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Sup Dogs customer Jason Aguilar enjoys an alcoholic beverage. The North Carolina legislature passed a law changing Sunday serving times. PARIS SILVER | THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Alcohol sales change across NC City council to get final vote on alcohol law

Emily Harvey
TEC STAFF

The Greenville City Council has final approval to allow for alcohol sales to begin at 10 a.m. on Sundays instead of noon after the North Carolina state legislature passed Senate Bill 155.

Part of the legislation states that a city or county can adopt an ordinance allowing businesses to legally sell alcohol at 10 a.m., according to the law.



Governor Roy Cooper signed the bill into law on June 30. Businesses across North Carolina began benefiting from the law last Sunday.

Rick Smiley

The next meeting of the city council is August 10, according to the city of Greenville's website. Greenville City Council Member Rick Smiley said he doesn't believe this topic is on any agenda for the council to consider as of now.

"That doesn't mean that it couldn't become actively considered, but at the moment it's not," Smiley said.

Smiley said someone would have to ask the city council to change the ordinance in order for the law to be voted



Justin Smithwick, general manager of Trollingwood Taproom & Brewery, serves a customer. THOMAS WEYBRECHT | THE EAST CAROLINIAN

on in Greenville.

"A member of council or a citizen or somebody would have to ask council to change the ordinance and I don't know who is in favor of it or opposed to it or worried about it one way or the other," Smiley said.

The passing of this ordinance would benefit grocery stores, retailers and restaurants that are open Sunday mornings but are unable to serve alcohol. Sup Dogs, for example, has to wait to serve alcohol until noon, as all beer, wine and liquor sales are currently prohibited before noon on

Sundays in North Carolina.

Bret Oliverio, owner of Sup Dogs, said the restaurant will begin selling alcohol at 11 a.m. on Sunday mornings, when they open, if the Greenville city council votes to allow the ordinance in the city of Greenville.

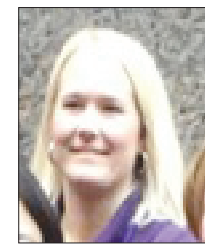
"We have people lining up to get in around 10:45 a.m., so lunch starts right at 11," Oliverio said. "People want a beer or a Sup Crush or a Sup Swirl for lunch."

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University implements tuition, fee adjustment

Matthew Prenskey
TEC STAFF

At the start of the fall semester, some students at East Carolina University should expect their bill to be different than years past, as the university joins other institutions in the UNC system who are adjusting to the new era of fixed tuition.



Stephaine Coleman

The initiative was passed by the North Carolina state legislature in 2016, according to the UNC system website.

"Tuition rates at all UNC institutions will be fixed for eight consecutive semesters for all resident bachelor's degree-seeking freshmen," according to documents finalized by ECU Friday. "Tuition rates for other currently enrolled resident undergraduates and eligible transfer students will be fixed for an appropriate number of consecutive semesters."

Students should also be aware that university fees in the 2017-18 academic year will increase three percent from the prior year.

Eligibility among the different types of students is a crucial detail for the Fixed Tuition Program. According to the university, first-time or transfer students enrolling at a UNC system public institution are eligible to participate in the program. Currently enrolled resident, or in-state students are also eligible to participate in the program.

However, according to ECU, several categories of students, including those in a dual-enrollment program, second degree seeking students, readmits who are not granted an appeal, non-degree seeking students, non-residents and graduate or professional students are not eligible for the Fixed Tuition Program.

Another important detail of the Fixed Tuition Program is that students must remain continuously enrolled at a UNC system public institution, according to ECU. A student's fixed tuition can change if that individual withdraws from a public university or doesn't graduate within the eight consecutive semesters. For students enrolled at ECU as of fall 2016 and those new to the institution, either as a freshman or transfer,

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Brody School planning for new building

Matthew Prenskey
TEC STAFF

East Carolina University is in the early stages of planning for what could be a new educational building for the Brody School of Medicine in conjunction with expanding the medical program.



Phyllis Horns

The building, which could cost upwards of \$200 million, hit its first snag after the North Carolina state legislature declined to give ECU the initial \$2 million needed to start the planning process, according to Phyllis Horns, vice chancellor for Health Sciences.

"Part of the reality here at the Brody School is that we do need a new medical education building in order to accommodate that many additional

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NC Civil organizes pop up

Hope Benton
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

This weekend, members of the community will be able to attend the first West Greenville Pop Up, an outdoor market and resource fair that allows small businesses to promote themselves and community members to connect with resources.

The event takes place July 15 at 9 a.m. with breakfast at The Gold Post Café, followed by speakers who will address different avenues and careers to the community, said founding Director of NC Civil Jermaine McNair.

McNair said the event brings together not only the community but also small business vendors, in addition to being a mixed space for

resource providers.

"It will allow a comfortable environment for people of the community to talk to congressman or senators, since NC Civil has relationships with those people," McNair said. "We're going to invite speakers to come from different backgrounds for our young people and anyone else."

McNair wants the event to provide different opportunities to the members of the west Greenville community.

