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A crowd of East Carolina University students gather outside of the Eakin Student Recreation Center during Raid the Rec on Aug. 18

## Career Services to hold Part-Time Job Fair

Julia Lawson  
TEC STAFF

Eli Baine  
TEC STAFF



East Carolina University Career Services are hosting a Part-Time Job Fair to promote on and off-campus jobs available to students on Aug. 23 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Main Campus Student Center.

Daniel Stevens, Associate Director of Employer Relations of ECU Career Center, said he assists employers in finding talented ECU students and alumni to work for them and advises employers on how to attract students with marketing strategies.

"We (ECU) have about 10 to 12 job fairs per year varying in size," Stevens said. "Some of them are specific to majors and some of them serve broader groups."

The job fair will include many local business representatives interested in employing ECU students, Stevens said, and the jobs will range from part-time to full-time.

Stevens said the job fair is not an interview and students are welcome to attend for as long as they desire in order to explore available opportunities.

There could be an increase in employers attending the event and as of now the recruiters come from a wide range of fields including health, childcare, retail and more.

"We've (the job fair) got 22 registered employers right now, that includes off campus employers and on-campus departments that are hiring, it includes work-study positions," Stevens said. "It includes self-help positions and positions from the open job market."

Tomeka Jernigan, Business Services Coordinator for Academic Library Services, said ECU Libraries is offering several part-time positions for students this year.

Any student can search for the positions on campus and apply through [ecu.peopleadmin.com](http://ecu.peopleadmin.com), Jernigan said.

"We are currently hiring for students to work in Circulation, History & Records Department, Manuscripts & Digital Curation, Teaching Resource Center, Research & Instructional Service, Cataloging Department and the music library," Jernigan said.

Federal Work Study Program Coordinator Kelly Sikes-Baker wrote in an email statement there are some positions on campus that are available to eligible students through Federal Work Study (FWS) funds.

Students must meet financial aid requirements through the Free Application for Federal Student Aid in order to take part in the FWS program.

"FWS funds are awarded year by year to individual students that meet financial aid eligibility requirements," Sikes-Baker wrote.

## Welcome back ECU Pirates!

Aida Khalifa  
TEC STAFF

East Carolina University's Student Transitions and Student Activities Board (SAB) hosted Pirate Week of Welcome, a week of events consisting of games, food, music and more.

Student Body President Javier Limon wrote an email statement welcoming students back to campus following summer break.

Limon wrote there are helpful resources available on campus for new and returning students, and there is a full schedule of events that are offered on campus throughout the semester.

"I can see our campus is buzzing with energy and anticipation as we gear up for another year of learning, growth and incredible experiences," Limon wrote.

This fall, Limon wrote, the university has worked to amplify the resources available and make them more accessible so students, particularly freshmen, are aware of what is available on campus and how to access them. Helpful programs include the ECU Purple Pantry, Dean of Students Office and Intercultural Affairs, Limon wrote.

ECU is excited for students to come back and become engaged on the campus community again, Limon wrote. Get a Clue is one of many ways

that the Student Body President is looking forward to connecting students to campus, he wrote.

"Let's make this academic year one to remember and let's challenge ourselves to set new goals, step out of our comfort zones and make lasting connections that will carry us through our time at ECU and beyond," Limon wrote.

ECU's first home football game is on Sep. 9, Limon wrote, against the Marshall Thundering Herd. Limon wrote he recommends joining the Student Pirate Club for guaranteed Boneyard tickets to every football game and other benefits.

Students well being is important to Limon, he wrote, and it will remain a priority for him throughout his term as Student Body President. Limon wrote he encourages students reaching out to him directly for any questions or requests.

"I look forward to meeting each and every one of you, hearing your stories, and working alongside you to make our campus an even better place," Limon wrote. "I wish each of you the best of luck over the coming year."

DJ High Demand, the DJ of Raid the Rec, said students should be encouraged to participate in Raid the Rec and show up to the event with an excited attitude.

"This is not one of those events

where you get a T-shirt and leave," DJ High Demand said. "I need you to explore everything here. Raid the Rec 2023 is supposed to be a raid."

DJ High Demand said Raid the Rec is one of many events the university has set up to promote the Pirate Week of Welcome experience.

Sophomore nursing major Megan Giancola said she is excited to return to campus and participate in the new activities this semester. Giancola missed out on some of the events from last year's Pirate Week of Welcome, so she hopes to participate in a lot more, she said.

"I'm always surprised by how many people show up to these events," Giancola said. "It's crazy how excited people get to come back to campus after being gone for so long."

The first week of school is always very hectic, Giancola said, so having an opportunity to destress and meet new people or seeing your friends is a good way to start off the semester.

