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After multiple faculty deaths have been potentially linked to the Brewster Building, students continue to raise possible health concerns.

Students seek transparency Brewster Building remains universitywide concern

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With no set timeline in place for a reinvestigation of the A Wing of the Brewster Building on East Carolina University's campus as of Sept. 7, students and faculty believe there is a lack of transparency among administration and the community as they await updates.

Associate Vice Chancellor for Campus Safety and Auxiliary Services William



William Koch

Koch said in an email statement Director of ECU Prospective Health Paul Barry, who is the head of the case study analysis of severe illnesses among faculty within Brewster, and Environmental Health and Safety (EH&S) with facilities services held an initial meeting with CDC's National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) on Aug. 24. During this meeting, a discussion around the building's health hazard evaluation conducted in 2019 took place.

At the request of the NIOSH team, additional information was provided

preceding the meeting on Aug. 24, which includes building drawings, maintenance records as well as housekeeping and pest control chemical information, according to Koch. This information resulted in the decision to follow a two-track process by NIOSH to investigate Brewster.

"Their (NIOSH) occupational safety team will work with our EH&S office and facilities services to assess the Brewster Building, while their medical team will work with Barry and our medical team to assess the cases," Koch said.

The two-track processes conducted by NIOSH will involve a full assessment of the building and the case study analysis led by Barry. Koch said because the case analysis contains the use of medical records, this track process will keep those records with medical experts who can best utilize them and maintain confidentiality.

Additionally, the university has provided North Carolina Department of Human Health and Safety (NCDHHS) representatives with an unnamed public health physician and certified industrial hygienist to assist in the investigation. Koch said a tour of the Brewster Building also took place on Aug. 26, which resulted

in no building-related health concerns as of Sept. 1.

As NIOSH is the lead for the assessment of Brewster, Koch said the university continues to work with the team to develop a timeline of when the assessment will take place and reach completion as of Sept. 7. He said the case study analysis does not have a set timeline either, due to the need for an in-depth investigation.

"NIOSH is leading the assessment effort so we (EH&S and facilities services) are working with them on their timeline. We are told that case assessments can require considerable research and time," Koch said.

President of the ECU chapter of the American Association of University Professors (AAUP) and professor in the history department Karin Zipf said as of Sept. 7 four new pancreatic cancer diagnoses within the building have been identified, which results in nine cases total and eight deaths total from pancreatic cancer.

Zipf said she does everything she can to stay out of the building, to the extent of meeting students at Coastal Fog, a

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Clement sees mold growth inside rooms

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TEC STAFF

Reports of mold in East Carolina University's Clement Residence Hall have created concern among its residents who cite potential illnesses linked to the mold that has spread through the building.

Director of Housing Operations Aaron Lucier said in an email statement while students have reported seeing mold, there have been no findings of a serious mold issue in Clement Hall.

"If we (Student Living) do find mold, we have a protocol for it," Lucier said.



Aaron Lucier

Student Living has invested in new heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) systems in Fletcher, Legacy and Jones Hall, according to Lucier.

Lucier said because mold spores are everywhere where humidity is present, ECU works to create an environment that prevents mold growth.

"These systems are also in the other high-rise residence halls, Clement, White, Greene, and Tyler Halls," Lucier said.

The Office of Housing Operations takes issues like mold very seriously and works to find solutions and prevent concerns like this from happening, Lucier said.

Freshman communication major Carlie West, who lives in Clement Hall, said she has seen mold in other students' rooms and even her own. She said ECU has been extremely helpful when they were made aware of the mold in Clement Hall.

"I'm honestly not sure what could be causing all this mold in the dorms," West said. "The mold I found was under the refrigerator so I'm sure it was caused by a lot of built up moisture, but I can't speak for other students who have mold in their dorms."

West said when she found mold in her room, she was the one who had to clean it. She said she had felt sick almost directly after moving into the dorms. She said she had a cough and congestion and it only got better after she cleaned out the dorm and got rid of the mold.

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ECU Football looks for first home victory

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East Carolina University football (1-2-0, 0-0-0 American Athletic Conference) will host its second home game of the season as Charleston Southern University (1-1-0, 0-1-0 Big South Conference) travels to the Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium on Saturday at 6 p.m.

The Pirates look to achieve their first home win of the season as the team fell to the University of South Carolina (2-1-0, 0-0-0 Southeastern Conference) 17-20 in the first home game of the season on Sept. 11. On Sept. 18 the Pirates were able to come back in the fourth quarter to beat Marshall University (2-1-0, 0-0-0 Conference USA) 42-38. Within the last minute of the game, freshman running back Rahjai Harris made a one-yard touchdown to achieve the first season win.

"We knew we were going to have to score," junior quarterback Holton Ahlers said. "It was good to get back to that. The last couple of weeks have not been what we wanted, but this week we came out here and put a good performance together."

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MADISON GRIFALDO | THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Members of the Symphonic Wind Ensemble play their instruments in preparation for the School of Music's in-person concert on Thursday.

Symphonic Ensemble to return

Emily Peek
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East Carolina University's School of Music's (SoM) Symphonic Wind Ensemble will return to the main stage for a free, in-person concert of a transcription of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's "Die ihr des unermesslichen Weltalls Schöpfer ehort" from 7:30 to 9 p.m. on Thursday in Wright Auditorium.