"There are a lot of career opportunities that will be available with the Greenville Police Department, armed services, Vidant and people will also be able

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The front sign of The Gold Post Café where the first West Greenville Pop Up will begin with breakfast this Saturday at 9 a.m. MELISSA GLEN | THE EAST CAROLINIAN

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Patient cured by technology developed by ECU student

A Goldsboro man will have the chance to thank an East Carolina University graduate student who used 3D technology to alleviate his chronic rib pain.

Franklin Arnold, 45, of Goldsboro was born with a twisted spine. His condition, along with multiple corrective surgeries, created a deformity in his chest wall that impaired his breathing and caused pain.

Joshua Bruce Stevens, a graduate student, worked with the Brody School of Medicine, College of Engineering and Technology and Joyner Library to create a 3D model of Arnold's rib cage. This allowed surgeons to create a detailed plan of the reconstruction of Arnold's chest wall before the surgery.

Arnold will meet with Stevens and the entire team who helped with his case today at 12:30 p.m. at ECU's Innovation Design Lab.

ECU Guitar Festival hosted at A.J. Fletcher center

East Carolina University will host the 2017 ECU Summer Guitar Festival for individuals of all skill levels looking to improve.

The festival will be located in the A.J. Fletcher Music Building this Saturday through next Tuesday. The workshop is not free to participants and details regarding the price to participate can be found at www.ecu.edu/cs-cfac/music/guitar/workshop.cfm.

The workshop will feature musicians from around the world who will work with participants to improve their skills.

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Claire Martin, nurse at ECU student health, works at the new Student Health Services location in the new student center.

SHS opens new location on health science campus

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TEC STAFF

For students that spend their week at the health sciences campus, a potentially easier option regarding health care became available last Wednesday.

The new Student Health Services location, found on the second floor of the new student center at the health sciences campus, is officially open and ready for patients.

Ellen Goldberg, associate director for clinical operations at ECU student health, said everything has gone well so far and they have seen about 10 patients as of Friday morning.

"We're only doing half days so we're not here all day long," Goldberg said. "We won't have the same hours as main campus, at least not in the foreseeable future. Right now we're going to do half days. Our summer schedule right now is Monday and Wednesday afternoons and Tuesday, Thursday, Friday mornings, and that's how we'll run through about August 11th and then we'll pick up our fall schedule after that."

Due to the recent opening of the health sciences SHS location, and scheduling aspects of the two locations possibly being confusing, students can't make online appointments at the health sciences campus yet.

"For this location right now, we don't have online capabilities, so students that are trying to schedule appointments need to either give us a call or just stop in to see us to schedule either at main campus or here while we're open," Goldberg said. "Right now we don't have online; we hope to have that soon."

As far as services offered at the new location, Goldberg said there are a few things due to space and equipment limitations that students will need to go to main campus for.

"Also, right now, we don't have our nutritionist here, that would still be something over at main campus and then sexual assault services would still be over at main campus," Goldberg said.

The pharmacy is also only available at main campus as of now.

"If students receive a prescription at our health sciences clinic, we can send it electronically to their pharmacy of choice or to the SHS pharmacy on main campus," Goldberg said.

Goldberg added the counseling center will have someone working the new student health center a couple of days a week, and that there is a metered lot off MacGregor Downs Road for students without ECU parking permits to use.

"So if students don't have an ECU parking sticker, there are still options if they want to come and use our service," Goldberg said. "Any student can come and use the clinic here. It doesn't have to be a student that's a health sciences area of study."

Latika McLeod, nurse manager at ECU student health, said she's looking forward to the accessibility the new location gives students who are mainly or only at the health sciences campus throughout the week.

"I'm very excited about being able to provide them with access to our health care," McLeod said. "So far is has been fantastic. It's a new experience."

Goldberg said there has been an opening crew of student health staff members working to help put supplies away and organize things at the new SHS location. They will be the ones to work there for a couple of months, but regular staff will also be rotated in eventually so that every staff member will have the opportunity to work in the new clinic and get to know students at the health sciences campus as well.

"We're ready to see patients and we're excited to be over here and hope it's a good service for the students and they can take advantage of it," Goldberg said.

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to sign up for courses at Pitt Community College at the event," McNair said.

He also said the event will incorporate a platform for performers to express values intrinsic to west Greenville.

"The goal is to extract values, get it outside of the homes, give it a platform so it can flourish and give them resources so they can grow and expand," McNair said. "We hope it will shape the identity around arts and creative culture but also allow that identity, for deeper economic investments."

McNair said people can expect to find family, fun, community engagement and valuable resource exchange at the event.

"What's going to be interesting and unique, although there will be resources, I think we will find that every community member has the ability to be the resource here and they should find a way to share that at the West Greenville Pop Up," McNair said.

He added this is an opportunity for him to work with the community, to shape and highlight the community and connect resources to outside platforms.

"When you think about the overall health of a community, where each member is continuing to increase their ability to contribute, you also think, 'how can I contribute and grow that roll?'" McNair said. "That's the point of this."

McNair said they have to give a lot of credit to not only Vidant, who he says have come out strong in their commitment, but also Pitt Community College and The Westgate project.

He added vendors, people who are interested in facilitating and speakers can still register to help out with the event at www.nccivil.org.

