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>>CITY COUNCIL

Council split on approach to housing

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TEC STAFF

The Greenville City Council was unable to reach agreement during Monday's meeting after an independent planning organization showed evidence of oversaturation in the city's housing market.

Kimley-Horn, a planning and design engineering consulting company, was hired by the city of Greenville in September 2017 to conduct a study of occupancy in the student and professional housing market.

Jessica Rossi of Kimley-Horn presented the council with the firm's findings that showed Greenville has a combined vacancy rate of around 11.6 percent for student targeted housing.

"If you look at kind of the industry standards or benchmarks for what they consider a healthy student apartment market, vacancy rate is really more like five percent," Rossi said. "So, Greenville in its current state, is already more than double what you would consider to be a healthy rate."

East Carolina University has more than 29,000 students with 80 percent living off campus, according to Rossi. The study's findings presented to the council showed that Greenville has 11,000 units/bedrooms targeted for student occupancy.

Rossi said there is a very significant concentration of students living directly within three miles of ECU. One reason Rossi suggested for Greenville's high vacancy rate comes from the numbers it received when analyzing two apartment complexes further away from ECU.

The Bellamy and Paramount 3800, formerly Captain's Quarters and North Campus Crossing, were found to have overwhelmingly high number of vacancies compared to those apartment complexes located within three miles of ECU's main campus.

Questions from the council on this issue focused on whether Greenville's student housing market would be too saturated if these two apartment complexes were taken out of the analysis. Rossi said even with removing those two communities, Greenville's number would be still be slightly higher than the national number, but closer to the normal average.

The study did factor in two apartment complexes

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Deaunduria Smallwood cuts branches during the 2016 MLK Day of Service. The day allows students to volunteer around Greenville.

ECU community to give back MLK Day of Service provides volunteer opportunities

Taylor Nishimoto
TEC STAFF

The Center for Leadership and Civic Engagement and the Ledonia Wright Cultural Center will give students the opportunity to give back to the community through the Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service on Monday.

"The purpose of MLK Day of Service is for students to turn their 'day off' into a 'day on' by remembering the legacy of Dr. King and serving in our community," Alex Dennis, assistant director for curricular programs for the Center for Leadership and Civic Engagement, said. "Most people associate Dr. King with the Civil Rights Movement,

but he was also an advocate for many social justice issues, including poverty. His vision for our communities and our world included the idea of service and giving back."

The MLK Day of Service is an annual event meant to encourage individuals to strengthen their communities through service, according to the event's OrgSync page.

The event will begin at 8:30 a.m. with a breakfast in which students will be able to come by, grab some food and socialize within the Ledonia Wright Cultural Center.

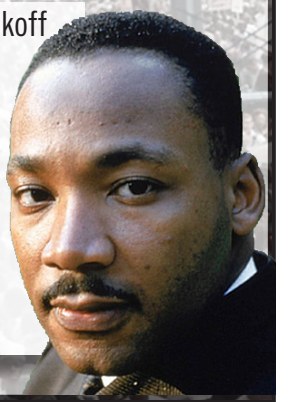
Students can then attend a kickoff in Hendrix Theatre in Mendenhall Student Center at around 9:30 a.m. The kick-off will feature speakers

DAY OF SERVICE SCHEDULE

9 a.m. Check-in and Kickoff
(Mendenhall)

11-2 p.m. Service

2:30 p.m. Celebration and
Reflection



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such as Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Virginia Hardy, Director of Intercultural Affairs Wanda Tyler and Director of Center for Leadership and

Civic Engagement Dennis McCunney, according to Sarah Robertson, a graduate assistant

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SAB to host annual winter concert today

Wale to succeed last year's Waka Flocka Flame performance in Wright



Waka Flocka performs during last year's winter concert, which will feature Wale this year.

Nicolette Giambalvo
TEC STAFF

East Carolina University students will flood the aisles of Wright Auditorium tonight, as they enjoy dancing and singing along to some of Wale's hit songs such as 'Bad' and 'Ambition' at the 2017 Winter Concert.

The concert starts at 7 p.m. tonight and tickets were available free for students beginning last Friday, with tickets still available as of yesterday. Student Activities Board Entertainment Social Media Executive Tina Garrett said the ticket sales were nothing compared to the fall homecoming concert performed by 21 Savage last fall.

"I think attendance wise, Wale is going to be lower just because he hasn't made music in a while and

compared to 21 Savage, he had just dropped an album before coming to ECU so people were hype for that," Garrett said.

Garrett said she supposes another explanation for the poor tickets sales so far is because the advertisement of tickets was announced much later than previous concerts. The official ECU SAB Twitter account didn't announce Wale's appearance until Jan. 1, just four days prior to the ticket release. However, last year when 21 Savage was set to appear in Greenville tickets went on sale more than a month



Rapper Wale

in advance.

Garrett also said even after four days of tickets being available there were still approximately 200 leftover, whereas 21 Savage tickets were sold out within the first hour, with lines wrapping as far down campus as the Cupola in the first hour.

Wale has released five studio albums and is well known for being featured in "No Hands" with Waka Flocka Flame and Roscoe Dash, "Bounce It" with Juicy J and Trey Songz, "Voila" with N.E.R.D. and Gucci Mane.

Paige Hancock, a first year graduate speech language pathology major, said she is most excited to hear Wale perform one of his first big

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» Mental health organization debuts web series on YouTube

» Gender studies series to discuss modern day slavery in North Carolina

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BRIEFS

Scholarships deadline approaches Monday

The East Carolina University Office of Undergraduate Admissions will close off many scholarship opportunities at the beginning of this semester. The deadline is Monday.