Director of Bands William Staub said the Symphonic Wind Ensemble is an audition based premiere band that consists of music majors. He said the ensemble puts on multiple concerts each semester and includes woodwind, brass and percussion instruments.

"A symphonic Wind Ensemble is made up of all of the instruments that you would find in the orchestra except for the

strings and then we add the saxophone and we add the euphoniums," Staub said. "Our repertoire varies from music from the renaissance all the way through brand new world premieres."

Staub said while the ensemble's upcoming concert will be accessible in-person, there will also be a streaming

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ONLINE

»NEWS: BSOM research clinic studies long-term COVID symptoms

»SPORTS: ECU soccer set to take on Southern Methodist on Thursday

SOCIAL MEDIA



BRIEFS

Student Engagement to host hazing panel discussion

Today, the Office of Student Engagement will host a Netflix & Chat in response to National Hazing prevention Week in the Main Campus Student Center in Ballroom A from 6 to 7 p.m. People attending the event will view videos about hazing that happens within fraternities and sororities, club sports, band groups and athletics. Afterward there will be a panel discussion with student leaders afterward to talk about hazing and share personal experiences.

LWCC to host Reel Talk discussion

Today, the Ledonia Wright Cultural Center (LWCC) will host a discussion about a documentary on former Uruguayan President José "Pepe" Mujica at the LWCC conference room from 6 to 8 p.m.. In the documentary, Mujica will discuss lessons he learned while in prison, his ideals and future.

CRW to host Beach Fest After Dark

Friday, the Campus Recreation & Wellness (CRW) will host Beach Fest After Dark at the North Recreational Complex from 7 to 9:30 p.m. There will be a live firework show, nighttime boating and zip line rides. East Carolina University students need their 1 Card or the CRW app to attend.

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One of East Carolina University's previous study abroad programs, the Italy Intensives Program, took students to Bagnoregio, Italy in the spring semester of 2019. JENNIFER SIEG | THE EAST CAROLINIAN

ECU resumes study abroad trips

Chris Young
TEC STAFF

East Carolina University's Office of Global Affairs continues to look to reinstate its study abroad programs for students after a year of absence due to COVID-19 regulations in foreign countries.

Assistant Vice Chancellor of Global Affairs Jon Rezek said the university is excited to have students participate in study abroad this semester, such as the programs in Tuscany, Italy, and Cairo, Egypt. He said the COVID-19 pandemic caused a lot of difficulties within international education opportunities.

"(ECU) takes COVID and associated travel restrictions very seriously," Rezek said. "We have been monitoring the spread of the delta variant closely and the students abroad right now are aware of the public health protocols."

ECU students interested or committed to study abroad programs are asked to educate themselves about the local COVID-19 protocols in the region they will visit prior to their arrival, Rezek said. He said Global Affairs routinely checks in with students who are participating in study abroad programs this semester and is pleased with the current vaccination status of those abroad.



Jon Rezek

"In the fall of 2019, (ECU) had 82 students studying abroad, including 15 students studying at our ECU Tuscany campus in Italy," Rezek said. "This last semester, we only had 25 students who studied abroad."

Rezek said although the participation numbers are low for the fall 2021 semester, ECU has seen a good turnout in those attending the weekly interest meetings.

Students who study abroad are informed and encouraged to follow the same public health measures enforced on ECU's campus, Rezek said. Global Affairs recommends students receive their COVID-19 vaccination prior to travel and encourages the use of face masks and the avoidance of large crowds.

"All university partners, and our own facility in Tuscany, have quarantine and isolation capacity should it be needed," Rezek said.

"Most importantly, as with all study abroad programs, participants are required to abide by all local laws and regulations such as curfews or proof of vaccination."

Sophomore biology major Raphael Yaft, who is participating in the study abroad program in Egypt, said he has been there for about a month and will stay for the rest of the fall 2021 semester.

Yaft said the COVID-19 pandemic has made studying abroad extremely difficult. He said throughout the entire process he knew that at any moment, everything could change,

whether it be new regulations or someone getting COVID-19.

"Even today in Egypt I know at any point if COVID cases begin to rise again I can be pulled back home if deemed necessary," Yaft said. "The process to receive approval to study abroad was definitely long and cutting it close to the departure date."

Yaft said at the American University in Cairo (AUC), Egypt, everyone is required to be vaccinated, perform daily self-checks and wear masks outside and indoors. He said the university follows COVID regulations strictly for the benefit of all the students who are in Egypt and because of this, the area is generally safe.

German Professor Jill Twark said the past year's study abroad programs were cancelled because of COVID. She said the Office of Global Affairs has affirmed that programs will run this year.