Giancola said she is ready to start the school year and see what will be new and different on campus this year. Giancola looks forward to exploring campus more over the semester, she said.

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## ECU volleyball prepares for season in Georgia

Kiara Crayton  
TEC STAFF

East Carolina University volleyball (0-0, 0-0 American Athletic Conference) will compete at the Bash in the Boro tournament which will be their first of the season in Statesboro, Georgia, in the Hanner Fieldhouse on Aug. 25 through Aug. 26.

The Pirates will play against the University of North Carolina at Greensboro (0-0, 0-0 Southern Conference) on Aug. 25 at noon followed by a match against Georgia Southern University (0-0, 0-0 Sun Belt Conference) at 6 p.m. The game against Georgia Southern will be the only match streamed for the Pirates and will be on ESPN+.

There has only been one game played against the Eagles, on Oct. 13, 1989, when the Pirates swept Georgia Southern 3-0.

With six matches against the Spartans, ECU has won four of them. The last matchup between the teams was on Aug. 31, 2013 in which Greensboro swept 3-0. The closest the Pirates got to the match point was in the second set with an end



ECU volleyball players celebrate during a shutout win against Elon on Aug. 17 in Minges Coliseum

score of 25-22.

East Carolina ended with their lowest score of 11 in the first set. By the end of the match, ECU had 26 kills, five blocks and two aces compared to the Spartans' 41 kills, two blocks and eight aces.

Although the games will be the first official of the season, the Pirates competed in an exhibition game against Elon Uni-

versity (Colonial Athletic Association) on Aug. 17 in Greenville, North Carolina, in Williams Arena at Minges Coliseum.

The match ended with the Pirates on top 3-0 but went into two extra sets to give players more experience, according to ECU Pirates. Elon was selected to finish No. 7 of 12 teams in the preseason polls and the Pirate rank in the polls will come

out on Aug. 21, according to ECU Pirates.

Following the Bash in the Boro, the Pirates will host the annual Pirate Invitational in Williams Arena on Aug. 31 through Sept. 2.

East Carolina will compete against Campbell University (0-0, 0-0 CAA) first on Aug. 31 at 7 p.m. On Sept. 1, ECU will play the last match of the day at 7 p.m. against Bethune-Cookman University (0-0, 0-0 Southwestern Athletic Conference). The final day the Pirates will face Appalachian State University (0-0, 0-0 SBC) is at 3 p.m. on Sept. 2.

Games between the other teams in the invitational will be on Sept. 1, first between Appalachian State and Bethune-Cookman at 11 a.m. and Campbell against Appalachian State will follow at 4 p.m.

On Sept. 2, Campbell and Bethune-Cookman will start the day off at 11 a.m. and the game between ECU and Appalachian will close the invitational.

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## BRIEFS

### New ECU Police Chief named

On August 11, Captain Elizabeth "Beth" Watkins was named acting chief of the ECU Police Department after the resignation of the former chief, Jon Barnwell. Watkins has been a member of the department for nearly three decades.

### CRW to host Therapeutic Thursdays

Starting August 24, Campus Recreation and Wellness will be hosting weekly "grab and go" events at the Main Campus Student Center and Health Sciences Student Center Health & Well-Being Hubs. Each week, students can stop by and pick up a new stress relief activity.

### CRW to host Fresh Food Fridays

Beginning on August 25, Campus Recreation and Wellness will have another "grab and go" program every Friday at both of the Well-Being Hubs and Sonic Plaza. For this event, students can pick up one snack each event.

### Joyner Library to hold LEGO building event

On August 25, Joyner Library will host its first "LEGO Challenge" at 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. in Room 1418. Students participating will be tasked with building a scene from their favorite book using LEGO bricks. The students' scenes will be displayed.

## CORRECTIONS & CLARIFICATIONS

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Sharon Hamilton appointed new Assistant Vice Chancellor for Corporate and Foundation Relations

# What happened over the summer in Greenville

Eli Baine  
TEC STAFF

Several developments around Greenville and East Carolina University were in the news this summer that students may have missed, and The East Carolinian recaps a few below.

### Campus Construction projects

Facilities Engineering & Architectural Services Director Gina Shoemaker said there have been several ongoing and completed construction projects on campus.

The pedestrian walkway between Student Health Services and Joyner Library to Eakin Student Recreation Center was completed on August 18, Shoemaker said.

"It was just the completion of the pedestrian pathway that started in 2014," Shoemaker said. "We've done it in phases, and this was the last phase. It just gives a big, wide brick walkway through campus, and there's also a bike lane in there as well."

A project to replace old steam lines around College Hill is expected to be completed by

August 21, Shoemaker said. The windows at the front of the Jenkins Fine Art Center are being replaced, Shoemaker said, and the project will last through the fall semester.

