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Students work alongside each other on their academic courses at the Main Campus Student Center at East Carolina University.

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ECU begins summer sessions

Online, in-person courses start today for university

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As today marks the first day of the first summer session of 2021 for East Carolina University, professors, faculty and students continue to encourage fellow pirates and offer advice for a successful summer session.

The Director of ECU's Pirate Academic Success Center (PASC) Elizabeth Coghill said in order for students to be successful within their academic courses this summer, students should look for resources on campus that can be beneficial to their success.

One resource available for students at ECU is the PASC, which can help students navigate their way through academic classes and come up with strategies to help manage the school work and load. The pace of summer classes are much faster than courses in the fall and spring semesters and students should be prepared for this change in pace, according to Coghill.

"The fast pace of a summer session can often be problematic for students,"

Coghill said. "We (PASC) have study skills coaching and that person would sit, work with a student, look at the syllabus, come up with a game plan, build strategies and resources to go with that."

Coghill said she encourages students to take accountability for their summer course work and designate time every day to focus on their classes.

Students with friends and family members that can motivate them throughout the summer, Coghill said, can be beneficial to student success.

"The other key to time management is accountability, and sometimes that accountability can come from family members, you might be at home, you know some of the students that read this are home taking classes and there is an accountability structure that they can tap into," Coghill said.

Students should also communicate

with their professors if issues arise from their job that conflict with the courses that they are enrolled in, Coghill said. She said most ECU professors will try their best to help you be successful in their course if students communicate with them.

"They (students) also need to be really watching the dates of tests and things like that, and then if there's some sort of conflict, they need to be really open with their faculty members early," Coghill said.

Senior political science and sociology major Averi Rae Parker said she wanted to attend classes this summer to catch up in school and graduate from ECU early. She said because this is not her first time attending summer courses, she is used to the fast pace course work.

Parker said she is glad her specific classes are online for the summer and hopes professors are more sympathetic to students who may struggle with



Elizabeth Coghill

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Davenport set to depart, BOT reflects

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The chair of East Carolina University Board of Trustees (BOT) Vern Davenport is set to leave the board on June 30, and a Nomination Committee, made of BOT members, will continue to look for someone to serve as chair.

Davenport said the spring 2021 semester was his last at ECU, and he plans to end his 10-year contract next month. He said he is grateful for the opportunity to be a part of BOT for 10 years and serve as chair since 2019.

"I am so happy to have served (as BOT chair)," Davenport said. "What happens when you get to the reality of actually leaving, it kind of gives you a melancholy feeling."

Davenport said he has made strong professional relationships over the years with not only the ECU community but also with other officials across the state of North Carolina, what has led him and the fellow members of the BOT to make various successful accomplishments. One accomplishment was being able to find the university a chancellor, Philip Rogers.

Although the COVID-19 pandemic was a strenuous time for the entirety of the ECU community, Davenport said the BOT was able to meet regularly and execute decisions made in order to keep the university and its population safe.

"We (BOT) have turned our attention and our energies to those strategic initiatives and economic development here in the eastern region," Davenport said. "We have worked to transform the development of our millennial campus and accelerated our research agenda for the revitalization of Uptown (Greenville) and have continued to deliver an outstanding educational experience to the most wonderful college town that there is," Davenport said.

The BOT have been able to finalize plans for the building renaming process, although the plan is on a brief hold until more comprehensive and understandable approach is made, according to Davenport. He said the BOT has had constant discussion centered around projects, which include but are not limited to, the university's current and future operations, an in-person spring 2021 Commencement and in-person classes for the fall semester.

As Davenport is set to leave next month, he said it is a



Vern Davenport

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Pirates claim victory over Cincinnati

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The No. 11 East Carolina University Pirates (36-11, 18-6 American Athletic Conference) went 3-1 in the series against the University of Cincinnati Bearcats (25-23, 14-13 AAC) from May 14 through May 16 at the UC Baseball Stadium in Cincinnati, Ohio, as the final game in the series marked head coach Cliff Godwin's 250th career win.

In the doubleheader on May 14, ECU won the first game 8-4 and lost the second 7-6. On May 15, the Pirates defeated the Bearcats with a score of 7-6 and then won again on May 16, 5-2.

In the first game of the series and the doubleheader, the Pirates defeated the Bearcats 8-4. The game started with a 2-2 tie after the end of the first inning, then the Pirates scored five runs off of five hits and a Cincinnati error.

ECU scored one more run in the top of the fourth

'RAG + BONE' exhibit emerges

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The "RAG + BONE" exhibition at the Don Edwards Gallery inside the Emerge Gallery and Arts Center located on 404 Evans Street continues to illuminate the showroom walls with work from neon artist and East Carolina University alumna Danielle James.

The exhibition opened on May 7 and will continue through May 27. James' exhibition features 12 pieces of neon augmented artwork made in her art studio in Durham, North Carolina. The exhibition, James said, was a chance to branch out her new studio, which she began to utilize in January 2021.

The name "RAG + BONE" is based on the rag and bone men of 19th century England who would collect unwanted items from the city and repurpose them, a practice James said

she emulates in a way, through thrifting. Many of the pieces in the exhibition are repurposed or were made from materials bought at thrift stores.

"So that's kind of where I get my inspiration. I go thrifting, like almost daily, it's kind of a compulsion at this point, and I just go and I try to find cool things that, you know, I think are interesting," James said. "Someone painted it, and then like 50 years later, they passed away or their kids didn't want it anymore and it ends up at the thrift store. I try and kind of breathe new life into them in my fun kind of way."

James said she first discovered neon as an art form when she was a graduate



Danielle James



CONTRIBUTED BY DANIELLE JAMES

One of Danielle James' artwork shown at the "RAG + BONE" exhibit.

student of metalwork at ECU. After an apprenticeship in an Atlanta, Georgia, neon shop, The Neon Company, during her second year James said she discovered a love for neon.

