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Trollingwood employee Justin Smithwick serves up a cup of beer with a smile at last year's St. Patrick's Day event in Uptown.

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Luck of the Pirates

St. Patrick's Day events to fill Uptown

Jenna Price
TEC STAFF

Uptown Greenville is currently preparing for a plethora of festivities, such as live music and Irish beer, to celebrate St. Patrick's Day on Saturday. There will be events for all East Carolina University students and Greenville residents to enjoy.

Pitt Street Brewing Company,

located at 630 S. Pitt St., will start its festivities at 8 p.m. with a live music performance by local band The Still Shakers. After the band livens the place, at 11, the Greenville Public Safety Pipes and Drums will perform a selection of music. Brianna Long, a manager at Pitt Street, said they are excited to have the groups play.

"Still Shakers are a great local

band and they always provide great entertainment for us," Long said. "They always bring a good crowd out. And, I mean, Greenville Public Safety Pipes and Drums are a staple of the community, so we knew we really wanted them for St. Patrick's Day."

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Health Sciences vice chancellor to step down

Staff Report

The vice chancellor of East Carolina University's Division of Health Sciences announced yesterday her intent to step down from her position and return to the faculty, according to a press release from ECU News Services.

Dr. Phyllis Horns will leave her current position as vice chancellor on July 31 and transition into a faculty position in the College of Nursing. No interim vice chancellor has been announced. She said it is the right time for her personal life to step out of an administrative role.

"I'm making a transition at a time when things are really in great shape on the health sciences campus," Horns said in the press release.



Phyllis Horns

Horns served as interim chancellor for the Division of Health Sciences from 2001-02, and again in 2006 until her permanent appointment in 2009. During her tenure, Health Sciences' accomplishments include the establishment of the School of Dental Medicine, the East Carolina Heart Institute and the doubling of enrollment in both undergraduate and graduate programs, according to the press release.

Chancellor Cecil Staton praised Horns' accomplishments and contributions to ECU's legacy.

"Great universities become great in part because of excellent faculty, staff and students who work hard in their respective areas to bring distinction," Staton said. "I am certainly appreciative of Phyllis for her many years of service and dedication to making ECU what it is today."

Horns is the second vice chancellor to step down during the 2017-18 school year. Rick Niswander, vice chancellor for Administration and Finance, announced he was stepping down last semester.

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SGA to hear opioid legislation from students

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TEC STAFF

Students For Opioid Solutions announced on March 14 that the organization will work to pass legislation through East Carolina University's Student Government Association this fall to help reduce the damage from opioid use.

SOS is a student group dedicated to combating opioid use at universities through legislation, according to the group's website. Passing SGA legislation to require residential life and campus police officers to train for recognition of an opioid overdose will be one of the efforts made by the group to combat drug abuse.



Caleb Tolin

Caleb Tolin, a senior political science and communication double major, is the campus captain and student ambassador to the ECU Opioid Epidemic Council. The council works to increase awareness of opioid abuse by passing SGA legislation. The council began on ECU's campus this semester. Tolin said the training for campus residence advisors will be crucial in saving lives.

"The drug Narcan requires a training," Tolin said. "We're going to implement that for next year so over the summer, when the RAs are going through their training for the next academic school year, they'll be trained on Narcan as well."

Tolin said it will not be an additional cost for the campus because campus police are already trained to carry Narcan.

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East Carolina University students and faculty members gather around the Cupola in remembrance of the Parkland shooting.

JULIE ESTEP | THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Students, faculty walk out

ECU joins national movement for Parkland shooting

Julie Estep
TEC STAFF

Groups of East Carolina University students and faculty members walked out of their classrooms yesterday as part of a national movement by the survivors of the Parkland school shooting on Feb. 14.

The walkouts began at 10 a.m., the time of the shooting, and lasted 17 minutes for the 17 people killed in Florida.

Marcus Williams, a graduate student of the Department of Biology, said the

number of school shootings this year is disheartening to him and believes more people should be getting involved in trying to solve the issue.

"You know, it's so regular you kind of don't know which place is going to be next, so that's always a scary thing," Williams said. "In America right now, it's kind of just the cycle until someone stands up and says, 'OK, we're not going to do this anymore.'"

Molly Heym, a freshman biology major, said she came to honor the high school students and teachers who died

one month ago yesterday and participate in bringing awareness to them.

Heym said she was upset more people did not attend the walkout, but was still inspired by those who did. About 30 students and faculty gathered at the Cupola.

Regardless of political beliefs, Heym said she believes the right for students to feel safe at school is important.

Williams said part of his frustration on the issue comes from the way some

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BRIEFS

ECU medical students to find out residency matches

Fourth-year students at East Carolina University's Brody School of Medicine are invited to the auditorium of the BSM tomorrow at 11:30 a.m. to find out where they will spend the next few years as doctors in training.

Before independently providing direct patient care, U.S. medical school graduates must complete a three-to-seven year residency in a recognized medical specialty. The National Resident Matching Program is the organization that places applicants for postgraduate medical training positions into the various residency programs at teaching hospitals across the nation.

The event is open to fourth-year students of the BSM, their friends and families and Brody faculty and administrators.

Acrobatic company to perform Sunday

The world renowned Golden Dragon Acrobats will display its talents on Sunday from 4 to 5:30 p.m. at Wright Auditorium. Ticket prices vary \$10-45 based on placement within Wright.

