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Coalition aims to shed light on human trafficking

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With North Carolina being one of the top-10 states for human trafficking in the country, the Pitt County Coalition Against Human Trafficking hopes to bring awareness to this major issue.

The organization was founded by Pam Strickland after she was inspired by the CEO of International Justice Mission,

Gary Haugen. At a mission conference for Strickland's church, she heard Haugen talk about the sex trade in Asia. She was astounded to discover that these same issues were occurring in her own state.

"I couldn't believe these kind of things were going on," said Strickland. "I felt called to do work on this issue and to educate the community."

It was then that Strickland created the

group's mission, "to eradicate human trafficking by empowering organizations and individuals through collaboration, leadership and training." By working together as a community the vision is to end human trafficking in Pitt County.

At times Strickland said she felt discouraged because "people aren't acknowledging we even have human

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ECU alumna builds refuge for male sex trade victims

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January may be sex trafficking awareness month across the nation, but for one East Carolina University alumna it is just another month of continued advocacy for the cause.

Anna Smith, who graduated ECU with a bachelor's degree in sociology, has spent the last five years trying to bring awareness to the issue of sex trafficking through an organization she and her husband, Chris, started in 2012 called Restore One.

Restore One is a ministry centered on providing recovery resources for male survivors of domestic minor sex

trafficking (DMST) who are between the ages of 12 and 18. The main goal of the organization is the construction of The Anchor House, a shelter where those victims can grow together in a community.

Smith said this issue is something she is personally passionate about, as Smith herself is a survivor of sex trafficking.

"I have a heart for the underdog," said Smith.

When Smith and her husband first came up with the idea for the organization, their plan was to open up shelters for girls who have been > SHELTER page A2

Trafficking Facts

50% of the commercially sexually exploited children in the U.S were BOYS

North Carolina is 8th nationwide for reported cases of human trafficking with CHARLOTTE as the highest ranking city

The International Labor Organization estimates 68% of the 20.9 million victims of human trafficking are TRAPPED in forced labor

Olilo welcomed with open arms at grand opening

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Amanda Shea
TEC STAFF

Students who have been asking for a new, healthy dining option on campus finally got their wish with the opening of Olilo Tuesday at Wright Place.

Colby Sheets, a senior communication major and psychology minor, was thrilled when Olilo opened because he wanted a healthier dining location for a long time.

"Olilo is delicious," said Sheets. "Everything I've tried has been amazing so far and I like how you can add or substitute any of the toppings."

Even faculty attended Olilo's grand opening and noticed its popularity.

"This event is going great, ever since it opened the line's been long," said Kevin Allen, marketing coordinator for East Carolina

University Dining Services.

Olilo replaced Cupola's in Wright Place and Allen said ECU is the first college in the United States to have one.

"The Cupola wasn't one of our more popular concepts, so we thought putting this in would get something kind of fresh and [give] healthier options," Kevin Allen said.

Olilo offers students customizable entrees along with a variety of toppings and spreads full of "superfooxads" like kale and hummus. The menu includes fresh foods and lean proteins cooked Mediterranean style, with harissa and lemon rosemary.

Olilo was created by Cat Cora, the first female Iron Chef winner, in partnership with Aramark, a food service corporation. Known for her Mediterranean-style cooking, Cora opened restaurants across the country specializing in providing healthy, customizable

meals to businesses and campuses.

The menu items include "Greens + Grains Bowl" or "Handheld Flatbread," with the possibility of customization at every level of the dish.

Amanda Xiong, a junior architectural technology major, recommends students order one of the pre-created meals on the menu instead of trying to create their own dish the first time they try Olilo.

"It was just that the first time I had it, I couldn't really tell what the stuff was because it had names I never heard of," she said.

Olilo opens with Wright Place every morning at 7. Closing times vary depending on the day. More information about Olilo and other campus dining options can be found online at ecu.campusdish.com.

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A bowl of salmon and sides is prepared at Olilo.

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Greenville-Pitt
Convention & Visitors
Bureau expands market

Greenville-Pitt Convention and Visitor Bureau will expand their market in 2017 to help attract and host more meetings or sporting events around the county.

Greenville-Pitt County CVB is now working in collaboration with Evolve, Inc. to develop and launch new videos in order bring business into the county. In the fiscal year 2015-16, the bureau invested \$9.3 million which benefited local lodges, venues and restaurants.

ECU Brody School of
Medicine Dean Search
Committee to meet

The East Carolina University Brody School of Medicine Dean Search Committee is planning to meet this Friday from 11:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The committee will meet in the Executive Conference Room of the Brody Medical Sciences Building to discuss consider personnel information.

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CLARIFICATIONS

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Brody helps with 'Happy Feet'

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The Brody School of Medicine and Family Foot and Ankle Physicians came together Friday to provide a "Happy Feet Clinic" for residents of the Community Crossroads Center.