James said she has opened her own neon shop in Durham, works for commissions and produces her own work as an artist. When she visits thrift shops

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CRW to hold 'Body Blast Boot Camp'

Today, the Campus Recreation & Wellness Center, as well as East Carolina University's Personal Training organization and ECU Student Affairs will host "Body Blast Boot Camp Session 1" at 8 a.m. This event, which occurs everyday at 8 a.m. until May 26, focuses on bodyweight, cardio as well as functional training exercises. Participants can register for these workout sessions on ECU's Events Calendar website and will meet at the Eakin Student Recreation Center's Outdoor Pool Lawn.

SAS introduction session to be hosted

Tomorrow, the Office for Faculty Excellence at East Carolina University will host a Statistical Analysis System (SAS) introduction session from 1 to 3 p.m. This information session will give participants the opportunity to understand the structure, rules and language of SAS, a software suite for data management. Participants will also learn how to read SAS data and management commands as well as perform statistical analyses. Individuals can register for this event if they wish to attend on the ECU Events Calendar website.

Town Creek Culvert Litter Cleanup to be held

Wednesday, the East Carolina University ECO-Pirates will host the Town Creek Culvert Litter Cleanup from 2 to 3:30 p.m. This pro-earth event, which prevents pollutants from entering the Tar River in Greenville, North Carolina, is in collaboration with ReLeaf, SustainECU, ECU American Fisheries Society and Love a Sea Turtle (L.A.S.T.). All these organizations are a part of the university and have a goal of helping promote a clean Earth. Participants of the cleanup event will meet at Reade St. and will be required to wear face masks.

CORRECTIONS & CLARIFICATIONS

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The Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities, located near the Trustees Fountain, faces a petition circulating amongst the ECU community.

Students voice OSRR concerns

Petition circulates amongst the ECU community against office

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A petition against East Carolina University's Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities (OSRR), created on Change.org, has circulated amongst the ECU community, where students have signed in support of the claims made against the office.

Student Government Association (SGA) President Chandler Ward said ECU students have come forward to share personal experiences and voice concerns against the OSRR. He said he has received an influx of calls, emails and walk-ins from students since his start in April.

Ward said the requests and claims on the petition are serious and backed by personal experiences. He said one of the largest commonalities throughout the personal experiences he received was how long the process takes when a student has an investigation with the OSRR.

"If they're (students) going to take the time to reach out to me and speak about this office this way, I feel like it's my duty to be as investigative as possible and you know bring back information to the students as well," Ward said.

One of his goals, Ward said, is to hopefully eliminate the wait time students have experienced when they've dealt with OSRR. He said students may be more willing to comply with the OSRR if the process is made smoother and less tedious.

Ward said he believes **Chandler Ward** a lot of frustration that comes from students resides in difficulty to find policies and procedures on how the process with OSRR works.

In an effort to find hard evidence behind the claims made against the OSRR, Ward said he plans to speak with a representative of the office. He said he will point out commonalities in the ECU student experiences he received in hopes some things may be labeled untrue,

come to light and are proven to be an issue.

"Finding that contrast and finding that real information is going to be really important especially with something that could be really serious especially something that deals with kids getting potentially kicked out of school or suspended or whatever it may be," Ward said.

There should be some type of line that is drawn which separates a student's personal and social life from their school life, according to Ward. He said students come to ECU to receive an education and not feel like the school is "trying to go and punish kids."

Associate Dean of Students and Director for ECU's OSRR Leila Faranesh said in an email statement she did not feel it would be appropriate for her to provide personal opinions regarding the Change.org petition. However, she said the OSRR addresses student conduct and creates development opportunities to learn in an effort to engage students in ethical decision-making.

Faranesh said the OSRR's policies and procedures are based on input from students, faculty and staff of ECU. She said students agree to abide by the policies of the university upon acceptance of admission at ECU.

Students have a responsibility to review the Student Code of Conduct and other policies from the OSRR, according to Faranesh.

"These policies and procedures set behavioral standards that protect the health, safety, welfare, property and human rights of all members of the community as well as the property of the university," Faranesh said.

Student organizations such as councils, fraternities, sororities, club sports teams and academic honor societies are expected to follow the Student Code of Conduct, Faranesh said. The university reserves the right to take any necessary and appropriate action in an effort to protect the safety and well-being of the campus, ECU community and mission of the university.

Faranesh said every three years, the Conduct System Review Committee convenes to

assess the effectiveness of the current conduct process and related policies in place. She said the last revision took place in August 2020. She said the committee can make recommended changes in policy, procedures or the code as approved by ECU's Chancellor Philip Rogers.

Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs Virginia Hardy said this is not the first time concerns about the OSRR have been made by the students of ECU.

"It's not a popular office and department because of what it does, which is to hold people accountable for the Student Code of Conduct. So now there have always been some concerns and questions when people don't like the outcomes,"

Hardy said.

ECU is committed to the success of OSRR and for it to follow the processes vetted and approved by the university, according to Hardy.

Mishaps occur, but are typically not egregious, Hardy said, and there are always areas for improvement for the betterment of students and the institution. She said university administration has begun the process to investigate the claims made against OSRR in the petition.

Hardy said regardless of the petition created by university students, ECU administration takes claims seriously and looks to see what actions need to be taken. She said in the case of the petition against OSRR, the administration generated a review with questions about some of the statements and the impact they have on OSRR.

"As far as whether or not anything will get done it all depends on what comes out of there when we do a deep dive into analyzing what's there," Hardy said.

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problems outside of class. She said students should make time for themselves this summer as well.

"I understand that you know, considering how late we (students) got back in the fall, we never really got a break. So going into summer, you know, I still want to have that personal time," Parker said.

