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Yik Yak spurs concerns across ECU campus

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TEC STAFF

Following the mobile application's relaunch on Aug. 15, the anonymous social media platform Yik Yak has created controversy regarding cyberbullying and hate speech across East Carolina University's student body.

Yik Yak was launched by two Atlanta-based college students in 2013 and rose to popularity on various college and high school campuses throughout the country, according to the *New York Times*. Complaints of cyberbullying, harassment, threats of assault and more led to campuses banning the app, and eventually, a major decrease in popularity among students. The app was shut down in 2017 until its reappearance this year.

Junior exercise physiology major Amber Parker said although she doesn't use Yik Yak personally, she has classmates that have shown her some of the content posted. She said sometimes the content she's seen can be amusing, but she's noticed a lot of hearsay about various individuals and groups on campus. Parker said the anonymity of platforms like Yik Yak allows people to say more hateful things, and the app may draw the line between free speech and cyberbullying.

"I definitely think that it's (Yik Yak), like, a negative impact, especially on people's health and image," Parker said. "Because obviously if you open that and read something about yourself and you know it's not true, you don't know who posted it, you don't know where it came from and people can share and comment on it and all these things can be said but no one's going to be held liable for it."

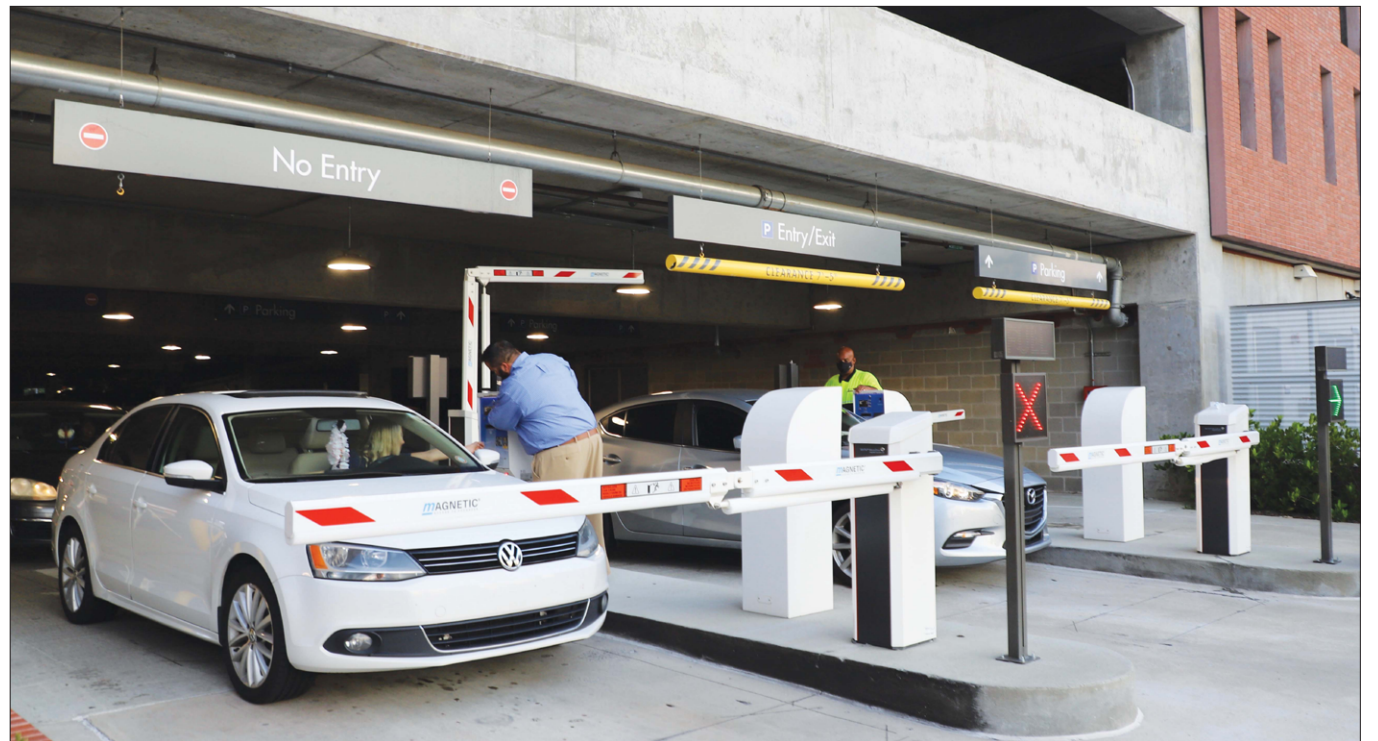
Sergeant Chris Viverette of the Greenville Police Department (GPD) said in an email statement under the North Carolina General Statute 14-458.1, individuals can potentially be charged with a misdemeanor for cyberbullying.

Individuals may believe their content on these social media platforms are anonymous, Viverette said, but there are various techniques in which law enforcement can track down the original posts and find the individual's identity. He said due to the current prevalence of social media,



Chris Viverette

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People exit the ECU parking garage located next to the Main Campus Student Center on Sept. 7 which caused a four-hour-long backup.

Garage accommodations end

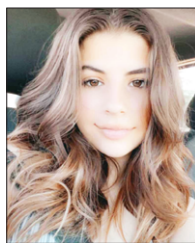
Giana Williams
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After a four-hour-long backup at the East Carolina University parking garage on Sept. 7, ECU Parking and Transportation explained the situation that occurred during that evening and reminds faculty, staff and students that the garage will return to its original \$1 per hour parking garage service.

Lani Smith, junior intended nursing major, said she became accustomed to the gates of the parking garage opening around 5 p.m. due to her routine of going to the Joyner Library late at night to complete homework. Smith said on Sept. 7, it took her about 20 minutes to be able to park on the third floor. Smith said she tried to get answers from ECU Parking and Transportation workers about what happened but they were not helpful with her questions.

"He (an ECU Parking and Transportation worker) was just very rude and I was trying to get more information from him but he just wasn't really, you know, just kind of trying to get me to go away I guess," Smith said.

