

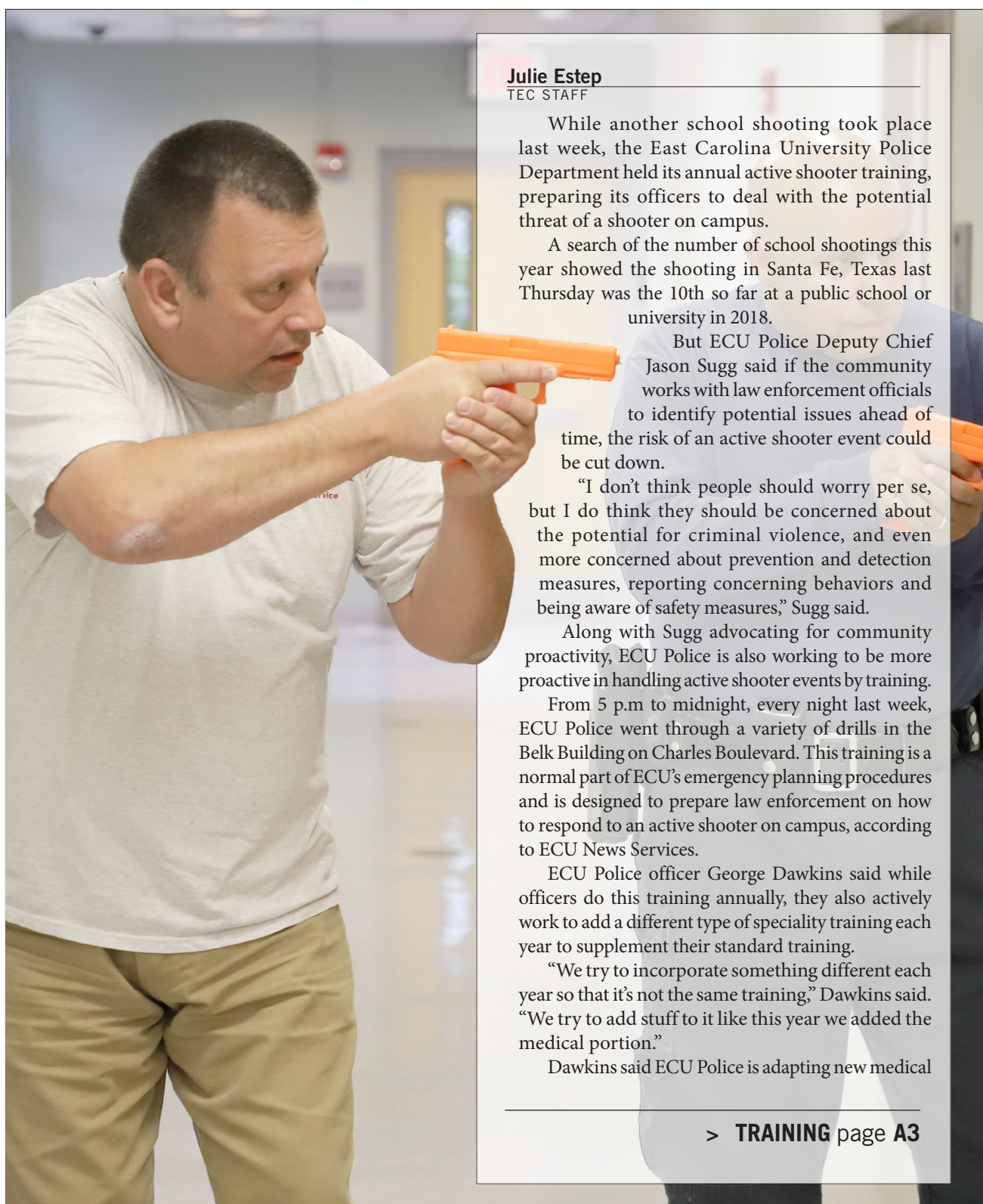


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ECU Police conduct active shooter training



Julie Estep
TEC STAFF

While another school shooting took place last week, the East Carolina University Police Department held its annual active shooter training, preparing its officers to deal with the potential threat of a shooter on campus.

A search of the number of school shootings this year showed the shooting in Santa Fe, Texas last Thursday was the 10th so far at a public school or university in 2018.

But ECU Police Deputy Chief Jason Sugg said if the community works with law enforcement officials to identify potential issues ahead of time, the risk of an active shooter event could be cut down.

"I don't think people should worry per se, but I do think they should be concerned about the potential for criminal violence, and even more concerned about prevention and detection measures, reporting concerning behaviors and being aware of safety measures," Sugg said.

Along with Sugg advocating for community proactivity, ECU Police is also working to be more proactive in handling active shooter events by training.

From 5 p.m. to midnight, every night last week, ECU Police went through a variety of drills in the Belk Building on Charles Boulevard. This training is a normal part of ECU's emergency planning procedures and is designed to prepare law enforcement on how to respond to an active shooter on campus, according to ECU News Services.

ECU Police officer George Dawkins said while officers do this training annually, they also actively work to add a different type of speciality training each year to supplement their standard training.

"We try to incorporate something different each year so that it's not the same training," Dawkins said. "We try to add stuff to it like this year we added the medical portion."