Professor of elementary education, Patricia Anderson, said students should utilize professors' office hours when made available. She said office hours are typically located on the course's syllabus.

"I love it when a student will send me an email and ask me, you know, 'can I see you during your office hours' or 'is there another time that you would prefer,'" Anderson said. "I'll work with my students any way they are available."

Anderson said, students who work hard, stay focused and know how to effectively communicate with their professors are students who will be successful throughout the summer.

Students should come up with ideas they can reward themselves with after they have finished their five weeks of classes, according to Anderson. She said a reward after they have finished their classes can give students something to look forward to while they are enrolled in their courses.

Anderson said students should remain

positive, as well as focused on their school work. They should also find ways to enjoy their summer and try to get out as much as possible, she said.

"So if you think, 'week six, I'm going to the beach' or 'I'm going to reward myself in some sort of way, I can do anything in five week' so I think getting that mindset of 'I'm going to be successful, and I'm going to remind myself that I'm successful,'" Anderson said.

Associate Professor of English education Todd Finley said students who take initiative and ask questions when they are confused on assignments are students that will do well this summer.

Finley said the best way for students to study for their classes this summer is to utilize note cards and write down questions that they can find the answers to later. He said students can find the answers to their questions themselves or can ask for assistance.

"I would say that connecting the content to your own life and being passionately curious about the content will always see you through and make you a better student," Finley said.

Courses for both sessions throughout the summer of 2021 are either in-person, hybrid or completely online. Students can go to the ECU Banner website to see what courses are offered throughout the summer as well as what the format is scheduled to be for the course.

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bittersweet moment for him, the BOT as well as the university and its community.

BOT Chair of the Health and Sciences Committee Tom Furr said through his connections with ECU, he has known Davenport and has worked with him on the BOT for a number of years. He said Davenport has left the BOT in good hands for the future.

"We're set for success, especially with Chancellor Rogers coming on the Board (of Trustees)," Furr said. "I think it's going to be a very positive next five to 10 years for Phillip (Rogers) and the school, quite frankly."

Furr said the BOT has selected the new members, which should be announced and placed on the board throughout the July 22 board meeting.

The last meeting held by Davenport was in April, according to Furr. He said Davenport and other members who finished their terms have left, but a process is in place for a smooth transition.

"This process for the Board of Trustees has been here for a long time that works," Furr said. "The board is in a very good place, and I think with Chancellor Rogers' leadership, there are a lot of good days ahead."

BOT member Scott Shook said he had gotten to know Davenport since 2019, and since then, he has formed a strong personal and professional bond with him. He said Davenport has been a huge factor in the success of ECU and its community.

Shook said while Davenport was the chair of the BOT, he helped guide ECU as well as

Mitchelson when he held his interim chancellor position through the COVID-19 pandemic. He said Davenport also played a big part in the search and selection of Chancellor Rogers as well as other new BOT members.

"Vern (Davenport) has done one of the best jobs I've ever seen," Shook said. "I've been in education and politics for many years and it's been an honor to serve with him because he's such a humble guy and ECU is far better off because of Vern Davenport."

Shook said the success Davenport had over the years as a part of the BOT will allow for more opportunities involving the school and the economy around it.

The BOT needs to coalesce around the goals of Chancellor Rogers, according to Shook. He said the plans for the BOT are open-ended in the sense that the board aims

to help Rogers achieve all of his future goals he has for the university.

"The Board (of Trustees) wants to help Rogers with fundraising and such to add to the diversity of the school," Shook said. "We want to take action to benefit the school and add more scholarships to move the needle in peoples' lives."

The next BOT meeting will be July 22, where the new members of the board will be appointed to their positions.

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Patricia Anderson



Tom Furr

EVENTS

TODAY

"In This Together" Exhibition

Greenville Museum of Art
802 Evans Street
10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
252-758-1946

Trivia Night

Pitt Street Brewing Company
630 S. Pitt Street
7 to 10 p.m.
252-227-4151

Pub Run at MPourium

MPourium
814 Dickinson Avenue
6:15 to 7:45 p.m.
252-565-8773

TOMORROW

Local Oak Run Club

Local Oak Brewing Co.
2564 Railroad Street
6:15 to 9:45 p.m.
252-364-8815

Logan and Nick on the Patio

A.J. McMurphy's Irish Pub
1914 Turnbury Drive
7 to 9 p.m.
252-355-7956

WEDNESDAY

Yoga in the Park

Purple Blossom Yoga
100 E. 1st Street
6:30 to 7:30 p.m.
252-364-2917

2021 Ride of Silence

Greenville Bicycle Company
802 Clark Street
6 p.m.
252-373-2020

"Bonitas and Bikes"**Tandem Bike Tour**

Villa Verde
2601 E. 10th Street
6 to 8 p.m.
252-689-6005

Open Mic Comedy

Pitt Street Brewing Company
630 S. Pitt Street
8 p.m.
252-227-4151



Pirates Deli, a new local restaurant in Greenville, North Carolina, is set to open in the next coming weeks under new ownership and with added innovative features.

Pirates Deli expected to open doors

As Mike's Deli closes, a new restaurant in Greenville takes its place

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While Pirates Deli, what used to be known as Mike's Deli, located at 810 East 10th St. Greenville, North Carolina, will open in the next coming weeks, community members, staff and employees reflect and discuss what operations will continue to be completed for the near future.

Manager of Pirates Deli Ryan Cordon said the previous owner of Mike's Deli, Terry Hatoum, had personal issues come up, thus the decision to sell the restaurant after nearly 28 years of business. The ownership of Mike's and Pirates Deli will be different, he said, but management will be the same.