When Smith left the parking garage



Lani Smith

around 11 p.m., she said it took her about 15 minutes to exit the garage and she still had to pay to exit despite the gates being temporarily opened around 9:25 p.m. Smith said she called ECU Parking and Transportation the following day when the worker over the phone said the garage will be switching to its original pre-COVID-19 24-hour operation.

Smith said she has spoken with other ECU students on Facebook who said the parking garage change is an inconvenience since ECU Transit buses stop running to student apartment complexes around 7 p.m. She said some students have late classes or are on campus all day, and those people appreciated the fact the gates were open past 5 p.m.

"I spoke to him (an ECU Parking and Transportation worker) (over) the phone and basically his whole argument was that they (ECU Parking and Transportation) were losing money and that the state (North Carolina) sees it as lost revenue," Smith said. "Which, in my opinion, it seems like the school (ECU) and the state and parking services care more about, you know, making money than people's academics."

Smith said she does not have \$200 to purchase a commuter pass and it would also be a safety concern for her as a woman to park across campus even if she

had a parking pass. The parking garage is connected to the Main Campus Student Center and by the library, Smith said, so it would be less than a two-minute walk if someone had to walk late at night to get to their car.

ECU Parking and Transportation Enforcement Supervisor Joshua Puckett said in an email statement that since the parking garage opened in 2019, ECU Parking and Transportation has always charged \$1 an hour to park inside the garage. He said ECU Parking and Transportation reserves the right to allow customers, both permitted and hourly, to park for free when COVID-19 impacted campus operations in 2020.

Puckett said ECU Parking and Transportation also reserves the right to close the gates and resume normal operations as needed. However, both options must be limited, Puckett said, or ECU Parking and Transportation would not be able to operate, maintain or build new parking options for the campus community.

"ECU Parking and Transportation receives no state funding or tuition dollars



Josh Puckett

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Redshirt senior defender Brooke Burzynski sends the ball downfield for her team in the game against the Virginia Military Institute on Aug. 22.

Pirate soccer faces USF tomorrow

Reyna Crooms
TEC STAFF

East Carolina University soccer (4-4-0, 0-0-0 American Athletic Conference) will head to Tampa, Florida, to take on the University of South Florida (USF) (4-2-1, 0-0-0 American Athletic Conference) tomorrow at 7 p.m.

The Purple and Gold have a 10 game losing streak against USF that dates back to

2014. The last time the Pirates won against USF was in Greenville in 2004. In the last match, the Pirates came out short 0-1 on April 15 in Tampa. USF was ranked No.15 at the time and finished the game with a total of 16 shots, six shots on the goal, and three saves, according to ECU Pirates.

The Pirates walked away from the game with a total of five shots, three shots on the goal and three corners. Graduate

student midfielder Alexia Moore played in the game and made a corner kick, the Bulls saw that as an opportunity and managed to take control of the ball. From there, the Bulls scored the first and only goal of the game. Sophomore goalkeeper Maeve English was able to make six saves for the Pirates, which has brought her to nine saves in the last three games.

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Local artist returns with paint-alongs

Dylan Woolard
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Freelance artist, music producer, screen printer and East Carolina University alumnus Jay Coachman wears many artistic hats but has most recently returned as the host of live painting and paint-along events at local Greenville, North Carolina, restaurants.

Coachman returned to hosting live painting and paint-along events at Jack Brown's and Mellow Mushroom in the month of August with the last event taking place at Mellow Mushroom on Aug. 29. Customers attended the events were given a pre-drawn canvas which they then painted alongside Coachman before food and drinks. Coachman said at the end of each event there is a giveaway for someone in attendance.

"Somebody gets to win the live painting that I did right there on the spot. It's always a joy to see that because they don't know that they're going to get that," Coachman said.

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BRIEFS

Citizen U to host leadership panel

Today, Center for Leadership and Civic Engagemnt will host a community organizing and leadership panel from 4 to 5 p.m. in person in the Main Campus Student Center in room 307 and virtually on Microsoft Teams. The panel will consist of community leaders who will share information about their organization, their passion and drive and leadership journey.

ANSO to host interest meeting

Tomorrow, the Anthropology Student Organization (ANSO) will host an interest meeting from 5 to 6 p.m. at the Ledonia Wrighte Cultural Center Patio. Introductions will be made by the anthropology department faculty and ANSO's student officers, also discussions on the club's future. Anyone interested in anthropology is welcome to attend.

CLCE to host Constitution Day celebration

Friday, the Center for Leadership and Civic Engagemnt (CLCE) will host a Constitution Day celebration at the Main Campus Student Center lawn from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The event allows participants through an interactive journey to learn more about the U.S. constitution and the three branches of government.

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ECU students register to receive the COVID-19 vaccine from healthcare workers at a vaccination clinic located in the Main Campus Student Center ballrooms.

ECU officials encourage vaccine

Student Health Services continues COVID-19 vaccination clinic

Breanna Sapp
TEC STAFF

In an effort to increase vaccination rates and reduce the spread of COVID-19, East Carolina University's Student Health Services (SHS) has provided on-campus vaccination clinics for student, faculty and staff usage.

LaNika Wright, director of SHS, said in an email statement that vaccination clinics can be found in room 125 of the Main Campus Student Center (MCSC) and the ECU Pharmacy located at the Brody School of Medicine. She said the Moderna and Johnson & Johnson vaccines are available for students at the MCSC. Additional information can be found on ECU's SHS webpage. According to the webpage, COVID-19 vaccines will be available Monday through Friday from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the MCSC.

The rate of vaccinated students, faculty and staff on campus continues to rise, Wright said, and she said the university has set a goal of at least 66% of the overall student body being vaccinated. As of date of publication, the overall student body reached a 56% vaccination rate, with those who live in residence halls being 63% vaccinated.

"The reality is we've seen other illness(es) primarily eradicated by vaccination," Wright said. "We can do this with COVID(-19) as well, with vaccination."

Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Virginia Hardy said vaccines will be available for

students throughout the entire semester, as well as testing opportunities, through SHS and off-campus resources. She said the clinics are currently open Monday through Friday every week, though the university will open on the weekends if eventually needed.

