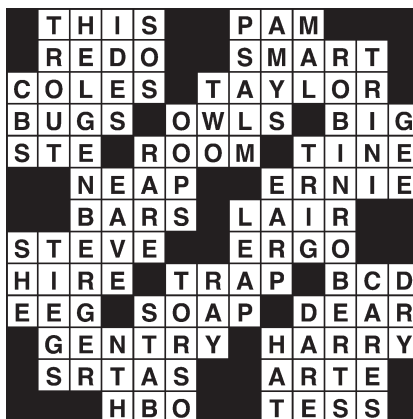
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- 16 Couch potato
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- 22 "\_\_\_ the Stars"
- 26 "It's \_\_\_ Never"; Elvis song
- 27 Feminine ending
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- 39 "The \_\_\_ and the Ecstasy"
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- 43 "The Price Is \_\_\_"
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- 48 Female orange monster on "Sesame Street"
- 49 Clear the slate
- 50 Hosp. employees
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- 52 Sprinkles at the table
- 53 Night we watch "48 Hours": abbr.

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- 4 "The \_\_\_ Kid"; Gene Wilder/Harrison Ford film
- 5 "The \_\_\_ Skelton Hour"
- 6 Building wing
- 7 Billy \_\_\_ Williams
- 8 Scatter
- 9 Divides
- 10 Ledger & others
- 11 Every
- 19 Curry or Jillian
- 21 "\_\_\_ Hard"; Bruce Willis movie
- 23 "Oh, \_\_\_ I was in Dixie, Hooray! Hooray!..."
- 24 Actor Nick
- 25 "\_\_\_ Acres"
- 29 "\_\_\_ as It Gets"; film for Jack Nicholson
- 30 Sharon & Oliver
- 31 Actor Berry
- 33 Betty & Jaleel
- 34 Actor \_\_\_ Caesar
- 36 Funeral burnings
- 37 "\_\_\_ Club"; game show of old
- 38 Judy Garland's younger daughter
- 39 Carving tool
- 41 "\_\_\_ Pilot"; Clark Gable/Spencer Tracy film
- 44 Paul's cousin on "Mad About You"
- 45 Four qts.
- 46 ...FDR, \_\_\_, DDE, JFK...

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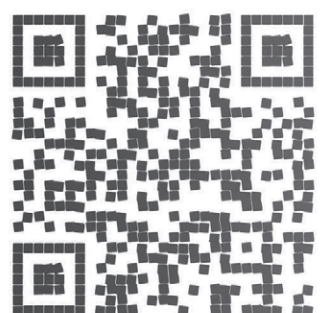
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## EVENTS

### TODAY

**Open Mic Comedy**  
**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 to midnight  
 252-215-8822

### TOMORROW

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

**General Knowledge Trivia**  
**Uptown Brewing Company**  
 418 Evans St.  
 7 to 11 p.m.  
 252-689-6487

### FRIDAY

**Chirba Chirba Food Truck**  
**Pitt Street Brewing Company**  
 630 S Pitt St.  
 6 to 10 p.m.  
 252-227-4151

**African American Music Series**  
**Emerge Gallery and Art Center**  
 Online  
 7 to 8 p.m.  
 252-551-6947

### SATURDAY

**November Drum Jam**  
**Town Common**  
 100 E 1st St.  
 5 to 7:30 p.m.  
 252-329-4567

**Pitt Street Monthly Market**  
**Pitt Street Brewing Company**  
 630 S Pitt St.  
 1 to 5 p.m.  
 252-227-4151

**39th Annual Pancake Sausage Breakfast**  
**Greenville Noon Rotary**  
 809 Johnson St.  
 7 to 11 a.m.  
 252-320-9174

### SUNDAY

**Cigar Sunday**  
**Pitt Street Brewing Company**  
 630 S Pitt St.  
 3 to 5 p.m.  
 252-227-4151

# Food drive held at Pitt Street

## Brewery partners with JOY Soup Kitchen to assist community

**Kyle Arnoe**  
 FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

JOY Soup Kitchen and Pitt Street Brewing Company continue their combined efforts to host the JOY Soup Kitchen Food Drive which began on Nov. 2 and will last through the end of the month to conclude on Nov. 30.