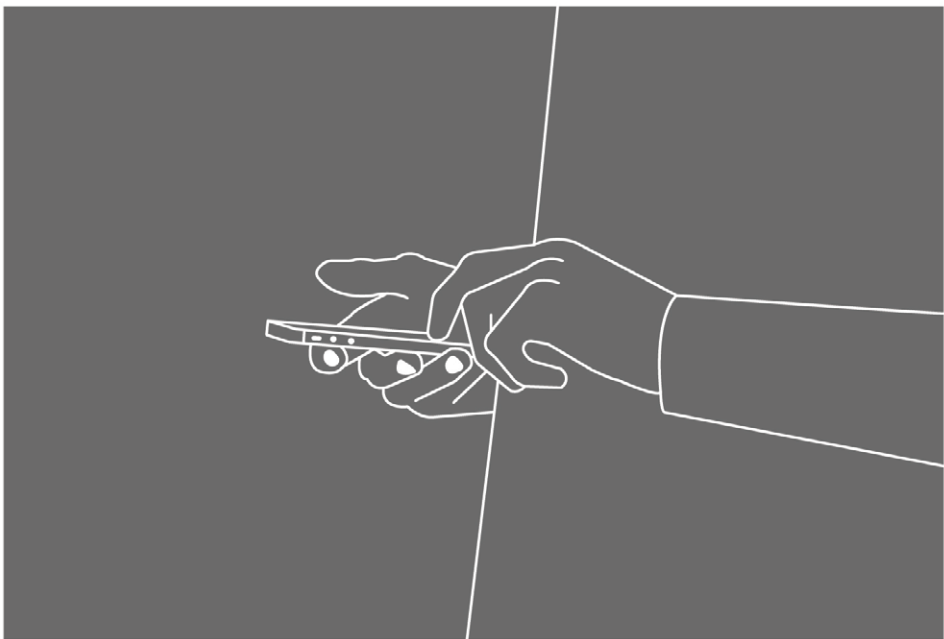
Twark said while the programs are supposed to be active this semester, it is subject to change. She said this is all dependent on case rates and travel restrictions in each of the study abroad programs.

"Each country sets its own rules as to who may enter or not," Twark said. "The Office of Global Affairs has to examine these different policies and keep faculty study abroad directors up to date on the constantly changing situations."

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ONLINE | FULL STORY

PIRATE RANTS RETURN



STARTING OCT. 6

Back by popular demand, The East Carolinian will present the return of Pirate Rants beginning Oct. 6, giving the ECU community an opportunity to share its views on the events and topics of the day.

Submitted posts will be reviewed to prevent vulgarity, discriminatory remarks, libelous comments to inappropriate language before being printed under the Opinion section in The East Carolinian, uploaded on <http://theeastcarolinian.com> and/or TECO ECHO.

Submit your Pirate Rants online at piratemedial.com/site/forms/pirate_rants/pirate_rants/

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local coffee shop, instead of her office in the A Wing. She said she refuses to go inside the building unless she must.

The administration's response to the concerns expressed by the Pirate community about Brewster only serves as a performative response rather than what is needed to address student, faculty and staff concerns, according to Zipf.

"I think the administration has taken a very good proforma response and is moving in a proforma manner. I am not sure a purely proforma response is enough to assuage people's concerns," Zipf said.

Besides the avoidance of the building itself, Zipf said she continues to avoid drinking or using any water that is inside Brewster. Due to the men's bathroom sink being the only water outlets in the building that were tested in the 2019 assessment, she said she will wait until the new results are released before she begins to use the water again.

For the sake of the faculty within the building, Zipf said she would like for the university to work with the Brody School of Medicine to assist in informing faculty what steps they should take if they believe they are showing signs of pancreatic cancer, however, she has not received a response to her request.

"I have begged, I have begged, I begged at Brody and I begged with Bill Koch, I have asked for some kind of pamphlet or guidance of what to ask your doctor, I have asked for some kind of powerpoint that can tell you about what pancreatic cancer is and how to know if you have it...we have the resources at Brody to address medical guidance," Zipf said.

Junior biology major Emily Yates said she originally discovered her concern around the Brewster Building once she began to hear talk around the investigation on campus and viewing content on The East Carolinian. She said she, as well as most of her friends on campus, also have a few classes inside the building this semester.

Yates said she does not believe university administration has been transparent enough with students on information about Brewster as well as the status of the situation as a whole.

On Aug. 19, Barry and Koch sent an email to the ECU community at the request of Chancellor Philip Rogers to provide an update on steps the university will take for further assessment of the building and inform students of the inspection from 2019. Yates

said she does not remember viewing this email in her inbox, though she must have missed it when it was sent.

"I do not think they (university administration) have done a good enough job, I mean I know they still have classes in there and they are still letting their staff in there so you can send out an email...I mean personally I don't know if I have missed some kind of announcement or something, but the only things I have heard about Brewster is by word of mouth or The East Carolinian," Yates said.

Senior family community services major Annagrace Saufley created a petition on change.org addressed to the university and Rogers to remove students and faculty from the building for the academic year. She said she initially created the petition in hopes the administration would do more to address the situation.

"Oh they (university administration) could do more. They could 100% do more. What my petition was originally for was, I wasn't calling for like 'lets knock down the Brewster Building, let's blow it up get rid of it' you know, what I wanted was for them to move classes and other activities like testing from that building through the remainder of the year," Saufley said.

Saufley said because ECU has held courses online before, she knows they have the capability of providing this option for students and faculty within the building. However, she said the case of working to relocate classes into other locations on campus may be the better alternative.