Dawkins said ECU Police is adapting new medical

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An ECU Police Department officer participates in a drill on ways to enter a room where a possible active shooter could be hiding in.

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>> WHERE THERE'S SMOKE THERE'S FIRE

Firefighters: confused by GFR delay

Darby Hubbell
TEC STAFF

Two current Greenville Fire/Rescue firefighters say they are confused by the decision to delay the release of Developmental Associates' evaluation of GFR.

They both said Developmental Associates seemed committed to finishing its evaluation before May 15.

Now, after City Manager Ann Wall announced the evaluation would take an additional 30-45 days, the two GFR firefighters said they aren't sure what to make of the evaluation anymore.

A current GFR Specialist, who spoke to The East Carolinian on the condition of anonymity, said the way everything looked when Developmental Associates completed its online surveys seemed like it would get instant results.

"The fact that they needed an additional 30-45 days to compile the results it just seemed like to me like it was almost putting something off or trying to give them more room to figure something out," the EMS Specialist said. "Honestly it makes me lose a lot of faith in what their intentions are and how much they are really going to be doing to help us."

When the first EMS Specialist heard the news, he said his first thought was it seemed as though GFR was moving down the same road it was originally heading down.

"We went to these meetings and everything seemed to be going really well with the meetings and they seemed to be really interested in our thoughts and our opinions and our concerns," the EMS Specialist said. "And then at the end of all of it when we are expecting to hear results, we get a notification saying that they are going to need longer than an additional month, a month and a half, it just really takes all the hope you had away."

A second current EMS Specialist, who spoke to The East Carolinian on the condition of anonymity, said Developmental Associates never expressed a need for additional time to GFR firefighters.

The second EMS Specialist said he was surprised

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Junior right-handed pitcher Chris Holba winds up to pitch in a game for the Pirates

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ECU takes down UCF

Henrickson leads Pirates to opening round victory

Dylan Johnson
TEC STAFF

The East Carolina University baseball team overcame a rough start and rolled to an 8-4 win over the University of Central Florida in the first round of the American Athletic Conference Tournament on Tuesday in Clearwater, Florida.

ECU (40-15) pitcher Chris Holba gave up two hits and three quick runs in the first inning and UCF (35-20) took advantage of two walks, a hit by pitch and a wild pitch to help score. Holba struggled all throughout his 3.1 innings, walking four hitters, but didn't give up any more hits after the first inning and only allowed one more run in the fourth inning.

It marks the fourth consecutive start Holba has struggled in since he missed the series against the University of Houston due to illness. Holba has lasted an average of just around four innings and has given up 14 runs in those last four starts. The bullpen picked Holba up, as four different Pirate relievers combined to throw 5.2 scoreless innings.

Luckily for Holba and the Pirates, the offense came to play, lead by Andrew Henrickson. Henrickson went 3-for-4 and drove in four runs to lead the offense. Henrickson tripled in the third inning to score Connor Litton and gave ECU a 4-3 lead. With the Pirates holding on to a 5-4 lead in the eighth inning, it was Henrickson who doubled

with the bases loaded to push ECU out to an 8-4 lead and a comfortable win.

A Jake Washer RBI double in the first, RBI singles from Turner Brown and Spencer Brickhouse in the second inning and a sacrifice fly from Brady Lloyd in the third inning counted for the rest of the ECU runs.

AAC Player-of-the-Year Bryant Packard went 0-for-5 and saw his 32 game hit streak, the longest in ECU program history, come to an end.

Potentially inclement weather caused the start time for the game to be moved up to 9 a.m. instead of its previously scheduled 3 p.m. ECU now moves into the winners bracket of the tournament and awaits the winner of the game between Tulane University and Houston.

ECU will play the winner on Wednesday at 12:30 p.m. due to potential rain later in the week, while UCF moves into the losers bracket and awaits the loser of the Tulane and Houston game for an elimination game on Wednesday.

The ECU baseball team will be back in action against Tulane University today at 12:30 p.m. in Tampa. Tulane beat the one-seeded University of Houston to advance to the winners bracket of the AAC tournament.

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BRIEFS

Comedy Open Mic at Pitt Street Brewing

Every Wednesday night at Pitt Street Brewing is Open Mic Night. The brewery has been hosting this event each week for the past couple months. Anyone is welcome to come try their luck at stand-up comedy or just enjoy watching others put on a show.

The event takes place in the upstairs of the brewery overlooking where the beer is brewed. Those wanting to participate should sign up at 7:30 p.m. The show runs from 8 to 10 p.m. at Pitt Street Brewing is located at 630 S. Pitt St.

Both events are free and for more information, contact Rebekah Thurston at 252-329-4679.

Team Feud at Tiebreakers

Team Feud is just like Family Feud. Each team guesses and answers a question then sees how people polled answered. Winners receive an MVP card from Tiebreakers Sports Bar and Grill. The event is Thursday from 7 to 9 p.m. Tiebreakers is located at 1920 Smythewyck Dr.

CORRECTIONS & CLARIFICATIONS

In last week's edition of the "Where There's Smoke There's Fire" series, a statement was incorrectly attributed to City Manager Ann Wall. Specifically, the article stated Wall had previously told The East Carolinian she intended to make policy changes to Greenville Fire/Rescue rather than personnel changes.