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the tuition bill this upcoming fall semester should be \$2,226 for those taking more than 12 hours of classes, according to ECU. For current students enrolled at ECU as of fall 2016, that will equate to a \$43.50 reduction in tuition under this new program.

"There is a tuition and fee committee that meets in the fall of every year for the next academic year," Stephanie Coleman, assistant vice chancellor for operations and compliance management, said. "Through that process, student fee areas can bring requests and proposals forward that the committee listens to."

Coleman said the committee is made of students, staff and faculty.

Once the proposals are heard, the committee takes those items to the university leadership, which then works with the Board of Trustees. Once an agreement is reached, the university submits a proposal to the UNC system general administration.

The fee increases for this upcoming fall will go to a number of different areas around the university including faculty retention, student center operations, student health services, campus recreation and wellness, ECU Transit and the Athletics Department, according to the university's 2017-18 executive summary.

According to the executive summary, the \$27 fee increase for the Athletics Department will equate to \$594,000 in revenue for the university. That revenue will help fund the start-up costs of ECU's women's lacrosse team along with stabilizing

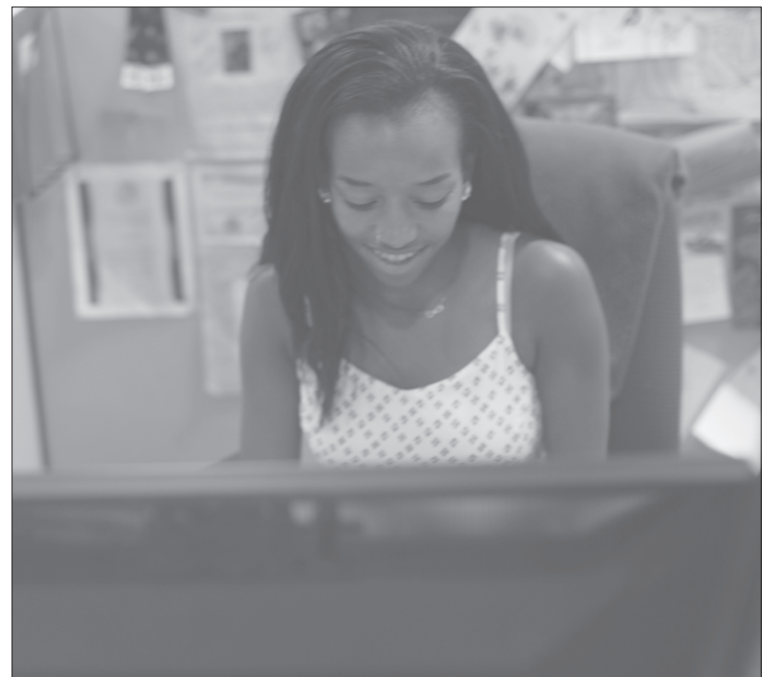
the department's budget.

The \$25 fee increases for both student center operations and campus recreation and wellness will generate \$550,000 in revenue, according to the executive summary. Some of that revenue from both departments will be put toward the operations of the 85,000 square foot Health Sciences Student Center.

The \$8 fee increase for the student health services will also serve the department's new location at the Health Sciences Student Center, according to the executive summary.

"It's definitely a benefit for the students," Coleman said. "They can plan ahead. They also know what four years of college education are going to cost them."

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ECU student Jazmyn Powers, university studies major, works in the SAB office.

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6 p.m.

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Great Wolf Tattoo & Body Piercing
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SUNDAY

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Blue Ox Games
12 p.m.

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6 p.m.

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7 p.m.

ECU student director shines

Casey Scarboro to act in upcoming play 'Legally Blonde'

Cookie Brower
TEC STAFF

Senior and student director Casey Scarboro has defied odds in the Theatre Arts department of East Carolina University through her acting, directing and leadership skills.

Despite balancing three majors in musical theatre, professional acting and political science, Scarboro has never lost sight of her passion for the arts. A lot of that passion comes from Scarboro's past, which she said she felt has molded her to be who she is today.



Casey Scarboro

"I did not have the best childhood," she said. "I had a divorced family and I just felt isolated. Theater was an outlet for me and since I was already alone, it made me very independent and make things work by myself."

After recently coming off of a successful production of "I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change," Scarboro has kept things rolling this summer, now performing as Serena in "Legally Blonde" at The Boykin Center in Wilson. The show premieres tomorrow at 7:30 p.m., with performances also on July 14 and July 15 at 7:30 p.m. and a performance July 16 at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for students.

For Scarboro, her love for directing and acting intensified following the freshman theater showcase. From there on, she took directing classes. That education led Scarboro to direct her own



Casey Scarboro (left) acts as Nurse in the play "Medea" with Anna Wentworth.

rendition of shows in Little Washington and led to a snowball of other opportunities to direct.

Scarboro said a lot goes into directing a play. She said everyone is trying to have the best message, however, people have to make sure their message resonates with the casting crew and will resonate with the crowd once the show premieres.

"This business is very rewarding yet very challenging," Scarboro said. "Walking in, I was told it was going to be very hard to direct peers my age, but I gained a new respect for my peers while they noticed my hard work as well."

Scarboro said it's important to have initiative and passion for theatre because of challenges that may come up prior to production.