To apply for these scholarships, students must sign in to the ECUAward scholarship application portal with their Pirate ID. These scholarships are currently open to all current students, any pre-college applicants or high school students.

Annual pool plunge to return

Campus Recreation and Wellness will host the 22nd annual Polar Bear Plunge on Thursday, Jan. 18 at the Student Recreation Center. The event is open to all students and faculty.

The Polar Bear Plunge is an annual event where participants jump into the outdoor pool. The event registration will begin at 5 p.m. and the actual plunge will take place at 5:30 p.m.. Swimsuits are required in order to jump. T-Shirts will be given out to the first 1,100 jumpers.

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>> WHERE THERE’S SMOKE THERE’S FIRE

Firemen seek meetings with Wall

Alleged issues with exit interviews, city manager raise mayor’s concern

Matthew Prensky
TEC STAFF

Up until this past Tuesday, most firefighters at Greenville Fire/Rescue and city residents were unable to get exit interviews or meet with the city manager, however, that may be changing.

Seven firefighters who haven’t been able to voice their concerns with city officials decided to send direct emails to City Manager Ann Wall.

“I personally offered during my exit interview with human resources for the city manager to call me and I would explain why I left after 19 years of service and just walked away,” Matt McMahon, a lieutenant at GFR who resigned on Oct. 1, said. “I never heard anything from her.”

McMahon’s case was met with surprise by Greenville Mayor P.J. Connelly on Tuesday afternoon when the newly-elected mayor was made aware of the issues some firefighters have had with scheduling exit interviews.



P.J. Connelly

McMahon said he was one of the seven firefighters who directly contacted the city manager on Tuesday night. He added, as of Tuesday night, he and the city manager were working via email to find a time to meet.

Lee Avery, an EMS specialist at GFR who resigned in December with 13 years of service, said he was another firefighter who planned to directly contact the city manager to voice his concerns.

In an email from retired GFR Battalion Chief Don Mills, the 30-year city employee directly contacted the city manager about his concerns on Sept. 5, but never heard back from her. After the initial email, Mills didn’t make any subsequent

“I’ve talked to her (Wall) many times and I know of people who have spoken to her, so I would strongly urge Mr. McMahon to reach back out to Ms. Wall,” Connelly said.

attempts to contact the city manager. Mills’ email was obtained by The East Carolinian through a public records request.

“Changes need to be made in the upper management of this department; citizens’ lives and property are being put at risk,” Mills said in his email. “Action needs to be taken immediately to correct this problem.”

Similar to other firefighters at GFR, Mills volunteered his personal information to the city manager and asked her to contact him. However, as of Wednesday morning, Mills said the city manager hasn’t contacted him.

Connelly said he was unaware that firefighters were having issues arranging exit interviews and only found out about the problem on Tuesday.

“I just found out yesterday that they (firefighters) were having issues setting that (exit interviews) up, so it’s troubling a little bit that they are having problems with that,” Connelly said.

When asked if he was troubled by the city or firefighters’ actions, Connelly said during a phone interview it would be in poor judgement for him to blame anyone until he got more information.

Rick Smiley, the Greenville city council member representing District 4, said if firefighters haven’t reached out to the city manager, it would be hard for them to expect her to address their concerns. When Smiley was made aware that multiple firefighters have made attempts to contact the city manager but received no response, he questioned the firefighters’ statements.

“If the manager hasn’t reached out to anybody, is that a problem? Well, if that was true then yes, but I don’t believe that’s true,” Smiley said. “The city manager has spent a lot of time looking into this issue and talking to people.”

After multiple attempts to get any comment from Wall, The East Carolinian was unable to get a response from the city manager on whether or not she’s spoken with current or former firefighters about their concerns related to GFR.

However, in a statement emailed to The East Carolinian by Brock Letchworth, the city of Greenville’s public information officer, on Jan. 4, Wall said the city cares for all its employees.

“The city of Greenville values all of our employees. Our goal is for everyone who works for the city of Greenville to have the opportunity to do well and we will continue to explore ways in which we can assist them in doing so,” Wall said. “My door is always open to any employee who has a concern.”

The East Carolinian was also unable to get a comment from Wall on whether or not she has viewed former GFR firefighters’ exit interviews to learn why they were leaving.

According to the city policy manual, Greenville has no language which addresses exit interviews.

Both state and national firefighting experts agreed that exit interviews would be a very important method for the city of Greenville to use to find out why firefighters are leaving GFR.

Gregory Cade, the Mid-Atlantic regional director of the National Fire Protection Association, a trade organization that creates protocols for fire departments, said the honest answers from firefighters in exit interviews would be a good way to gain insight into why firefighters are leaving.

Tom Brewer, president of the Professional Firefighters and Paramedics Association of North Carolina, said organizations do exit interviews to find out why employees leave.

“The city of Greenville should have a pretty good understanding of why people are leaving through these exit interviews,” Brewer said. “It should take them seconds to produce it because they’ve done exit interviews.”

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Ann Wall

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for The Center for Leadership and Civic Engagement.

At the same time, the Coalition Against Racism will host a march and rally at Thomas Foreman Park, on 400 Nash St. in honor of King’s work.

“I will try to get out there,” Geoffrey Whitley, a sophomore communications major, said. “I am participating in a lot of events that day. I’m with the Black Student Union and we’re gonna be going to a site to help out. I’m also gonna work with the NAACP ECU and go to the food bank.”

After the kickoff, students will have the opportunity to volunteer for many different off campus organizations the organizers have partnered with between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.