However, Wall hasn't specified her intentions with GFR to The East Carolinian and allegedly talked about personnel versus policy changes while in meetings with two separate firefighters. Furthermore, neither Wall nor the city of Greenville has not confirmed the firefighters' accounts of Wall's intentions.

If you feel there are any factual errors in this newspaper, please contact Matthew Prensky at editor@theeastcarolinian.com.

'Fiesta Biathlon' raises funds

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TEC STAFF

Runners and bikers set themselves up on the starting line in front of Chico's Mexican Restaurant on Sunday to take off on Greenville's 32nd annual Fiesta Biathlon to raise money and awareness for multiple sclerosis.

Multiple sclerosis is an unpredictable chronic and fatal disease which slowly damages and disables a person's speech, muscle coordination, eyesight and life as it slowly disrupts the flow of information within the brain, and the connection between the brain and body.

Tony Parker, co-director of Chico's Mexican Restaurant, located at 521 Cotanche St., said the 3.1 mile run and 15 mile bike race all started on a bet between friends to decide who is the best athlete, runner and cyclist.

Parker said the race started 32 years ago at Chico's Mexican Restaurant, which remains as one of the two historic sponsors of the race along with the Bicycle Post located on Cotanche St., next to Chico's. He said all of the proceeds will be going to benefit "The Pedling Pirate" which is a group who benefits and raises funds for the National MS Society research program.

"The 5K is a 3.1 mile run out along the greenway and back and then 15 mile bike ride out into the county and back," Parker said.

Parker said the foundation the Fiesta Biathlon chooses to donate all of their race funds toward changes almost every year.

"Last year, we did it for F.R.O.G.G.S. (Friends of Greenville Greenways) and raised money for the greenways," Parker said. "This year, it's for the MS Society and it just depends on where the greatest need is at the time."

The total money raised to go toward the MS Society is still unknown. According to Parker, they're "still working on the books."

Delia Parker, co-director of the Fiesta Biathlon, said her inspiration to take on directing this race again this year stemmed from the opportunity to give back to her community and the



Bicycle Post and Chico's Mexican Restaurant co-sponsored Greenville's 32nd annual Fiesta Biathlon on Sunday.

people she knows personally who suffer from MS.

"It was a great venue to do this while working alongside my husband and work toward a good cause," Delia said.

Delia said after only living in Greenville for four years, she still understands the historical aspects of the race. She said the race began in 1987 and is the oldest race in Greenville.

Kim Chambers, a second-year volunteer of the biathlon, said she chose to volunteer because she is apart of Go Run, a group of runners located in Greenville who attend races all over Greenville and North Carolina. The group was racing on Sunday in support of the research going toward MS and she also wanted to help make Fiesta Biathlon a successful event.

Patti Sanborn, race volunteer and a member of Go Run, said she has been apart of the Fiesta Biathlon for the past four years.

"It's just a great event. We have a lot of participants and it's just great getting to meet all of these friends out again every year," Sanborn said. "I have a girlfriend and two, three people who have been affected by MS so it means a lot to me."

Steve Camp, racer and volunteer, has been racing in the Fiesta Biathlon since the 1990's and said the event has always been popular and heavily participated in by the Greenville community.

"This is an elitist event and people from all over the state and other states come in for this and it's now probably a little bit more pedestrian than it has been in the past, but we have world class triathletes with us today," Camp said.

Run the East, a website which directs races around eastern North Carolina, said the male first place winner of the Fiesta Biathlon was Charles Boilineau Jr. who completed the 5k in 22 minutes and 27 seconds and the 15 mile bike ride in 36 minutes and 47 seconds.

Shirley Winfield, a resident of Farmville, North Carolina, was the female biathlon first place winner, ranking at 9th place overall, completing her 5k in 25 minutes and 19 seconds and her 15 mile bike ride in 44 minutes and 58 seconds, according to Run the East.

Tony said the reason he and other chose to direct, volunteer and participate in this race every year because they want to encourage people to get up, get

out and move.

"Our society is being impacted by obesity and non-movement and if we don't have people who are out there showing people that it can be done then it won't get done," Parker said. "We're really encouragers, we're really trying to encourage newbies to try, to give it a shot."

Delia said there was a little bit more of a increase in participation this year over last but a lot of the outcome came down to the weather.

"We did see an increase in biathlon participants which was really fun because we got to meet new people while tackling this event," Delia said. "We were very fortunate."

Tony said Greenville residents can look forward to the next big race, which will take place this November at Goose Creek State Park Trail hosted by Emerald City Endurance Company, LLC and to return next May to participate and race in support of the MS society again in next year's 33rd annual Fiesta Biathlon.

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ECU community to celebrate Memorial Day

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May is Military Appreciation Month, and East Carolina University is using the month to celebrate and appreciate the members of its community, both faculty and student, who have dedicated their lives in service of the United States.

Memorial Day is on Monday and ECU will observe the state holiday by cancelling classes for the day, according to the university's academic calendar.

ECU has a variety of programs available for assisting military students and veterans transitioning into the university.

The Office of Military Programs provides help to military students needing information on what courses are being offered, tuition problems, residency concerns as well as any specific issues which may occur due to a military deployment, according to the Office of Military



American flags covered the mall in September on ECU's main campus to commemorate the attacks on September 11th.

Programs website.