The shelter has provided a place for locals in need of a home for 28 years. The center gives homeless adults and families a temporary place to stay, food to eat and with the help of the Brody School of Medicine and Family Foot and Ankle Physicians the residents got the medical attention they need.

Together, second-year medical students and podiatrists cleaned patients' feet, evaluated each of their feet for potential issues and then provided them with clean socks and shoes.

"This is something I don't get to do much," said Nancy Connor, a resident of the shelter. "To smile and get comforted, it's a good feeling."

As Connor had her feet and ankles washed she said how happy she was to have her feet checked by a doctor because she would not have this opportunity anywhere else.

"I'm on my feet all day for work when I can get it," said Connor. "This is an excellent service and is very needed."

After being at the shelter for about a month, Connor said some of the other residents desperately need this type of medical attention.

"I think there are about 95 residents here and they have a lot worse conditions," said Connor. "They use canes and walkers."

The Brody School of Medicine saw this dire need for the community, which spurred the project.

"Our goal is to learn how to make a community engagement plan, which for us means assessing what the community needs and then implementing a project to assess those needs," said Natalie Broadway-Robertson, a



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Medical student Natalie Broadway-Robertson assists patient Frizzel Powell during the 'Happy Feet Clinic.'

second-year medical student. Broadway-Robertson said she was excited to break the usual medical school cycle of tests and books and actually apply her skills.

"It's really exciting to take what we learned in the classroom and apply it in a meaningful way for a population that is very vulnerable," said Broadway-Robertson. "I hope they see that the medical students care about them."

By having the medical students do preventative measures such as cleaning and cutting nails to prevent ulcers or lesions, each patient's risk of infection in the bones and possible amputations decreases.

"I feel like there is a lot we can learn as future physicians on what kind of things we will be seeing and also how to efficiently educate the population to help themselves," said Jamie Hunter, a second-year medical student. "To be able to give back to the community and really help people is so rewarding."

Along with the medical students, Family Foot

and Ankle Physicians assisted in the evaluation of patients' feet. Dr. Amy Pitzer was the head podiatrist at the event and was accompanied by medical assistants from her practice.

"I think this gives everybody great exposure," said Amy Shear, medical assistant at Family Foot and Ankle Physician. "This is really important because people have to count on their feet."

Many of the patients said they were thankful for the services and learned a great deal about how to care for their feet.

"It's a big need because a lot of homeless people walk around barefoot," said Frizzel Powell, a resident at the shelter. "This is a must to have a chance to fight against having bad feet."

Powell added, "I thank the future doctors and nurses for coming out here. By (them) coming here and showing you care makes me want to take better care of myself."

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Third 'Cupola Conversation' takes on political division

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East Carolina University offered its students and faculty a platform to voice their stances on our nation's new Commander-in-Chief yesterday in the first Cupola Conversation of the spring semester.

Headlined "My Vote Doesn't Define Me," the event centered on how to have civil dialogue among opposing viewpoints and continued with the trend of politics. The event featured four panelists, Chair of the Sociology Department Bob Edwards, Director of Community Outreach Giovanni Triana, Director of Assessment for Student Affairs Kathy Hill and radio host Mark Miller.

Associate Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs Chris Stansbury, who moderated the event, started off the program by providing some ground rules. He encouraged audience members that they should not be apologetic of their emotions and be mindful of the opinions of

others. He then handed the headlining question off to the four panelists for each of them to answer, and each offered a different perspective.

"My vote does define me," said Edwards in the discussion. "I feel like if your vote doesn't define you, then it trivializes the whole process of voting."

While Edwards and Miller both felt confident that voting did indeed define them as individuals in some form, Triana had a different outlook. As a student and the youngest panelist in the event, his perspective brought a diverging point of view that ignited a dialogue for audience members.

"In this election, I feel like we were almost forced to choose between the lesser of the two evils," said Triana. "We have to acknowledge that the viewpoint of the left and right is obsolete. We have to meet in the middle."

Stansbury then shifted the spotlight from the panelists to the audience, giving each of them a chance to weigh in on the defining factor of a vote. From students to faculty, conservatives

to liberals, each gave their stances on who they voted for and the reason why they felt that candidate was the best person to lead the country.

Naturally with controversy came tension, but the audience pushed through the tense atmosphere by putting forth concerns in a matter where the opposing side was heard out, and audience members made sure they questioned each other and answered each other's questions.

"For us to progress together, we have to come together," said Geoffrey Whitley, a junior double majoring in communication and fashion merchandising. "Through tension and different opinions, we can't be afraid to share how we feel about politics. We have to know that we here at ECU bleed purple and gold together, no matter how different we may seem."

Many participants, both students and faculty members, felt that while politics are controversial, it's the goal of the teacher to educate and have students discuss political

affairs.

"Don't be afraid to be loud and to make your voice heard, even if you feel uncomfortable," said Miller. "Go into a conversation knowing that it needs to be had, not that it needs to be won. The best place to have such conversations would be the classroom."