The company of 35 offers more than 200 performances annually, combining award-winning acrobatics, traditional dance, spectacular costumes, ancient and contemporary music and theatrical techniques to present a show of acrobatic skill.

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City, community to plant trees

Stephanie Carrea
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

The city of Greenville will partner with local tree advocacy group ReLeaf, along with the Friends of Greenville Greenways (FROGG), to rehabilitate the area through its annual community tree planting event on Saturday.

The event will take place from 9 a.m. to noon at the Offleash Dog Area, located on 200 North Ashe St. The project coordinators plan to plant about 90 trees this year, which is a smaller project than some of the years past, according to Buildings and Grounds Superintendent for Public Works Kevin Heifferon.

"This was an idea that was talked about in 2007 by a colleague of mine, and it's really gaining traction," Heifferon said. "And now, because we've done such a good job with planting a lot of trees for the last 30 years, it's harder and harder to find places to plant because we've been so successful."

Heifferon said the city of Greenville has planted in a variety of areas, including at the Housing Authority, River Park North and Lake Ellsworth. He added, with the consideration of their plantings in the past, this year's greenway project will be even more special.

The event is expected to be

attended by 80 to 100 people. Pending a good turnout, the planting process could be as short as an hour, according to Heifferon.

"We will have tools out there so there is no need for people to not attend," Heifferon said. "There will also be refreshments: coffee, donuts, granola bars and fruit."

Students at East Carolina University will also work alongside the Greenville community groups and volunteers to give back to the community on Saturday. Kristoffer Douglass, a senior psychology major at ECU, will be attending the event for the first time.

"I have never been to an event such as this before, but I do hope that they become increasingly frequent as we try to keep the 'green' in Greenville," Douglass said. "The fact that this event looks to foster the community around a critical component of our everyday lives, such as the environment, is very commendable and speaks to the need for each of us to invest in our communities and serve one another."

There is a great diversity among the number of members attending this event, including the Boy and Girl Scouts of America, ECU Greek organizations, members of ReLeaf and FROGG and the people in the neighborhood, according to



AMANDA SHEA | THE EAST CAROLINIAN

A tree between Jarvis and Fleming Residence Hall on ECU's main campus.

Heifferon. He said there will be about eight to 10 different tree types, including flowering magnolias, redbuds and dogwoods.

Senior David Liu will be attending the event for the second time, hoping to make an even bigger difference for the community this year.

"Volunteering my time to contribute to the groundwork being laid is a rewarding experience," Liu said. "I participated in community tree day last year. It was life changing and a lot of fun."

Liu also gave advice on how students can give back to the community in small ways.

"Supporting companies that have green initiatives, volunteering at local organizations, buying locally grown products and taking roles in road side trash cleanup are small ways that every one of us can participate in to make a huge difference," Liu said. "Planting a tree is easy. You can do it every year and it will put a smile on your face, heal a heart and make a difference."

For more information on community tree day, students can visit the Community Tree Day Facebook page.

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have treated the recent pattern of school shootings.

"You get your hashtags and your likes and then no one talks about it," Williams said. "It's a big issue and it's one that I feel like can be solved, but won't be solved anytime soon until people take it a little more seriously."

Another biology graduate student who participated in the walkout, Nichole Carter, said she participated because she does not agree with the laws on how someone can obtain a firearm or a concealed carry permit in North Carolina.

"I would like it to be harder for people to get them," Carter said. "It's a no-gun zone on

"You get your hashtags and your likes and then no one talks about it."