The organization can assist prospective cadets and enlisted service members interested in completing college and receiving officer commissions.

Business administration major

Julia Harnell said she appreciates the celebration of veterans because she has a personal connection as her grandfather served in the Marines.

"I'm always thankful for everyone that serves," Harnell said. Recent ECU biomedical

engineering alum Matthew McCall is a staff sergeant in the Marine Reserves with five years of active duty under his belt.

McCall has also started his own company called "Beyond". The company aims to help veterans

achieve their academic goals with one-on-one tutoring. McCall's mother, Kerry McCall, spoke highly of the company and the services it provides.

"I believe his company has been and will continue to benefit any one of any age who needs a little extra help either as a student entering or reentering after years of service," McCall said

Biology major Daniel Pince served in the United States Air Force for several years before deciding to go back to school and study science at ECU.

"Joining the force allowed me to mature and actually decide I wanted to go back to school," Pince said. "I think if I would have done it straight out of high school, I wouldn't be as motivated as I am now."

Pince said he hopes to get his bachelor's degree in biology and a minor in psychology from ECU.

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when the delay was announced, adding it seemed as though Developmental Associates would have its evaluation completed by the originally agreed upon deadline.

"They pretty much just said that we would have results by May 15th and that they were going to try and rush it along and go ahead and get it done because that's what Ann Wall wanted and then when that email came out we were all kind of surprised," the second EMS Specialist said.

However, the second EMS Specialist said some firefighters were surprised but in another sense they were not due to the alleged ongoing negative condition of treatment GFR firefighters have grown accustomed to over the past year and a half to two years.

The second EMS Specialist said if

Developmental Associates and Wall are going to drag the results out then maybe it will be a good thing.

"Maybe they have more going on than what they realized they had going on and now they are realizing they need more time to get their ducks in a row," the second EMS Specialist said.

According to the first EMS Specialist, Developmental Associates and Wall were very adamant about the deadline and discussed the deadline several times in emails to GFR employees. The first EMS Specialist added, the reminders asked firefighters to pay attention to their emails once the survey was released due to the limited amount of time allotted to respond.

"They (Developmental Associates) were on a very strict deadline given by Ann Wall herself and it was just very strict time restraints and things had to be done within a certain amount of time," the first EMS Specialist said. "As a matter of fact, the very last thing they

did was make sure as soon as this thing hits your email, you know you're working on this survey so you can get it turned in before the deadline because we (GFR firefighters) have to have everything done by a certain time."

The first EMS Specialist said when the results come out in the next 30-45 days, he expects the results won't be anything GFR firefighters were originally hoping for.

The first EMS Specialist said Wall seems more interested in policy reformation than in anything personnel related. The first EMS Specialist said he never really anticipated anyone in the department losing their job as a result of the evaluation.

"It's almost like she's kind of, I feel like this might be like a delay, so that people's emotions will kind of subside a little bit," the first EMS Specialist said.

The second EMS Specialist said there is nothing that could surprise him anymore in

the GFR department. In fact, the second EMS Specialist said he would be surprised if in fact Developmental Associates and the city did release its finding in 30 days.

"If they come up in 30 to 45 days or whenever and decide they are going to come out and say, 'Hey, look, we need more time, we're going to take another month,' I wouldn't be surprised and I don't think anyone else dealing with this stuff would be surprised," the second EMS Specialist said.

Brock Letchworth, public information officer for the city of Greenville, said the city would have no further comment about the delayed results.

After several attempts to contact Heather Lee, no calls or emails were returned to The East Carolinian about the delay of the investigation.

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MONDAY

**Greenville Fishing
Promotional Event**
River Park North
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Stumpy's swings into Uptown

Axe throwing business to open in Greenville in late July

Trajan Warren
TEC STAFF

From restaurants and bars to shops and events, there are a variety of activities which make up Uptown Greenville. But soon, axe throwing will be one of the activities for Greenville residents to have a swing at.

Stumpy's Hatchet House is a franchise of indoor recreation spots with locations in New Jersey, New York, and Texas. Co-owners Brandon and Taylor Qualls have brought the idea to Uptown Greenville and plan to open the 816 Dickinson Ave. location sometime in late July.

For co-owner Brandon Qualls, who is also the owner of the newly established restaurant Ford + Shep, the chief objective of Stumpy's has been to provide a unique entertainment experience to Greenville.



Brandon Qualls

Stumpy's Hatchet House will be open to all of the Greenville community and visitors aged 21 or older, according to Qualls. Guests are allowed to bring their own beer and food into the axe throwing social house for no charge. For each guest, it will cost \$40 for a two-hour slot at one of the eight hatchet throwing lanes



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Stumpy's Hatchet House will open its business at 816 Dickinson Ave.

the location will have.

Uptown Greenville worked with the owners in helping find a suitable location for Stumpy's and ultimately decided upon the Dickinson Avenue location, according to Uptown Greenville president and CEO Bianca Shoneman.

"I think Stumpy's is going to be a new experience for all in the Greenville area," Shoneman said. "We love the idea of entertainment, and this is going to be entertaining."

Along with axe throwing, guests can also spend time congregating in the "Wood Shed" room, which

can also be used as a space to host parties, according to Qualls.