Vaccines have proven to mitigate the spread of COVID-19, Hardy said, as well as the severity of symptoms within breakthrough cases caused by the Delta variant. She said ECU is a smaller part of the larger community and vaccinations are the safest way to increase immunity. Hardy said she encourages those with questions and concerns about the vaccines to speak with their health-care providers or SHS.



Virginia Hardy

If individuals choose not to get vaccinated this semester, Hardy said they will instead have to participate in ECU's COVID-19 testing policy in order to reduce case numbers on campus. She said the university has avidly shared information about the clinics through classroom visits, social media platforms, emails and more. She said the university has provided incentives for on-campus vaccinations, such as gift cards and on-field passes for home football games.

"It is extremely important in order for the university to continue to operate in this traditional way, and in a traditional way that

I believe we all want, right," Hardy said. "Our students want it, faculty want it, staff want it, administrators want it, parents want it, the community wants it."

Sophomore intended nursing major Area-onia Blalock said the university could prioritize spreading accurate vaccine information to the community as a way to combat misinformation they may find online. She said this may also incentivize more students to get vaccinated as they're more aware of what the vaccine is and what it does.

Though ECU has forwarded students emails and announcements that push for vaccinations, Blalock said she feels as though university resources only outline ECU expectations and protocols regarding the vaccines, not information about the vaccines themselves. She said online research can be overwhelming for a student and can understand why an individual would choose not to get vaccinated.

"My concern still falls under, the clinical trials for normal medications are supposed to take two to three years," Blalock said. "So I feel like a lot of things were rushed into, and especially me being a science major and a nursing major, I'm very scientific-based. So I never want to support something that we don't fully know what could happen, but I understand the rush for students to get vaccinated."

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A student views the startup screen of anonymous social media app, Yik Yak, on ECU's main campus mall.

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GPD frequently investigates cases of cyberbullying and online harassment.

"The use of social media platforms to bully, threaten or harass others is more common than in years past," Viverette said. "Individuals take the perception of anonymity social media offers as an opportunity to stalk and harass others. While opinions posted on social media may fall under First Amendment protections, statements meant to threaten others may be criminal in nature."

ECU alumnus Dale Roig said he remembers Yik Yak's popularity with ECU students in 2013 and 2014 following its initial launch. As a member of Fraternity and Sorority Life, Roig said a lot of the content posted had to do with organizations like fraternities and sororities across campus, as well as individual students.

Roig said the platform's popularity slowly faded out during his time at ECU. He said although when he was younger the platform was entertainment, he can understand why people would feel attacked by some of the content posted.

"When it (Yik Yak) became super popular, like that's all really anyone even was talking about," Roig said. "I was in Greek Life specifically, so that was a really big part of it. You know, there were kind of like narratives on Yik Yak, whether it be this fraternity or this sorority doing that, and then obviously everyone would just use it to make fun of people there."

Field Operations Captain Chris Sutton of the ECU Police Department said in an email statement he was unable to participate in a full interview for the article and due to personal circumstances he cannot offer an

opinion on a private business.

Sutton wrote that students should use social media responsibly, as many posts on anonymous platforms can be traced back to the individual.

"From a law enforcement perspective, we look for and respond to threats that mention endangering our employees or students," Sutton wrote. "If we run across potential mental health concerns with a member of the university community, we respond



Chris Sutton

appropriately in person if there is an immediate threat to their life or others or work with the Dean of Students Office to find the individual and get them the help they need."

ECU's Intercultural Affairs and Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities (OSRR) declined an interview with The East Carolinian. In lieu of a formal interview, Leila Faranesh, director of the OSRR responded with an email statement. Faranesh said the OSRR responds to complaints in regards to violations of ECU's honor code, not general complaints such as those from social media. She said there is not much she can say due to student privacy.

"That type of action (potential disciplinary action) is based on different information including the type of complaint and the student history," Faranesh said in the email. "Students should be very careful about what they post on social media. It never goes away and can potentially hinder or even ruin future job opportunities or relationships."

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to operate," Puckett said. "Capital funds utilized to build, renovate, maintain and operate parking assets such as the (parking) garage or surface lots must come from revenue in the form of permits, events and hourly parking fees."

As the university began to welcome back faculty, staff and students for the fall semester, Puckett said ECU Parking and Transportation transitioned the gates from free-flowing, or fully opened, back to the lowered position to resume normal garage operations. During the start of the semester, Puckett said ECU Parking and Transportation provided hassle-free parking options across campus for two weeks.

When ECU went fully virtual due to COVID-19, Puckett said ECU Parking and Transportation suspended citations in all student parking zones. ECU Parking and Transportation allowed students who needed to park outside of the normal 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. business hours the ability to temporarily park inside the garage, Puckett said. This was intended to allow students to access the student center, recreation center and the library temporarily without having to pay for parking, he said.

"After this two-week period, parking operations including enforcement and the garage resumed normal business operations. The parking garage is designed to be a short-term parking option for the campus community," Puckett said.

False information was spread throughout the ECU student body that parking was free after 5 p.m. inside the garage, even before COVID-19, Puckett said. It was the false information, Puckett said, that led to the events of Sept. 7 evening. He said the simple explanation to the Sept. 7 event, was the welcome back grace period ended and the garage resumed normal operation.

Puckett said when there's a large number of customers attempting to exit the garage at the same time, delays will occur. To reduce these delays, Puckett said the best option for students is to purchase a parking permit and then remain in their assigned residential or commuter parking lot and utilize ECU Transit to navigate campus.

"ECU Transit has COVID(-19) measures in place for both passengers and drivers that adhere to the university COVID-19 protocols," Puckett said. "Moving forward, please remember the (parking) garage will be \$1/hour 24/7."

Mattie High, senior science education major, said she commutes to campus from Wilson, North Carolina, and normally she parks in the Grid neighborhood then use ECU Transit bus to get to main campus. Frequently, High said, she needs to park in the parking garage due to her off-campus internship.

High said ECU's transit system was better in the past. She said a normal eight-minute transit commute going to the Horizon student apartment is now a 20 minute bus ride.