“Some of our partners are The Food Bank of Eastern North Carolina, The MacGregor Downs Health and Rehab Center, The Ronald McDonald House, The Boys and Girls Club and a few others. There is a lot, up to around



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Nakia Leggett measures rice into a bag while volunteering during the 2016 MLK Day of Service.

14 or 15 different partners,” Robertson said.

After volunteers return to campus, there will be a closing ceremony for participants to celebrate and reflect on their work for the day, according to the OrgSync page. Students are required to register on OrgSync for both the

kick-off and the closing ceremony.

This is The Center for Leadership and Civic Engagement’s most important event of the year, according to Robertson. She said the Center predicts more than 500 volunteers will attend, the largest group it has ever had.

Dennis encouraged everyone to come out and hopes students will become more aware of the opportunities to serve their community.

“Our national days of service, like MLK Day, is a very easy and structured way for students to begin volunteering in our community and giving back,” Dennis said.

Robertson agreed and encouraged students to always keep in mind that there are always opportunities available to help someone, such as holding the door open for strangers, donating clothes or participating in the Day of Service.

Whitley said service is the most important thing for him, and the Day of Service is an opportunity to give back to the Greenville community in unique ways.

“We (NAACP) go out to Wellcome Middle School and we mentor young kids in the area at the school that go there,” Whitley said. “I think that’s one of the most important things in our community, because the children of Pitt County are gonna be the leaders of the next generation.”

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currently under construction, including 1,930 bedrooms. Projections from the firm show vacancy will continue to increase after these apartment

complexes open.

To get student perspectives on the housing market in Greenville, Rossi and the firm met with ECU’s Student Government Association and ECU Transit and held a public forum on campus last semester.

Concerns from some on the council, including District 1 councilwoman Kandie Smith, were that any more student housing in the Uptown area would drive away those wanting to build living options for non-students and professionals, as

well as investors for any other projects. However, others on the council, including Mayor P.J. Connelly and District 5 councilman William Litchfield, were afraid addressing these issues would result in government overreach.

One of the two apartment complexes very heavily impacting the high vacancy number, The Bellamy, is in Litchfield’s District 5. Rossi said the vacancy rate at the Bellamy is almost 30 percent.

However, the two members agreed they did

not want to act on fixing the results of the findings, as they believed it would involve government acting unnecessarily in the housing market.

Another item discussed at the meeting regarded the sunset alcohol provisions at the Town Commons. The council previously voted to approve this ordinance allowing the sales and consumption of alcohol at a meeting last December.

Monday’s vote by the council updated the policies and procedures that expired at

the end of 2017 by removing the language that required a set time and date for the selling and consuming of alcohol put in the original ordinance.

The council will meet again in February to discuss new provisions regarding this ordinance, as it will begin to prepare evaluating and reviewing applicants who are interested in selling and serving alcohol in the Town Commons.

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OUR VIEW

Greek life accountability sends message

East Carolina University fraternities Delta Chi and Tau Kappa Epsilon were closed by their national headquarters on Monday, after investigations revealed acts of hazing and other unlawful behaviors.

The Delta Chi National Fraternity announced the closure of its chapter at ECU indefinitely after evidence of hazing was found, while the international organization of TKE announced the closure of its ECU chapter for four years without giving a specific reason.

We, the editorial staff at The East Carolinian, believe the termination of two major fraternities on campus sends an important message to all Greek life organizations. By taking action, these organizations show their chapters that improper actions will not go unnoticed. No matter the club or organization on campus, everyone should be held responsible for their choices.

Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs, Virginia Hardy, said in a statement, “We are committed to holding organizations and students accountable for actions that do not meet our expectations.”

The East Carolinian agrees with this statement and believes that in light of these two fraternities and their punishments, more fraternities and sororities, along with other organizations and the general student body, should take a look in the figurative mirror and ask themselves if they are acting appropriately.

We hope these actions serve as warnings for all organizations and will decrease the amount of hazing, as well as other unacceptable behavior on ECU’s campus.

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Big name hire necessary
Men’s hoops must hire proper coach to survive AAC



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Former East Carolina University football head coach Ruffin McNeill was fired on Dec. 4, 2015, following a 5-7 season. After this decision, ECU Athletic Director Jeff Compher stated “our expectations are to compete for championships” following the firing.

Since that day, however, the two top revenue boosting sports, football and men’s basketball, have come nowhere near a top spot in the American Athletic Conference, and mediocrity seems to have become synonymous with ECU Athletics.

ECU’s former men’s basketball head coach Jeff Lebo resigned early this season on Nov. 29, 2017 following a 2-4 start, including terrible losses to Central Connecticut State and North Carolina A&T, teams that combined for nine wins last season. With Lebo’s resignation, the door for Compher to prove he really wants to compete for a top spot in the AAC has opened.

Compher released a statement on Dec. 22, saying that he, as well as his advisory group, have begun the search for ECU men’s basketball’s next head coach. If Compher wants the fans of ECU to truly believe in his commitment to championships, ECU must start by hiring a coach that can help the Pirates finally compete in one of the best mid-major

conferences in the nation, the AAC.

In a conference that features the addition of No. 5 Wichita State University, as well as No. 14 University of Cincinnati, along with other programs that have shown dominance in the past, such as the University of Connecticut and Memphis University, the Pirates have been the floor mat of the conference since joining the AAC in 2014, going 17-41 in AAC games, and just 46-66 despite weak out-of-conference scheduling.