"It's a very loud, lively atmosphere. It's got live edge boards, big leather couches and farm tables. It's a very relaxed, but finished atmosphere," Qualls said. "You can grab a pizza from Luna's (Cafe), throw some axes, then come to (Ford + Shep) for a cocktail all in one night out."

For the Qualls, the process to get Stumpy's Hatchet House opened has been an easier process than opening their restaurant. The owners of the first Stumpy's Hatchet House, Trish and Mark Oliphant, are the aunt and uncle of Taylor Qualls.

"This process to get everything going has been a lot quicker," Qualls said. "We called Taylor's aunt and uncle and got the ball rolling fast. Within a week we had leased a space and were ready to roll."

The opening of Stumpy's Hatchet House will add a new element to the uptown Greenville area. According to Qualls, the addition of Stumpy's to the Uptown District will be a perfect fit.

"We hope to add another entertainment option to Greenville," Qualls said. "We want Stumpy's to be something different, something unique to go do."

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The ECU Police Department conducted its active shooter training at ECU's Belk Building.

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training this year to better prepare for scenarios where an officer might need to provide immediate medical attention.

"The beginning first hour was something we brought in this year that's called 'Stop the Bleed,'" Dawkins said. "That's a medical portion of it the individuals at Vidant Medical Center and Brody School of Medicine have put together."

Aside from the additional training provided by medical professionals during the week, officers also participated in a variety of role playing activities. Dawkins said groups of officers would rotate in shifts throughout the night, working through tactics and scenarios, all geared toward dissolving an active shooter situation.

Sgt. Chester Jones led a particular scenario which had officers review the procedures of how to enter a room where a potential shooter might be. This involved going through a number of officer formations previously learned during Basic Law Enforcement training.

Jones also specifically had officers factoring in how to maneuver dormitories or buildings on campus with tight hallways, such as those found in Clement Residence Hall or White Residence Hall.

Sugg said he understands how the recent events at the high school in Santa Fe, Texas could be weighing heavily on student's minds, but doesn't want anyone to be worried about an active shooter at ECU.

"Certainly, people should be aware that ECU, like many other universities throughout this state and country, is a public university and therefore publicly accessible,"

Sugg said, in an email. "Could it happen at ECU? Yes, of course it could."

Sugg also said while ECU is a great place to live and learn, it is not immune to crime simply because it is a university campus. In addressing potential concerns to campus, Sugg said ECU tries to be as diligent as possible.

"There are a great deal of things that go on behind the scenes at ECU such as threat assessment and investigation of information related to threats or potential behaviors of concern," Sugg said. "This is why we train regularly for active shooter response along with a variety of other relevant training"

According to Sugg, ECU Police employees completed 8,498 hours of training in 2017, up from 7,483 hours in 2016. Sugg added this means each employee had around 125 hours of training per person, equating to about one 10 hour training day per month.

The main theme Sugg said he wants everyone to continue to think about is being vigilant and aware of the potential problems and behaviors around the community so ECU Police can work to resolve them.

"Just to illustrate how these events affect us all, the sheriff of Galveston County in Texas where Santa Fe High School is located is a personal friend to me," Sugg said. "We attended the FBI National Academy together. In fact, his picture is on the wall in my office. So even for us, these events can be very personal even if they happen halfway across the country."

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Jason Sugg

OUR VIEW

GFR results should be released to community

Greenville Fire/Rescue has been under investigation by the outside firm Developmental Associates since Mar. 16. The investigation, which used small group interviews and an anonymous employee survey, was supposed to be released on Tuesday.

However, in an email sent out by City Manager Ann Wall, the release of the investigation was delayed for an additional 30-45 days, allowing Developmental Associates more time "to complete the review of the data."

We, the editorial staff of The East Carolinian believe this delay in results is suspicious and urge both Developmental Associates and the city to release the investigation's results in a timely manner.

We believe the decision by Wall to delay the release is suspicious because Developmental Associates began its investigation back in March and gave itself approximately 30 days to analyze the results, according to the firm's proposal.

The decision to extend the investigation by 30-45 days seems like an inappropriate amount of time, given how Developmental Associates had since April 15 to analyze its results. Additionally, the lack of an explanation regarding the decision beyond a sentence or two, only casts more of a cloud around a situation with little transparency.

Wall's decision and the city's subsequent move to offer no further comment on the topic seems to indicate a much more concerning outcome. From the outside looking in, this extra 30-45 days seem like a ploy by Wall to buy more time to figure out what to do.



Littering hurts ECU

Greenville community must be mindful of trash



Dani's Good Vibes

Danielle Schmid
TEC STAFF

On many occasions, I'll find myself cringing at the people who dispose of cups and bottles on their walks downtown.

I'll never understand this concept because obviously, you pass multiple recycling bins downtown. Someone won't kill you for putting a cup in their bin rather than throw it in their bushes. It just blows my mind because it's bad enough we as Americans don't recycle as well or as much as we should.

A good starting point to stop littering and to manage correct recycling methods is to start in the school systems. If students are taught at a young age in a cool, knowledgeable way how to recycle and they will consistently do it for the 12 years they're in school. They would continue doing it by habit.

Another problem which needs to be altered is how our police and government handles this issue. Police need to do a better when it comes to enforcing littering. They need to be more consistent enforcing when patrolling at parks, concerts, tailgates or anywhere when it comes to littering. For instance, instead of giving a 20-year-old a ticket for having a drink, why don't you get the guy who just smashed four beer glasses on the ground and left them there.