A new project to renovate the Brewster Building courtyard began during the summer as well, Shoemaker said, and the project is expected to be finished by the end of September.

"It's taking out all that concrete, all those big, tall ugly walls in the middle of Brewster," Shoemaker said. "We're adding some landscaping and sidewalks so it won't be one big concrete wasteland in there. It's going to be much more user-friendly."

### New Assistant Vice Chancellor

Assistant Vice Chancellor for Corporate and Foundation Relations (CFR) Sharon Hamilton said she has been working with University Advancement at ECU for over two decades. Hamilton founded the CFR program in 2001, she said, and became Assistant Vice Chancellor on July 18.

Each year, Hamilton said, CFR secures millions in funds to support crucial programs and

initiatives like scholarships, job opportunities, healthcare programs and more.

"I lead a team of fundraisers that works with partners across the university to identify priority projects and match them with potential funding from corporations and foundations," Hamilton said. "We serve as liaisons between ECU and corporate and foundation representatives at the local, state, national and international level to create new and existing partnerships for enhanced levels of funding."

CFR's new staff has given the division an opportunity to push its efforts further, Hamilton said, and to foster a "culture of grantsmanship" in the Pirate community.

Hamilton said she and CFR collaborate with faculty researchers and university administration to identify what kinds of initiatives are the most forward-thinking and have the greatest impacts on student success and public service.

"It is very rewarding to be in a position that fosters partnerships between organizations and the university aimed at improving the quality of life for our region and state," Hamilton said. "The people I've met throughout my time here have inspired me with their innovativeness, passion

### Uptown Greenville renamed to Downtown Greenville

and commitment to serve others."

Executive Director of the Downtown Greenville Partnership (DGP) Kyle Parker wrote in an email statement the DGP announced its rebranding on July 11.

Parker said the decision comes after two years of internal planning and collaborating with local businesses in the downtown area.

"We want to hyperfocus on three key areas: the events that take place in the district, the continued beautification efforts and the marketing of the downtown businesses," Parker wrote.

In the past five years, Parker wrote, \$260 million of funding has been provided for past and ongoing projects in Downtown Greenville. Additional projects have been supported by ECU's Millennial Campus, the BUILD Grant project and The Hilton Garden Inn, Parker wrote.

Partly through the DGP's efforts, event participation has seen significant increases since the pandemic, Parker wrote, and over 20 new businesses have moved downtown in the last five years.

"The purpose of the DGP is to ensure Downtown Greenville is an essential component of the greater Greenville area by supporting our stakeholders and downtown businesses through beautification, marketing and events."

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# Recovery efforts continue while wildfires spread throughout Maui

Matthew Adams  
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Nearly 700 Defense Department personnel are now in Maui assisting in recovery efforts in the aftermath of the wildfires that ripped across the island, the Pentagon announced on August 18.

"Make no mistake, this joint task force is not in the lead. We're not in command," said Army Brig. Gen. Stephen Logan, who is leading the military's fire response known as Combined Joint Task Force 50. "We're in the support of the county of Maui."

State officials reported 106 deaths on August 16 since the fires took place on August 8. According to Maui County, 2,170 acres burned in the vicinity of Lahaina and 678 acres burned in the vicinity of Kula.

Two CH-47 Chinook helicopters from the Hawaii National Guard equipped with large water containers known as Bambi buckets are being used to conduct fire suppression support, the Pentagon said. The Army Corps of Engineers has moved 32 generators from the Federal Emergency Management Agency to Maui, and 61 generators are staged at Oahu.

The Army's Schofield Barracks in Oahu is also being used as a staging area to house and provide other facilities for emergency responders.

Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin on Tuesday announced Logan, the deputy adjutant general of the Hawaii Army National Guard, would lead the joint task force to synchronize Defense Department support on Maui. The Hawaii National Guard Activated about 258 Army and Air National Guard personnel on state active-duty status, deputy Pentagon spokeswoman Sabrina Singh said on August 15.

Six forensic anthropologists from the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency are there to assist in gathering and identifying human remains. At this time, Logan said he is not aware of any plans to remove remains from Maui for further testing.

There has been criticism on social media about the federal government's lack of response to the Maui crisis. President Joe Biden ordered all available federal assets on the islands to help with the response effort, mobilizing the National Guard, Army, Navy and Coast Guard on August 9. Biden declared the situation a major disaster the next day and approved federal funding for those affected in Maui.

Logan said the state's Guard were activated in a "tiered response" as it would for other natural disasters and pushed some forces forward in support of the lead agency, the Maui Emergency Management Agency. Once the joint task force was announced, Logan said he assigned Army Col. David Fielder as the task force's deputy commander. Fielder had just come back from a disaster response operation in Guam.