Mattie High

"So that's definitely more incentive to go to the offer at a full parkig deck when you can't even get where you're going fast enough," High said.

The parking garage changing to its original service was inconvenient but understandable on the university's part because they need the money, High said. Even though the gates being open at 5 p.m. originally was convenient, High said, students took advantage of it. High said on Monday the parking garage was backed up again around noon when she tried to exit the garage. She said everyone in the garage had to wait for 40 minutes until a police officer arrived and let people out without paying. The parking garage also did not allow any new people into the garage when it became backed up, according to High.

"I definitely think that the situation that happened last week (Sept. 7) is repeating itself," High said. "It looked like they (ECU Parking) were working on one of the paid things and that everybody was being forced to go through just one, but then they got so backed up it was just dangerous." High said.

ECU commuter parking passes could be cheaper, High said. She said she thinks people are choosing the parking garage and creating the problems in the parking garage because parking in the garage is cheaper. High said ECU has made the parking deck cheaper than the commuter pass, so students will opt more toward the cheaper option.

"ECU has made the parking deck cheaper than the commuter pass so people are going to choose the parking deck and then cause the traffic and the backups and everything else," High said.

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OUR VIEW

Students need to remain safe at all times

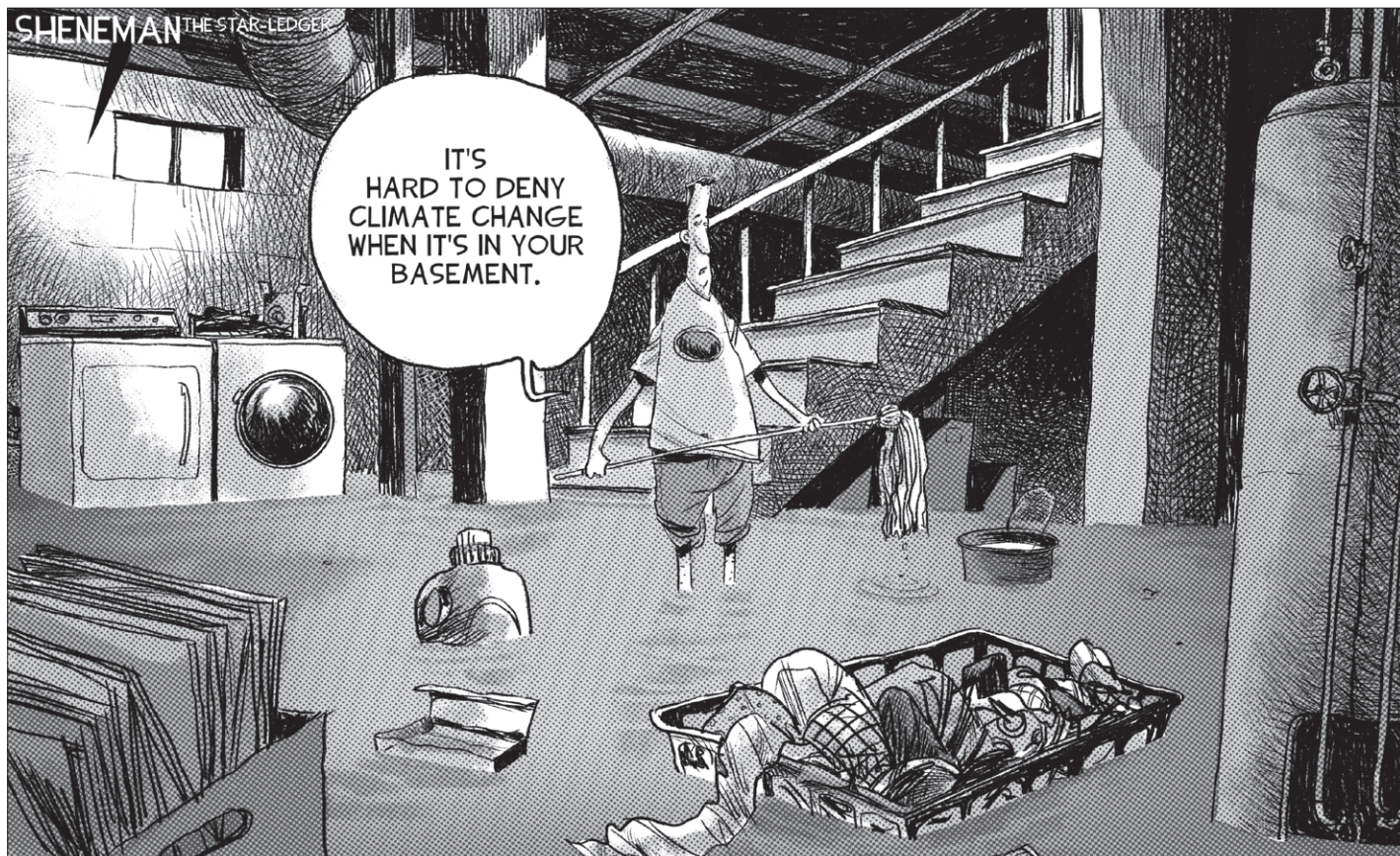
With COVID-19 cases throughout campus on the rise, East Carolina University community members are concerned about student compliance with COVID-19 protocols.

While students seem to be following protocols within classrooms, COVID-19 is as much a threat outside the classroom as within. In hallways, the student recreation center, at parties, at Fraternity and Sorority Life rush events and other events both on and off campus, many students are neglecting to wear face masks and socially distance.

We, the editorial staff of The East Carolinian, believe students should take COVID-19 safety protocols seriously in all contexts of their lives. Both on and off campus, students' actions regarding COVID-19 affect the whole ECU community and therefore they should wear face masks and socially distance themselves in all situations in which the threat of COVID-19 is imminent.

We commend students for wearing face masks in their classes, but they must understand their responsibility to the university community extends beyond class time. If we wish to stay safe and continue to enjoy in-person events and classes this semester everyone needs to take the responsibility to continue to wash their hands frequently, quarantine and get tested if exposed to or have symptoms of COVID-19, wear face masks when in groups and socially distance whenever possible.