Interim head coach Michael Perry has done a decent job with the roster he has inherited from Lebo, going 5-4 this season so far, as well as going 6-8 last year against AAC opponents while taking over after Lebo had hip surgery. However, Perry likely isn’t the answer for the Pirates moving forward. ECU must hire someone who can compete in recruiting with these other AAC programs, something Lebo had struggled to do since ECU left Conference USA in 2013.

The game of college basketball has changed over the past few seasons, as teams are putting a greater emphasis on three-point shooting. Since 2011, the three-point attempt rate has risen from 31 percent during the 2011 season and sat at 35 percent at the conclusion of the 2016 season according to sportingnews.com.

ECU has not adapted to the new style of play over recent years, as it continues to be one of the worst three-point shooting teams in the nation. The Pirates are limited on the offensive end of the floor,

as they are ranked dead last in the AAC in three-point percentage, shooting at an awful .260 clip. To compare to the top teams in the conference, No. 5 Wichita State is shooting .413 behind the arc, just behind defending AAC champion Southern Methodist University, which shoots the three-pointer at a .419 rate.

To keep up with the top teams in the AAC, the Pirates must hire someone who can best gel with the current times.

Three-point shooting must be addressed through recruitment and seats need to be filled by a big-name coach that brings excitement to an otherwise unimpressed ECU community. The state of North Carolina contains some of the most passionate college basketball fans, such as fans of Duke University and the University of North Carolina. On the flip side, ECU men’s basketball fans are not nearly as passionate and with the mediocrity the team has produced over the past few years, there is no secret why.

The next head coach for ECU must bring excitement to the ECU basketball program and help bring ECU on the map for a sport other than football or baseball. Compher has a chance to show he truly wants to compete for championships and that all starts with the hiring of the next men’s basketball coach.

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Resolutions need guidance



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Shea Shares

Every new year I make the same resolutions: cut sugar from my diet, get a 4.0 GPA and make a dent in my bucket list and every year is the same. I barely go a week without sugar, I get a B— or two or three for the semester and I usually stay in my comfort zone.

I’ve never made a resolution I can actually accomplish to my standards, because I’ve never thought outside of the same resolutions I’ve made every year. Almost everyone seems to make the same resolutions, myself included, and then we wonder every year why they still aren’t working.

Overall, it has become a major part of our society to joke about not sticking to New Year’s resolutions. Like any other person who has made resolutions, falling victim to cheated diets and missing gym days isn’t anything special, but why do we make it so hard for ourselves?

It’s easy to want to dream big when thinking of how you want to change in the next year. It’s so easy, in fact, that each year, we seem to dream bigger than the last, only

“We can only make it so far if our standards for ourselves are not set too high.”

to be discouraged when we don’t stick to our resolutions.

In 2018, we should give ourselves a little wiggle room with our resolutions, so we don’t get discouraged as easily. We need to be more realistic with what we can accomplish. Even if the end goal is to stop eating meat or sugar, it’s unrealistic to think that can be accomplished immediately.

People are often hard on themselves and social media definitely doesn’t help. We see Instagram and Facebook posts about how so-and-so has gone a month without eating sugar, or we see someone’s Snapchat story of them at the gym at six in the morning and we think “they can do it, so why can’t I?”

We need to practice being more relaxed with our resolutions. Maybe instead of saying “I will go to the gym every day,” we can go easy on ourselves and say “I’ll go to the gym at least twice a week.” Resolutions, such as the gym or healthy eating habits, seem so easy in hindsight but are often the hardest habits to break or create.

Giving ourselves leeway when it comes

to our resolutions is just the beginning. It’s not the end of the world if we cheat on our diets or sleep in a little later than intended. Resolutions are all about becoming a better you and creating a better way of life for ourselves.

However, over the years, it has become another trend that’s difficult to keep up with, so it’s up to us to turn it back into something to enjoy and something we do because we want to. Just as we left 2017 behind us, we need to do the same with discouraging thoughts and impossible standards.

Resolutions should be focused on bettering ourselves and bettering our mental and physical health and we can only make it so far if our standards for ourselves are not set too high. Make 2018 the year where we work on ourselves, while still having realistic expectations.

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MAP OUT YOUR WEEK

TODAY

MLK Tribute Breakfast

Pitt Community College

8:30 a.m.

Beer Tasting

CPW's Fine Food and Tasting

6 p.m.

Winter Concert featuring Wale

Wright Auditorium

7 p.m.

Back to School Crawl

Fire American Tavern

7:30 p.m.

TOMORROW

Villa Verde Food Truck

Pitt Street Brewing Company

5:30 p.m.

A Single Lady's Life in Neon

Moxie Pop

6 p.m.

Unlimited laser tag

Atomic Laser Dome

7 p.m.

David Dixon live music

Pitt Street Brewing Company

8 p.m.

SATURDAY

Aerial Yoga Workshop

Purple Blossom

2 p.m.

Doug's NC BBQ food truck

Pitt Street Brewing Company

5 p.m.

Jake Weddle Comedy

Uptown Brewing Company

6:30 p.m.

SUNDAY

Drag Brunch

The Scullery

11:30 a.m.

Musician to feature euphonium

Instructor Paul Dickinson to perform at A.J. Fletcher Recital Hall

Jenna Price
TEC STAFF

Deriving from the ancient greek word ‘euphonos,’ meaning well-sounding, the baritone euphonium plays an important role in most orchestras. Sounding and appearing almost like a tuba, the sweet melodies pouring out of the bell of the instrument will be heard at East Carolina University’s very own euphonium concert on Friday.

Paul Dickinson, a tuba and euphonium instructor at Kennesaw State University, will perform at the A.J. Fletcher Recital Hall on Friday at 7:30 p.m. He will play the euphonium, a brass instrument which is in the same family as the trombone.