"Let's make that clear that everything that we are offering is at the request of the [Maui] county. And it is for the phase of the operation we are in," Logan said. "That perception that the federal government or the greater DOD population has failed to respond is not accurate."

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## OUR VIEW

### Pirates gear up for fall semester

As the fall semester quickly approaches, East Carolina University students begin to prepare for the new school year and all of the exciting events they can look forward to during the 2023 semester.

Students can anticipate a variety of events on campus and in the city of Greenville. Hot spots like the Mall provide a great space to meet new people and become involved in campus organizations and community events.

Campus life is filled with bustling students and friendly faces around every corner. The multitude of networking opportunities at ECU are limitless, which is a great start for a future career.

We, the editorial staff of The East Carolinian, wish returning and incoming students a safe, successful and productive semester. Although college may be stressful at times, there are several resources students can utilize for both educational and mental health support. This additional support can allow Pirates to experience a rewarding semester.

Although it may be difficult to navigate campus for first year students, the support and guidance from fellow Pirates can make this process much smoother. Remember to speak up if you need directions or assistance in familiarizing campus facilities, engage in campus activities and always put forth your best effort in educational endeavors.

The return of students brings forth new adventures filled with momentous experiences that will last a lifetime. Enjoy every second of it, because time flies before you know it and you won't even realize it until it's almost over.

## PIRATE RANTS

### The East Carolinian does not endorse the statements made in Pirate Rants.

I'm glad Au Bon Pain is open this summer, but I wish the other campus restaurants would rotate throughout the week (or maybe every couple of weeks) so there'd be a little more variety.

I know it's been a couple of months since I've been to the dining halls... but is it just me or did the coffee cup sizes shrink? The ones in West End Dining Hall are puny in comparison to the sleeves they have out for the cups.

Missed having students on campus, but I am not mentally prepared for the traffic congestion to increase again in Greenville.

It's too hot for classes to start. We need to wait until it's September.

The amount of people I've witnessed sit at the open parking garage gate and try to get a ticket this summer has made me question comprehension skills around here...the ticket dispenser even says "inactive".

The new sidewalk on campus wasn't really necessary. There are so many other things that should have been fixed first, why waste money on a few more rocks on the ground when the bathrooms could have been updated!?

I wish there were more restaurants here on campus. I would love to see something different that we've never had before!

Questions regarding Pirate Rants can be directed to Emily Peek at editor@theeastcarolinian.com.

Submit your Pirate Rants on our website under the opinion tab or scan the QR code.



## Welcome back from the Interim EIC

Kiarra Crayton  
TEC COLUMNIST

Happy first week of classes Pirates! I hope everyone enjoyed their summer and had a good transition back into college life. My name is Kiarra Crayton and I'm excited to introduce myself as the Interim Editor-in-Chief (EIC) for The East Carolinian.

I've been with Pirate Media 1 since spring 2021 and I've completed my candidacy, been a sports reporter and written for Pirate Media 1's multiple magazines. Being a part of the newspaper has solidified my love for writing, storytelling and taught me the necessary skills of a journalist.

As I head into my final year here at ECU as a Communications major, I hope to put that to use and work in the media world as a sports reporter and one day have my own media company.

I'm ecstatic to have the opportunity to further my knowledge in journalism and to see the things that go along with managing a newspaper. As a reporter I never got to see behind the scenes so it's mind blowing now, to see how much work goes into the newspaper weekly.

Over the summer, the organization was remote so this will be our first print publication since the semester ended in the spring. My goal for the rest of my time as the EIC is to bring more unheard stories and perspectives to light. I also want to connect more with the East Carolina University community and keep Pirate Nation up-to-date on important topics and events going on around campus.

I encourage organization administrators to share upcoming events so they can be featured in the paper and students will be able to know what's going on. This will help the editorial staff to choose what stories



Crayton, Editor-In-Chief for The East Carolinian

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-Kierra Crayton

## How to make use of your college experience



George Cherry Jr.  
GUEST COLUMNIST

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Congratulations Class of 2027!  
I am George Cherry Jr, a senior majoring in Neuroscience, Psychology, and African and African American Studies. I serve as the President of the Neuroscience Student Association and the Director of Health and Wellness of the Student Government Association of East Carolina University.

Thank you for allowing me to take this moment to officially welcome you to our great university. As you enjoy your First Day of Classes, remember to begin with the last day in mind!

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back TO the future!