"Cupola Conversations" closed with the hopeful theme of progress. The last participant of many who vocalized their desires for progress put forth a final remark.

"Conversations lead to action. Opportunities such as Cupola Conversations are free spaces to share our diverse perspectives," said Hill. "We have to stay involved and figure out how perspectives impact policy. Are we thinking about all citizens? Are we thinking about life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness? Those answers are up to us to decide."

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trafficking."

With a new presidential proclamation human trafficking has been put under the spotlight.

Former President Barack Obama proclaimed January 2017 as National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month, making the "pledge to continue fighting for human rights around the world."

In the proclamation, Obama called for "all Americans to recognize the vital role we must play in ending all forms of slavery and to observe this month with appropriate programs and activities."

The P.C.C.A.H.T. provides programs that have the potential to educate the community on how to end human trafficking. The group offers training opportunities such as webinars, informational seminars and various conferences. Information concerning dates and times for these events can be found on the Eastern North Carolina Stop Human Trafficking website.

One of the organization's most recent community outreaches was at East Carolina University for Martin Luther King Jr. Day. A group of ECU students helped Strickland put up flyers around campus and downtown. Strickland said the students were enthusiastic and engaged throughout the day and she hopes to have them come to future meetings.

Strickland has also worked with Pitt County schools and seven other surrounding counties to implement human trafficking prevention into the sexual education curriculum. Strickland and other members of P.C.C.A.H.T. have trained local teachers on how to appropriately teach human trafficking prevention and

how to look for the warning signs in their own students.

The group's local work grabbed the attention of Greenville Mayor Allen Thomas, influencing his proclamation declaring January 2017 Human Trafficking Prevention and Awareness Month. Thomas personally presented the proclamation to Strickland.

"North Carolina is committed to protecting its vulnerable citizens and ending human trafficking through continued prevention, prosecution, protection and partnership," said Thomas.

With Strickland's leadership and the help of 27 other organizations, human trafficking is getting the attention it needs. Some of the many groups contributing to P.C.C.A.H.T.'s success includes Strickland's larger coalition, Eastern North Carolina Stop Human Trafficking Now, Pitt County Sheriff's Office, ECU School of Social Work and many more.

ECU has also become more involved in the issue by having two students intern for ENC Stop Human Trafficking Now.

"I was looking for an internship and got to know the issue of human trafficking," said Kendall Coker, a junior ECU public relations major. "I thought it would be a great experience to impact and help the community."

With the various organizations and political leaders recognizing the issue of human trafficking, the general public is gaining more opportunities to take action on the issue.

The next meeting for P.C.C.A.H.T. will be on Feb. 16 from 9:30-11 a.m. in Meeting Room A of Sheppard Memorial Library located at 530 Evans St. All meetings are scheduled for the third Thursday of every month and open to the public.

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victims of sex trafficking and assault. However, once the two realized how little resources are available to boys in the country, they changed their focus to advocate for male survivors.

"We felt a strong interest to address this population," said Smith. "It is not okay for me that we live in one of the most developed countries, but we don't have the resources for these boys. I want to do my part to change that fact."

A study by the John Jay College and the Center for Court Innovation in 2008 showed that 50 percent of sex trafficking victims in the United States were boys.

"There's a lot of lack of education surrounding male sexual assault," said Smith.

She added most people tend to assume males are rarely victims of sexual assault, but the truth is it can happen to anyone. Smith said she plans to confront this stigma surrounding sexual assault and focus on using Restore One to educate people on the issue.

While pursuing this new focus on male survivors of sex trafficking in 2015, Smith and her husband found themselves in the process of building the "The Anchor House," the first shelter of its kind for sex trafficked boys in the country.

"For us that was something that was

non-negotiable," said Smith.

She said this was something they were determined to do from the beginning, because it is something that has never been done before and the need is strong.

Once open, the safe house will serve four boys initially, who will stay a minimum of a year to ensure they receive proper treatment. Smith said The Anchor House will supply these children with a holistic, faith-based approach to recovery.

Their treatment will include a wide range of therapeutic practices including counseling, yoga and prayer.

Smith said she is glad there is a month dedicated to advocating for this issue and encouraged people to do what they can for this cause by taking part in the volunteer opportunities available to them.

Despite initial controversy and concern from the community, Smith said the organization has since gained support from across the nation for the progress they are making. Smith said the shelter is almost done now and should be fully functional this August.

One way people can get involved is to become a Restore One Ambassador volunteer for the organization, who serves as an advocate for the cause by getting the word out to their own community. There are also a number of internships available for those interested.

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Our view

ECU baseball brings national attention

On Monday, Baseball America handed down a No. 6 preseason ranking to the East Carolina baseball team, the highest preseason ranking in the program's history.

As the editorial staff of The East Carolinian, we believe the baseball team is an invaluable piece to pushing forward East Carolina University to the national stage. Along with talent on the field, the players have consistently set program records in GPA and spent countless hours serving the Pitt County and Greenville communities.