“The euphonium isn’t well known by the general public,” Dickinson said. “It doesn’t typically make it onto the elementary school music posters like the trumpet or the trombone, and most people simply don’t know it exists.”

Dickinson is an experienced performer as he is currently principal euphonium in the Gwinnette Symphony Wind Orchestra and the Poinsett Wind Symphony and principal baritone for the Georgia Brass Band. He is also one of the founding members of a professional tuba ensemble called DIVERGENCE.

Dickinson said even the name “euphonium” sounds like something out of a Dr. Seuss book, as he understands that not many have heard of the instrument before.

“As a result, one of my constant



CONTRIBUTED OF PAUL DICKINSON
Paul Dickinson with a euphonium. He will be playing this unique instrument at ECU.

hopes is to spread awareness of the euphonium and show folks what this instrument is capable of doing,” Dickinson said. “My biggest goal for this, and every recital, however, is to offer the audience a program of thoughtful, exciting and engaging music that speaks to them each in a lasting way.”

In addition to performing, Dickinson will also be teaching a class for the ECU School of Music students on tonight Stephen Ivany, who arranged Dickinson’s performance, is looking forward not only to the performance, but also to how the students will

benefit from learning from an experienced performer.

“Paul will be running a master class on (tonight) before his recital, and during that time all of our students will have an opportunity to ask him questions and learn from him, and four will get the opportunity to play for him and get feedback,” Ivany said. “Often hearing about technique or musicality from another perspective can really help our students learn concepts that they are already working on.”

Joshua Bishop, a senior in the School of Music, is also looking forward to having a guest teacher.

Bishop thinks it is always beneficial to have professionals outside of the ECU School of Music staff to come to teach and perform.

Bishop has been at ECU for four years and said anytime a guest teacher comes it is “the highlight of the year.”

“Anytime a guest teacher comes to campus, (it) is a real treat because they are always incredibly talented and knowledgeable about music,” Bishop said.

Bishop is particularly excited to have the opportunity to take class with Dickinson since he has seen Dickinson perform before. He said he had the opportunity to see Dickinson perform a few years ago at a summer camp he was attending.

“His musicianship and playing ability is so inspiring and it is really awesome anytime you get to learn from someone new who can offer a different perspective on your own playing,” Bishop said. “Knowing about Dr. Dickinson’s pedigree means that this class will be fun and enjoyable based on the information he has to offer.”

Just as students are excited to work and learn from him, Dickinson also said he is thrilled to collaborate with students who share the same passion and interest in music as he does.

“I’m excited to work with the students at ECU,” Dickinson said. “It’s always fun to meet and work with new musicians and ECU’s school of music has a strong reputation.”

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RESTAURANT REVIEW

Pizzeria offers upscale experience

Luna pizza menu items worth price; atmosphere great for dates



Emily Harvey
TEC STAFF

As the smell of freshly baked pizza wafted through Luna Pizza, servers hurried around while customers chatted over appetizers, entrees, dessert and drinks during the grand opening of Pitt Street’s newest addition.

Located at 632 South Pitt St., Suite 100, Luna Pizza, which opened Jan. 2, sits next to Pitt Street Brewing Company and is housed in the former Coca-Cola bottling plant. Offering six different appetizers, a variety of pizza, different desserts and salads, as well as a selection of wine and craft beer, Luna Pizza not only offers delicious food, but serves as a great atmosphere for a date night, drinks with friends or a nice family dinner.

After perusing the menu, I decided to start with the fire roasted meatballs and pomodoro, which are handmade from local, organic beef, according to the menu. Upon taking the first bite, my taste buds were in heaven, however, the three average-sized meatballs I received for a total of \$8 may not have been worth it. What was worth my money though, was the jalapeno and bacon pizza. Twelve inches of pure joy.

The warm dough melted in my mouth, the pizza was topped with just enough mozzarella cheesy goodness and the bacon and jalapenos added the perfect touch with a kick for those who like spicy food. This completely filled me up, leaving me with a couple of slices to take home and eat later, which is always a win in my book. Priced at \$16, there was less pizza for a greater price than if I had ordered from Dominos or Papa John’s, but I did get two great meals out of it.

I decided to wrap up the night with the tiramisu cup, filled with cookies, mascarpone,



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From left: Morgan Windom and Zack Moricle enjoying some of Luna Pizza’s homemade specialties.

espresso, whipped cream, Marsala wine and chocolate which was served in a mason jar. This was hands down the best tiramisu I have ever had the pleasure of devouring. It was the perfect mix of chocolate and crunchy, but still light and refreshing. Priced at \$5, I won’t be picking one up every day, but this creamy dessert would serve as a great treat every now and then.

The waiter I had could not have been nicer. He refilled drinks quickly, checked on mine and my date’s food frequently and answered every question with patience and knowledge about the menu and what was offered. The wait time when I originally got to the restaurant was about 45 minutes due to a large group occupying most of the tables, but Pitt Street Brewing Company is conveniently right next door and serves as a great place for individuals to go and have a few drinks, play games and kill time. Once I ordered my food,

everything came out at a great pace and I spent less than an hour at the table.

I wouldn’t have changed one thing about the food itself, it was delicious and everything was served just right. My only complaint would be the price, but at Luna Pizza you pay for the ambiance, which I really did enjoy. To my knowledge, Luna Pizza is the only upscale Pizzeria in Greenville, and I would definitely recommend it to my friends and family.

RATING:

★★★★☆

4 out of 5

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WALE continued from A1

hits ‘Lotus Flower Bomb,’ featuring Miguel, a well known R&B artist.