Cordon said Pirates Deli will be similar to Mike's Deli but will have more innovative features, such as stove-top grills and more televisions dispersed throughout the restaurant and additional food options on the menu.

"There will be things subtracted to the business and lots more added," Cordon said.

Social media and a website will be made shortly to get the word across about the new restaurant, Cordon said, however, as of now, there is not a specified date of when Pirates Deli will be on social media platforms. Right now, he said he will continue to work on the construction of Pirates Deli until all construction tasks are completed and the restaurant's ready for the local customers.

Cordon said although he and the fellow staff are hiring, they still have to take time to determine what is needed in terms of staff. He

said there is not an exact number of employees Pirates Deli will need as of now. There is a lot that is unknown at this moment, Cordon said, but he and the staff know they want to benefit ECU students and will figure things out as time moves forward.

"I've been here for 17 years in this store and I've seen a lot more (student) business take place on campus," Cordon said. "It (Mike's Deli) became more professors and less students, so what we're going to do now with Pirates Deli is all for students."

Pirates Deli has no set date to open, Cordon said, but its excited for what is to come. He said the business hours will likely be 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. throughout the week, although the hours are subject to change.

Akram Mubarez, owner of Pirates Deli, said the restaurant may be open for business very soon, as early as June 5.

Mubarez said he thinks the restaurant will continue to do well with East Carolina University students and the surrounding community of the city of Greenville.

"There were a lot of kids that came in here anyway, but during the coronavirus, we didn't have a lot of students coming towards here," Mubarez said.

Many changes, Mubarez said will be implemented to the restaurant of Pirates Deli in the upcoming weeks.

Mubarez said he hopes Pirates Deli as well as the additional menu items and the newly added features becomes a favorite for the customers.

"I am going to have burgers. I'm gonna have a lot of variety, and I'm going to have smoothies, a juice bar. I'm adding a lot of stuff to the menu," Mubarez said.

Ryan Stein, a senior environmental health major, said he used to go to Mike's Deli all the time. Although he is sad to see it was closed, he looks forward to Pirates Deli.

The new restaurant will increase the economic and business development in the Greenville area, according to Stein. He said Pirates Deli will be another great food option for ECU students, faculty and staff, as well as for the community members of Greenville.

"I think it (Pirates Deli) will really be beneficial to not only East Carolina University, but also to the city of Greenville," Stein said. "Mike's Deli



Ryan Stein

was a very popular restaurant, so I think Pirate's Deli will also be very popular."

Stein said the addition of more innovative features and more items on the menu will be beneficial to the business. He said as time evolves, businesses and restaurants in the Greenville area also need to evolve, so they don't lose any business.

The televisions will attract more customers throughout sports seasons, Stein said, as a lot of individuals go to bars and local restaurants to watch the sports games that are going on.

Although some students who attend ECU are have returned home for the summer, Stein said Pirates Deli will still see business from those students who have stayed in the area as well as other community members.

The location of Pirates Deli is convenient, Stein said, and there are various places to park. He said the location is beneficial to ECU students as it is very close to the university's main campus as well as College Hill.

"They (Pirates Deli) will definitely see a lot of business from students. I mean, I will certainly be coming here sometimes, and I will help get the word out," Stein said. "I'm excited for this new restaurant."

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Paint in the Park returns with precaution

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TEC STAFF

The City of Greenville's Recreation and Parks Department will collaborate with the Pitt County Arts Council at Emerge to welcome a Paint in the Park event on May 23 from 1 to 3 p.m. at Town Common located at 105 E. 1st Street after previous cancellation of last year's events due to the spread of COVID-19.

Paint in the Park is a free bi-annual en plein air event that takes place in the fall and spring seasons in the Town Common on the Tar River, according to the Pitt County Arts Council at Emerge website.

Emerge Gallery and Arts Center Marketing Director Sarah Lazure said there's enough space at the Town Common for individuals to spread out to enjoy the event safely with COVID-19 restrictions still in place. She said people are required to bring their own art supplies during the event, which include, but are not limited to, easels, paint and markers so people have a lesser chance of spreading germs among one another rather than if they were to share supplies.

"We're (Emerge staff) inviting the community to come out to paint and draw outdoors," Lazure said. "We won't encourage gatherings in close proximity so everyone can have their space. We're hoping to eliminate any shared germs."

"En plein air" is a French tradition where people draw and paint the landscape they see outside, according to Lazure. She said when people paint or draw outside, the change of light and trees move in real time instead of in still movement if they were looking at a captured image instead.

Lazure said registration for the Paint in the Park event is encouraged so they can have a number of individuals who plan to attend, but it is not required to sign up before the event takes place in order to attend.

City of Greenville Recreation and Parks Department Supervisor Sara Caropreso said in an email statement color sheets will be provided for participants and she encourages people to bring their own chairs, paints and other supplies they prefer to use. She said the event is for individuals of any skill level and the goal is to get outside and have a good time.

"We (Greenville Recreation and Parks) hope that participants will enjoy the natural beauty of Town Common and the Tar River, while exploring their creative side and painting en plein air," Caropreso said in an email statement.

To follow North Carolina Governor Roy

Cooper's executive orders for outdoor groups, Caropreso said she expects 30 to 50 people to attend the Paint in the Park event. She said she wants participants to enjoy the outdoors as well as be creative with art in nature.

Caropreso said they will have COVID-19 guidelines in place to ensure people can enjoy Paint in the Park safely.

"We require that all participants wear face masks when social distancing cannot be maintained," Caropreso said. "We are encouraging participants to find a place to paint in the park that allows for social distancing in order to be comfortable. We will have hand sanitizer and (face) masks available for any participant that needs it."

Emerge Gallery and Arts Center programs director Paula Rountree said in an email statement Emerge was not able to hold Paint in the Park last year due to the COVID-19 pandemic, but is happy this year they will be able to hold the event with safety guidelines in place.