"Finding resources is definitely a struggle," she said. "Sometimes there are no costumes, no money, and so we have to go out and do everything by ourselves."

Scarboro shared that one of her biggest influences throughout her time at ECU has been associate professor Robert Caprio.

"I participated as an assistant director under him and I loved the fact that he was straight forward, I enjoyed his style and abrasiveness,"

she said. "I told myself 'If I ever became a director, that's who I want to be.'"

Both friends and professors said Scarboro has a plethora of accomplishments both on and off the stage.

"She is such a beautiful, smart and driven person," fellow senior theatre arts major Olivia Manlove said. "Her instruction pushed me to be a better actress and to just give my all in everything I do."

Manlove added, "I can definitely see her doing big things in life. She has proven herself to the Pitt County community and now I think it is time for her to take her talents to a bigger stage."

Professor Aimee Radics said Scarboro is a delight to work with.

"I have known Casey for a little while now and she just picks up on material, little tips and just directing skills in general very easy," Radics said. "I know if I leave something in her hands, it will be magical by time it gets back to me."

Upon graduation next May, Scarboro is unsure of her next path but looks forward to a bright future.

"I am actually thinking about going to either NYU for my acting career or the Navy to pursue my law degree," Scarboro said.

Scarboro had some lasting advice to anyone pursuing an arts degree.

"I believe that you only live once and so you should do whatever it is that makes you happy," Scarboro said. "Don't let anyone discourage you, just get up and keep going. If arts is the field of your choice, it is very warm and welcoming."

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students," Horns said. "This building which is now over 40-years-old is essentially at the end of its life. It needs substantial renovations which would be millions of dollars to accomplish."

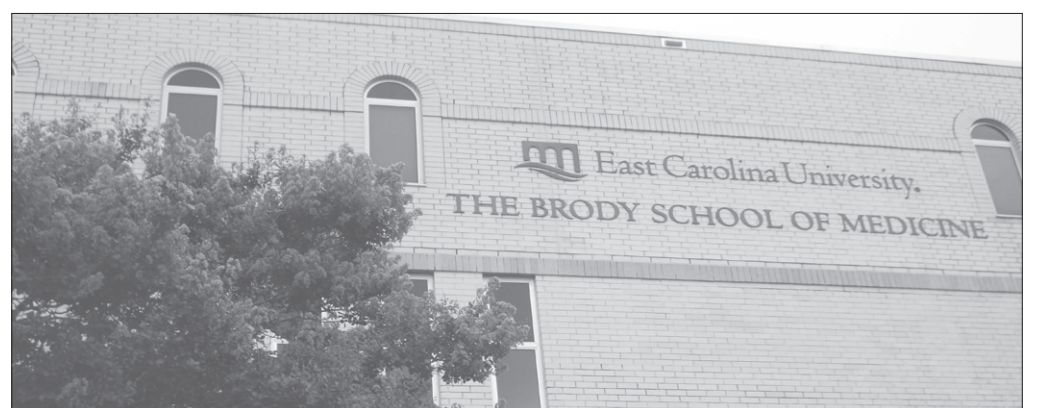
Horns said the current building, which is housing Brody, was built to accommodate a class of 72 students. Over the course of the building's lifetime, ECU has expanded the program to its current level of 80-82 students per class.

"The industry right now needs more primary care physicians," Horns said. "We know the workforce is in need. They're many physicians now who are retiring and we need to be preparing the next generation of physicians."

Because of the industry's need for more physicians, ECU is hoping to expand the medical program from 82 to 120 with the new education building, Horns said. Compared to other medical programs such as Duke University, the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill or Wake Forest University, the anticipated size of ECU's program will still be smaller.

While no plan has been finalized, Horns said the building would house new labs, research spaces, simulation spaces, along with offices and meeting areas for both faculty and students. Horns also mentioned that no final plans had been approved detailing what ECU would do with the current Brody building.

Unlike other recent capital investment projects, this building would be classified as an educational building, which means the state would fund the building in large part, according to Rick Niswander, vice chancellor for administration and finance. Although the state normally funds the entire project for an academic building, in recent years, that is less



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The Brody School of Medicine is located on the health sciences campus at East Carolina University.

common, according to Niswander.

"Anytime we've built an academic building, the state has provided all the funding," Niswander said. "And now the state is saying, to not only ECU, 'If you want us to build a building for a purpose, you're not going to be able to look at us for all the funding anymore.'"

ECU is looking to private donations in order to pay for part of the building and the planning process.

"Coming to the table with some money helps with that and so that's why we're working right now on raising some money to help support the expansion of the medical school," Niswander said.

However, raising money through private donors poses two challenges to the university, Niswander said. First, planning a massive project such as a new academic building can cost upwards of \$20 million, so small donations help, but wouldn't make a large difference overall.

Niswander went on to explain how making a donation to the planning phase is a riskier investment than donating to constructing the building.

"If I'm a donor, I want to know that there's some reasonably good probability that its gonna work," he said. "The challenge of getting a million

or two dollars to start the planning process is that you're so early in the process you don't know what the ultimate success or failure is gonna be."

The task of handling the university's alumni network and private donations falls onto the shoulders of Christopher Dyba, vice chancellor for university advancement.