According to my friends who just studied abroad in Italy, trash and recycling companies there won't pick up your waste unless it is sorted and cleaned correctly. Meanwhile in Greenville, people leave a party or event looking like a landfill.



ECU senior Arden Vessie picks up trash as part of the University Neighborhood Association. PHOTOGRAPHER | THE EAST CAROLINIAN

East Carolina University should also start enforcing littering fines at tailgates and on campus. ECU should make campus cleaner by stopping the use of glitter in graduation pictures. Glitter not only can affect the animals and water of Greenville, but it covers our entire campus. I don't know what it was, but this campus looks as though everyone who took graduation pictures brought glitter to blow.

My reaction to this is one, is it not obvious that glitter isn't supposed to just be sprinkled in nature and two, do you guys not think to try to clean it up? There are at least 3,000 pieces of confetti bigger than a dime by the fountain and Cupola, and that doesn't even count the infinite amount of loose glitter

which has been blown around ECU.

I realize people may think these glitter blowing graduation pictures are cute, but instead of using this micro plastic killer we call glitter, why don't you think of something more original. If you must blow something in your graduation pictures maybe try flower petals or something that actually decomposes.

Moral of the story, what happens on our planet stays on our planet. We gotta protect it. We can do our part by not littering and taking steps to recycle.

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False assault claims hurt victims



Robbie's Rumbles

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In recent sporting news surrounding the trial of Reuben Foster, his former girlfriend admitted to lying about claims he abused her. Elissa Ennis, the former girlfriend of Foster, confessed in a preliminary hearing she lied in order to get back at Foster.

Because of her claims, Foster was arrested and charged with domestic violence. During the preliminary hearing surrounding Fosters' domestic violence charge, Ennis admitted she lied.

"I was pissed, and I wanted to end him," Ennis said, according to ESPN. She was pissed about Foster dumping her so she wanted to get revenge and end his career in the National Football League. For Foster, who has only been in the NFL for a year, this charge surely would have had a huge impact on his career.

I'm here to discuss the impact of

" We live in a country where victims are not always seen as honest, which leads to victims waiting to bring allegations up to their local police department "

false claims, such as the ones Ennis' made and how they hurt the judicial system and people who are actually affected by domestic violence.

Even with this being a preliminary hearing, it makes real victims suffer when an alleged victim admits to lying about being attacked and even confesses to stealing items from the alleged attacker.

We live in a country where victims are not always seen as honest, which leads to victims waiting to bring allegations up to their local police department. This then prolongs people's pain and suffering. So when a person wants to get revenge for being dumped and actually admits to it, it just makes being a true victim harder. It makes it harder because people

will be more likely to not bring actual problems to police departments because they will be looked at with great skepticism. When a person brings up a false charge, I believe they should get jail time because this hurts the person falsely accused and hundreds of thousands of others.

In the end, this society needs to crack down on abusive individuals and liars. It also needs to seek to help to those who actually are being victimized by abusive people.

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HOROSCOPES

Aries (March 21-April 19) -- Today is an 8 -- Talk with your partner. Discuss options and priorities, and take action. Invest in efficiency. Avoid stepping on another's sensitivities. You may need support next.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Today is an 8 -- Communication is key. Listen to all considerations. Resolution of a misunderstanding opens up new possibilities. Creative work pays well. Dig deeper into your subject.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) -- Today is an 8 -- Surround yourself with people who love you, and pay attention to their ideas. Share what you're learning. Connect like-minded friends. Social events benefit you professionally.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) -- Today is a 7 -- Discuss your physical performance with your coach, doctor or colleague. Stretch and practice to refine your moves. Stay flexible. Rest between bursts of energy.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Today is a 9 -- Creative projects can get profitable. Focus energies on the job at hand, and provide excellence. Avoid distractions. Watch your finances. Harness optimism.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Today is an 8 -- Develop professional opportunities. Focus on what's in the bag rather than illusive fantasies. Prepare a powerful presentation, and then negotiate a win-win deal.

Gemini (May 21-June 20) -- Today is a 7 -- Romance arises in conversation. A visit to a favorite place provides inspiration. Dream a little dream together. Take action for love. Let your heart lead.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) -- Today is a 9 -- Don't be harsh on yourself. Get out of your head and into action on a personal project. You can get what's needed. Friends help out.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) -- Today is a 7 -- An exploration pulls you away from your routines. Stick to reliable routes and destinations. Share your news and views. Present your discoveries.

Cancer (June 21-July 22) -- Today is an 8 -- Make domestic decisions carefully. Keep your wits about you. Discuss solutions with family. Ask for what you want. Contribute elbow grease. Break ground.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) -- Today is a 6 -- Quiet and privacy soothe your spirit. Find a peaceful spot to plan what's next. Shop carefully; appearances can deceive. Not all five-star ratings are real.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) -- Today is an 8 -- Make plans together. Avoid a financial argument by clarifying details to understand what's requested before reacting automatically or leaping into action. Listen carefully.