The Paint in the Park event is great for families and for people to be creative within nature, according to Rountree. She said she has not participated in the event, but enjoyed the artwork she saw from previous years.

"I think en plein air helps people enjoy our beautiful park and the opportunity to create a new environment. I hope that they (community members) will continue to use



Emerge Gallery will host Paint in the Park.

the city space as a relaxing place to create," Rountree said.

The Emerge Gallery and Art Center will also host a Movie in the Park on Friday at the Town Common.

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to find pieces to augment with neon.

"So if I find one that's like a landscape, that has a lot of negative space in the water, you know, it could have any number of cool neon things added to it, so I usually look more at the negative space in a painting for my purposes than what's actually in it," James said.

Marketing Coordinator for the Pitt County

Arts Council at Emerge Sarah Lazure said the exhibition is much different than the gallery's usual exhibitions. She said neon workers are rare, and even more so, neon artists.

Lazure said once she saw James' neon work, she was quick to ask if she wanted to put on an exhibition.

"She (James) has always been interested in old buildings, and roadside attractions and signage and things like that, so it wasn't a huge

leap that she went to neon after seeing all of her research and work that she did in grad school," Lazure said.

Owner of the Hobby Horse and metalworker Jonathan Bowling said he has been friends with James since she attended ECU, and has a piece of James' neon artwork hangs in his studio.

Bowling said he attended the exhibition's opening held on May 7.

"She (James) worked with a guy in Raleigh for a couple (of) years, and now is working for herself in Durham," Bowling said.

Alongside the "RAG + BONE" exhibit, "FACES OF COLUMBIA" by Donna Slade is also being displayed at the Emerge Gallery.

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OUR VIEW

Students should stay motivated

As today marks the first day of summer classes at East Carolina University, students are now given the opportunity to complete general education courses and get ahead on their course requirements for their major. This year, summer classes will offer both face-to-face and online instruction compared to last summer when all classes were online due to concerns over COVID-19.

Summer semester course work loads are generally lighter than the fall and spring semesters. This gives students the ability to take a slight break and enjoy their summer while still being able to catch up on course credits. The summer can also serve as a time to pick up a new hobby or talent.

We, the editorial staff of The East Carolinian, would like to remind students to stay motivated during their summer courses but still take advantage of their free time to relax and enjoy their summer vacation. We encourage students to enjoy their summer break to its full extent and they should not get distracted by their responsibilities as a student.

Students should take advantage of the resources on campus that are available to help guide them throughout their time at ECU. Resources such as ECU's Pirate Academic Success Center will offer help to students taking summer courses to manage their course work and offer study skill coaching.

Students who are taking classes face-to-face should continue to be mindful of the COVID-19 guidelines that are in place by the university such as wearing a face mask and social distancing. Even though COVID-19 restrictions are slowly being lifted by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, students should continue to stay updated with alerts sent by ECU in case potential COVID-19 cases throughout the semester.



Fine arts should be celebrated

Common Core eliminates creative freedom for students

Editor's Note: The opinions expressed in this column are solely those of the author, and do not, in any way, reflect the views or beliefs of East Carolina University.



Craig Malmrose
GUEST COLUMNIST

In his book, "Shop Class as Soulcraft," Matthew Crawford laments the disappearance of creative curricula in American public schools. He writes about a surplus warehouse near his

home in Richmond, Virginia, that's filled with equipment once used to teach shop classes for young people eager with the urge to make things. As I read between the lines, it's clear that the author's heart was heavy as he pondered this unfortunate loss.

Over the last many years, we've seen a tragic exodus, nationwide, concerning creative coursework in public schools. Art, music, theater, dance and even creative writing have been abolished in numerous school systems. But the "replacements" for these have been nothing short of abominable.

Just like vermin, Jeb Bush crept back into our lives a few years ago, trumpeting his damaging dogma, Common Core. This is (or was) a curriculum that eliminated creative learning and replaced it with his narrow, feeble-minded interpretation of what students really needed.

In an article for the Cardinal Newman Society, Joseph Pearce wrote the following, "The calamitous 'dumbing down' of America's already beleaguered education system is encapsulated and epitomized by the monstrous Common Core. At the



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Opponents of Common Core hold signs outside the Palm Beach County School Board in Florida.

risk of seeming a trifle sensationalist, this affront to educational standards is nothing short of being a crime against humanity. Let's not forget that the humanities are thus called because they teach us about our own humanity. A failure to appreciate the humanities must inevitably lead to the dehumanizing of culture and a disastrous loss of the ability to see ourselves truthfully and objectively."

While serving as Governor of Florida, Bush did everything in his power to remove fertile and necessary courses in humanities statewide. And these were courses highly important to fostering well-rounded human development.

In his book, Crawford goes on to talk about "knowledge workers." Young people, embarking on careers but confined to cubicles and tethered to screens. Places where they'll likely spend 40 or more years trapped, uninspired and struggling to express the smallest creative impulse. Presumably, these are people who squandered their education in the cold, shallow, dehumanizing vapor that

abandons creativity and the human condition.

But within the East Carolina University College of Fine Arts and Communication, we celebrate the arts in all forms, and we graduate skilled, gifted young people who are fully capable of competing on the world's stage. Our collective alumni are composed of successful musicians, composers, journalists, filmmakers, visual artists, designers, actors, dancers and choreographers — just to name a few. With numerous award-winners amongst them, these are the people who provide us with news, entertainment, music and images that are pleasing to the soul.

Where would we be without the rich, artistic expertise that our college provides to the public at large? Without the creative class, our world would look much like Siberia. Cold, empty, lifeless and without the promise of an existence filled with sensory experiences.