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I would like to provide you with five steps from my experience that will take you back to the future, help you become your highest and best self, and ensure that you are successful and have fun at the same time! You can remember these tips by the acronym R.E.A.D

Relationships are everything! (I don't mean romantic relationships). Make friends with your professors, with staff and student leaders! Get to know professors on a personal level. Sit on the first row in every class and introduce yourself to every one of your professors on the FDOC (First Day of Classes). Attend office hours weekly even if you think you don't need to. It will pay off big! Join at least two significant student organizations with quality people who will motivate and inspire you to become better! I understand that you may be feeling anxious and afraid right now but do whatever you are afraid of and you will grow! Do it anyway!

Eat your frog. Do the hard things FIRST! Early is the key! Always be on time! Work first! Play last! Be late for parties and early to classes. Force yourself to study first and complete all or most of your assignments during the first week or first month of classes. If the assignments are already open on Canvas or Cengage, go ahead and work ahead and complete them! If they are not open yet, email your professor and ask them to make them available to you so that you can get ahead! Your professors will love you forever!

Ask questions! Advocate for yourself! Use your voice for you! Seek out people, places, and things! We could do a better job of building bridges and coming to provide and protect new students, but don't wait for opportunity to come to you! Be curious and adventurous! Launch an asking campaign! Ask for scholarships and grants. Ask

are covered. Keep in mind, if we don't know about it, we don't think to cover it.

Tryouts for The East Carolinian will be on Aug. 28 through Aug. 31 and Sept. 5 through Sept. 7. All days are open from 9 a.m. to noon or 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. We accept all classes and all majors.

For more information regarding tryouts, please contact Cherie Speller at spellerch16@ecu.edu.

Submissions for expressions, Pirate Media 1's minority centered magazine, are also open and will be through Sept. 22. For more information or to submit your art, please email expressions@ecu.edu.

Be sure to reach out to resources around campus, they're often free for students. College gets hard, classes get stressful and not to mention a lot of us are away from our families. Don't make it harder for yourself, try to fill your surroundings with friends and other positive things.

Student Health Services, the Pirate Academic Success Center and the Center for Counseling and Student Development are just some of the resources ECU has to offer students. Take advantage of them while you're here! I encourage everyone to maintain a balance between school, extracurricular activities and mental health.

Stay up to date with stories and events from The East Carolinian by following our Facebook, Instagram and Twitter. Feel free to also submit a tip, Pirate Rant or an opinion piece on our website, to be featured in a publication. We have our weekly print publication on Thursdays and an emailed newsletter, Tec Echo, every Friday.

I'm looking forward to a great year, stay safe and have a good semester. Go Pirates!

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*Freshmen may apply. Sophomores and Juniors must have a 2.25 GPA or higher to apply.*



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CONTRIBUTED BY CELESTE AND REGINALD HODGES

Former Peace Corps volunteer Celeste Hodges meeting Native West Africans in Africa during work assignment

## Traditional to modern African art displayed at ECU's Joyner Library

Aida Khalifa  
TEC STAFF

The Joyner Library at East Carolina University is displaying traditional to modern African art in the Wellington B. Gray Gallery presented by Celeste and Reginald Hodges from Aug. 15 through Sept. 30.

Former Peace Corps volunteers Celeste and Reginald Hodges said they worked in West Africa for 20 years on an assignment and during that time they collected hundreds of traditional African artworks and textiles along with photographs taken by Celeste herself.

Reginald Hodges said they heard the galleries at East Carolina University were "up and coming" and they wanted to reach out and get to know more about the university to potentially display their pieces in the exhibits.

"I was very impressed with what they're (ECU) doing and trying to do."

"It's exposing the student body to art culture. I had probably 400 or 500 pieces that they were open to select from and go through," Hodges said.

Hodges said they have donated to a lot of universities and museums, including all of the major universities in the Raleigh-Cary-Durham triangle area. He said they are not a professional organization and all of their pieces take up the attic space connected to their home.

Hodges said ECU wanted household items such as baskets and textiles. ECU wanted to show the evolution of art in Africa and how it went from the traditional to the modern art, so they didn't choose jewelry or decorative pieces, Hodges said.

"We're trying to make sure our art has a good home and serves the purposes that we want it to be used for," Hodges said. "We're two people in our 70s. We want to make sure the universities have the capacity to do good things with our art and educate people, and that's what ECU did."

The Hodges were impressed with the displays of some of their pieces

when they came to visit on Aug. 11th, Hodges said. The university has approximately 150 pieces that they plan to show throughout the month of August through the end of September.

Hodges said the majority of their pieces come from West Africa, including Ghana, Liberia, Sierra Leone and some pieces from Morocco as well. The Hodges have also included some African photography pieces in the items they have given the university.

"You can see the contrast between the things that people made originally compared to what they made now," Hodges said. "A lot of what they made now is for sale and not for use like the traditional pieces originally were."

Africans didn't make art for public consumption until the early 1900s, Hodges said. Prior to this, the art was used for functional purposes and now they are made to look beautiful while still maintaining some of the cultural aspects of the tribe.