Additionally, students should get vaccinated in an effort to protect themselves and others from the spread of COVID-19 that can happen both on and off campus. Students can receive free COVID-19 vaccinations through ECU Student Health Services, the Pitt County Health Department, CVS Pharmacy, Walgreens Pharmacy and Vidant Medical Center.



Abolish standardized tests

SAT remains unfair in college admissions process



Craig Malmrose
GUEST COLUMNIST

For years now, the SAT has undergone intense scrutiny at the hands of experts well-versed in testing methodology. And the pressure has only intensified as the news media has broadcast numerous reports regarding the SAT's irrational, lopsided approach to admissions testing.

According to The University Star, "The SAT has been a factor in college admission since the 1920s, but this controversial standardized test is unfair for students who have personal and environmental disadvantages. Students who come from low-income families or suffer from test anxiety are automatically set back in comparison to students that don't have these concerns."

The Atlantic hones this point further in the following excerpt: "Over the last many years, SAT test prep can cost hundreds or thousands of dollars. But the students who can least afford the help are the ones who would benefit the most from it."

The College Board, which creates and delivers the SAT, is considered a non-profit, and therefore receives federal tax exemption. But, despite its "nonprofit" status, its profits reached \$94 million in 2018 alone.

The College Board owns a monopoly when it comes to standardized testing, and as long as there is little, if any competition, high school students will be compelled to "drink the Kool-Aid" if

"In what century are we living?! Is badly flawed, twentieth-century testing still the norm in the new millennium?"

- Craig Malmrose

they wish to get a secondary education. My heart goes out to any poor soul who's duped by a terribly biased system.

But there's a silver lining in all of this, and it's glowing more brightly every day. With more than 280,000 students statewide, The University of California System made a decision to no longer consider SAT scores during its admissions process, nor the scores from its half-baked cousin, the ACT. And the list of institutions that have awakened and abandoned these tests is growing considerably.

During the pandemic, more than 1600 colleges and universities have become "test optional." But some may well continue exactly that way once the virus is eliminated.

In a column for EdSurge, Emily Tate wrote: "Even before the pandemic, test-optional policies were gaining traction. According to FairTest, a group that is critical of college admissions tests, 1,050 colleges had implemented a test-optional policy by September 2019. Forty-seven of those had made the decision in the prior 12 months."

When I took the SAT in high school, the test did nothing to assess my creative aptitude. In other words, it was entirely worthless. And that's because the years

I spent earning two university degrees were largely focused on creative problem-solving.

Following that, I made a successful career teaching graphic design, a profession that's entirely based on finding creative solutions to problems in communication.

I don't mince words, and I'll never succumb to the cowardice that propels politically correct speech. So, let me be frank: Any college or university that still clings to these broken-down tests demonstrates an indisputable bias during the admissions process. And added to that is a big dose of favoritism for students who come from families of means.

Dear God! In what century are we living?! Is badly flawed, twentieth-century testing still the norm in the new millennium? If the human genome has been unraveled, and we can now measure zeptoseconds and put a spacecraft on Mars, isn't it time to re-evaluate and overhaul antiquated testing methods so they'll align with the century in which we now exist?

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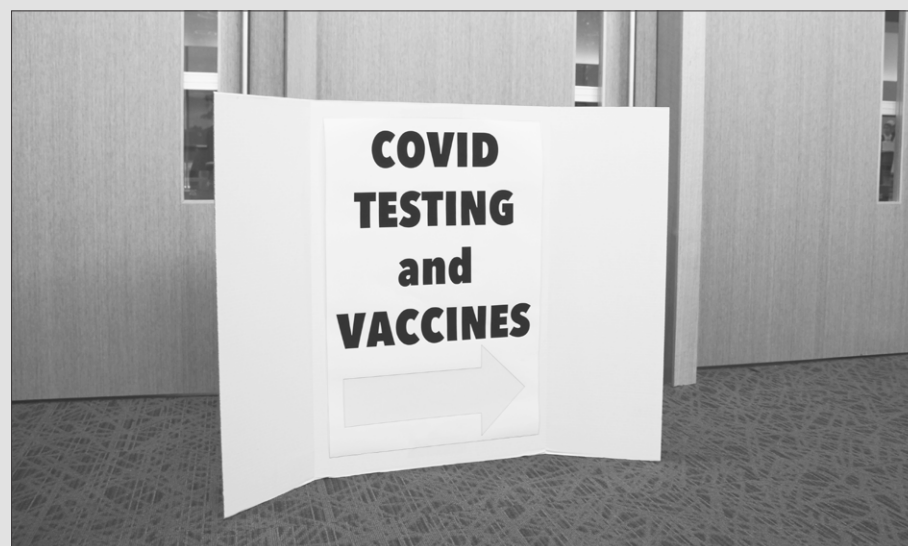
Letter to the editor

Wear your mask, get vaccinated

I am a concerned student about COVID-19, as are most of our student body. We all wear our masks, in and outside of the buildings. It certainly makes things slightly more difficult in terms of verbal communication, but masks are well worth that. They keep the chance of our exposure to COVID-19 at a minimum. We all know this, but it is imperative we remember it.

The masks are completely worth wearing, despite inconveniences from wearing them. I say all of this, mainly because I have had a friend from my residence hall (White Hall) who recently became infected with COVID-19. She wore her mask regularly, but she wasn't vaccinated yet. While masking is very important and can keep those around you safe, all of us who are able are responsible for getting vaccinated.

The reason my friend's roommate, my own roommate, and I were able to stay COVID-19 free is because we all made sure to get vaccinated. Reportedly, ECU has substantially low vaccination rates among students, and



HALIE MILLER | THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Signage that can be found throughout ECU's campus to indicate testing and vaccination clinics.

we must work to change that. I don't see any real reason, besides it being against medical advice, to not get the vaccine.

Your risk of COVID-19 and feeling the symptoms after receiving the vaccine is greatly reduced. It's everyone's duty to society to get the vaccine, especially since it is provided as free, whether you have health insurance

or not. It's a pandemic. Wear your mask, get vaccinated, if not for your own health, but for the health of those around you.