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Blood donations should be inclusive

MORE WITH MICHELLE



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While Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) was thought to be associated with sexual contact between two men, it was later found spread of the virus was centered around unprotected sex. Yet there are still limitations to how men who have sexual contact with other men can donate blood.

In some cases, individuals can obtain sexually transmitted diseases or human immunodeficiency viruses (HIV), such as AIDS, through blood donations. However, it has been proven AIDS is not associated with male-on-male sexual contact or the gay community as a whole.

AIDS was discovered in 1984, over 40 years ago, to have nothing to do with homosexual sexual activities, according to The American Red Cross website. However, there are still fears for some individuals that believe they will obtain AIDS or other diseases from receiving blood that has been donated from gay men. Some recipients of blood donations have fears solely based on the possible idea the blood they are receiving may have come from a man who engaged in sexual contact with another man.

"It is not fair a man has to wait three months after they have sexual contact with a man to be eligible to donate blood."

-Michelle Mazzei

The website said "a man who has had sex with another man during the past three months," has to wait to donate blood, because there is an increased risk of AIDS and HIV contraction between gay, bisexual and other men who have reported male-on-male sexual contact. I think the website should read "a man who has had unprotected sex with another man during the past three months should not be eligible." Although one can contract AIDS or other sexual diseases with protected sex; since some protection methods are defective, there is a decreased risk.

AIDS was thought to be a "gay disease" in the 1980s, but according to a Human Rights Campaign article on the myths about HIV, HIV is not confined to the members of the LBGTQ community, although HIV rates are higher among LBGTQ members.

Although there is an increased risk of an STD transmission between male-on-male sexual contact, if protection is used, there is an obvious decrease of risk for

those individuals involved.

It is not fair a man has to wait three months after they have sexual contact with a man to be eligible to donate blood. There is not an eligibility rule for whether or not a woman has sexual contact with a man or a woman. They can be eligible for blood donations at any time, but it seems unfair to me that a man who has sexual contact with other men has to wait. As for myself, I identify as a straight woman, and I may have as much of a chance of contracting AIDS or other sexual diseases as much as a gay man does.

Although the American Red Cross does not make blood donation regulations, the Food and Drug Administration does, and although these guidelines are out of place for individuals' health protection, as a nation we should end the stigma around AIDS being a "gay disease."

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Aries (March 21-April 19) — Today is an 8 — Creative change is possible. Step up to the next level in the game. Impress your friends and family. Practice your arts and passions.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) — Today is an 8 — Adapt personal plans around an unexpected obstacle. Nurture yourself first. Recharge batteries. Strengthen infrastructures. Communication opens doors. Connect with your networks for solutions.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Today is a 7 — Explore and investigate. Discover curiosities and delights. Stay practical. Indulge a passionate whim or fascination. Follow an interesting thread to a deeper understanding.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) — Today is an 8 — Make domestic repairs. Sort and organize. Search for treasure at home. Take care of family heirlooms. Share old stories and nostalgia. Prioritize practicalities.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Today is a 6 — Lay low and take it easy. Enjoy the privacy of your sanctuary. Avoid controversy or expense. Look back for insight on the road ahead.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Today is a 9 — Manage the practical details. Do the paperwork and jump hoops, if needed. Maintain positive cash flow with shared accounts. Find a workaround with a challenge.

Gemini (May 21-June 20) — Today is an 8 — Monitor the latest with your networks. Share the news. Provide facts and data. Check sources carefully. The truth gets revealed. Don't react blindly. Disagree respectfully.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Today is an 8 — Focus on a team challenge. Distractions abound; keep your promises and agreements. Avoid controversy. Investigate all options before choosing. Provide leadership and support.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Today is an 8 — Work closely with your partner. Keep your patience. Stick to basics. Don't worry about money but don't spend much either. Communicate and connect.

Cancer (June 21-July 22) — Today is an 8 — Accept a potentially lucrative challenge. Reinforce foundational elements. Confirm intuition with hard data. Prioritize practical plans. Be careful and thorough to advance.

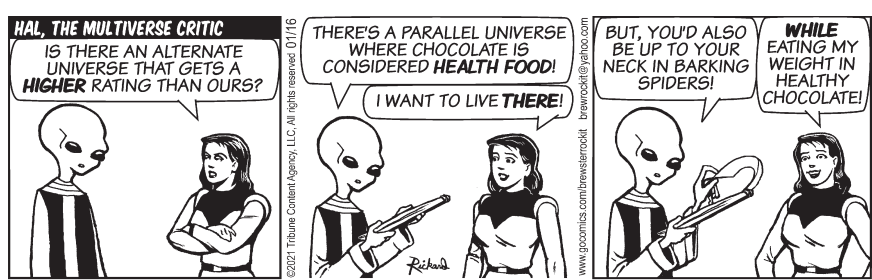
Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Today is an 8 — A professional obstacle requires focus. Prepare for a test. Avoid a conflict of interests. Listen to considerations and adapt course. Strengthen basic foundations.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) — Today is an 8 — Slow down to finish faster. Navigate tricky passages with focus and practice. Take extra care with sharp objects. Admit impracticalities. Modify and adapt.