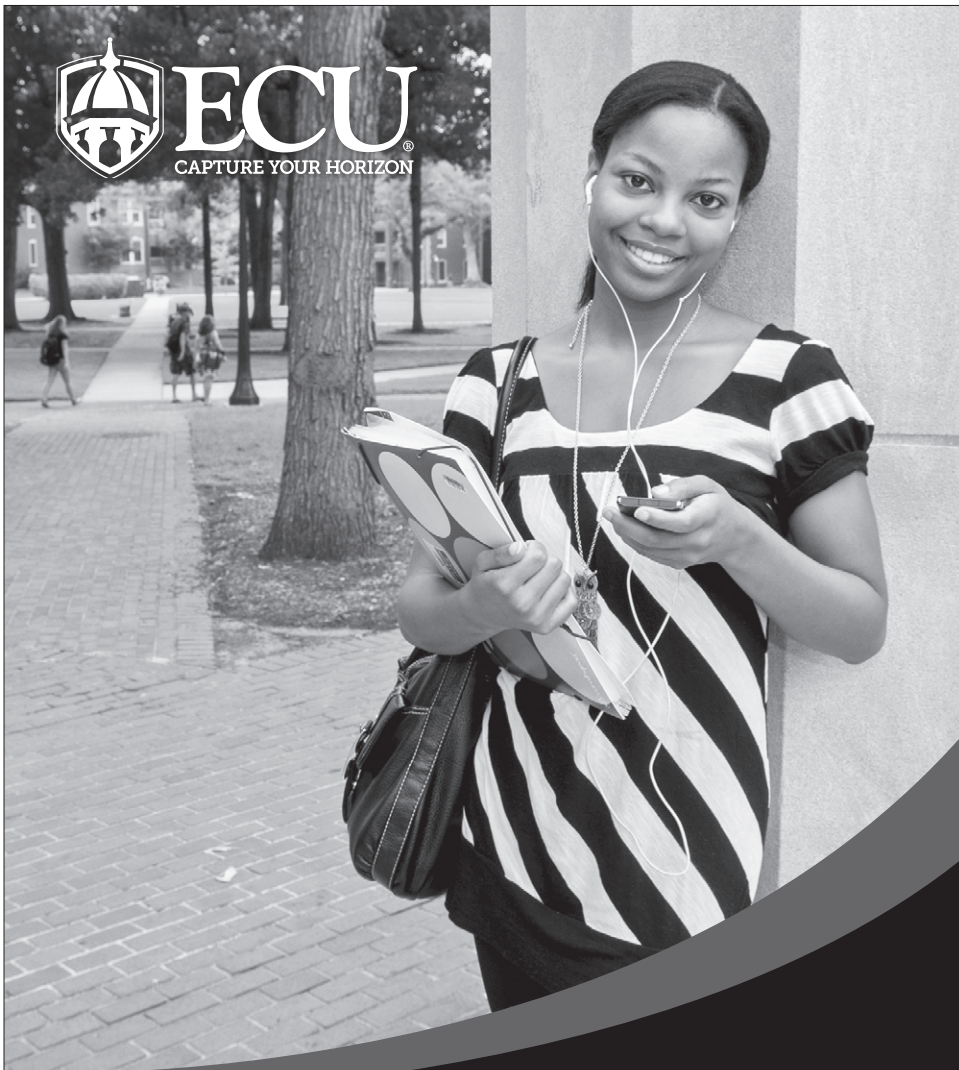
-Marcus Williams

campus but the NRA (National Rifle Association) advertises here."

Williams and Carter said, for them, the main part of the gun violence problem lies with the NRA and how they believe the organization is influencing decisions made in government. Williams said what shocks him is the lack of empathy the NRA displays in its actions or inactions.

"We can pick the little weeds around it but the root of the problem is really the NRA and how they lobby our government," Williams said. "They spend so much money lobbying politicians, that no politician wants to touch this issue."

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OxyContin in 80 mg pills. OxyContin is a commonly abused opioid that is prescribed for pain relief.

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However, the legislation was never officially in place, which is what SOS is aiming to change.

While opioid abuse is a rising problem on college campuses, Tolin believes it is not as prevalent at ECU. His goal is to prevent the use of drugs such as xanax, codeine and heroin from rising.

"Once you get to college, it's a little late in the game," Tolin said. "Drugs like that come up in party settings, so it's really important that we get people trained on this kind of a thing, especially in the dormitories where all freshmen are going to be."

Christopher Ballance, a senior political science major, is the At-large representative for SOS. He says the legislation team is still brainstorming ideas to tailor the document toward our institution specifically.

"There was a sample piece of legislation that another student government passed in Florida but their procedures are a little different than ours," Ballance said.

When passing this type of legislation it is important to have a plan and accumulate support within the community before bringing it to the floor, according to Ballance.

"Right now we're working on collecting endorsements from different sections of campus and the community," Ballance said. "Once we have all the numbers and what we feel would be appropriate endorsements then we'll bring it to the floor."

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-Christopher Ballance

There will be an ECU Opioid Epidemic Symposium on April 10 in Sci-Tech 209 at 6 p.m. Ballance said this event will bring professionals from around the state together for a panel discussion on substance abuse.

While it has been decided to bring forth an opioid abuse prevention document, there is nothing actually written down. Ballance believes the new SGA administration will have to continue next semester with the passing of this legislation.

"That's up in the air, I don't know if we can exactly work it out," Ballance said. "It might be something the new administration comes in and works on."

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OUR VIEW

Teachers don't need to be armed

A month ago, 17 lives were lost in Parkland, Florida, and although the evidence has been cleaned up, the scars and anger still remain. As suggested by President Donald Trump, in order to prevent future incidents such as Parkland, Sandy Hook, Columbine and countless others, teachers should be armed and trained to operate guns.