In an email response to The East Carolinian, Dyba said in order for ECU to get a new medical education building it would "take a great collective effort from our alumni, our community and our state legislature."

"We should assume that if we were to get legislative funds to move forward with a new building, the state would want to see that our alumni and community partners have some tangible investment in the project," he said. "This would mean that we would need to raise money towards this priority."

Horns and Niswander both said there wasn't a set timeline with this project. Horns added that some of the next steps relied on either state funding or private donations to move forward.

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A selection of alcoholic beverages on the bar at Trollingwood.

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International studies graduate student Marissa Grey said alcohol sales have a big impact on Greenville since it's a college town.

"The ability for students to buy alcohol in restaurants and in stores before noon, in my opinion, will increase profit sales," Grey said.

Grey said the ordinance, if approved in Greenville and surrounding areas, will not only be beneficial for business, but also for individuals such as herself.

"It'll be nice when I'm at the beach to buy beers before heading onto the beach Sunday mornings," Grey said. "Or the ability to buy beer before NFL games on Sunday, or even just going out for brunch (and) ordering a mimosa."

Though the extra revenue will be nice, according to Oliverio, he is excited about the potential ability to sell alcohol as soon as Sup Dogs opens on Sunday to be able to better serve customers.

"If a customer wants a beer at 11:45 a.m.,

we shouldn't be in a position where we have to tell them that they have to wait 15 minutes and watch the clock. It just doesn't make for a good customer experience, so I'm pretty excited for it all around," Oliverio said. "It's only one hour throughout the entire week, so I don't think it's going to make or break us, but it's definitely going to be good for our business to have that extra hour to give our customers what they want."

Greenville Police Department Public Information Officer Kristen Hunter said she does not think the possible time change for alcohol sales will affect Greenville in terms of safety.

"Given the time of day, I can't see it having much of an affect on our operations or the safety of citizens," Hunter said.

Grey said it's nice, when in other areas of the United States, to be able to have a mimosa or Bloody Mary with Sunday brunch.

"Jesus did turn water into wine, so I think he would have been happy turning orange juice into a mimosa," Grey said.

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OUR VIEW

ECU FIRE rating shows free speech commitment

East Carolina University has recently been awarded a 'green light' rating for free speech by the Foundation for Individual Rights in Education (FIRE). The rating was awarded June 27 after ECU dropped four campus policies to meet the foundation's criteria. These policies included two harassment policies, an internet usage policy and advertised commitments to free speech policy.

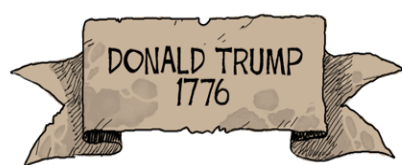
"The mission of FIRE is to defend and sustain individual rights at America's colleges and universities," according to FIRE's website. "These rights include freedom of speech, legal equality, due process, religious liberty, and sanctity of conscience."

We, the editorial staff of The East Carolinian, commend ECU for its renewed support for free speech. As one of the crown jewels of our constitution, free speech must always be protected, especially at a time of such political and social turmoil.

The speed at which this rating was given and the support the administration has shown, is indicative of the much needed commitment to free speech and other ideals of democracy that we must always strive to reach.

Hopefully, this commitment to free speech is followed by an equally strong push for kindness and general understanding. While restrictions on free speech may be limiting, they also protect the disenfranchised and oppressed. Free speech must be protected, and human decency must be demanded.

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Breaking the cycle of pain

Students should seek help to end trauma of hardship



Andy Li
TEC STAFF

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People think of trauma like a knife, or an explosion. A singularity that happens and then ends. This is a lie. Trauma is a circle, it is a cycle that repeats on and on as long as we let it.

In my own, personal experience, my life is a series of traumatic experiences punctuated by moments of peace and of reflection. Death and loss and betrayal and loneliness and neglect and deception. My biological mother died when I was 11-years-old, and even by then, I was already drowning in pain. And I have more than paid that pain back to others.

According to the British Journal of Psychiatry, 35 percent of abused boys will become abusers themselves. And even for those of us who aren't abused, we learn how to behave as adults by the

example of those who hurt us.

I believe it is a sign of maturity when you can see how much pain you've caused. I cannot stop 11-year-old me from being an ungrateful brat to my adoptive, wonderful, loving parents. I cannot stop 15-year-old me from being an image obsessed bully. I cannot stop 18-year-old me from falling into an abusive relationship, where all we did was tear each other apart, hoping to build an identity out of the pieces. No one can stop these events from happening, nor can they know how it will affect their future.

But we can learn. We can hold these mistakes to the light, see them for what they are. We can weep for the childhood that never was, for the boys and girls and in between that were lost in the shuffle. We can carry the weight of the pain we have caused. Some of this pain is forgiven, surely— from family to close friends.

But some of that pain is still out there, the collateral damage is still bleed-

ing for some people. And I have to let go of the guilt, we have to let go. I have to let go and let those people heal at their own. They may never forgive me. That's their right. But it is my responsibility to break the cycle of pain.

Regardless of the past, each individual must break their own cycle of pain. You must use the lessons that trauma taught you to become greater, stronger. Like a bone that has been broken, you must set yourself back into place and grow twice as strong. You cannot change the past, but you can walk into the future with a wiser mind and a kinder heart.