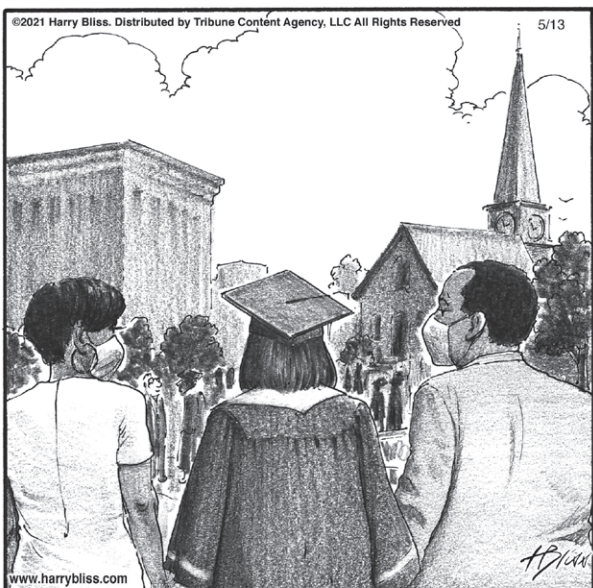
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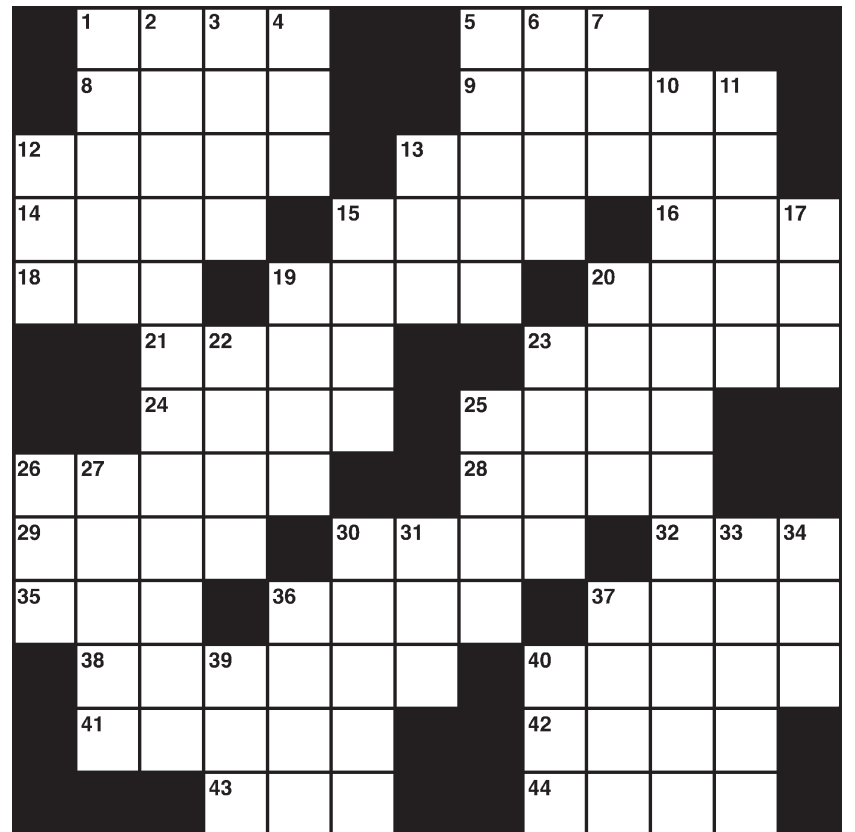


"Someday, Sweetheart, you'll look back on this day and think to yourself, 'Covid ruined my college experience.'"

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ACROSS

- Samms or Thompson
- Role on "Alice"
- Jethro Bodine's portrayal
- Eerie board of the 1960s
- Rudely brief
- Popular prime-time soap opera
- Major; Big Dipper's constellation
- Largest ethnic group in South Africa
- Orange tuber
- Greek letter
- Ruby & Sandra
- Where to find Columbus
- Robert of "The Sopranos"
- Whale; largest toothed predator
- Short note
- Recipe verb
- Tehran resident
- Wolf; MTV Tyler Posey series
- Evergreens
- Soften up; melt

DOWN

- Sit-up targets
- "Sister ___"; Whoopi Goldberg film
- In ___; mired by routine
- Button alternative
- Actress Margot
- "Make Room for ___"; Danny Thomas series
- One not to be trusted
- Neighbor of Calif.
- Cobb & Burrell
- Long look
- "Siskel & ___"
- Actress on "Black-ish"
- Flat-topped cliff
- "The Kids ___ Alright"
- Baby horses
- Mischievous cartoon girl
- "Blood & ___"; Don Johnson film
- Actor on "Magnum P.I."
- As light ___
- Night we watch "FBI": abbr.
- "Date"; Robert Downey Jr. movie
- Mr. Mostel
- Mimi Kennedy series
- Actress Moore
- Mayberry resident
- Cariou & Goodman
- One-dish meal
- "Now!" in the ER
- "___ tree falls in the forest..."
- Springfield & Schroder
- Long journeys
- "Ben-___"; Charlton Heston film
- Cop's ID
- "Austin Powers: The ___ Who Shagged Me"
- "Queen for ___"
- Actress Mia
- Title for Cagney or Lacey: abbr.
- "___ the Bounty Hunter"

Solution from 04/21

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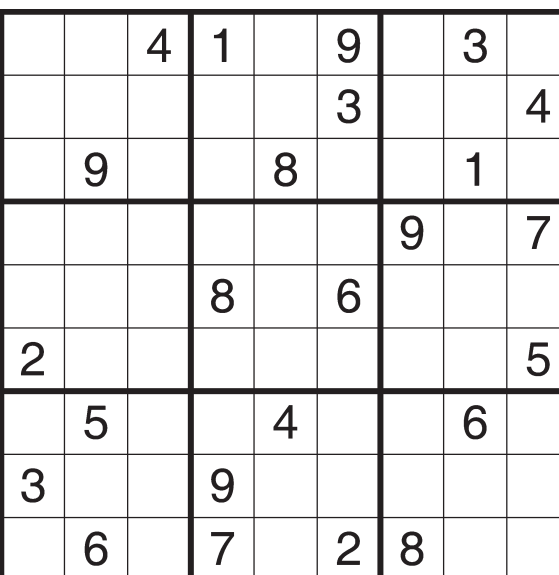
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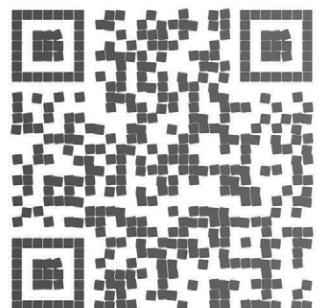
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Solution from 04/21

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3	9	4	8	7	5	6	2	1
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Former wide receiver for East Carolina University Blake Proehl sheds off SMU's defense as he makes a forceful run up the field.