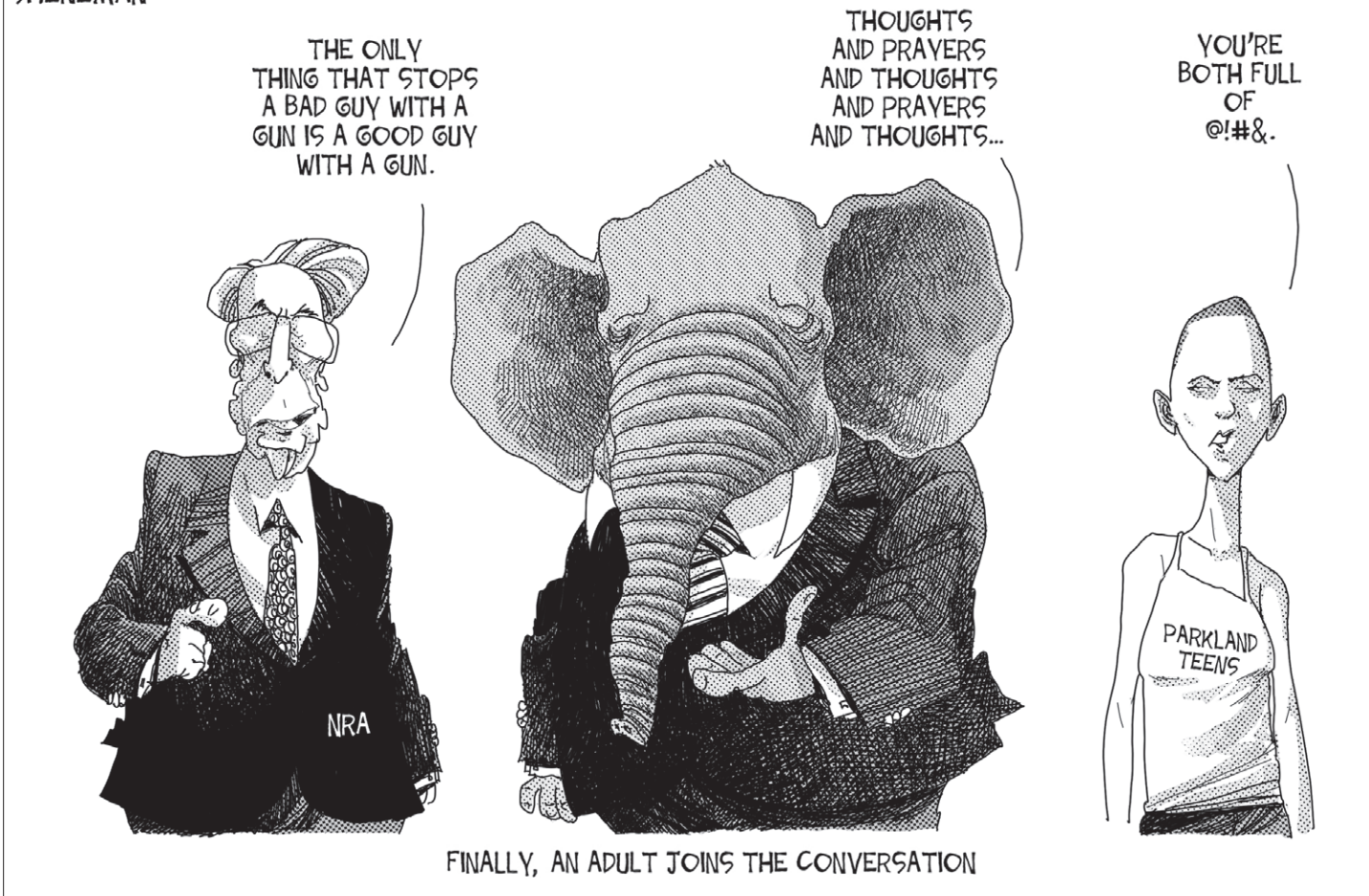
We, the editorial staff of The East Carolinian, believe East Carolina University should be a place that fosters learning, inclusivity and safety, and, in doing so, should not consider training professors to carry firearms. Although some feel the need to be armed for their protection, with hundreds of professors employed by the university, carrying a gun would do more harm than good. Most states can't even fund educators with enough money to buy school supplies for students, let alone arm them.

In October 2016, Tracy Tuten, an ECU professor in marketing and supply change management requested to carry her licensed gun on campus. ECU Police and its Public Information Officer Chris Sutton reminded the professor that bringing a gun to campus would violate state laws and lead to her arrest.

Tuten's attempted statement to show support for the Second Amendment, plus the subsequent incident involving an ECU student who accidentally brought his handgun onto campus last year, are examples of how firearms may end up on campus, but are immediately dealt with by police.

With more than 50 police officers on campus at all times, in addition to the Greenville Police Department, we should leave the crime fighting to the professionals. A teacher's job is to be a role model and inspire the next generation of leaders, not be armed to stop a potential threat.

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Understanding addiction matters



Emory Saia
GUEST COLUMNIST

How about calling it "searching" instead of "addiction." While taking a drug and alcohol class, which I highly recommend, and reading my required textbooks, I've learned that connection is the

antidote for addiction, not sobriety according to journalist Johann Hari. We should consider that addiction is about searching for support rather than substances.

Hari says that people want to be present in their lives to build healthy relationships. We enjoy surrounding ourselves with positive people and activities that bring us pleasure. I agree, the core part of addiction is that addicts are unable to be present in their lives and they're unable to get through the day without reprieve.

As humans, we're constantly looking for things that give us a sense of relief. Maybe it's a shopping addiction, reminding yourself, "I deserve this." We're all

constantly searching for...more.

Countless stereotypes and stigmas are cast on drug addicts. Instead of rejecting our friends and threatening our relationships with them, we should help them build stable, healthy bonds. Supporting them to reestablish connections. All the while, helping ourselves find resiliency and recovery for our friends.

I'm aware that not having resiliency has consequences on mental and physical health. Not learning to cope properly or address obstacles directly can result in negative health effects.

I attended my first open discussion support group meeting earlier this month. I entered the room with trepidation, unaware of the meeting's protocol. One of the posters on the wall caught my attention: "learn to listen, listen to learn." All of us were searching for answers.

I've never met anyone that wanted to be completely dependent on something. One of my friends explained it as a spiritual malady; creating a hole that needs to be filled. Like many recovering addicts, his antidote is a sense of spiritual support. It's

not the chemicals that make you addicted, it's the "cage," or the factors you're exposed to. Negative influences disrupt our natural ability to search for positive connections. Having a strong social environment and finding support in higher powers may reduce the need to find that relief.