Celeste Hodges is focused on textiles and photography while Reginald Hodges is focused on the large pieces and artworks. Reginald majored in art at North Carolina Central University with a focus on African art classes.

"I learned a lot about what I know about art from our experiences there and the interest in art only grew after being in Africa," Hodges said. "There was an interest and desire to learn about African art and share it with the world."

Crystal Baity, a News Services reporter for ECU, wrote in an email statement that Celeste and Reginald applied to the Peace Corps after hearing John F. Kennedy's speech on the creation of it. The Hodges met in the late 1960s while on assignment in Sierra Leone and built a life in West Africa, Baity wrote.

"Curator Maria Modlin and Jate Bokoski, director of the School of Art and Design, have worked with the couple for more than a year on the donation and transfer of items in preparation for the exhibition," Baity wrote.

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## ECU hosts 22nd annual Pirate Palooza festival

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TEC STAFF

East Carolina University hosts the annual Pirate Palooza festival on the Main Campus Student Center, said Hank Bowen. This year, Aug. 19 marks the 22nd year of the festival with lots of food, carnival rides and free activities including caricature drawings and airbrush shirts. The students look forward to it every year Bowen said.

There is more of an impact with student involvement this year in the planning of the event Bowen said. Students involved in the Student Activities Board are a primary voice in setting up the day, said Bowen, as they have input on what is enjoyable for the student population and what will attract a crowd.

"This year we are working to brand the event in a more student-led and student focused event rather than ECU and staff event. We're focusing on bringing the student voice and opinion out more and giving them control" Bowen said.

Freshman business major Spencer Faison said he thought having all the different clubs, organizations and job opportunities available at Pirate Palooza was a great way to start networking and making connections right from the start.



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Student gets Kona Ice at Pirate Palooza on Aug. 19, 2023

Faison said it's a different experience from orientation to actually be on campus and active in the community. He said you have plenty of opportunity to meet people, especially people you may never have encountered or talked to without the events.

"I think I'm excited about meeting new people and especially discovering new things about myself. Diving into personal growth is something I'm looking forward to" Faison said.

Freshman nursing major Ashton Boone said he likes that there is always something to do on campus and all the different events you can participate in. He is most excited to meet new people and interact with so many faces he's never seen before.

Boone said as a freshman is excited to discover new things on campus and see where everyone is coming from and all the different back stories that people have.

"It goes to show you the different events you can do on campus... everybody is a face you've

never seen before and there's so much to explore and find everywhere you look," Boone said.

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The East Carolinian Sports experts predict this week's events

### Diego Lerma

For The East Carolinian



#### ECU soccer vs George Mason on Thursday Score Prediction?

ECU 2 - GMU 1

**Why?** A back and forth game with

each team scoring in the first half. Each team has a strong defense forcing the game into penalties.

### Kiarra Crayton

Interim Editor-in-Chief



#### ECU soccer vs George Mason on Thursday Score Prediction?

ECU 2 - GMU 1

**Why?** The Pirates started out with a

shutout loss to Florida but I'm confident it's only because it's early in the season. ECU will clinch their first home game of the season.

### Nick Bailey

Sports Editor



#### ECU soccer vs George Mason on Thursday Score Prediction?

ECU 1 - GMU 0

**Why?** The Pirates will shake off

their early season rust and bounce back against George Mason. This matchup is friendly to ECU, as they won last year and I believe they will do it again to obtain their first home win of the season.



NICK BAILEY | THE EAST CAROLINIAN

ECU football and Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium memorabilia on display in Joyner Library until Nov. 22, 2023

## Exploring the History of ECU Football

Nick Bailey  
TEC STAFF

The Joyner Library on East Carolina University's main campus has been displaying popular memorabilia about the history of Pirate football and Pirate Nation's dedication since Aug. 1. The title of the project is "No Quarter: The History of East Carolina Football and Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium" and it will continue to run all the way until Nov. 22.



**Ronnie Woodward**, ECU's Public Communications Specialist.

This exhibit can be found in Joyner Library on the second and third floors, located in the Janice Hardison Faulkner Gallery.

When someone first walks into the sea of memorabilia, they will see the Pirates upcoming schedule, along with contributors to the No Quarter exhibit. A couple of modern ECU jerseys from the 2010 era were also put on display along with this past season's homecoming jersey.

The 1991 ECU football squad is widely regarded as the Pirates' most memorable athletic season to date, as they went 11-1 and finished No. 9 in the country after a thrilling win over the inner-state rival North Carolina State University in the Peach Bowl. Exhibit items from the Peach Bowl include a game-worn jersey, game ticket, special edition of The Daily Reflector and a piece of the goal post from Atlanta-Fulton County Stadium, where the game was played on Jan. 1, 1992.