Students at East Carolina University who have gone through trauma and pain can find therapeutic, medical, and counseling resources at the Center for Counseling and Student Development. If there is a crisis, students can call 252-328-6661 for assistance.

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Public education needs to change



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Your Daily Mel

My parents love to tell the story of my first day of preschool.

Apparently they went up to my teacher to warn her about my biting

problem at the time, and she reassured them it wouldn't be an issue the school couldn't handle. However, when my mom came to pick me up and found out I bit a child that day, the teacher told her to take me out of preschool until I had my biting "under control."

Little did I know that this running joke with my family would be an indicator of something I wouldn't realize till much later— most schools only want to deal with students if it requires little to no work on their part.

For as long as I can remember, I have had to watch my parents fight battle after battle with the public school system to make sure my siblings were in a thriving environment. It seems as though my entire educational background has been made up of these precise moments.

Flash forward two years. I was now around four. This was the first time my parents would begin to realize my older brother, who was around seven at the time, had Asperger's Disorder. My mom got a call from my brother's elementary school telling her she needed to have a meeting with the principal, because my brother pinched the teacher after having a meltdown during testing.

He was only 7-years-old, and what did the school do as a result? The principal threatened my mom, saying the school would press charges against my brother if he acted out again. It was the first time, but the teachers didn't care

about trying to figure out why he suddenly had a change in behavior— just that it didn't happen again.

This sense of apathy is present in many schools and continued to be something my family dealt with in their experience with public education. Many schools found it hard to follow the individualized educational plans (IEPs) my two brothers had because of their special needs. If they had behavioral issues, rather than following their specific behavioral plan, the school would throw my brothers in special ed classes where they did not belong or send them home on suspension.

According to the U.S Department of Public Education, more than 25 percent of students with disabilities enrolled in Lenoir County public schools received one or more out-of-school suspensions in 2012, and 14.1 percent of students with disabilities enrolled in Pitt County public schools received one or more out of school suspensions in 2012.

Schools cannot expect students to perform well academically and behaviorally if they do not follow the plans set for children with special needs. Public education should mean that all students are given the tools necessary to succeed, not just the students who are easier to handle.

Now, it was third grade. I was 9-years-old. My older brother was constantly being bullied on the bus, and it even got to the point where he was physically assaulted by another student. Instead of disciplining the child who was bullying my brother, the school's solution was to move him to the "special bus," which was the last place my high functioning, intelligent brother belonged.

The bullying continued, and the next thing I knew, I was 10 moving to a different city and a different school with the hopes that my brother's new school would work out. Spoiler alert: it didn't, and we moved back.

My brother was bullied constantly, and the schools rarely took action.

According to the National Bullying Prevention Center, in 2016, more than one out of five students have reported being bullied. The National Autistic Society said 60 percent of children with Asperger's Syndrome have experienced bullying.

However, it is not only kids with disabilities who are a target for bullying. This year, I have had to watch my little sister, my best friend in the whole word, become a victim of bullying as she began her sixth grade year.

I had to listen to my sister talk about kids pushing her down the stairs, tripping her, verbally abusing her and inflicting many more horrendous acts no kid should ever endure. I had to see my sister, who was once my ball of sunshine, fall into depression.

Schools are so focused on test scores and dropout rates that a lot of times, they forget mental and physical well-being should be a top priority. My mom went to the guidance counselor about my little sister. She told them what was going, but nothing changed. Just like nothing changed when we moved school districts hoping it would be different for my brother. Bullying is a problem wherever the school is, and it needs to be taken seriously.

Counselors and schools preach about bullying but do not want to do anything when bullying is actually occurring on campuses. Public education needs to change. Schools need to focus on the needs of its students in more ways than just academics. Just because someone has high test scores does not mean there is not more the school could be doing for them.

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Taurus
(April 20-May 20) -- Today is an 8 -- Professional advancement comes with disciplined focus and determination. Streamline routines for efficiency. Prepare for an exciting challenge. Take on new or renewed leadership.

Gemini
(May 21-June 20) -- Today is an 8 -- Travels and studies require disciplined attention. Stick to steady ground, and avoid risky situations. Get practical objectives handled, and then polish with detail.

Cancer
(June 21-July 22) -- Today is an 8 -- New expenses and income take focus. Don't rely on an unstable financial source. Investigate options and possibilities. Money saved is money earned.

Leo
(July 23-Aug. 22) -- Today is a 7 -- Lead by example. Stand firm in a commitment, and your dedication inspires teamwork and partnership. Invite someone special to join you. Persuade with love.

Virgo
(Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Today is a 7 -- Self-discipline combined with exercise, work and physical efforts pays off. Prepare carefully and without hurry. Add structures for support. Friends make it more fun.

Libra
(Sept. 23-Oct. 22) -- Today is a 7 -- Relax and enjoy time with someone special. Show how much you care through physical action, more than words. Express substance over symbolism. Show up.

Scorpio
(Oct. 23-Nov. 21) -- Today is a 6 -- Family matters need attention. Do what you promised first, or change your agreements. Focus on what's needed. Get a second opinion. Work together.