As she has had a class before that originally began in Austin Building that was then relocated to Rivers Building, Saufley said she feels since she has experienced this before with one course, this option could be conducted through logistical planning efforts for courses held in Brewster as well.

Saufley said although it may seem like students do not have much to worry about when it comes to length of exposure inside the building due to short class periods, professors are the main line of concern here. She said due to professors spending several hours inside their offices, their risk is greater, however, any amount of exposure should raise concern.

"That was my issue when they (university administration) kept saying like 'well these are only tied to the A Wing and the A Wing is only offices so like students have nothing to worry about because all their classes are in B and C Wing' and it's like sure, but I think we are just talking about the length of exposure here first of all, just because we are in there less doesn't mean it's not harmful," Saufley said.

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OUR VIEW

Students need to be careful on Yik Yak

As the anonymous social media platform Yik Yak has recently resurfaced, East Carolina University has seen an increase of cyberbullying, threats and controversial language throughout the platform.

On Sept. 1, ECU's student body was sent an email statement from Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs Virginia Hardy addressing a controversial situation that took place on Yik Yak, which was a post that alleged an ECU fraternity was holding a rush party where Black students were not allowed. This is just one example of hateful and discriminatory language that can draw significant attention and result in extreme cases of harassment.

Situations like this can be harmful to many people, as the university upholds an inclusive community for all of its students and faculty members. Our generation is so technologically driven and anonymous apps such as Yik Yak increase the amount of harm seen on social media platforms.

We, the editorial staff of The East Carolinian, believe Yik Yak is a controversial platform bound for negative, hurtful and discriminatory language and the ECU student body needs to be careful and mindful when utilizing the app.

In the past, Yik Yak was shut down for the amount of harmful threats, controversial messages and discriminatory language used on it, which is the same content that is seen on it today. Anonymous apps like this can be dangerous, as it is easier for users to write hurtful messages and see no consequences. This provides a negative environment overall to everyone involved.

We believe the ECU community should continue to think about what its consuming and participating in on Yik Yak and other forms of social media, as well as what kinds of messages they are sending to the surrounding community.



Do not blame one administration Taliban's victory results from years of bad policy



George Martin
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On Aug. 30, the United States completed its withdrawal from Afghanistan after a 20-year long war that killed thousands of American troops as well as thousands of Afghani civilians.

Within two weeks of American efforts to leave the country began, the Taliban had seized control of many of the country's prominent cities.

The fallout from this disaster of a military operation has been felt across the world, with many people trying to find a scapegoat to blame for the Taliban's swift victory. President Joe Biden blames the pullout plan he inherited from former President Donald Trump for what's going on, while conservative politicians and pundits find more fault in the current administration.

In February of 2020, Trump met with the Taliban and had agreed to withdraw from Afghanistan by May 1, 2021, if the terrorist organization orchestrated a peace negotiation with the established government. Importantly, the Trump administration decided to leave actual Afghani state officials out of these peace talks, marginalizing their involvement in their own peace negotiations. This is the setup to the chaotic scenes we've heard about at the airport in Kabul and the overrunning of the country's established government.

Biden inherited this deal that had been made with the Taliban when he entered office, but that does not mean he shares no blame for what is happening in Afghanistan. Biden had the authority to go back

"It's important to realize that it's irresponsible and ignorant to try and blame the Taliban's victory in Afghanistan on a singular president."

- George Martin

on these talks with the Taliban, but instead opted to push back the American pullout by a month, a choice that obviously had little impact in terms of maintaining peace in the region. However, it's also unfair for people to expect Biden to bring stability back to a region, especially with only a few months between taking office and the pullout from Afghanistan.

Even after our exit from Afghanistan, the U.S. has continued to cause pain, with the Pentagon executing a drone strike on Aug. 29 that killed 10 civilians, including seven children and no terrorists. The Department of Defense had defended this "righteous strike" previously, once again showing how the American people are left in the dark and explicitly lied to time and time again during these wars.

Biden has said that he was planning to pull out of Afghanistan at some point in his presidency, so the plan he had inherited from Trump still went with his policy. However, when people look at the situation in Afghanistan, it's all too easy to blame a single administration for the loss of life going on. However, the breakdown of the Afghani government and the Taliban's takeover of the country is not solely Trump or Biden's fault, but instead 50 plus years of interventionist policy in the Middle East coming back to bite us.

From 1979 to 1989, as part of Operation Cyclone under former President Jimmy Carter, the CIA gave Afghan mujahideen fighters (who would go on to form the ranks of the Taliban) weaponry and training in guerilla warfare. This, originally a plot to push the USSR out of Afghanistan, has now established the Taliban with trained fighters and millions of dollars in weapons provided by the U.S. Effectively, the American government funded the initial fighters who would go on to fight in the Taliban.

As anarchy reigned in the Middle East, the Taliban took root and established a fighting force. The 9/11 attacks and the subsequent war on terror under George W. Bush's administration only served to further destabilize a region that already lacks a common cultural identity due to the many ethnic groups that live there.

It's important to realize that it's irresponsible and ignorant to try and blame the Taliban's victory in Afghanistan on a singular president. We are where we are due to years upon years of meddling in the Middle East and bad policy, not because Biden left a month after Trump said we would.