On a projector towards the back of the exhibit, there is game footage from a Greenville matchup between ECU and Marshall University all the way back from 1970.

Centered in the middle of the exhibit is a tall glass case that shows the history of the Pirates' football helmets worn throughout the decades. The display features a leather helmet replica that players wore in the 1930's, showing how far athletics equipment has advanced. There are also Pirate helmets from the 1970s and 1980s and ECU's colors and designs from the start of their football program.

On display is a signed football from the Pirates' 31-0 Tangerine Bowl victory over the University of Maine in 1965. A throwback jersey from the 1964 season, when ECU went 9-1 and won the Tangerine Bowl, is also displayed.

A special version of a jersey can be found hanging on the wall that belonged to Reggie Branch when he spent his time as a Pirate. Branch spent three seasons at ECU from 1982 to 1984 and tallied over a 1000 yards and five touchdowns as the workhorse running back. Branch later went on to play for the formerly known Washington Redskins and won a superbowl, one of only 15 Pirates to ever do so.

A commemorative 50th anniversary Liberty Bowl football that is all gold can be found at a table with other memorable items from when the Pirates were in Conference USA. The Pirates playing in the 50th Liberty against the University of Kentucky in 2009 resulted in a 25-19 loss.

2007 to 2009 was a stretch in ECU football history that can't be forgotten, and this exhibit clearly shows that. In 2007, the Pirates faced off against Boise State University in the Hawai'i Bowl where they won a

41-38 nailbiter, a game worn jersey from that bowl win can be seen on a mannequin in the exhibit.

The Pirates won two Conference USA championships in a row in 2008 and 2009. Both trophies are on full display in the middle of the exhibit, which also shows which teams the Pirates faced while in Conference USA.

You can also see the collection of ECU rings that date back to when teams used to be rewarded with watches for winning conference championships. The last ring on display is from when ECU took down Coast Carolina University 53-29 in the Birmingham Bowl on Dec. 27, 2022.

Other things that are present in the Joyner Library exhibit are various donated items from the past, like a limited edition 1992 ECU peach bowl championship.

Posters that recap the era of Head Coach Mike Houston are also available for viewers along with a signed ticket by Houston from the Birmingham Bowl last year.

The unique historical items are endless in this exhibit, and they are the building stones in which ECU's football program is built on. Students, faculty or staff that are interested in seeing these artifacts and many more, there is an exhibit reception scheduled for Sept. 7 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Janice Hardison Faulkner Gallery on the second floor of Joyner Library, two days before the first home game of the season against Marshall University.

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## Pirate soccer falls against Florida Gators

Nick Bailey  
TEC STAFF

The East Carolina University soccer team (0-1, 0-0 American Athletic Conference) fell in the season opener game 0-2, against the University of Florida (1-0, 0-0 American Athletic Conference) on Aug. 18th, in Gainesville, Florida.

At the beginning of the game, both teams had their moments to score but both goalkeepers were never challenged and the game was even going into the first half would carry on after halftime.

After halftime, Florida junior forward Madeline Pirrello

scored in the 49 minute. Florida sophomore defender Lauren McClockey assisted from the left side of the field with a cross getting the ball to Pirrello for the scoring shot.

Florida redshirt sophomore midfielder Oakley Rasmussen scored a penalty kick in the 82 minute, making the score 2-0 in Florida's favor. The penalty came after ECU sophomore defender Jazmin Ferguson for the Pirates fouled the Gator freshman forward Megan Hinnenkamp.

Though the Pirates didn't get the desired result, ECU junior forward Samantha Moxie was a standout player for the Pirates. Moxie created two opportunities to score after entering the game in the 65 minute.

In the 66 minute, Moxie took her first shot but was blocked by Florida's keeper. Moxie's second attempt at the goal came in the 74 minute. ECU freshman defender Ella Steck helped create the shot by getting the ball to Moxie. The shot was close but narrowly

passed the right post.

Though the Pirates did not come out with the win, they put up a great effort. Here are some stats of the game according to ECUPirates:

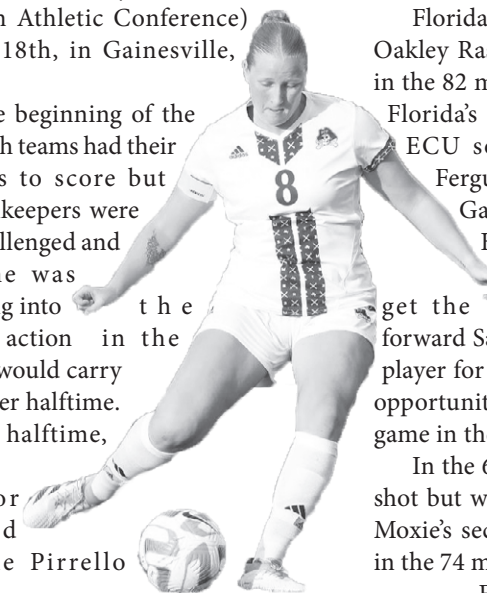
- The Pirates were narrowly outshot on the day (6-11) but were unable to record a shot on goal.