“The new music Wale has came out with is good, but there’s nothing like his classics,” Hancock said. “I’ve seen him in concert one other time and he made sure to play a little of both so I’m hoping it’s the same case.”

ECU has been notorious for getting rap artists to appear for fall and spring concerts, as over the years rappers such as Future, Rae Sremmurd, J. Cole, Wiz Khalifa and Waka Flocka Flame have all made debuts to ECU’s campus for student concerts. However, some students would like to see more of a variety when it comes to the entertainment acts on campus. Alexa Giacona, a sophomore fashion merchandising major, said she would like to see

more country artists perform.

“I’ve been to both Waka Flocka and Eric Church here and both were so much fun, just completely different vibes,” Giacona said. “There’s been a lot of rap lately though so I’d like to have Thomas Rhett or Brett Eldredge come for the next one.”

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HOROSCOPES



Aries
(March 21-April 19) -- Today is an 8 -- The next two days are good for travel, and new opportunities present themselves. Coordination saves time and money. Share resources and go explore.



Leo
(July 23-Aug. 22) -- Today is an 8 -- Plan some fun and involve people and places you love. Relax, and enjoy the company. Someone nearby is looking especially good. Let them know.



Sagittarius
(Nov. 22-Dec. 21) -- Today is a 9 -- You're especially strong and creative. Outdoor recreation is in the realm of possibility. Talk and action align to forward a personal project.



Taurus
(April 20-May 20) -- Today is a 9 -- Figure out finances before committing to an expense. Costs may be higher than expected; still, a tempting opportunity is worth investigating. Get your partner's view.



Virgo
(Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Today is a 7 -- Settle into a comfortable domestic phase. Cook your favorite treats for your family. Make messes and clean them. Fill your home with love and beauty.



Capricorn
(Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Today is a 7 -- Rest and recuperate. Plot your course, and plan for different scenarios. Weigh your options, and review past observations. Emotions could run high. Pamper yourself.



Gemini
(May 21-June 20) -- Today is a 9 -- Join forces with someone clever and interesting. You can profit from a dreamer's vision. Create possibilities from thin air. Share love and goodness.



Libra
(Sept. 23-Oct. 22) -- Today is an 8 -- Creative projects advance over the next few days. Write, express and share your views. Connect with your networks, and share resources with each other.



Aquarius
(Jan. 20-Feb. 18) -- Today is an 8 -- Your team is really there for you. Discuss plans, and strategize who will do what. Communication keeps your group project moving. Inspire by example.



Cancer
(June 21-July 22) -- Today is a 9 -- Get moving and get your blood pumping! Exercise energizes you. Healthy food and practices recharge you. Put your love into your work, and it blossoms.



Scorpio
(Oct. 23-Nov. 21) -- Today is a 9 -- There's money to be made today and tomorrow. A rush job could pre-empt regularly scheduled programming. Don't overspend. Push for more authority and clout.



Pisces
(Feb. 19-March 20) -- Today is a 9 -- Crazy dreams seem possible. Prepare for a professional inspection over the next few days. Edit superfluous content. Coach your team to victory.

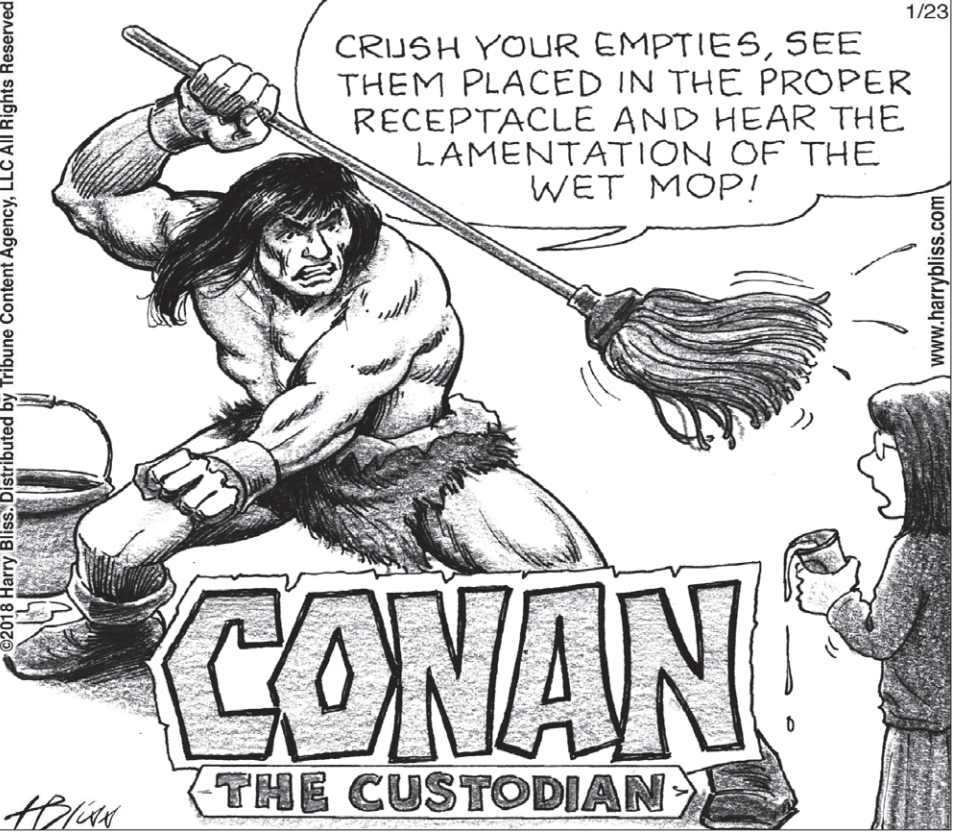
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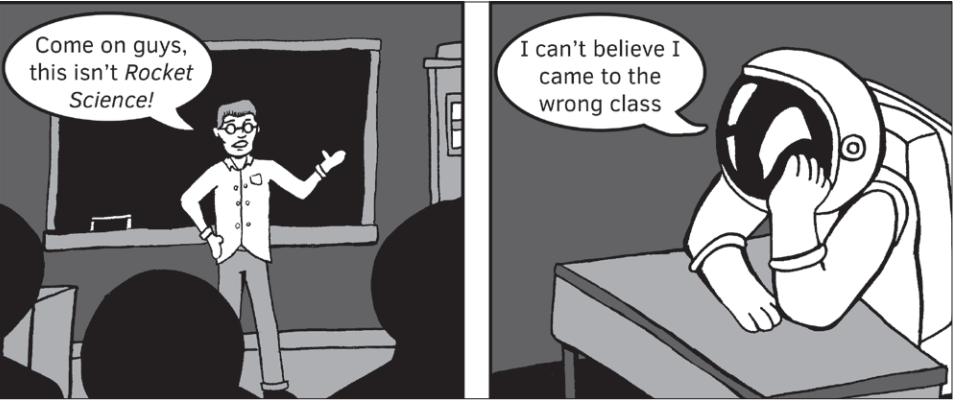
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16 New GI
17 "Monster" group
18 Ross or Rigg
20 "___ Movie"
22 McMurtry novel, "Streets of ___"
24 "The Fountainhead" author Rand
25 Anger
26 Whitman or Pickens
28 Lisa Simpson's brother
32 Gomer of Mayberry
34 Rehan or Huxtable
35 Royal role for Liz
36 Ward of "Once and Again"
37 "___ to Five"
39 ___ Arbor, MI
40 Some "E.R." extras
42 Mickey Mouse channel
44 Reese of "Touched by an Angel"