By threatening relationships and casting addicts aside, by removing healthy bonds with our friends, we make them incapable to build strong networks. That's a bleak culture to recover in.

Instead of isolating our friends, help reconnect them with society. Be the start to their rehab. Give them the opportunity to socialize. Job creation is a remarkable way to help recovering addicts back on their feet financially.

While we should continue to support our friends to enter rehab programs and consult physicians and social workers for guidance, we can be their first push to recovery. By helping our friends reconnect with society, we are starting their road to recovery.

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Diversity of education leads to meaning



David Wilson-Okamura
GUEST COLUMNIST

According to a recent ranking, 18 of the world's best 25 universities are here in America. None of them are in Germany – which wouldn't be remarkable, except that the idea of a research university comes from Germany,

and many of the American schools on this same list were established on German models. Where did Germany go wrong?

The short answer is: it elected Nazis. Once in power, the Nazis did two things to allow British and American universities to leapfrog ahead.

The first and worst thing is they expelled Jews and other minorities. Some of those Jews came to America and found jobs in universities here. Others were murdered in the death camps. One reason American universities are great today is because 85 years ago we sheltered refugees such as Albert Einstein.

German universities also shifted their emphasis to favor subjects that were deemed practical. The details, which I'll summarize, are documented by historians Michael Gruettner and Richard Evans.

Under the Nazis, enrollment in medicine increased to 49 percent of all students. Why so many? The Nazis were obsessed with physical well-being. Indeed, it was Nazi scientists who first discovered the link between smoking and lung cancer.

Growth in medicine was at the expense of law and humanities. Under the Nazis, enrollment in law fell by almost half, from 19 percent of all students to 11 percent. What happened? The Nazis scorned law and due process. Instead, every aspect of German society was supposed to be organized on the "leadership principle." The premise of the "leadership principle" is that democratic decision-making is inefficient. Everything will run smoother, the thinking goes, if one person is in charge. The vision will be bolder, results will come faster. And you won't need laws, regulations or lawyers because the "law" will be whatever the leader says.

Subjects such as literature, philosophy and history suffered the same decline as law. Unlike medicine, these subjects did not contribute to immediate and physical well-being. Also, they encouraged young people to question authority. The career prospects for graduates with degrees in these subjects diminished as well. Before the Nazis, teaching was a high-status profession in Germany. Under the Nazis, teacher

salaries fell and veteran teachers took early retirement. A teacher shortage resulted and class sizes increased.

But that was decades ago, in Europe. Surely this could never happen today, in America. Also, didn't we fight the Nazis in World War II?

Last year, Nazis marched at the University of Virginia. "Jews will not replace us," they chanted. The year before, someone sprayed "Build That Wall" on ECU's cupola. These threats must be taken seriously. But they are obvious and repellent. There is another threat and more subtle. It's the idea that education is chiefly for material prosperity, including health.

I'm grateful for medical discoveries and scientific inventions. But humans are more than biology. We also need roses, music, paintings, stories, morals, ideas, history. We can do without these things for a little while, but not as long as some people imagine. Without beauty, human beings stop trying. Without meaning, they lose hope. They won't die outright: the survival instinct is too strong. But it will be an animal existence they drag out, not a human life.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Council member raises concern

While I appreciate The East Carolinian's energy in covering issues related to the City of Greenville which could potentially impact ECU students, I am concerned that you consistently report that "no city official" was available for comment and none returned your calls and e-mails.

I have personally spoken with TEC reporters over a dozen times and made it

clear — over and over again in multiple e-mails and phone calls — that I am available for comment and willing to speak with your newspaper on any issue. I am a member of the Greenville City Council — a "city official" by any proper definition.

It is true that my comments do not represent the official position of the City in the same way as perhaps comments by the Mayor or the City Manager. It's

reasonable that you would report that distinction. It is not reasonable, in fact it is misleading, that you repeatedly report that you have reached out to a wide array of "city officials" and then claim you received no response.

Rick Smiley
Greenville City Council

TEC 'sports

The East Carolinian Sports experts predict this weekend's baseball game

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Who? ECU 2-1 against Maryland, 1-0 at UNCW
Why? East Carolina University's baseball team will withstand the home series against the University of Maryland, losing one, then remain undefeated on the road at the University of North Carolina at Wilmington on Tuesday.

Chase Carroll

Sports Chief

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Who? ECU 2-1 against Maryland, 1-0 at UNCW
Why? The Pirates will win the series against Maryland, however will fall in one game due to ECU's starting pitching depth. They will then rebound off a big series win to get another big win over a solid UNCW team on the road.

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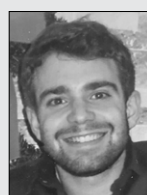
Who? ECU 2-1 against Maryland, 1-0 at UNCW
Why? Pitchers Trey Benton and Chris Holba have both proven to be tough to hit against,

and I do not see Maryland changing that this weekend. ECU will come off the Maryland series motivated to continue the win streak on the road, defeating Wilmington.