Head coach Cliff Godwin is returning for his third season and has his mind set on a title shot. The Pirates were one win away from the College World Series, held annually in Omaha, Nebraska, last year when they fell in the Lubbock Super Regional to then-No.5 Texas Tech.

The Pirates only graduated five seniors from last years team, with just two of those getting a regular start, this could be just the year for Godwin and his team to reach its long-awaited destination of Omaha, Nebraska.

Although ECU tends to be a football first school, the baseball team has earned the student body's and the nation's attention. It is time to take notice of the team playing inside Clark-LeClair Stadium.

After the collaboration amongst the American Athletic Conference coaches, ECU was picked first in the preseason poll. Along with its No. 6 ranking, the Pirates were awarded No. 10 picks from D1Baseball and Perfect Game, with a No. 13 pick from Collegiate Baseball.

Ending anonymous Pirate Rants



FROM THE CHIEF

Dear Reader:
It's time for a change. It's time for us to enact the changes that have, for far too long, remained only desires. It's time for us to ignore the hesitations based only in fear of making profound change, in fear of disturbing the status quo. To finally act in trust of our editorial judgment, in adherence to our ethics, our responsibilities and our goals.

It's time for Pirate Rants to change. At the end of this, some will berate my decision, some will question our commitments, some will lay claim that we have sacrificed our only importance. They will say that I, as Editor in Chief of the East Carolinian, have killed Pirate Rants.

I intend to. I intend to dismantle what they have become.

Pirate Rants have remained a long and cherished tradition at this university and newspaper, created to give students a platform in which to voice their witty quips, universal complaints and otherwise create frivolous discourse, and it flourished. It was beautiful, it encapsulated a student body, defined conversations around campus and captured the culture of our university within The East Carolinian pages. Those times, however, are

long gone.

In recent years, Pirate Rants fell out of mass popularity. Social media and various other online mediums gave a broader audience to students, and the only thing left for Pirate Rants to offer was anonymity. Therein of course, lies the decline of Pirate Rants.

An audience that sought only to express its opinions within our pages based on its anonymity, guaranteed only that the opinions expressed were those that the author saw unfit for public discourse. With the growing popularity of online applications promising the same anonymity, Pirate Rants increasingly became the home for only that which was deemed unfit for even the likes of Yik Yak. We are then confronted with only one remaining question: Why do we persist in constantly risking the editorial integrity of our pages for nothing more than the discardable, hateful and unintelligible musings of an audience unwilling to expose themselves to the same risk?

We do so to hold open the doors of free speech, to lie in wait, hopeful that some future instance will exist in which this medium will give opportunity for someone to create conversation, or invoke real change.

The reality, however, is that we wait in vain. During my time as a journalist at East Carolina University, I have encountered countless individuals across this community who have strived to make real change — Individuals with a real voice, a real opinion,

whose actions and discussions have created real discourse, enacted real change and demonstrated a real commitment to changing this community. Over these same years I worked with fellow student journalists, overworked, constantly criticized and yet, continuing to tell stories, express opinions and take risks.

None of them have ever demanded anonymity. None have ever allowed themselves to be hindered by the possible backlash, hesitated because they were afraid to fight for their beliefs. Their beliefs, their honest commitment to the validity of their opinion, provided more than enough bravery for their name to accompany them.

So I ask the same of Pirate Rants. Starting today, Pirate Rants will no longer be anonymous. They will require their authors to sign into our website, using a valid ECU email address, connected to a real student, alumni, faculty or real staff member. They will be published with these names. On the days that none are submitted, Pirate Rants will not exist. I expect many of these days.

The difference will be on the day they are submitted. It is my belief, that by removing this anonymity, we can return purpose to these rants, and give life to opinions that serve to make a difference. At the very least, we can expect that the opposite of these will vanish.

To those who have supported our Pirate Rants of the years, even over the vast years before I took reign, I thank you on behalf of

our organization. I thank you for the laughs, for the insights, and in times, for the absurdity. To those who used our pages to merely propagate nonsense and hate, I invite you to participate in real conversations. To those who have used Rants to critique our publication, I remind you that my email remains Editor@theeastcarolinian.com. I hope that by expressing your discontent in this manner we can have a real conversation. Perhaps you'll start with this decision.

The East Carolinian remains dedicated to the edification of our community, and to giving members of that community a real voice. In every issue our stories reflect that commitment, and in times that anonymity is truly necessary, we allow it. To students that still wish to share their opinions, Letters to The Editor, Guest Columns and now publicly authored Pirate Rants will exist. We cast aside only the option that forwarded no conversation, proclaimed no voice, and veiled misguided musings.

In the end, we can look back at the age of anonymous Pirate Rants with glee. Remembering the good times, and cherishing the memories of what they once were. Hopefully our hesitation in ending this age has not served to tarnish their memories. Hopefully, we can step into this new age of Pirate Rants and make a difference.