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Men should support safe abortions



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On Sept. 1, the Texas Heartbeat Act signed by Gov. Greg Abbott took effect in the state of Texas, the strictest abortion ban in the country and quite possibly the strictest enacted since Roe v. Wade (1973).

The law, which restricts all abortions before six weeks and opens the door to a private civil right of action, could prevent the 84% of total abortions that occur post-six weeks in Texas.

Since Roe v. Wade, other states throughout the south have attempted to pass legislation similar to the Texas Heartbeat Act, though the bills have overwhelmingly been challenged by pro-choice activists and ultimately blocked by the Supreme Court.

Due to the Texas Heartbeat Act's clever use of a private civil right of action, public officials are not required to enforce the law; this led to the Supreme Court's refusal to block the bill in a 5-4 vote, allowing it to take effect and almost completely strip Texan woman of their right to a safe abortion.

Considering the overwhelming number of women that continue to get abortions in countries where the procedure is completely restricted, anti-abortion laws won't stop abortions from occurring. In fact, nearly 23,000 women across the world die



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University of Texas students march to protest against the abortion ban after six weeks on Sept. 7.

from unsafe abortions each year, according to a Boston University School of Public Health article. If government officials continue to politicize personal beliefs, the pro-life movement's fever for morality will continue to kill women every year.

The 14th Amendment's due process clause cites a right to privacy, ultimately determined by the Supreme Court's decision to include sovereignty over a woman's own bodily autonomy. A medical decision like abortion is intimate to each individual who must consider the procedure, considered a constitutional right essential to women.

As women throughout the country voice their concerns about reproductive rights and safe access to healthcare, one voice is missing from this discussion: men. Most specifically, women throughout the

south must watch their neighboring states begin to take similar actions like Texas; as well as watch their husbands, fathers and male colleagues sit on the sidelines.

Men, I understand why this conversation may seem like one you'd like to stay out of: legislation that serves women should be advocated by women, right?

I invite you to educate yourself about the pro-choice movement and why reproductive care is essential to a woman's health. I encourage you to talk to other men, your family, your colleagues – this isn't lady's locker room talk anymore.

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EVENTS

TODAY

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Pitt Street Brewing Company
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Pitt Street Brewing Company

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Ara Gregorian performs on the violin and Alan Kay performs on the clarinet in the Four Seasons Chamber Music Monuments residency on Feb. 10, 2019. COURTESY OF JENNA POPPE

Four Seasons returns in person

Hannah Bolick
TEC STAFF

The Fall Season Opening Extravaganza of the Four Seasons Chamber Music Festival began on Sept. 19 and will run through this Sunday with concerts and other music-focused events offered both in-person and virtually.

The remainder of the week's events will consist of Chamber Music Dressed Down at 7:30 p.m. tomorrow, the Greenville Concert at 7:30 p.m. on Friday in the A.J. Fletcher Recital Hall, a masterclass from 1 to 3 p.m. on Saturday in Fletcher Music Center and the Raleigh concert at 3 p.m. on Sunday at Hayes Barton United Methodist Church, according to the Four Seasons Digital Concert Hall website.

Four Seasons Chamber Music Festival Founder and Artistic Director Ara Gregorian said with the purchase of the in-person or online tickets, ticket holders will have the option to choose whether they want to attend each individual event of the residency in person or virtually in the Four Seasons Digital Concert Hall.

"They can make that choice up to the time of the start of each event because we felt like it was

important to give people maximum flexibility now so that we can bring what we do to as many different people as possible in a way that they're comfortable," Gregorian said.



Ara Gregorian

Both the Greenville and Raleigh concerts will feature the same music, Gregorian said. The pieces in the concert will be String Quartet in F Major, Op. 77 No. 2, by Joseph Haydn, Pieces for Clarinet, Viola and Piano, Op. 83 by Max Bruch, Clarinet Quintet in B Minor, Op. 115 by Johannes Brahms.

One unique event from the upcoming residency is the Chamber Music Dressed Down event. Gregorian said this event is meant to give audiences a look into the rehearsal process behind performances. He said the event will consist of a short performance, an open rehearsal and a discussion.

Gregorian said he looks forward to presenting music to the community in-person again.

"Given that we're still in this (COVID-19) pandemic that has

turned our society upside down, I'm really proud of the fact that Four Seasons is still presenting good things for our audiences," Gregorian said.

Clarinetist for the residency Alan Kay teaches at the Manhattan School of Music, The Juilliard School and Stony Brook University. He said in an email statement he will be playing on both the Brahms and Bruch pieces.

Kay said when Brahms was writing the quintet, he was inspired by the virtuosic playing of clarinetist Richard Mühlfeld and the music has a "nostalgic air." He said the Bruch pieces are "lovely" and "expressive" and were written in the 18th century during a period of change in classical music.

"Brahms sought to feature the great Mühlfeld in his brilliant Quintet, and that he did. Though he expertly weaves the clarinet into and out of the string quartet texture, he understands and revels in the sonority of the instrument, exploring both its joyful and melancholy characteristics," Kay said. "In the Bruch pieces, the clarinet and viola are like duo partners, equal in impor-

tance—and equally expressive."