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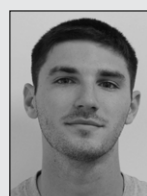
Who? ECU 2-1 against Maryland, 0-1 at UNCW
Why? Trey Benton and Chris Holba have been close to unhittable this season, and I expect that to

continue. Maryland and UNCW are still exceptional teams, especially on the offensive end, so it will be hard to overcome that without Benton or Holba.

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Who? ECU 3-0 against Maryland, 1-0 at Wilmington
Why? If one thing's clear this season, it's that ECU baseball wakes up for big

games. It will have three this weekend against Big 10 conference foe Maryland. The Terps pose a tough threat but I expect the ECU bats to wake up enough to support its typical dominant pitching. Break out those brooms and keep them handy for Wednesday's game against UNCW. The only concern, Jake Agnos is still struggling in his mid-week role so keep an eye on that against the Seahawks.



East Carolina University senior right fielder Drew Henrickson hit a sacrifice fly to left field, scoring junior Dwanya Williams-Sutton for the walk-off win.

ECU earns walk-off win

Robert Romero
TEC STAFF

Despite a pair of sub-par performances for East Carolina University's baseball team's offense over the last couple days, possibly due to windy conditions, the Pirates split their weekday games after defeating Elon University last night, but losing to Virginia Commonwealth University on Tuesday.

It was evident the windy conditions had an affect on the Pirates' offense, recording only four hits against Elon. The wind caused a lot of routine fly outs for both the Pirates and Phoenix, but it ended up working in favor for the Pirates.

In the bottom of the ninth inning, with the game tied 1-1, the wind carried a routine pop out in shallow right field to the edge of the first base line, dropping for a lead-off double for designated hitter redshirt sophomore Jake Washer.

Junior Dwanya Williams-Sutton came in to pinch-run for Washer, advancing to third base on a sacrifice bunt from junior second baseman Brady Lloyd. With one out and the winning-run just 90-feet from scoring, senior right fielder Drew

Henrickson hit a sacrifice fly to shallow left field, just far enough for the speedy William-Sutton to edge out the throw at home to secure the 2-1 walk-off win.

"(I'm) really proud of the guys today in showing a lot of toughness," head coach Cliff Godwin said. "With the wind blowing in, and cold temperatures, they could have packed it in, but they didn't."

Freshman left-handed starter Jake Kuchmaner (1 earned run, 4 H, 2 BB, 2 K) only lasted 1.2 innings, but the Pirate bullpen carried the load the rest of the way behind the arms of junior right handers Matt Bridges (2.1 IP, 2 Ks), Sam Lanier (1.0 IP, 1 K), redshirt senior West Covington (1.0 IP, 2 BBs) and Davis Kirkpatrick, who picked up the win after pitching a shutout in the final three innings.

According to Kirkpatrick, he didn't let the windy conditions affect the control of his pitches but he also used it to his advantage by pounding the strike zone, knowing the batters are affected by the cold.

"The weather is always a factor. I mean you control what you can control but definitely on the cold days you want to attack the zone," Kirkpatrick said. "I'm not really

thinking about the wind too much. I'm taking it pitch by pitch and just attacking the hitter the way I can."

ECU had similar offensive issues in Tuesday's game against VCU, recording just three hits against the Rams in a 3-0 shutout loss, snapping its most recent five-game winning streak.

The Pirates dealt with cold and windy conditions like they did in last night's game, leaving their offense more stagnant. But the Rams' pitchers combining for just 105 total pitches was more of the reason for ECU's shut out, according to Godwin.

From a hitter's perspective, junior third baseman Connor Litton believes it was more of the Pirates offense than VCU's pitching. In the game he said the team was quick to swing at the first pitch, often losing momentum later in the pitch count.

The Pirates will look to start a new winning streak tomorrow night at home, starting a three game series against the University of Maryland (9-7) at 6:30 p.m.

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>> COLUMN

Ahlers deserves shot at starter



Dylan Johnson
TEC STAFF

Gardner Minshew's withdrawal from the school.

The Pirates entered spring practice with three players fighting for the job, sophomore Reid Herring, redshirt freshman Kingsley Ifedi and true freshman Holton Ahlers. All have gotten snaps with the first-team offense, but Herring is the only one who hasn't gotten snaps with the third-team. Due to Herring's experience with head coach Scottie Montgomery and offensive coordinator Tony Peterson's offense, he is the presumed favorite to start.

Even though the sophomore has a stronger grasp on the position, I think the chance should go to Ahlers for several reasons.

For those of us who love a good story, the best reason of all is that this story is just too good to pass up. Ahlers starting right away at ECU has the potential for a "you can't write this type of stuff" story. It has been well documented that Ahlers is a Greenville native and has grown up around ECU football. His father, Morgan Ahlers, has even been the PA announcer at Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium for more than 10 years, while his son played high school football down the road at D.H. Conley High School, attending ECU football games all the while.

Being the possible hometown hero for ECU is something that would obviously mean a lot for Ahlers, as he has mentioned returning Dowdy-Ficklen stadium to its glory and telling Pirate fans that "this place is about to explode, just be patient" on Twitter. It meant enough to Ahlers to come play football at ECU instead of attending several other persutors.



Redshirt freshman quarterback Holton Ahlers throws a pass during spring football practice.

Some of the schools interested in the young quarterback include national championship runner-up, the University of Georgia, the University of Florida and in-state opponent North Carolina State University. All of these schools have high football pedigrees, much higher than ECU's right now.