- As they pushed forward on the attack, the Pirates were called offside four times in the game.

- Six Pirates went the full 90: Annabelle Abbott, Lindsey Aiken, Maeve English, Jazmin Ferguson, Catherine Holbrook and Abby Sowa.

The Pirates will return to Florida since the next game will take place against the University of Northern Florida (1-0, 0-0 American Athletic Conference) in Jacksonville, Florida. The match will take place on Aug. 20th, at Hodges Stadium at 11 a.m.

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Junior defensive player Abby Sowa gearing up to kick

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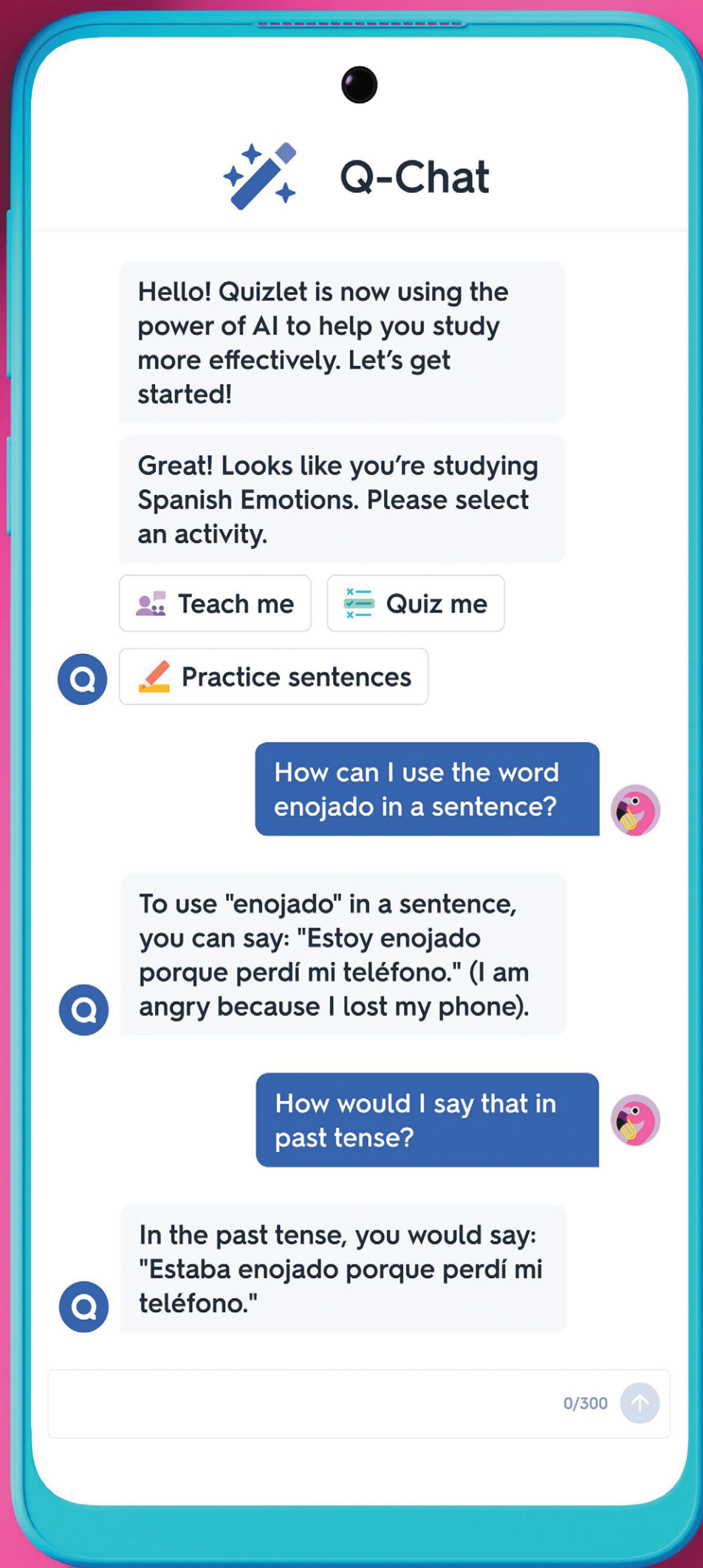
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