Sagittarius
(Nov. 22-Dec. 21) -- Today is a 7 -- Stick to the budget. Follow practical guidelines. Creative projects come together with persistence and discipline. Handle unglamorous tasks. Build a strong foundation.

Capricorn
(Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Today is an 8 -- There's money to be made with persistent work. Dive in and focus. Cut distractions. Rely on another's expertise. Provide and receive value.

Aquarius
(Jan. 20-Feb. 18) -- Today is a 9 -- Personal dreams take focus. Coordinate and manage efforts to win. Prepare, schedule and work out basic structures. Invite talented partners to participate.

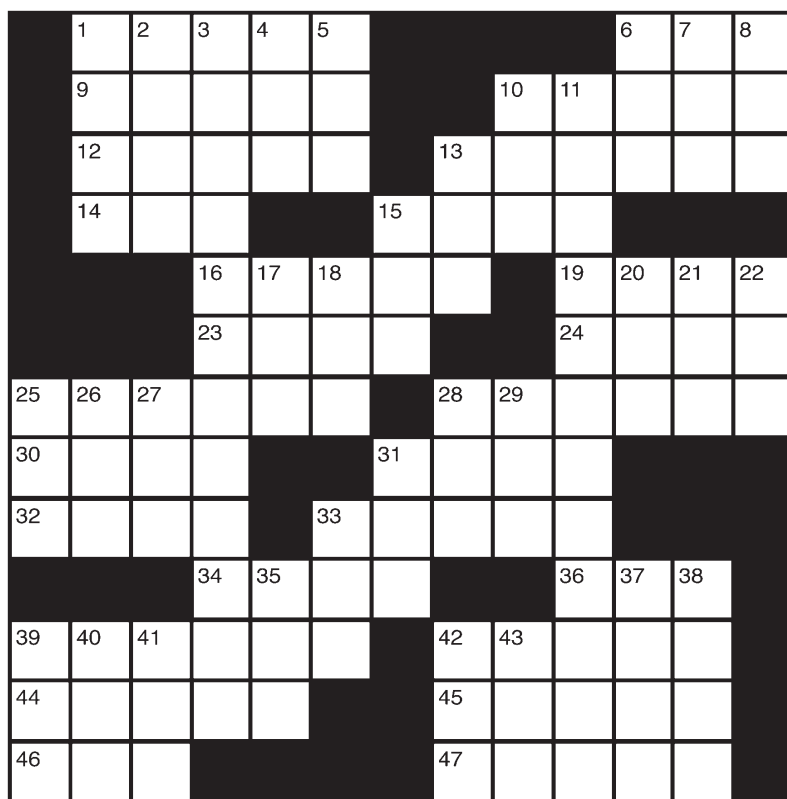
Pisces
(Feb. 19-March 20) -- Today is a 5 -- Privately craft your plans. Ensure that the puzzle pieces are all in place. Envision your moves in advance. Get feedback from someone experienced.

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THE TV CROSSWORD

by Jacqueline E. Mathews



- ACROSS**
- Evan Roe's role on "Madam Secretary"
 - Dan Bakkedahl's role on "Life in Pieces"
 - Trump's predecessor
 - DVD remote button
 - Toyota Camry or Honda Accord
 - Dwellings
 - Wallach or Marienthal
 - Denver and Hope
 - Lucy's landlady
 - Stringed instrument
 - Actor Everett
 - "The ___"; Dennis Haysbert drama series
 - "It's ___ Sunny in Philadelphia"
 - Actress Peet
 - "The ___ Housewives of Beverly Hills"
 - Lead role on "JAG"
 - "Jeopardy!" creator Griffin
 - ___ Rica
 - "Baby Take ___"; Shirley Temple movie
 - On the ___; fleeing
- DOWN**
- Ferrer or Canseco
 - First murder victim
 - Actress on "Mom"
 - Tumor suffix
 - Actress Fabray, to friends
 - Turner or Koppel
 - ___-T; actor on "Law & Order: SVU"
 - Whitney and McKinley: abbr.
 - Flow back
 - Actor on "Scandal"
 - E-mail provider for millions
 - Piece of furniture
 - "Love ___ neighbor as thyself"
 - "Olympus ___ Fallen"; movie for Morgan Freeman
 - Actress ___-Margret
 - Get ___ of; shed
 - "Harper Valley ___"
 - Upper limb
 - Bruce or Spike
 - "Love & ___"; Jay Thomas sitcom
 - Camera batteries, usually
 - Actor on "The A-Team"
 - "___ to Get Away with Murder"
 - Roll-away bed
 - One of John-Boy's brothers
 - No ifs, ___ or buts
 - Sitcom set in Korea
 - "___ in Cleveland"
 - "___ Life to Live"
 - "The Adventures of ___ Tin Tin"
 - "___ This Morning"
 - Show-off

Solution to Last Week's Puzzle



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Level:

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- 3 4

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit www.sudoku.org.uk

Solution from last week

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The club ultimate frisbee team's Kyle Davis stretches out to make a one-handed grab. Last year saw the team record its first win in almost three years and its first double digit win season in club history.

THE BOYS ARE BACK

Club ultimate frisbee team talks redemption

Aaron Jackson
TEC STAFF

From winning back-to-back championships to falling off for multiple seasons, the East Carolina University club ultimate frisbee team is looking to get back to its winning ways.