Brianna Long, Pitt Street Brewing Company's general manager, said the brewery accepts non-perishable canned goods at its location, 630 S Pitt St. Food drive participants will be entered into a raffle for various merchandise from sponsors of the month-long event, Long said.

"We are running this food drive for the JOY Soup Kitchen from Nov. 2 to Nov. 30. Non-perishable items can be dropped off here at the brewery during that time. Items such as peanut butter, granola, canned soup, fruit and vegetables, beans, cleaning products, water, Gatorade, kitchen spices, etc. are accepted," Long said in an email statement.

Long said JOY Soup Kitchen was selected because of its commitment to feeding the community. She cited the kitchen's long-standing reputation, and said the brewery is happy to do what it can to help.

To incentivize the food drive, Pitt Street Brewing Company Brianna Long has offered a number of items for raffle, Long said. The prizes include items from Sercy Spiked



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**Pitt Street Brewing Company continues to host a food drive with JOY Soup Kitchen.**

and Sparkling, a sparkling seltzer company and Austin Eastciders, a spiked cider company, art from the Greenville Museum of Art and other items, Long said. Two items donated from participants will gain them one entry into the raffle, she said.

"For the people who donate, we have partnered with five local businesses for raffle items they can win. For every two items donated, you are entered once into our raffle. We have items from RAW Plastic, Sercy Spiked and Sparkling, Austin Eastciders, AR Workshop, and the Greenville Museum of Art. Winners for the raffle items will

be drawn on Dec. 1," Long said.

Tom Quigley, retired chef, baker and firefighter from Boston, Massachusetts, is the kitchen chair of the JOY Soup Kitchen. He said he runs the kitchen, fundraisers and procures needed supplies for the kitchen. Quigley said the kitchen has fed up to 300 people a day on average recently. Quigley works as a volunteer up to 50 hours a week, and said it doesn't feel like work because he loves it.



Tom Quigley

Quigley said he was appointed chairman of the kitchen in January, as his passions and experiences were called upon. He said under his leadership, the kitchen has undergone renovations and partnerships have been established with local restaurants in order to provide free healthy meals to those in need.

"It's just another business in this community that's now stepped up, and done something. And it's like I didn't approach them, they're approaching me. We're running with it now," Quigley said. "I gave them a whole list of things that we would take."

Quigley said Pitt Street Brewing Company came to him in October and asked if the kitchen would be interested in a partnership with the brewery for a food drive. Quigley said he agreed, and was asked to provide a list of items of which he was in need.

Food donations are always welcome, Quigley said. Pitt Street Brewing Company's offer comes as a boon to the soup kitchen, among other businesses and restaurants which have offered to join the kitchen in fundraisers and activities, he said.

"They're going to see what they can bring in, and everything they bring in we can use, I mean there's not a day goes by that I don't run out of something. The other day I ran out of potato chips. I took a picture of the box I put it on facebook, by the end of that day I had 20 (to) 50 packs of potato chips dropped off at the kitchen," Quigley said.

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# Last Call Pizza arrives in uptown

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A new food truck, named Last Call Pizza, where wood-fired, brick oven pizza is served, had its grand-opening night in Uptown Greenville on Nov. 6, and will continue to operate during weekends around the uptown area.

Last Call Pizza set up for the night on Nov. 6 at University Auto Care parking lot, located at 1101 E Fifth St. The food truck advertised its opening through its Instagram page @last\_call\_pizza.

Will Bell, Greenville City Council member and one of the co-owners and operators of Last Call Pizza, said he felt there was a lack of late night food choices in the downtown Greenville area for students. He said he believed there to be a niche market in the late night scene.