While virtual concerts and the ability of the internet to keep music only a click away is nice, a virtual experience will never replace a live performance. He said aside from the fact that the music simply sounds better in-person than through a computer, the audience also misses out on hearing the "depth and imagery" of sound when they listen virtually.

Fall season tickets are offered for in-person or online in Greenville, North Carolina, in-person or online in Raleigh, North Carolina, or online only and all cost \$110 each, according to the Four Seasons Digital Concert Hall website. Tickets for one individual residency, like the Fall Season Opening Extravaganza, are offered in the same ticket types and cost \$40 each, the website said.

Tickets can be purchased over the phone at (252)-328-4788 or online on the ECU Arts website and Four Seasons Digital Concert Hall website.

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option on the SoM's YouTube channel. He said the band, which is made up of around 45 players, will be socially distanced while on stage and will wear playing masks. Guests in attendance of the performance are also required to wear face coverings.

During the 2020-2021 semesters, the Symphonic Wind Ensemble was unable to hold performances in-person due to COVID-19, Staub said. He said they released pre-recorded live streamed concerts.

"It's not that we weren't able to accomplish educational goals last year, because we were, I think people got better as musicians by doing what we did last year," Staub said. "But I think many of us, including myself, were ready to come back to the large ensemble experience."

As Staub took over the position of director of bands only two years ago, he said this will be his first in-person concert in the position. He said he's excited for the upcoming performance and that the program being played is meaningful to him, as it is full of pieces with a personal connection.

Staub said he believes that the audience, students and himself are going to enjoy the concert. He said the Symphonic Wind Ensemble will perform its second concert with a Chamber Winds repertoire on Oct. 23 that will be held in the A.J. Fletcher Music Center recital hall.

Junior music education major and french horn player in the Symphonic Wind Ensemble Jacob Hartman said the ensemble performs a variety of literatures from new and old compositions, guest composers and transcriptions of old music. He said he's excited to perform in an in-person concert.

"It feels great, I love playing with people in-concert and I was in the orchestra this past Saturday and that was our first concert since 2020 that had people in it," Hartman said. "It was great to play something, feel proud of it and have people clap for you."



Jacob Hartman

Hartman said one of the reasons why the first fall concert is exciting for him is because when he was pre-recording concerts to be live-streamed, no one was there to clap or cheer for him when he was done playing and that ruined the experience for him in a way.



Director of Bands William Staub conducts the wind ensemble. MADISON GRIFALDO | THE EAST CAROLINIAN

The best way to hear the Symphonic Wind Ensemble perform is in-person, Hartman said. He said he believes it will be a good concert and he's excited for it.

Assistant Professor of Vocal Studies Daniel Shirley said he will be a tenor guest-soloist singing a Mozart piece in the concert that Staub transcribed for the Wind Ensemble. He said he's excited as he has not collaborated with students from the Wind Ensemble before.

"Typically the type of music that I sing is either with a pianist or with a symphony orchestra but this is actually my first time to sing a piece with a wind ensemble, so it's been different for me too," Shirley said. The song he will perform was originally made for a tenor soloist and a pianist, Shirley said. He said Staub heard textures within the song that would work with wind instruments. He said he hopes after the country will use the piece for their ensembles.

Shirley said as he has worked at ECU for over seven years, he has sung in concerts here before. He said he has enjoyed working with the wind ensemble and has been rehearsing with them for two weeks.

"This is the first time that I've worked with the Symphonic Wind Ensemble and I really enjoy the things that Dr. Staub is doing with them," Shirley said. "He's a great leader for the organization and they sound really excellent under his leadership."