The ECU ultimate frisbee team, known as the Irates, has a rich history after being founded in the late '70s. The club team dominated its opponents with its physicality and that's what the squad became known for back in the day, according to Ben Landry, the current captain of the team.

"We won two national championships that were back-to-back in 1995 and 1996. The Irates were known then as a physical, and high intensity team," Landry said in an email interview. "In more recent history, the program lost some of that edge that made us so successful earlier on."

The ultimate frisbee team at ECU was one of the top club sports program in the country in the '90s, according to Landry. They were known as the "bad boys of the college ultimate world, because we talked a lot of smack and our play style backed it up," said current club team member, Hunter Gibbs, a sophomore majoring in economics.

"No one wanted to play ECU because they would beat you and embarrass you at the same time because that's the way they acted, they were rough during the game and could beat you in anyway," Gibbs said in an email interview. "They were cocky but could back it up on the field."

After the team had a short disagreement with the school,

"We want to bring back winning at the level it was then, and to once again be a competitive and relevant program."

— Ben Landry

early in the 2000's after winning the two championship titles, the new generation of club ultimate frisbee began.

"When they became a club organization again, the players decided to drop the 'P' from Pirates and become the 'Irates,'" Gibbs said. "This was because the players were irate about being disbanded."

The club organization also lost key parts to the team and has been rebuilding ever since.

"Our team then lost some of its structure and focus as a result. But we have worked very hard to build back a team of people who are dedicated, hungry to win and eager to work hard," Landry said. "We have also worked just as hard to restore our relationship with the school and get back to good standing with them. It has paid off and now we can use the full benefits that ECU has to offer its club sports."

Due to the lack of success for the Irates over the years, the team fell off the map, ending up last in the conference in 2013. Last year was the first time the Irates won a game in almost three years, and the first time the team had double digit wins in a season (10).

"Finally having a double-digit win season means the program is on its way back to the top," Gibbs said. "Hopefully we will regain

the attitude that ECU ultimate once had and be a national contender again."

This standout season for the Irates was critical for the club and its main goal of reaching its former glory, according to Landry.

"It is important that the Irates get back to winning because of how historic our program is. Eastern North Carolina was the hotbed of college ultimate in the 90's," Landry said. "We want to bring back winning at the level it was then, and to once again be a competitive and relevant program."

The sport, as a whole, has grown steadily across the country. Now in 2017, these ultimate frisbee athletes have the opportunity to play professionally in the sport they love.

"Personally, I love ultimate because it brings together some elements from other sports into one unique game," Landry said. "My competitiveness drives me to try and be the teammate I can be, the best captain I can be, and work to be the best player I can be. It's a beautiful game that can be quite chaotic, but when it all comes together, (it) is a blast to play."

Gibbs says he grew attached to the club ultimate team after witnessing the great sportsmanship amongst others in the sport.

"One of my favorite things about this sport is everybody is very



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Domenick Gagliardo leaps in the air to grab the frisbee away from his opponent.

friendly," Gibbs said. "Even players from rival schools are friendly, all players on the field show amazing amounts of sportsmanship."

The sport is something the two players take seriously and sometimes they feel the sport can get underappreciated around campus because students don't know the Irates' journey.

"Ultimate definitely still is not known by everyone at ECU. We have worked hard to get our name out there, to recruit, and to just get

the sport (that) me and all of my teammates love so much out there," Landry said. "We look forward to spreading the word more and hopefully people become interested and want to come and check us out and consider joining the team."

Information for the ultimate frisbee club team's tryouts will be released the last week in August on the ECU Club Ultimate Frisbee page and the club teams' twitter account.

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ECU's freshman slugger earns another post season accolade

Staff Report

The post season awards continue to mount up for East Carolina baseball player Spencer Brickhouse, as he was named to D1Baseball.com's Freshman All-America second team last Thursday.

It is the Zebulon, North Carolina native's third Freshman All-America honor, after being named to both Baseball America and Collegiate Baseball's Freshman All-America teams earlier in the summer.

Over the course of his debut season, Brickhouse established himself as one of the Pirates' best power hitters. His 10 home runs tied Travis Watkins for the team lead and was good enough for eighth most in the American Athletic Conference. Brickhouse also owned the second highest slugging percentage (.513) on



COURTESY OF ECUPIRATES

ECU's Spencer Brickhouse awaits a pitch.

the team, behind only Watkins.

The 6-foot-4 first baseman also showed he's not just about power.

He was one of only four Pirates who finished the season batting above .300 (.310). He also chipped in with 28 RBI and scored 36 runs.

Originally getting a starting spot due to an injury to incumbent first baseman Bryce Harman, Brickhouse, a rising sophomore, quickly cemented a spot in the starting lineup, appearing in 57 games and starting 51 of them.

Brickhouse is the 15th Freshman All-American in program history and the third under current head coach Cliff Godwin. The two others from Godwin's tenure are Joe Ingle (2015) and Dwanya Williams-Sutton (2016), and Brickhouse joins Williams-Sutton as the only first-year players under Godwin to be named to multiple Freshman All-America teams.

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