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Documentary quenches the thirst for adventure



If you're anything like me, after you watch a gripping documentary you feel philosophical and inspired so much so that that's all you want to talk about. Today, the availability to engage in a well-put together documentary is endless.

From a long list of television and movie recommendations, I made my way to "Valley Uprising." This is an inside look at the world of rock climbing in Yosemite National Park and its evolution.

Valley Uprising is a documentary for someone with a thirst for adventure and the need to explore. This documentary could give you the right push to think outside the box and exceed what you thought you could achieve.

Rock climbing has never been something I would consider doing. For these folks, that is quite the opposite. It was weird to think there was a time when rock climbing didn't exist not even as a hobby, let alone a competitive sport.

It all began around the 1950s with two

extremists and daredevils, Royal Robbins and Warren Harding. They were the ones who gave it that extra push to start it all and the first of many to climb the impossible and set record after record.

These men were truly wild hearted and disciplined in their passion and bold. After these men, there were even more rebellious athletes who trained harder and push themselves further. There were even women who defied all odds to keep up with the boys. Each of them rebelled against the naysayers, the traditional ideals of the modern lifestyle, and especially rebelled against the authorities.

The documentary was immensely gratifying to see how history was made and the success and failures that came along with it. My inspiration didn't necessarily stem from the rock climbing itself. The inspiration I felt was more towards the courage and the drive to be different that each of these persons fought so hard to accomplish.

Today, it is a challenge to be the first at anytime. It feels as though someone, somehow, somewhere has beaten you to it. That is the beauty of the challenge. Robbins, Harding and the rest of the firsts in the

1950s had endless freedom in front of them. The job was "just get further than the other" and "just think larger than the next." Today, just going further won't do the job.

Today we have to be even more vulnerable to allow ourselves to impact our mind and body even more beyond the status quo to make history.

The generations to follow the forefathers of the sport pushed themselves to become more inventive than the past climbers. Some adjusted by changing how they used their rope lines or how they carried equipment, that allowed them to set new record time. Others not only defied the laws of rock climbing, but also the laws of gravity by going completely ropeless or getting to the top and base-jumping down.

One of the problems that the older generation never had to deal with is the many rules and regulations that often restrict the mentality and lifestyle of the freethinking rock climbers today. For example, climbers in past generations would often live in the woods, wake up, train, climb, party, go to sleep and do it all again. Today, there are rules in the parks so that people can't be freeloaders, as the authorities see it, like they have before.

So if that is the lifestyle climbers want to live, they have to make adjustments. For many that means they dance around the laws and authorities to live their passion out everyday.

At the same time, the climbers today have more access to equipment, training and games to prove their competitive edge.

Lynn Hill is one of the most renowned women climbers who defeated the ideals of women's abilities and the drive to climb. She is one of the leading competitive climbers still today and assisted in creating climbing as a sport. She adapted her life to her passion and because of that she is a woman who has continued to make history since 1980.

This made me realize, as much as I might think it's hard to be the first, I know that is not a good enough answer and there will always be more room for firsts. There will always be an initiative to be better than past generations. Valley Uprising is a riveting escape to live through the lives of the rebels and those who challenge the status quo. It gives you the ambition to outshine those before you and drive the mind and body to want to be the first.

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SATURDAY

Uptown Brewing Company Opening
Uptown Brewing Company
12 p.m.

Bencoolen Live Show
Crossbones Tavern
10 p.m.

Uptown Brewing Company opens

Jennifer Hines
TEC STAFF

After months of anticipation and preparation, Uptown Brewing Company will finally open its doors to the public Saturday at 12 p.m.

The brewery and taproom is located at 418 Evans St. and will offer six craft beers during their opening. The craft beers include a west coast IPA, big hop bomb, session IPA, pale ale, coffee stout and wheat beer.

Brewmaster Benjamin Self said the pale ale is currently his favorite. “[It’s mostly] fruity,” he said. “Very light and thirst quenching. It’s great. I love it.”

Self, and Managing Partner Donald Dunn, are looking forward to the opening.

“We’re chomping at the bit for it,” said Self. “We’ve been producing for a month now and it’ll be nice to finally open up the doors, let people really experience this place as it was meant to be. Enjoy it. It’s a destination taproom and brewery.”

Dunn is also looking forward to

having the community come out and experience the brewery. “It’ll be great to have everybody come in and start experiencing it,” he said. “We’re looking forward to making new friends.”

For Self, the best part will be the feedback on the brews.

“I want to start getting large amounts of feedback on the beer and we’re gonna let, kind of, the public dictate the direction our beer takes,” said Self. “It’ll be nice to see what slips through.”

Even though Uptown Brewing Company is solely a brewery, Dunn said it will have options for customers who get hungry.