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2 In the past
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9 Mrs. Nick Charles
10 Max or Buddy
11 "You're in the ___ Now"
19 Kathy and Lloyd
21 Cable TV station
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23 Gross of "Coupe de Ville"
24 Coetzer or Plummer
27 Despot Amin
29 Capt. Hawkeye Pierce
30 Russo of "Tin Cup"
31 Orlando or Randall
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Solution from Tuesday

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Men’s track to compete in first meet

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As the start of the 2018 indoor season approaches, East Carolina University’s men’s track and field team will compete in its first meet of the season this Saturday at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in the Dick Taylor Carolina Cup.

Duke University and North Carolina State University will also be competing at this meet as they round out the meet with UNC and ECU, like it has in the past years.

Last year at the Dick Taylor Carolina Cup, ECU placed third with 36 points behind Duke and North Carolina who both tied for first with 41 points, with NC State finishing in fourth place with 31 points.

ECU has prepared and anticipated this meet for a while and it has also worked hard over the course of winter break in order to be able to come back the first week of the spring semester ready to compete.

“I physically prepared myself by grinding really hard in the weight room and making sure I stretch and drink plenty of water,” senior sprinter Jordan Martin said.

In last year’s meet, Martin finished second in the 200-meter dash with a time of 22.55 seconds and also finished fifth in the 60-meter dash with a time of 7.00 seconds.

Teammate sprinter Desmond Dowling will also compete in this weekend’s meet, where he



Desmond Dowling

hopes to display all of his hard work this season as this will be his last season before he graduates.

“I just try to stay healthy and consistent in practice,” Dowling said. “It’s been a long road and its either now or never.”

Dowling was apart of the 4x400-meter relay team at last year’s meet in Chapel Hill that managed to place second with a time of 3:22.40. He also competed in the open 400-meter dash where he placed in eighth place, finishing with 51.49 seconds, following closely behind other runners.

In order to have a better opening season, the coaching staff of the team has helped not only with training, but with words of wisdom that will stick with these young men as the season progresses.

“The number one piece of advice that has stuck with me has been ‘trust your training’. At the end of the day I know what to do, so I just got to do it,” senior hurdler D’Ante Yarborough said.

Yarborough competed in the Dick Taylor Carolina Cup as well last year where he finished first in the 60-meter hurdles with a time of 8.19 seconds, allowing him to finish a whole eight seconds before the next runner. Yarborough also managed to place seventh in the 200-meter dash with a time of 23.56 seconds.

The Pirates will kick off their season this Saturday at the Dick Taylor Carolina Cup in Chapel Hill, North Carolina, as ECU will attempt to place higher in the meet than it did in the 2016-17 season.

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>> WOMEN’S BASKETBALL



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Starting point guard Alex Fraizer dribbles in between defenders as East Carolina defeats the University of Tulsa for its first AAC win of the year.

ECU wins first AAC game

Macy earns record-breaking victory mark against Tulsa

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East Carolina University women’s basketball head coach Heather Macy became the all-time wins leader in program history last night in Minges, as ECU won its first American Athletic Conference game of the season in a thrilling 73-67 victory over the University of Tulsa.

Macy stayed true to her personality and deflected all the credit to her players and coaches for reaching her milestone.

“My total focus is helping this young team be as good as it can be at every single moment,” Macy said. “I do acknowledge



Heather Macy

the fact that we’ve had incredible players that have been through this program and that we had incredible coaches that have come through and that have worked incredibly hard to make this possible.”