Sincerely,

Silvia Tyson, ECU student

EVENTS

TODAY

Nearly New Fish Kid's Sale
Greenville Convention Center
303 Greenville Blvd. SW
Noon to 4 p.m.
252-329-4200

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

TOMORROW

Sustainability Film Screening
Main Campus Student Center Lawn
511 E Tenth St.
6 to 8 p.m.
252-744-4190

COB Adopt A Street Clean Up
Jarvis Street
211 Jarvis St.
3 to 5 p.m.
252-328-6354

FRIDAY

Fresh Food Fridays
Main Campus Student Center Well-Being Hub
511 E Tenth St.
11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
252-328-6387

Family & Friends Weekend
Koinonia Christian Center Church
1405 SW Greenville Blvd.
6:30 p.m.
252-752-1898



COURTESY OF AARON HINES

Community members browse the books on the tables at the most recent Friends of Sheppard Memorial Library Used Book Sale in February 2020.

Book sale to return for 30th year

Hannah Bolick
TEC STAFF

Bookworms all over Greenville, North Carolina, will find an affordable feast at the Friends of Sheppard Memorial Library's 30th Annual Used Book Sale from Sept. 16 to Sept. 19 at the Greenville Convention Center, located at 303 SW Greenville Blvd.

The sale's hours will be from 6 to 8 p.m. on Sept. 16 and will only be open to Friends of Sheppard Memorial Library members on this day. The sale will be open to the public for the remainder of the weekend and will be operating from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Sept. 17 and 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Sept. 18. The sale will be open noon to 3:30 p.m. on Sept. 19 and on this day customers can fit as much as they can in a bag for \$5.

Jan Lewis, Friends of the Sheppard Memorial Library volunteer coordinator for the book sale, said the sale will include many different genres of books including fiction, biographies, travel, coffee table books and some textbooks. Other items like DVDs and CDs will also be available. She said depending on the category, prices of items range from about 5 cents to \$4.



Jan Lewis

"We have people that buy for church libraries, for charter school libraries, et cetera. We have some used book vendors too and that's fine, we just want these books back out there for people to read and enjoy and of course also to raise some money for the Sheppard Memorial Library's projects," Lewis said.

Lewis said masks will be encouraged while inside and checkout lines will be socially distanced. Some ECU students do attend the book sale each year, Lewis said. She said she finds ECU students tend to buy most frequently from the literature section.

Junior science education and chemistry major Kayleigh Linder said she had never heard of the Sheppard Memorial Library book sale, but it is something she would be interested in. She said she is a big reader and she thinks it would be interesting to visit the sale to see what they have to offer.

"It sounds like it's really accessible for people who maybe don't have the money to spend 20 bucks on a new book, but they want, if they have kids and they want to get book that their kids can read, especially if they're getting older, kids tend to grow out of books really quickly, so that's a way you could grab a bunch of books for a small price," Linder said. In addition to the affordable pricing, Linder

said the fact that the sale gives back to the library is another big motivator for her to visit. She said she likes giving back to organizations like libraries that are operated at virtually no cost to its individual patrons. She said ECU students should take advantage of the libraries in their communities more in general.

Senior chemistry and psychology major Jordan Hardeman said she had not heard of the library sale either, but does have a public library card. She said she now plans to attend the sale and is excited to add more books to her already expansive collection. She said she enjoys reading physical books over e-books, so she looks forward to opportunities to get physical books for low prices.

"I think it does give, especially ECU students, another option because I know books can be really expensive and that seems like it's a very much affordable way to get books," Hardeman said. "I have way too many, but I love new books."

Hardeman said she believes the book sale has potential to give people an opportunity to try out books when they normally wouldn't.

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Mellow Mushroom host Damon Ambrose said Coachman's live painting and paint-along events were unique and a nice change of pace from the business that conventionally takes place within the chain restaurant.

"It was just a different type of deal that we normally don't do so whenever people made a reservation for it you got your canvas and purchasing your canvas also included a small pizza and a drink," Ambrose said. "It was just a package, I know one of the first times I was here, I think it was maybe like 10 or 15 people just sitting up here painting."

Altogether, Ambrose said the live painting with Coachman was a success for everyone involved and Coachman is welcome back anytime.

"Yeah, the experience was really good and there are a decent amount of artsy people living here," Ambrose said.

Coachman held two events at Jack Brown's as well, where he was reunited with some of his former workmates from his time working in the kitchen at Jack Brown's. General Manager at Jack Brown's Adam Lorjuste worked with Coachman in the past and said he and Coachman have worked well together artistically.

"When I was kitchen manager, Jay was one of the guys who worked with me," Lorjuste said. "I always knew he was big into arts and stuff, I got to be on his album that he just dropped and everything."

The album in question, "No Death No Art," can be found on Apple Music and Spotify under Coachman's musical alias, Jxy True.

Lorjuste said the events were more than just live painting from Coachman, but also an opportunity to see some of his merchandise which Coachman sells on his website, Coachman Creations. The events with Coachman were the first of their kind that Lorjuste could recall. He said Jack Brown's environment and Coachman's classes were a good pairing and mutually beneficial to one another.

"It was the first event of its kind that we've done here and I think it's great because we have a cool space that's kind of niche already," Lorjuste said. "It's already a cool space and then you have somebody like Jay who has all of his stuff together so we talked about it and it's been really

cool. It's been a really enjoyable experience watching him do those paintings, seeing people interact with him and the dope giveaways."

Coachman said his main inspiration for his artwork stems from his mother and her struggles with Lupus.

His mother is a main motivator of his work, Coachman said. He said he wants to bring awareness to those with the disease and the Lupus Foundation of America.

"My main fuel and motivation is my mom," Coachman said. "Her being diagnosed with Lupus really shaped the way I look at life and create."

While the local events are a positive **Jay Coachman** for Coachman to get some exposure in the Greenville area, he said the ultimate goal for his artwork is something much bigger.