“While we are not serving food here, we have partnered with several of our neighboring restaurants so they can order food, pay for it and it will be brought to them and they don’t have to leave,” said Dunn.

“While we’re not cooking food, it is available for them. They can bring it in as well. We’re going to be family friendly.”

Restaurants currently partnering



ANNA SCHWARTZ/ THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Taps stand ready at Uptown Brewing Company, featuring its own craft brews.

with Uptown Brewing Company currently include Crave, Fire, Winslow’s and Crossbones Tavern.

Uptown Brewing Company’s opening starts at 12 p.m. this Sat-

urday. They plan to have a grand opening event in the future.

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Alexander Paul Institute wins award

Madison Lawson
TEC STAFF

With hard work, dedication, a complete salon renovation and seven years of service for the Greenville community, Alexander Paul Institute of Hair Design earned the Excellence in Education award for its facilities and school culture.

Modern Salon Media announced Alexander Paul as the winner at the American Association of Cosmetology School’s 2016 convention in Orlando, Florida. Honored by its recent recognition of excellence, co-owners Alex and Paul Naoum take pride in how far their business has grown.

“Sometimes, in growth towards being ‘better,’ we don’t give ourselves enough credit for what we have achieved,” said co-founder Alex Naoum.

George Naoum, father of Alex and Paul, was just 17 years old when he came to America from Israel to begin his career in the beauty industry. At one point, George owned over five salons across eastern North Carolina, two of which are still open in Greenville. With Alex as a business major and Paul as a certified cosmetologist and marketing major, the two followed in their father’s footsteps and started their own hair salon.

“I love that it’s a family owned business,” said esthetician in training Kellie Moore. “You get that personal connection with the Naoum’s, they call you, check on you and encourage you to do your best.”

Sitting in a quaint shopping center on 1011 Charles Blvd., the institute continues to impress customers. Known best for being a cosmetology



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Alexander Paul Institute cosmetologists style hair.

school, the institute also teaches all aspects of the job, including business and customer service.

“We learn about building resumes, owning your own salon and even take turns running the front desk just to see what it’s like,” said cosmetologist Nick Adams.

Along with their salon renovations came a more in-depth education in skincare and a new classroom for teaching prospective students how to become estheticians.

“Estheticians do things like tone the skin, European and express facials, waxing, chemical peels, removing pigmentation from the skin and even airbrush makeup,” said Moore.

That program makes Alexander Paul one of a

kind. “You won’t see any other schools have this type of training,” Adam added.

At the beginning of 2016, the institute had about 72 students enrolled and in training. The program involves 1,500 hours of experience for cosmetologists and 700 hours for estheticians.

“For the people who think cosmetology is an easy back-up plan, it’s not,” said Adams. “It is difficult and you have to know a lot of things you wouldn’t think about like chemistry, skin diseases, muscles in face, which colors complement each other when dyeing hair and the list goes on.”

With an overall graduation rate of 84 percent and job placement rate of 93 percent, Alexander Paul’s staff is capable of working at any salon after they’re finished.

Although the hours seem long and the education quite extensive, Adams and Moore agree the hard work is worth it.

“Being able to have a customer come in with something they’re insecure about and totally transform their look is the best feeling in the world,” said Adams. “I love making people feel beautiful and boosting their confidence.”

Sitting in a chair at the salon, junior public health major and second time customer at Alexander Paul, Michaela Moody, agreed.

“The first time I came here I got highlights. I had not had highlights for six years and I loved my new look,” Moody said. “I am always happy with their services here.”

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Faculty personal art collection on display

Andy Li
TEC STAFF

Visitors at the Wellington B. Gray Gallery will see pieces of art from East Carolina University faculty’s personal collections until Feb. 3.

“The Faculty Collects exhibition is an opportunity for the faculty members in the School of Art and Design to share with others, with other faculty members, students and the community, the art they live with that has meant something to them in their life,” said Tom Braswell, interim director of Wellington B. Gray Gallery.

The Wellington B. Gray Gallery is located in the Jenkins Fine Arts Center. Gallery hours are Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. A public closing reception with contributing faculty will be held as part of Uptown Greenville’s First Friday event Feb. 3 at 5 p.m.

Dozens of professors have loaned pieces for the show, including Braswell, who is excited for students to visit the exhibition.

“We have art in our personal lives,” Braswell said. “And this is a chance to exhibit that art and it gives, I think, to the viewers that come to the gallery, insight into the varying aesthetics of our faculty members.”

Members of ECU’s faculty contributed art given to them by mentors, colleagues, old friends and even pieces picked up from around the world.

“There’s art they’ve just encountered somewhere,” Braswell said. “That they’ve felt a connection to and some kind of resonance and they decided to purchase it and live with it.”

Two pieces in the exhibition were done by the late former faculty member Paul Hartley. One is from Braswell’s own collection and is titled “Lemon With Blue String.” The other is a sculpture from the collection of Scott Eagle.