ECU players head to the NFL

Smith, Proehl enter professional league for 2021-22 season

Stephen Babich
TEC STAFF

The East Carolina University Pirates football team had two of its players move on to the next level and enter the NFL for the 2021-22 season.

First was 6'5" and 305 pound offensive tackle D'Ante Smith. Smith was drafted by the Cincinnati Bengals with pick No. 139 in the fourth round. Then, 6'1" 186 pound wide receiver Blake Proehl was signed by the Minnesota Vikings as an undrafted free agent.



In his senior and final season, Smith only played in one game. That game was the season opener, which D'Ante Smith was also the home opener against the University of Central Florida Knights on Sept. 26, 2020. After that game, Smith was diagnosed with an undisclosed injury and would miss the remainder of the 2020-21 season.

Smith started in all 12 games throughout his junior season for ECU. Smith helped contribute four games with at more than 500 yards of total offense. Those games included the Gardner Webb University Runnin' Bulldogs on Sept. 7, 2019 (574 yards), the

University of Cincinnati Bearcats on Nov. 2, 2019 (638 yards), the Southern Methodist University Mustangs on Nov. 9, 2019 (644 yards) and the University of Connecticut Huskies on Nov. 23, 2019 (509 yards).

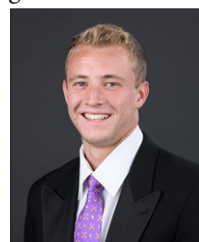
According to Hudl.com, Smith is from Grovetown, Georgia, and attended Grovetown High School where he graduated in 2016. Smith had received offers from other schools which included the Appalachian State University Mountaineers and the Georgia State University Panthers, according to the official ESPN website.

Meanwhile, Blake Proehl signed with the Minnesota Vikings as an undrafted free agent. Blake is the son of two time super bowl winner, 17 season wide receiver in the NFL who played for the Cardinals, Seahawks, Bears, Rams, Panthers and Colts, Ricky Proehl. Furthermore, Austin Proehl, Blake's older brother, began his professional career in 2019 and is currently a wide receiver for the San Francisco 49ers in the NFL. Blake continues the NFL receiver trend within his family.

According to ECU Pirates, Proehl started in seven of nine games in the 2020 season and led the Pirates in receiving yards with 577. Along with that, Proehl also recorded four touchdowns and 47 catches total. Proehl had a career best of 13 receptions for 182 yards

against the University of Tulane Green Wave on Nov. 7, 2020. He also averaged 12.3 yards per reception.

In 2019, Porehl started in 11 out of 12 games. Proehl came in third in receiving yards among the Pirates receiving core with 670 yards. Proehl also recorded 54 receptions with four touchdowns which was second for the team. He averaged 12.4 yards per reception throughout that season.



Blake Proehl

Another Pirate who looks to reach the professional level is kicker Jake Verity. Verity is ECU's all time leading scorer. He went undrafted this year and has not signed with any team for the next season.

Verity was on the Lou Gorza award watch list for the 2020 season. The honor is awarded to the best collegiate kicker in the nation. Verity was also on the watch list entering the 2019-20 season.

When Verity became the all time leading scorer in school history, head football coach Mike Houston praised him and said that he has NFL talent.

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BEARCATS continued from A1

inning. Cincinnati would only go on to score two more runs in the ninth inning, sealing a 8-4 victory for the Pirates.

The Bearcats beat the Pirates 7-6 in 10 innings in the second game of the doubleheader. Redshirt senior Cam Colmore picked up his first loss of the season. ECU got off to a 1-0 lead in the top of the second when Giles hit a RBI single. Cincinnati would go on to score three runs in the bottom of the third inning to take a 3-1 lead. Then, freshman Josh Moylan went on to hit a RBI double in the fifth inning which led to the Pirates scoring three more runs in that frame, giving them a 4-3 lead.

The game was tied at nine after the bottom of the ninth inning. In the top of the frame, freshman Garrett Chandler scored off a bad pitch to tie the game.

ECU only managed to get one run in the extra inning. However, the Bearcats scored twice in the tenth, sealing the victory for them.

On May 15, ECU beat Cincinnati 7-6. Sophomore pitcher Garrett Saylor got his fourth career win after allowing one hit and recording three strikeouts.



In the seventh inning, ECU trailed Cincinnati 5-3. Cadell hit a single which allowed Norby to score. Freshman Zach Agnos walked to home, which tied the game at five. Then, Worrell hit a fly ball to right field which allowed Cadell to score. Moylan then hit an RBI single which allowed sophomore Lane Hoover to score.

Cincinnati scored one more run in the bottom of the eighth, securing the victory for ECU.

In the fourth and final game of the series on May 16, the Pirates defeated the Bearcats 5-2. According to ECU Baseball's twitter, the victory was head coach Cliff Godwins 250th career win. In the top of the ninth inning, ECU led Cincinnati 3-2. Francisco hit a double which allowed freshman Ryley Johnson and Giles to score to extend the lead to 5-2. Cincinnati could not respond with any runs of their own in the bottom of the ninth, which sealed the victory for the Pirates.

ECU's next series will be against the University of South Florida (22-23, 12-11 American Athletic Conference) from May 20 to May 22 at Red McEwen Field in Tampa, Florida.

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