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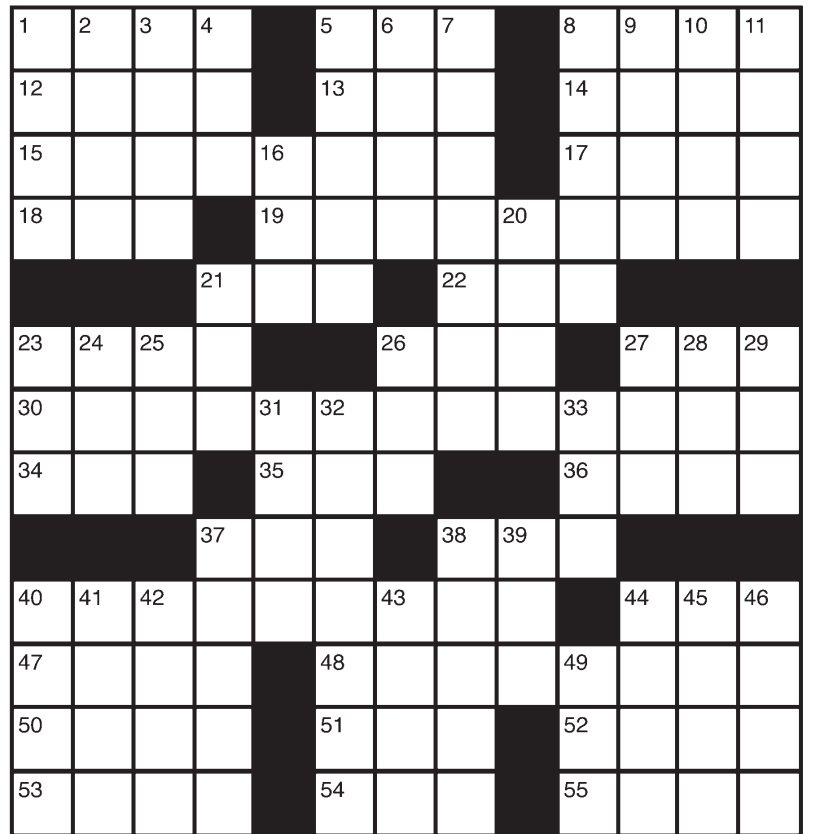
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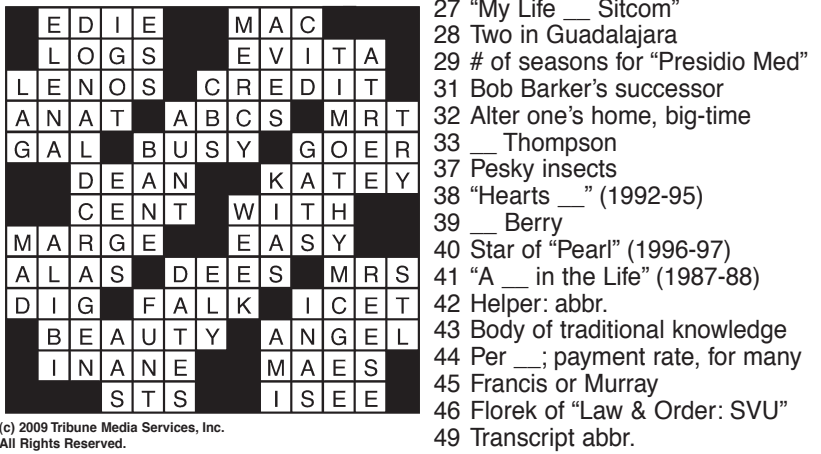
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 - 22 "___ Properties"; 2005 sitcom
 - 23 Dog on "The Thin Man"
 - 26 Actor on "Leave It to Beaver"
 - 27 "___, They Don't"; 2005 TV movie
 - 30 Actress on "Grey's Anatomy"
 - 34 Knight, for one
 - 35 Alejandro of "The Flying Nun"
 - 36 "At ___"; '83 Jimmie Walker series
 - 37 Jewel
 - 38 "___ Pablo"; 1984 sitcom
 - 40 Role on "CSI: Miami"
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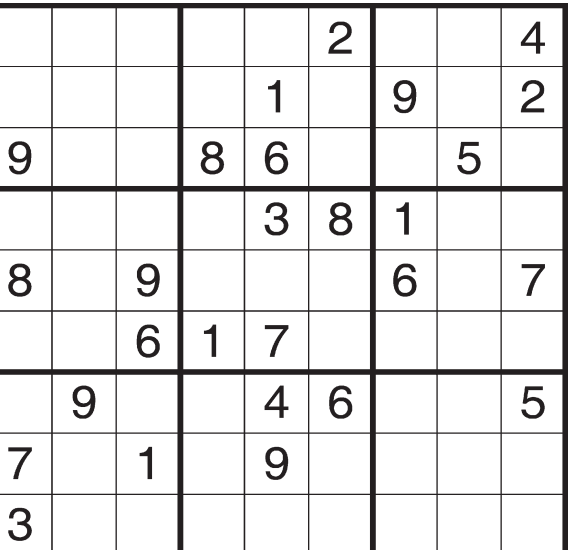
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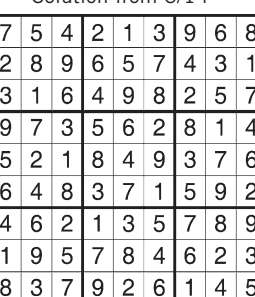
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Pirates named All-Conference



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Sophomore outfielder Bryant Packard runs the bases after making contact in a game for ECU. Packard was named American Athletic Conference Player-Of-The-Year on Monday afternoon.