“The piece itself is of a man sitting in a chair,” Braswell said. “The bottom half of it is very realistic and three dimensional. When you turn the corner and catch it from the corner of your eye, you’re sometimes a little startled because it looks like there’s a person sitting in a chair.”

Braswell also loaned three other pieces — a ceramic piece by Hiroshi Sueyoshi, an old friend from Wilmington, and two photographs done by his undergraduate and graduate mentors.

Braswell hopes visitors will take the time to immerse themselves in the exhibition and learn more about the ECU faculty.

“You’re looking at the art that the person has chosen to have and live with and that’s always interesting,” Braswell said. “Sometimes there are interesting connections that I don’t think would be obvious if you’ve never visited this person’s home.”

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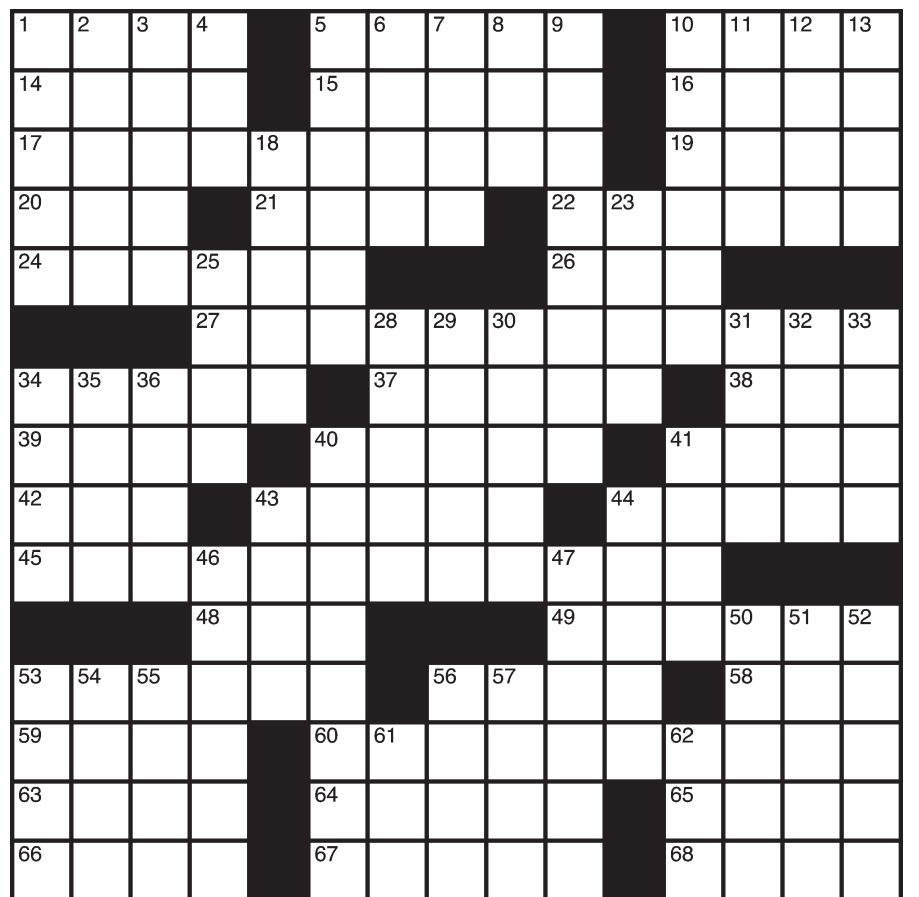
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 - Like pastrami
 - Rum cake
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 - "SNL" alum Cheri
 - Restaurant in the same corporate group as Applebee's
 - What rattlers that never bask in the sun may get?
 - Pool element
 - Vegetable ___
 - Sore
 - Oaf
 - Careless
 - "This ___ test"
 - Strikebreakers at a brewery?
 - "Curb Your Enthusiasm" creator
 - Different
 - By way of
 - Controversial sightings
 - Demonstrators, often
 - Grammy category
 - Budgetary waste
 - Allen who managed the Beatles and Stones
 - Farmyard noises
 - What berets cover?
 - Wee battery
 - Odorless gas
 - Declare
 - Comic actor Jacques
 - Words in praiseful titles
 - Track component
 - Angry looks in the hayloft?
 - Military wind
 - African herbivore
 - Lot
 - Lost traction
 - Quaker in the forest
 - Adele's brother



- DOWN**
- They get carried away
 - Be of use to
 - Pudding snack cup maker
 - It may come after you
 - Bone below the sacrum
 - State on the Colorado Plateau
 - Fall back (on)
 - Before, in verse
 - Doesn't care for
 - Lunch order with "special sauce"
 - "May I speak?"
 - Pro ___
 - High point
 - Flavorful
 - Cold War letters
 - Trident-shaped letters
 - Johnnycakes
 - Top story
 - Fine ___
 - Lady's company?
 - Take to the cleaners
 - Fifth Avenue store