Another reason to give Ahlers the chance is how much better it would be for coach Montgomery. I know coaches aren't supposed to think about how their decisions are seen by fans, and I am sure coach Montgomery isn't worried about it either. They are committed to doing what is best for the team, but starting Ahlers would be a win-win. If Ahlers doesn't start, and the team stats to struggle, fans who wanted their hometown star to start right away may decide to part ways with their ECU fandom. Starting Ahlers gives the freshman a chance to exceed critic's expectations. Or even if the team still struggles, Ahler's talent is too noticeable to not take a chance.

Lastly, and the biggest reason for the football staff in my opinion, this is simply the right decision football-wise. In case you're forgetting how successful Ahlers was in high school, let me show some statistics. His career rankings in the North Carolina high school records goes as follows: third in passing touchdowns (145), fifth in passing yards (11,198), second in total yards of offense (14,784) and third in touchdowns responsible for (201). His 56 career rushing touchdowns show his dual-threat ability. His 145 passing touchdowns is incredible, especially considering the offense was built around him

as a ball-carrier and a lot of his passing plays came off broken plays where he used athleticism to stay alive.

Plainly, it's a hometown star who was born to wear purple and gold, quarterbacking for the Pirates of ECU.

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Explore THE FIVE GREAT HAZING MYTHS, presented by Gentry McCreary, Ph.D Tuesday, March 20, 8:00pm in Wright Auditorium. Topics include hazing, risk management and substance abuse.

HOROSCOPES

Aries
(March 21-April 19) -- Today is a 6 -- Enjoy contemplative, private moments to dream and invent plans. Avoid travel, and settle into a sweet spot to write, draw and make lists. Review priorities.

Taurus
(April 20-May 20) -- Today is a 9 -- Team actions made now can have long-reaching benefit. Hold meetings and attend hearings. Coordinate efforts and keep communication channels open. Pull together for love.

Gemini
(May 21-June 20) -- Today is a 9 -- A career opportunity is worth pursuing. Use hidden resources. Jump to maintain your advantage. Others inspire you to get moving. Someone important is watching.

Cancer
(June 21-July 22) -- Today is an 8 -- Travel and investigation suit your mood. Study details and do the homework. Traffic flows for long-distance connections. You can find what you need.

Leo
(July 23-Aug. 22) -- Today is a 9 -- Discuss financial options with your partner. Current opportunities are worth considering. Review what you have and what's needed. Submit applications and file documents.

Virgo
(Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Today is a 9 -- Work out your best strategy together. Come up with a vision that inspires you both and then add structure. Share responsibilities and gratitude.

Libra
(Sept. 23-Oct. 22) -- Today is a 9 -- Get your body moving! You can get farther than you think. Beat your own personal record. Show up and do the work that nobody sees.

Scorpio
(Oct. 23-Nov. 21) -- Today is a 9 -- Love is the name of the game. Find another with similar enthusiasm and passion. Share, express and celebrate together. Let your appreciations be known.

Sagittarius
(Nov. 22-Dec. 21) -- Today is an 8 -- Focus on beauty and functionality. Upgrade your home by cleaning, organizing and making repairs. Consider color, texture and sensual treats. Enjoy the results.

Capricorn
(Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Today is a 9 -- Your wallet grows fatter as you keep producing results. You have more than you thought. Stash some away before it evaporates. Position yourself for change.

Aquarius
(Jan. 20-Feb. 18) -- Today is a 9 -- Take charge to make things happen. You know what you want. Check for scheduling conflicts before compromising. Allocate resources. Be cool; you're attracting attention.

Pisces
(Feb. 19-March 20) -- Today is a 6 -- Meditate on what your heart wants. Imagine your own version of paradise. What might you do? Where? And with whom? Invest in an investigation.

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Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

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 - 14 Pale or ginger drink
 - 15 Maj. "Hot ___" Houlihan
 - 16 Half of a Jim Carrey movie
 - 17 Young women's org.
 - 18 Pollan or Scoggins
 - 20 "Mister Ed" co-star Ames
 - 21 Carney of "The Honeymooners"
 - 24 The Greatest
 - 25 Goodman or Hill
 - 26 Eddie Murphy movie
 - 27 Bloom or Trevor
 - 29 "Fort __, the Bronx"
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 - 35 Muppets' creator Jim
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 - 4 "Empty ___"
 - 5 Legendary Yankee sportscaster
 - 6 Silverstone of "Batman & Robin"
 - 7 Andrew Dice ___
 - 8 Plunk starter?
 - 9 "Danny Thomas Show" co-star Jean
 - 10 Nancy of "Pollyanna"
 - 11 Cecil's cartoon buddy
 - 19 Monica and Phoebe's friend
 - 20 Christopher and Bruce
 - 21 Football coach Parseghian
 - 22 Dr. Dre's genre
 - 23 H. Hughes' airline
 - 25 Eastwood movie, "___ Billy"
 - 28 Raymond Burr dramatic series
 - 30 Sleuth Charlie
 - 32 "___ Ventura, Pet Detective"
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 - 34 Natl. TV network
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 - 39 Jane Curtin's sitcom character
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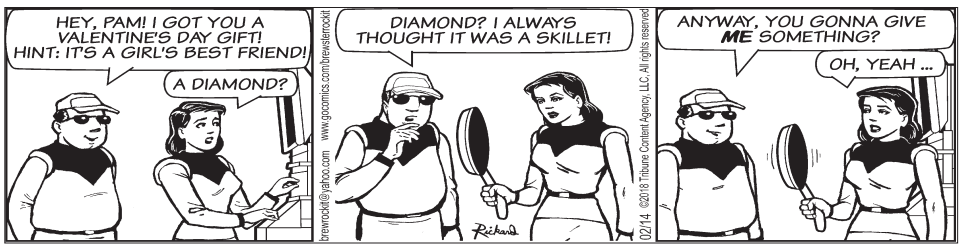
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SATURDAY

Jam with The Daze on St. Patty's Day
Trollingwood Taproom & Brewery
3 p.m.