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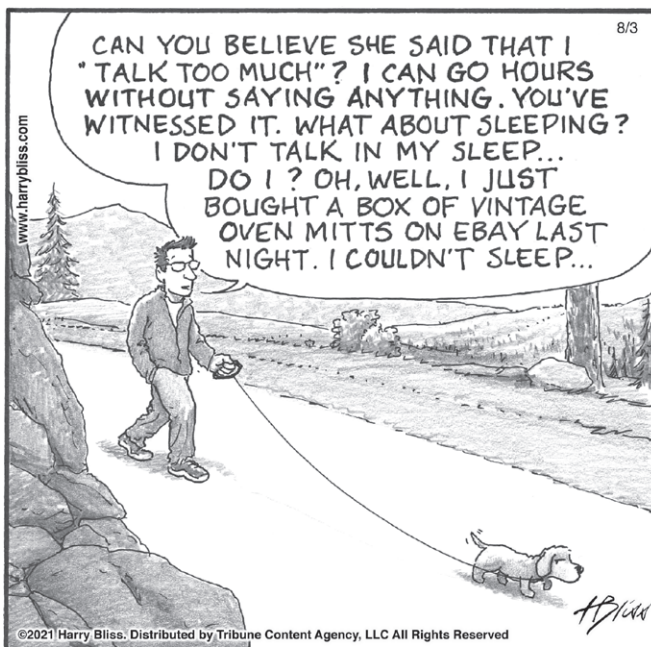
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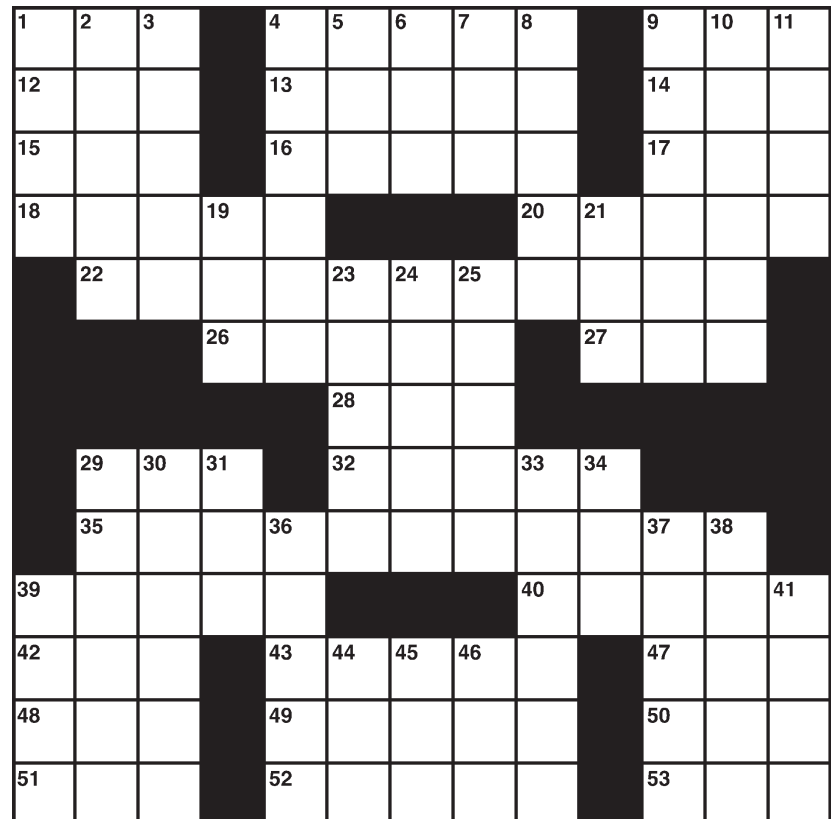
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 17 Actor Carney
 18 VP Agnew
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 9 Bailey’s namesakes
 10 Rough sack cloth
 11 Mlle. in Madrid
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 23 “Without a __”; Anthony LaPaglia series
 24 Crystal or Joel
 25 “Dark __”; Jessica Alba series
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 30 King & Hagman
 31 Jed Clampett’s discovery
 33 Arson or kidnapping
 34 “__ and a Half Men”
 36 Actor Nick
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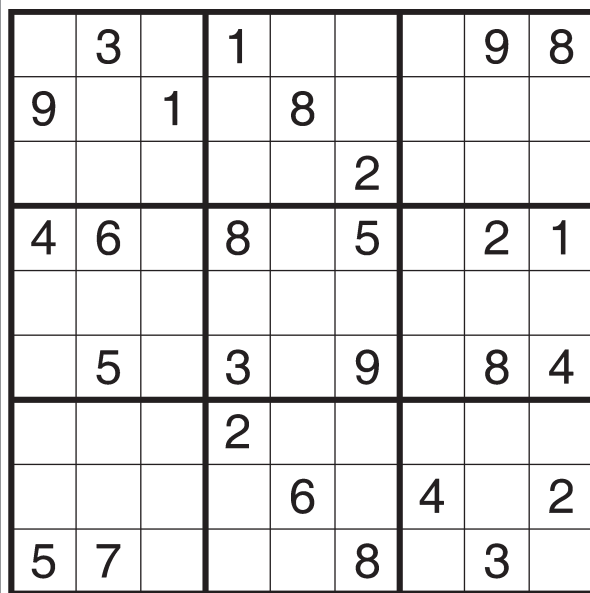
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The East Carolinian Sports experts predict this week's football matchup

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ECU vs CSU on Saturday 9/25
Score Prediction?

ECU wins 38-28
Why? I think ECU is coming with a lot of momentum. Back at Rowdy Dowdy, it's a team ECU knows it can beat, so I think it's going to be a pretty good margin. Hope for the best, but I think we're going to win.

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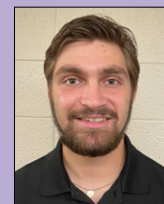
ECU vs CSU on Saturday 9/25
Score Prediction?

ECU wins 32-28
Why? The offense needs to prove

that they are really capable of 42 points every week. I don't personally believe so right now. I think it's going to be closer, high-impact on both sides for the offense, but it will come down to a field goal, make one or miss one.

Max Lukas

News and sports director with WZMB



ECU vs CSU on Saturday 9/25
Score Prediction?

ECU wins 35-14
Why? I really feel like this is going to

be a defensive takeover. The ECU defense has been incredible the past couple games. I really feel like they've been playing really well. They did give up 38 points against Marshall, but they hung in there.



The East Carolina University volleyball team huddles up to celebrate a score in the 3-0 win against the University of North Carolina on Feb. 28.