"(I am) Trying to bring a different concept to downtown Greenville that hasn't been there before, so I thought it would be a great opportunity to leverage some of the experience I have in the restaurant and food and beverage industry," Bell said.

The Health Department had been a big issue in getting Last Call Pizza up and running due to the spread of COVID-19, according to Bell. He said certain aspects of the trailer being used as the food truck needed to be updated to obey health codes. COVID-19 and understaffing was a reason the health department had



Will Bell



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**Pizza cooks in the wood-fired oven at Last Call Pizza, which opened to the public last weekend in uptown.**

taken a longer time to regulate Last Call Pizza, Bell said.

As restaurants continue to operate at a reduced capacity, Bell said this may turn out to be good for food trucks. He said people will be more drawn to the openness and takeout options of food trucks as restaurants have limited seating.

"I would say everything we serve is made from scratch. We make our own dough (and) we make our own sauce. There are over 20 ingredients in our sauce and over 15 ingredients in our dough," Bell said.

Max Joyner is the other co-owner and operator of Last Call Pizza. Joyner said as a Greenville native, he enjoys going downtown and over the years he realized there are not

many late night pizza places.

Last Call Pizza's brick oven, wood-fired pizzas are what make Last Call Pizza different from most if not all other places in downtown Greenville, Joyner said. He said he wants to be able to give Greenville residents a quality product for an affordable price and he believes Last Call Pizza will do that.

"We are excited to not only start our own small business here and we are happy to join a community and group of small businesses that makes Greenville what it is," Joyner said.

Sophomore speech and hearing sciences

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**MURAL** continued from A1 movement as he knows and sees the inequities in the Black community in terms of education, healthcare, the justice system and many other aspects.

"I also believe our city is very diverse. We see all races, all nationalities and genders. I also believe that racism does exist across our nation and I think it is important we (city council members), as leaders, should speak out against racism," Litchfield said. "We had a lot of speakers during our public comment period talk about racism and the need to unite our community."

Litchfield said for over 14 years and after 48 city projects there have been no pieces of art completed by Black individuals, which is a failure. It is important to the city council to showcase these Black artists in the community, according to Litchfield.

There are 18 artists that are set to complete the First Street mural and it is important these artists are able to express themselves, Litchfield said. He said city council members' jobs are to listen to and try to unify the community.

"I feel like as a city, a city council and a community, we can all agree that we should unite against racism," Litchfield said.

Litchfield amended the motion of having a discussion with the artists and to work with them to replace "Black Lives Do Matter" with "Unite Against Racism." In order to unify, the wording of the mural needs to change, according to Litchfield. "Unite Against Racism" is 18 letters so each artist will have a part to play in the mural.

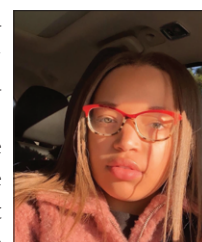
The council voted on the proposed amended motion to replace "Black Lives Do Matter" with "Unite Against Racism." Four members voted yes and three members voted

against the change.

Senior fine arts major Aliyah Bonnette said she contacted Emmerge over the summer when she saw they were involved in the project to get information on how she could participate in the mural.

Before mural's name was changed, Bonnette explained it is important for Greenville to have the "Black Lives Do Matter" street mural because of the large Black population in Greenville. She said she wants people to know the mural will create history in Greenville.

"We have a huge Black population and it's really important that they know that the city supports them, especially with everything that has been happening and even more so, we have a big Black student population as well at ECU,



Aliyah Bonnette

and ECU is a very big part of Greenville, so it's also important that students know that the city is there and supports them," Bonnette said.

A date for when the project will begin has not been set, according to Bonnette. She said she feels that the name change will water down the mural's effect and distances itself from the Black Lives Matter organization.

Bonnette said she feels that the start of the mural will be pushed back again and the words of the mural may be changed again.

"It (the name change of the mural) seems to be a way to try to make everyone happy. This mural is to show support of Black people not getting murdered by police. Trying to make everyone happy shouldn't be the focus," Bonnette said in an email statement.

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