St. Patty's Day at the Pub
Christy's Euro Pub
4 p.m.

St. Patty's Day with The Still Shakers
Pitt Street Brewing Company
8 p.m.

Floggy Barley Release & Live Music
Uptown Brewing Company
8 p.m.



Scullery to serve Irish beer

St. Patrick's Day event to fund Ulster Project of Greenville

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FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

With many cultures making up America, the U.S. has its share of imported holidays. For those with Irish blood, one of the most popular holidays is right around the corner, as one local restaurant looks to provide a taste of Ireland for a cause.

The Ulster Project of Greenville will host beer tastings on Saturday at The Scullery Coffee House and Creamery, located at 431 Evans St., from 6:30 to 8 p.m., extending the restaurant's normal hours. In light of St. Patrick's Day, the restaurant will offer local beer and Irish-inspired dishes.

The stand up beer tasting, although a fun and lively event, serves a greater purpose in raising awareness and funding for the Ulster Project. As stated by the organization's official website, the project began in Greenville in 1990

and works to combat deeply ingrained conflicts and inequalities between Catholics and Protestants in Northern Ireland, where the terms refer to social and political differences rather than religious beliefs.

"The purpose is to bring teens of different sectarian backgrounds over to the U.S., into our melting pot society, and to show them that this is not a big deal. We can have peace," Cassie Billings, former



Cassie Billings



The Scullery is located at 431 Evans St. The cafe will host an event Saturday.

president and host mom of The Ulster Project of Greenville, said.

In line with The Scullery's mission to support local businesses, the tasting will feature North Carolina-brewed beers in Irish styles as an ode to the holiday.

"Usually what we do is feature local breweries because we do have a lot of great beer in North Carolina," Matthew Scully, owner and manager of the The Scullery said.

As for recommendations on what to try, Taylor Harris, a line cook at the restaurant said there are a variety of ales, making the experience that much more exciting.



Taylor Harris

"Anything... a milk stout that

would be really good, or a classic Irish porter, I love those," Harris said.

There's no guarantee of green beer, according to Scully. Although fun and festive, green beer will not be served to contribute to the authentic Irish experience as fluorescent beverages are a U.S. tradition and not found overseas.



Matthew Scully

"Treats including Bailey's Irish Cream frosted cupcakes and heavy hors d'oeuvres, such as a sausage roll puff pastry and mini shepherd's pie, are set to make an appearance," Scully said. "To heighten the atmosphere, The Scullery is said to decorate with St. Patrick's Day decorations while guests enjoy Irish Celtic music playing throughout the space."

Those attending will want to get there early as space tends to fill up fast. The event sees about 50 guests per tasting. No prior knowledge of the the Ulster Project or Irish culture is needed to attend.

Advance tickets are \$35 for one, \$60 for two, and \$15 for a designated driver ticket. Tickets can be reserved by emailing greenvilleulster@gmail.com or by calling calling the Ulster Project. Tickets may also be available at the door if space is available.

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For those looking to start festivities earlier in the day, Christy's Euro Pub will host a parking lot party beginning at 4 p.m. It will feature several musical artists: Ben Herring, Bill Redding & Friends and Dave Dixon, while also debuting a new Jameson IPA.

Caitlin Brewington, a junior communication major, said she is proud of her Irish roots and looks forward to the holiday every year.

"My family is Irish and we're extremely close to our roots. We celebrate this holiday every year," Brewington said. "I like Christy's because they have great music and great beer and it just really gives off an authentic vibe. That's exactly what it would be like if you were at a pub in Ireland."

If bars and pubs are too lively, there are other, more family friendly events to attend. Uptown Greenville is partnering with A Time For Science to host its annual celebration of Day O'Green and Au (Gold).

A Time For Science will feature live music from the Balter Brothers, interactive science exhibits, Irish food and Celtic music. The event is free and open to the public and will take place at 729 Dickinson Ave. from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Meredith Hawke, who is the event and

" My family is Irish and we're extremely close to our roots. We celebrate this holiday every year. "

-Caitlin Brewington

branding director of Uptown Greenville, said she is excited for all the events that will be featured on Saturday. Though this event could be viewed as something geared toward children, there will be plenty for adults to do as well.

"There will be great Celtic music. We're featuring a great band, the Balter Brothers," Hawke said. "There's music and entertainment, but all of the science exhibits are also adult friendly. It's really a family day. I like to say that it's an opportunity for parents to have their kids learn on a Saturday, and also learn about the Irish holiday and things that they might not otherwise get to know."



Meredith Hawke

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