Pirates will travel to USF, UCF

Volleyball looks to Florida for first in-conference matchups

Markayla McInnis
TEC STAFF

East Carolina University volleyball (4-5-0, 0-0-0 American Athletic Conference) looks for its first conference wins against the University of Central Florida (7-5-0, 0-0-0 AAC) and the University of South Florida (6-5-0, 0-0-0 AAC) on Sept. 24 and Sept. 26.

On Sept. 24, the Pirates will travel to Orlando, Florida, to play the Knights at 7 p.m. for the first conference matchup of the season. ECU will continue play that weekend as Sept. 26 the Pirates will stay in Florida to verse the Bulls at 1 p.m. The Pirates versus Bulls game will be shown on Go USF Bulls.

In the Pirates' history with the Bulls, ECU has beaten them six times out of 19 matchups. On Feb. 19, ECU fell to USF 3-2. For the Knights, the Pirates have come out on top in 10 of the 30 matchups the two teams have had. In the latest matchup on Mar. 6, the Knights were able to come out on top of the Pirates 3-1.

In the Pirates' last matches, they versed Gardner-Webb University (3-7-7, 0-0-0 Big South), the University of Texas Rio

Grande Valley (8-4-0, 0-0-0 Western Athletic Conference) and Appalachian State University (4-8-0, 0-0-0 Sunbelt Conference) in the Pirate Invitational weekend on Sept. 17 and Sept. 18. In the three games, ECU came out on top against the Bulldogs and the Mountaineers shutting out both teams 3-0. The Vaqueros beat the Pirates 0-3 that Friday.

The Knights' last tournament ended with three wins against the University of Miami (9-1-0, 0-0-0 Atlantic Coast Conference), Florida Gulf Coast University (8-4-0, 0-0-0 Atlantic Sun) and Florida Atlantic University (8-5-0, 0-0-0 Conference USA). UCF was able to shut out two of the teams in the two-day competition. Senior outside hitter Mckenna Melville leads the team with 225 kills, six blocks and 120 digs so far this season.

For the Bulls, they played in the Stetson Invitational Sept. 17 and Sept. 18 in Deland, Florida. In those two days, USF lost to New Mexico State University (9-3-0, 0-0-0 WAC) on the first day and was able to beat Stetson University (5-7-0, 0-0-0 ASUN) and Bethune-Cookman University (0-10-0, 0-0-0 Southwestern

Athletic) to end out the invitational.

ECU senior right sider Bri Wood is one Pirate player that has helped lead the team to the four victories it has had. At the Pirate Invitational, Wood ended with a total of 34 kills as she was able to play in each match-up of the weekend. So far this season she has played in 12 sets, she ranks second on the team with a kill per set average of 3.25. She began this 2021-22 season only 115 digs from being the program's sixth player in history to get to 1,000.

After this weekend, the Pirates will continue conference play against Southern Methodist University (4-6-0, 0-0-0 AAC) on Oct. 1 and finish the weekend against the University of Memphis (7-5-0, 0-0-0 AAC) on Oct. 3. Once those two matches end, the team will see each AAC team twice to end the regular season.

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Bri Wood

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For the Buccaneers, they last won on Sept. 11 38-21 versus The Citadel (1-2-0, 0-0-0 Southern Conference). In the team's latest game on Sept. 18, it hosted two-time defending Big South champions Monmouth University (2-1-0, 1-0-0 Big South) for the season's first conference game. After being kept scoreless in the first and fourth quarter, the Bucs fell to the Shadows 14-41 in the end.

After last week's game, Ahlers ended with 30 completions out of 48 and he threw for 368 yards which also included two touchdowns. With that performance, he made it to the weekly list of Manning Ward Stars of the Week, AAC Honor Roll list and the Davey O'Brien Quarterback Award Great 8.

"For all the hate and all the negativity and everything he took this past week, I would hope that he shut all of them the hell up," head coach



Mike Houston

Mike Houston said. "He had a heck of a night. I said it last week in my news conference; he's our quarterback. There's a competition everywhere, but we're going to put the guys on the field that give us the best chance to win, and he gives us the best chance to win, and he played like it tonight!"

In the Bucs' last game, redshirt senior quarterback Jack Chambers was responsible for both the team's touchdowns in the 41-14 game. As a quarterback, he threw for 22 yards and didn't throw an interception, but he also didn't throw a touchdown in the bout. With three minutes left in the second quarter Chambers managed to run in an 8-yard touchdown. In the third quarter, he scored again with a 20-yard dash to end the Bucs scoring for the game.

Another key player from the ECU-Marshall game was freshman running back Keaton Mitchell. He achieved his career-high of 135 yards in 13 carries. In the first half of the game, he was able to get in an 88-yard touchdown run. On top of that, freshman tight end Shane Calhoun also made a team-high of eight receptions and 114 yards and one touchdown as well despite not having a catch in the last two games.

The ECU versus CSU game will kick off at 6 p.m. and will be broadcasted on ESPN+. 107.9 WNCT-FM will also broadcast the game for listeners. The game will take place during family weekend at ECU and will be the teams Paint it Gold game, according to ECU Pirates. In the past, this game has meant the team will wear gold pants instead of the usual black or white.

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