The first quarter was all about ECU (9-8, 1-3 AAC) dominating Tulsa (8-9 2-2 AAC) offensively and defensively. Although the Hurricanes got out to an early 5-4 lead, the Pirates responded with a 14-0 run over the next three and a half minutes to close out the quarter shooting 63 percent from the field, while holding Tulsa to a cold 29 percent in the first quarter.

Unfortunately, the Pirates’ offense started the second quarter cold, as they

missed their first 10 shots from the field before point guard Alex Frazier scored a layup with 3:30 remaining in the first half. ECU scored just eight points in the quarter, on 20 percent shooting from the field (3-for-15), but fortunately for the Pirates, the Hurricanes continued to struggle on offense and merely shot 18.7 percent from the field (3-for-16), while turning the ball over nine times as the Pirates maintained a 30-23 lead going into half.



Alex Frazier

ECU knew going in Tulsa was fifth in the conference in three-point shooting at 31 percent and wanted to take that away, leaving the Hurricanes to start 0-11 from beyond the three point line.

“I think our defensive game plan was pretty good,” Macy said. “I think we wanted to be pretty disruptive, and I thought we had stretches at time where we were really able to do that.”

The Pirates came out hot to start the second half, hitting their first five shots from the field and extending their lead to 40-29. ECU had four players score in double figures in forwards Destiny Campbell (19) and Salita Greene (16) and guards Ariyana Williams (11) and Frazier (10) after having no Pirates score in double-digits in their first three AAC games against the University of Cincinnati, the University of Connecticut and the University of Memphis.

The Hurricanes’ offense came alive in the second half and in the fourth quarter

particularly. Tulsa shot 58.6 percent from the field, including a scorching 76.9 percent in the fourth quarter. Tulsa’s hot shooting helped it reclaim the lead at 67-64 after being down since the early minutes of the game.

However, ECU’s defense helped spark a 9-0 run in the final 54 seconds of the game as the Pirates forced five turnovers in that span, which included a steal from guard Lashonda Monk who scored the go-ahead basket on a fastbreak, spinning layup with 19 seconds remaining to put the Pirates up 68-67.

“I thought Lashonda Monk really responded, and was leading the charge there and did a great job,” Macy said. “I think everyone was really confident with her.”

ECU put the game away in the final five seconds as Greene hit four free throws to put the Pirates up 73-67 and seal Macy’s 127th win and their first AAC victory of the season.

Although Macy downplayed her record setting win, Campbell spoke on behalf of the team on how it means for them to win this game for their head coach who they all love playing for.

“She does such a good job, we all look up to her,” Campbell said. “Very passionate, I mean that’s what we all need as players, the type of coaching she does. I really appreciate her.”

The Pirates will look to start a conference winning streak with a game Saturday against Southern Methodist University on their second AAC road game of the season.

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Men’s basketball to host No. 5 Shockers

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Minges Coliseum will be full of energy tonight, as the East Carolina University men’s basketball team welcomes in its first nationally ranked opponent, the No. 5 Wichita State University Shockers.

Led by head coach Gregg Marshall, Wichita State has made six consecutive NCAA Tournaments and look destined to be another top-seed come this March. The Shockers (13-2, 3-0 AAC) have looked dominant in their first season in the American Athletic Conference, winning all three games by double-digits.

After a 31-5 season in 2016, that saw the Shockers fall to college basketball powerhouse University of Kentucky in the second round of the NCAA Tournament, Wichita State was an offseason addition to the AAC from the Missouri Valley Conference and has immediately taken the AAC by storm. With the

top eight scorers from last year’s Shockers team returning to this year’s squad, Wichita State was set to be one of the top teams in the conference and it has done just that.

“They’re number five in the country for a reason,” interim head coach Michael Perry said. “Terrific team, one of the best teams to come into our arena since I’ve been around and probably even before that.”

Even though Wichita State is stocked with senior talent such as center Shaquille Morris and guard Conner Frankamp, so far this season sophomore guard Landry Shamet has been most impressive.

“He’s a terrific player. He can shoot the ball really well, he can get to the basket, he can make plays for others,” forward Kentrell Barkley said. “We just have to stay on him and do what we can do.”

Standing at 6 feet 4 inches, Shamet has led the Shockers’ offense with extreme efficiency as he is the team’s leading scorer

by almost four points, averaging 16.1 per game and also ranking second in the AAC in assists. His 4.7 assists-per-game trails only the Pirates’ (7-8, 1-3 AAC) guard Isaac Fleming’s 4.8 for the conference lead.

The biggest difference between the two point guards is Shamet’s ability to protect the ball. In the same amount of games, Fleming has turned the ball over 55 times compared to Shamet’s 29.



Isaac Fleming

The Shockers guard has almost twice the assist-to-turnover ratio as Fleming, at 2.45 compared to 1.3.

“We looked at a lot of film of those unforced turnovers, (we’re) trying to eliminate those,” Perry said. “We’re going to try and play within ourselves and play according to what the defense is

giving you instead of trying to force the action.”

For the Pirates to have a chance to keep this game close, not only do they need to protect the ball, but will also need to rebound against the larger team. Wichita State’s forward Rashard Kelly ranks third in the AAC in rebounds, averaging 7.4 per game. ECU’s leading rebounder is center Jabari Craig with 6.9, tied for sixth in the conference with another Shocker, forward Darral Willis Jr.

“If we stay in tune with what the coaches want us to do and stay on point with the scouting report, I think we should be good,” Craig said.

Tip-off for the game is scheduled for 9 p.m., the latest start for the Pirates all season. Minges is expected to be packed, but for any fans who can’t make it to the game, it can still be seen on ESPN2.

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ECU’s forward Kentrell Barkley attempts a layup.