Coachman said he has a global stage in mind, where his artwork could be showcased all over the United States and the rest of the world.

"My ultimate goal for my paintings is really just to have my paintings all over the globe," Coachman said. "I want to have artwork in every major city in the U.S., I want to have artwork in every major city globally."

Going global is something Coachman said he has experience with after studying abroad in the United Arab Emirates (UAE). While abroad, Coachman was afforded the opportunity to paint a mural with his classmates which he said offered him a different perspective on art.

Coachman said his travels in UAE gave him the idea to take his art with him on tour back in the United States.

"Definitely, I love to travel and that's kind of how I envisioned what I'm doing now," Coachman said. "I kind of go on tours with my art, instead of a music tour, it's like an art tour. Usually, whatever state I'm in I always find a way to host events, it's just about connecting with the culture."

A full scale event is not just limited to his paintings, but Coachman said it typically includes music, paintings and other forms of artwork from various local and independent artists. As for what comes next for Coachman in Greenville, he said he's got his eyes set on a Halloween event.

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Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Today is a 9 — Efforts can get especially lucrative today. Keep it cool despite delays or sharp tempers. Follow through. Do what you said. Pull in a profitable haul.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) — Today is an 8 — Study the options. Adapt travel plans around current conditions. Discover dreamy settings, subjects and histories. Energize and advance your research and educational explorations.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Today is an 8 — Relax and enjoy a dreamy situation. Don't sweat the small stuff. Have fun and raise the level of your game. Follow your heart.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Today is a 9 — Conditions are ripe to advance a personal dream. Don't get distracted by rumors, gossip or controversy. Find a hidden opportunity to leap ahead.

Gemini (May 21-June 20) — Today is an 8 — Consider the big picture with shared finances. Keep your patience with misunderstandings. Focus on the larger goal, and let the small stuff go.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Today is an 8 — Make a home improvement you've been wanting. You can realize a long-term vision with dedicated action. Share domestic joys with your inner circle.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Today is a 7 — Contemplate the situation. Privacy suits your mood. Reduce overstimulation. Meditate and rest. Consider and plan. Articulate your vision for what you'd like next.

Cancer (June 21-July 22) — Today is an 8 — Talk is cheap; don't believe everything you hear. Rely upon trusted partners. Reaffirm commitments. Work together. Collaborative actions now can advance long-term plans.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Today is an 8 — Develop a creative vision. Don't present unfinished work. Misunderstandings spark easily. Put in the backstage efforts for a flawless performance. Edit, revise and polish.

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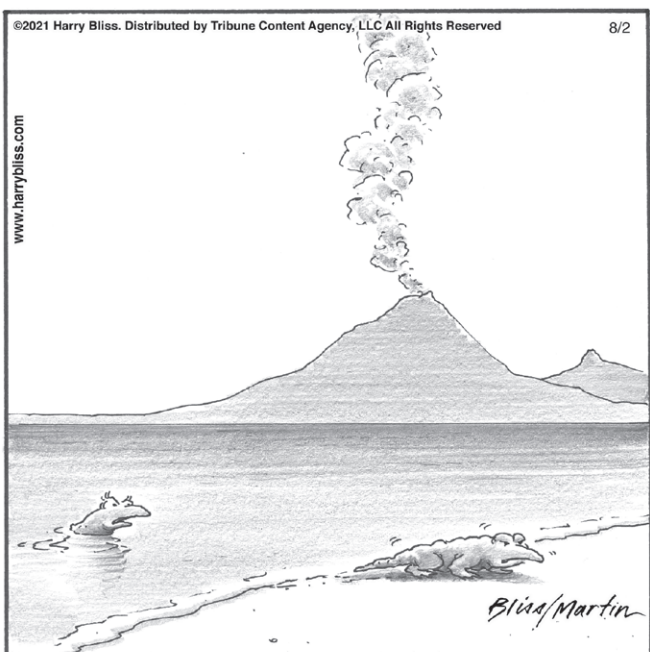
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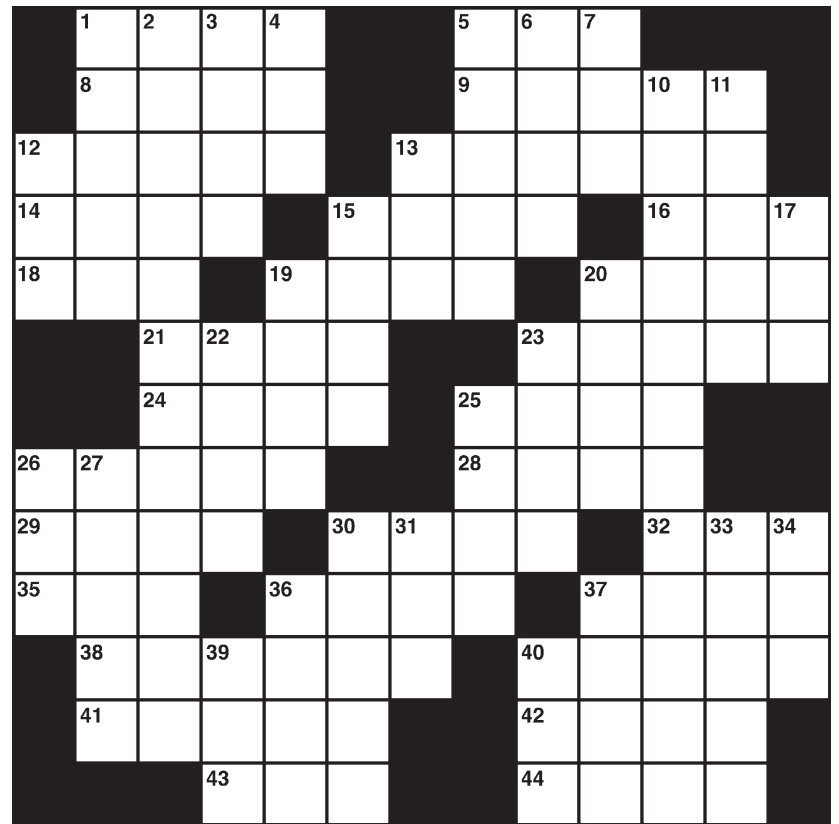


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- 20 "___ Black"; Rob Lowe series
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- 27 Lead role in "My Fair Lady"
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The East Carolinian Sports experts predict this week's football matchup

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ECU vs Marshall on Saturday 9/18

Score Prediction?
ECU wins 28-24

Why? The ECU defense is not

going to let Marshall run all over it. The Pirates were so close to beating South Carolina last week, and the team knows it needs to win this week. ECU will start as it did last week, but will keep it up to be able to win this time.