Dylan Johnson
TEC STAFF

East Carolina University baseball is rolling in the postseason with multiple honors, led by Bryant Packard winning the American Athletic Conference Player-Of-The-Year, announced by the conference on Monday.

“Wow,” Packard said on Twitter after winning the award. “What an absolute honor, thought this was something I’d only ever dream of. Thank you for everyone that’s helped me along the way. Still a lot

of season left. Go Pirates!”

Packard, a sophomore for the Pirates, is also one of 35 players in all of the country considered semifinalists for the Dick Howser Award for the top collegiate baseball player of the year.

Packard set the ECU program record for consecutive games after

finishing the season with a 32 game hitting streak and a 37 game on-base streak. Packard finished the season with a .418 batting average, 14 home runs, 48 RBI’s and 46 runs scored, playing mostly from the leadoff spot.

Packard’s season got him selected to the AAC all-conference first team, along with three other Pirates. Chris Holba, Spencer Brickhouse and Brady Lloyd all join Packard on the AAC first team. Dwanya Williams-Sutton and Tyler Smith represented ECU on the AAC second team.

In addition to Packard being named Player-of-the-Year, freshman pitcher Alec Burleson was named AAC Rookie Pitcher of the Year on Monday. Burleson finished the season with a 5-1 record on the mound and a 2.91 ERA.

Also in line for a postseason award is Jake Washer, ECU’s junior catcher. Washer is a

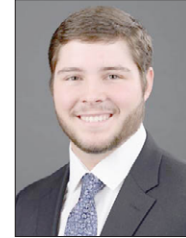
semifinalist for the Johnny Bench award given to the top college baseball catcher of the year.

Perhaps what the team is most proud of however, is the Team Academic award it earned on Monday. ECU baseball posted a 3.46 GPA for the spring semester and Jake Agnos earned Academic All-District. This factored into the overall 3.11 GPA earned by ECU student athletes during the spring semester.

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Bryant Packard



Alec Burleson

Track competes in AAC Championship

Women’s team ends in second place for best finish in program history



Galissia Cause, a senior at ECU who will compete at the NCAA East Preliminaries.

Austin Walker
TEC STAFF

The East Carolina University track team finished up its conference outdoor championships last week, where the women finished second, and the men finished seventh. It was a good showing for the Pirates to end the 2018 outdoor season. The Pirates improved from last year’s showing, capturing three event titles during the championships compared to two from last year.

The second-place finish is the best finish in program history for the women, and seniors Mohogany Baker (Hammer) and Galissia Cause (Discus), as well as junior Stefano Migliorati (800m), all won individual championships for the team. The Pirates also had 12 all-conference honorees in Seniors Galissia Cause (Shot Put, Discus), D’Ante Yarborough (110m Hurdles, 4x400 Relay), Jordan Martin (4x400 Relay) and Mohogany Baker (Hammer), sophomore Nuria Tillo-Prats (800m), juniors Grace Sullivan (3000m Steeplechase), Hakeem Horton (4x400 Relay), Stefano Migliorati (800m, 4x400 Relay), Ryan Davis (Hammer) and Anthony Simpson (100m), and freshmen Sommer Knight (Pole Vault) and Mackenzie Whitaker (Long Jump).

Head Coach Curt Kraft said he was proud of his team and has high hopes for the future.

“I’m happy about bringing a trophy home, but we are satisfied? No, we’re hungry,” Kraft said. “We’re excited about being better next year, and the goal is to win it next year, and I’m not afraid to say that.”

While the season is finished for most of

the track and field athletes, nine Pirates have qualified for the NCAA East Preliminaries held in Tampa, Florida from Thursday through Saturday. Juniors Ryan Davis (Hammer) and Stefano Migliorati (800m) will represent the men, and seniors Mohogany Baker (Discus, Hammer), Galissia Cause (Discus, Shot Put), Hunter Roberts (100m Hurdles), freshmen Sommer Knight (Pole Vault) and Brooke Stith (Triple Jump) and Juniors Grace Sullivan (3,000 Meter Steeplechase) and Courtney Warner (100m,200m) will represent the women in Tampa. Baker, Cause and Warner will all compete in multiple events for the Pirates in Tampa, greating their chances to move on.

The players will compete for a spot in the finals held in Eugene, Oregon from June 6 to June 9, where the top 12 finishers in each event will advance. The team will look to improve on last season, as no players advanced. The three seniors participating will be fighting to continue their careers as Pirates at the preliminaries, and will look to move on to the final round.

“These seniors want to keep going and to keep moving,” Kraft said, “They don’t want their seasons to end, and they are motivated and hungry. It’s easy to lose focus as a senior, but the seniors really want to keep getting better and better These players want to move on to the final round, and I think they can do it.”

The team and coaches feel these preliminaries offer a great chance for the three seniors to finish off their Pirates careers strong, and offer an opportunity for the underclassmen to build momentum heading into next season. No matter what happens in the preliminaries, the three seniors can leave ECU with exceptional careers behind them.

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Mohogany Baker



Stefano Migliorati



Curt Kraft