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- Keister
- Miles off
- Suffrage, with "the"
- Moorish palace of southern Spain
- Sneakily seek, with "for"
- Dodge Aries, e.g.
- Eye-related
- Aced
- Shows one's feelings
- Battling
- "48 HRS." co-star
- Moved carefully
- Stray sounds?
- Epic ___
- Name for a poodle
- Vacation plan
- Diarist Frank
- "I get it" sounds
- Not quite right

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Thursday's Puzzle Solved

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>>WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

No. 1 UConn tops ECU for 94th straight

Tyler Gavin
TEC STAFF

The buzz outside Minges Coliseum was unmistakable Tuesday night as fans piled into the arena to see if the East Carolina women's basketball team could snap the 93-game win streak of the No. 1 ranked Connecticut Huskies; instead, they were treated to the Gabby Williams show.

The junior guard for the Huskies made history in their 91-44 victory of ECU, as she became just the fifth player in UConn history to record a triple-double. Williams torched the toughest Pirates' defense all season for 16 points, 16 rebounds — 10 offensive — and 10 assists.

"Well, the tough part is that we defended so well, and then you give up an offensive rebound," ECU head coach Heather Macy said. "That's pretty deflating, but there's a lot of positive moments that we can definitely point to on the defensive end."

Along with individual accolades, the Huskies matched the longest road win streak in collegiate, and team, history with 34 consecutive victories. Even though the final score may indicate a one-sided game, there were stretches of great play for the Pirates. While trailing by 21 points in the second quarter, the Pirates went on a major run to bring the four-time defending champions within twelve. Ignited by the hustle of freshman Justice Gee, who had a career-high eight points, and a raucous East Carolina fan base, ECU scored nine straight points to cut the lead to 32-20 with two minutes left in the half.

"Justice came in and was super aggressive and that was my message," Macy said. "I told them that if we're going to make errors, we want to make errors at being too aggressive."

But like any great champion, the team countered with a run of its own to silence the crowd for good. UConn closed the quarter on a 14-4 run while scoring the final eight points going into halftime. The 22-point margin was the second closest halftime deficit ECU has ever faced against the Huskies, 46-24.

Earlier this month when the two teams faced off in Connecticut it was the third quarter that really put the game away. UConn won that third quarter 26-8, and went on to win the game 90-45. This time, the Huskies won the quarter 26-6, and went on to win the game by two more points than the last meeting.

"It was how Minges Coliseum needs to be every single night, right? That's what you shoot for and what our goal is," Macy said.

Kristen Gaffney was the only Pirate to score in double-figures with 13 points. Despite giving up several inches to the Connecticut forwards, Gaffney corralled seven rebounds. Gee scored all eight of her points in the second quarter on a perfect 4-of-4 shooting, but missed one shot in the second half.

Up next for the Pirates is a trip to Tulane where they will look to win their second conference game of the season. Tip off is scheduled for 8 p.m.

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Pirates weather storm



Sophomore Kentrell Barkley (15) celebrates on the court after the Pirates snapped a six-game losing streak against Tulsa last night.

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Pirates win first game of 2017 against Tulsa

Carson Cherry
TEC STAFF

The East Carolina men's basketball team broke its six game losing streak thanks to a strong defensive effort and pair of timely free throws at the end of the game to narrowly defeat the Tulsa Golden Hurricane, 69-66, last night.

In the first half, the Golden Hurricane (11-8, 5-2 AAC) jumped out to an early 10-4 lead over ECU (10-11, 2-6 AAC), but the Pirates came back to take the lead at 12-10. For much of the half, both teams exchanged baskets. After a 3-pointer from senior forward Caleb White (eight points) with 22 seconds left in the half, sophomore guard Kentrell Barkley stopped a drive by Tulsa's TK Edogi in the final seconds to keep the Pirates' lead to 29-24 at the half.

The Pirates held the lead the entire second half and led by double digits much of the way. However, in the final minutes the Golden Hurricane pushed to come within one point of ECU.

With 47 seconds left in the game, and holding a 67-66 advantage, ECU freshman guard

Elijah Hughes turned the ball over to allow Tulsa a chance to take the lead. Thanks to a defensive presence to disrupt a 3-point shot attempt by the Golden Hurricane, Barkley came up with the rebound and was fouled by Tulsa's Sterling Taplin to send him to the line. Barkley made both shots under pressure to put up the Pirates by three, to force the Golden

Hurricane to shoot desperation 3s before the game came to the end.

"I just had to take my time with shooting it [the free throws]," said Barkley. "You don't think too much about it and that's what I did for those last shots."

This win marks the first of 2017 and the first win for interim head coach Michael Perry.

Perry's defensive plan

held Tulsa to shoot just 31.1 percent from the field. The Golden Hurricane made it to the NCAA tournament last season and the Pirates have struggled against it in the past.

"2017 hasn't been kind to us so far, but getting a win tonight was really special for us," said Perry.

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