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ECU vs Marshall on Saturday 9/18

Score Prediction?
ECU wins 28-21

Why? The Pirate defense against

South Carolina showed that it can force turnovers and put the offense in a good position to score. If the offense minimizes the mistakes, ECU has a good chance of coming out on top.

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ECU vs Marshall on Saturday 9/18

Score Prediction?
ECU wins 34-30

Why? ECU played a good game

defensively against South Carolina, and I think the team is hungry for a win. Going into the game with the same attitude it did with the previous game, the team should come out with a win.



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Sophomore wide receiver Jsi Hatfield secures the reception for the first touchdown of the game against the University of South Carolina.

ECU looks for win at Marshall

Back-to-back losses put the Pirates in must-win mode

Markayla McInnis
TEC STAFF

East Carolina University football (0-2-0, 0-0-0 American Athletic Conference) will get back on the road this week to play Marshall University (2-0-0, 0-0-0 Conference USA) on Saturday for a 6 p.m. game.

The Pirate's third game of the season will take place in Huntington, West Virginia, at Marshall's home stadium. This game will be shown on CBSSN and also broadcasted on 107.9 WNCT-FM.

The last time these two teams played was at Marshall where the Pirates fell to the Bisons 59-28 on Nov. 29, 2013.

In the Pirate's last game the team fell to the University of South Carolina (2-0-0, 0-0-0 Southeastern Conference), 20-17 with a last-second field goal by the Gamecocks. According to junior quarterback Holton Ahlers, defense was on top of its game with holding only 20 points, but to win games the offense must be able to put more points on the board.

"Every day you push yourself to get better and he's (Ahlers) his own worst critic. He'll come in tomorrow and try to fix the things he did wrong and try to improve," head coach Mike Houston said. "That kid gave us a chance to win at the end. I'm glad we've got him."

So far this season, Ahlers has started and played through both games as quarterback.

While Ahlers did not get in a touchdown pass in this previous game, he did get in a three-yard rushing touchdown. In the first game against Appalachian State University (1-1-0, 0-0-0 Southeastern Conference) he threw for two touchdown passes. In the last two games, he has tallied up 372 yards.

The Bisons are 2-0 this season with its last game ending with a 44-10 score against North Carolina Central University (1-1-0, 0-0-0 Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference) on Sept. 11. Although the Bisons won, Marshall head coach Charles Huff thought the players played rough, according to Herd Zone.

"We will be better. Yes, we won the game, but when you're trying to close the gap, it's not about who you play, it's about how you play," Huff said, according to Herd Zone. "It's about how you play and we didn't play well today. If we play like that moving forward, we're not gonna be successful."

For the Pirates this season, some key players have been freshman running back Keaton Mitchell and sophomore wide receiver Tyler Snead. Snead began the South Carolina game with a trick play which allowed him to pass for the first touchdown of the game. In the App State game, he received four passes and accounted for 105 yards. In the game against the Gamecocks, he had 35 yards in five receptions.

"I was really excited (about the first trick play), we practiced it, we worked on it so



Tyler Snead

I'm glad we executed the outcome," Snead said. "Those fans went crazy for it!"

In the team's first game versus App State, Mitchell was able to score the first touchdown of the season and his first career touchdown. Against South Carolina, Mitchell ran for 45-yards and overall this season has tallied up 178 yards.

After the Marshall match-up, the team's journey to get six regular-season wins will continue as the Pirates will host Charleston Southern University (1-0-0, 0-0-0 Big South Conference) on Sept. 25. This game will be the Pirate's last non-conference game before the conference slate of games begin. This game will be another 6 p.m. game broadcasted on 107.9 WNCT-FM and will be shown on ESPN+.

"The offense gotta turn things around and figure things out. It starts with us, it starts with me, so we're gonna do that," Ahlers said. "I'm gonna work harder than anyone in this country to get things turned around cause if defense plays like that we got a really good team."

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PIRATE continued from A1

This game will be the Pirate's first conference game of the season. ECU will enter the game coming off a loss against William and Mary (2-4-0, 0-0-0 Colonial Athletic Conference) on Sept. 12 with a final score of 0-1.



Haley McWhirter

Junior midfielder Catherine Brooke also managed to take one shot at the goal in the game while she assisted her teammates offensively

Freshman midfielder Haley McWhirter assisted in offensive plays when ECU played against William and Mary.

and defensively.

Graduate student defense Kim Sanford was named the AAC Defensive Player of the Week earlier this month and helped assist the team toward its back-to-back victories earlier this season against High Point University (0-5-2, 0-0-0 Big South Conference), Campbell University (2-2-2, 0-0-0 Big South) and Virginia Commonwealth University (4-2-0, 0-0-0 Atlantic 10 Conference).

The Pirates' opponent this weekend, USF, will play against ECU fresh off a 1-0 win where the Bulls won against the University of Miami (3-3-0, 0-0-0 Atlantic Coast Conference) on Sept. 12 in Tampa. The USF Bulls made a total of 19 shots, six shots on the goal and one corner in its past game. USF junior Sydney Nasello

made the first and only goal of the game from a corner kick that landed the ball into the Miami goal.

Bulls player junior Sydney Martinez achieved her second shutout of the season according to GoUSFBulls. Freshman Serita Thurton, also from USF, played offense for the team and managed to finish the game with five shots as the team took on Miami.

After Pirate soccer plays its first conference game in Tampa, the team will travel to Harrisonburg, Virginia, to play a non-conference game against James Madison University (2-4-1, 0-0-0 CAA) on Sept. 19.

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