



The East Carolinian

YOUR CAMPUS NEWS SOURCE SINCE 1925

Wednesday, 7.3.19



VOLUME 93, ISSUE 64

New station to improve travel times

Margaret McCollum
TEC STAFF

Greenville Fire/Rescue will open a new station, Station Seven, near Fire Tower Road to ensure faster travel times for people in close proximity to the area.

Jeremy Anderson, logistics captain for Greenville Fire/Rescue (GFR), said the site for the new station has not been determined exactly, however, it will be off of Fire Tower Road near the old fire tower. He said there are a couple of lots GFR is still deciding between.

Anderson said construction has not begun and GFR is currently consulting with an architect and is in the “design phase” of the project. He said the new station is projected to be completed 20-22 months after finishing up contract work, but the year for completion has not been released yet.

According to Anderson, the area near the projected Station Seven location was experiencing increased travel times, which is the time it takes from leaving the station to arriving at the residence.

Anderson said Station Three, located on Red Banks Road and Charles Boulevard currently services the area Station Seven will cover in the future. GFR saw a need for a new station to help cut down travel times from Station Three to further areas throughout the city.

Anderson said Station Three travel times were as high as eight minutes to some of the areas the station was responding to, and GFR ideally aims for four to five minute travel times. He said GFR identified the area as the place for

the new station based on the need for lower travel times and the projected growth of the area and Highway 43.

“We’re looking forward to being proactive. We want to make sure as the city grows, the infrastructure, especially the public safety infrastructure, is growing along with it,” Anderson said.



Jeremy Anderson

Anderson said the areas around Fire Tower Road and the southern end of the city, toward Winterville and down Highway 43, will see improved travel times with the opening of Station Seven.

A goal of the new station is to relieve some of the pressure Station Three is experiencing due to their response area being so broad, according to Anderson. He said about 350 calls from January to June of this year would have been in Station Seven’s designated response area, instead of Station Three.

Anderson said travel times are very important to the fire department since travel time is something they can control, unlike traffic and dispatch. He said time is of the essence

> **STATION** page A2



COURTESY OF FLICKR

Greenville’s annual Fourth of July celebration will take place tomorrow at the Town Common, with fireworks beginning at 9:15 p.m.

Greenville celebrates City’s Fourth of July festivities to take place

Margaret McCollum
TEC STAFF

The City of Greenville will hold a Fourth of July celebration on the Town Common tomorrow from 3 to 10 p.m. with various vendors, live musical performances and a fireworks show.

Patricia Tyndall, the events coordinator for Greenville Parks and Recreation, said the bands will include Greenville’s own Six Pack Band at 3:30 p.m. who will play classic rock, blues and country, followed by The Radio Sparks who are based out of Greensboro and will play cover songs and “party tunes” at 6:30 p.m.

The music performances will lead up to the fireworks show, according to Tyndall.

According to Tyndall, six-year-old Kyla Rae Nixon will perform this year’s national anthem on stage, followed by a performance by Greenville’s Tim Ottinger singing his original work, the American Pledge and a rendition of “God Bless the USA.”

Vendors at the event will include Uncle Dave’s Kettle Korn, Sparky’s Snowballs, Robbie’s Clubhouse, Talent Wireless Inc., Big Earl’s

Hallelujah Pork Skins, Pelican’s Snoballs, Jamerican Hotdogs, Kona Ice, Nulook Bounce, and Nulook Lemonade, according to Tyndall.

Additional vendors will include Dee Bee’s Ice Cream, ShaZam Wingz & Thingz, Quandra Moore Arts and Crafts, Gorham’s Cafe, East Carolina Italian Ice, Big Baby’s Food Truck and Sarah Setzco-Face Painting and Henna, Tyndall said.

Brock Letchworth, public information officer for the City of Greenville, said the food vendors will open up around 3 p.m. and live music will be held “off and on” from 3:30 to around 9 p.m. He said the fireworks will begin at 9:15 p.m.

Letchworth said the Fourth of July celebration is a tradition the residents of Greenville and surrounding areas have attended for years, and he recommends people come enjoy the experience.

“It (the celebration) is a long-standing tradition here in the

city. We tend to have people come from areas outside of Greenville to come for the fireworks,” Letchworth said. “It’s also a great place to watch a fireworks show because you’re right on the Town Common with the river and the scenery.”

According to Letchworth, there will be various street closures around the city during the celebration.

First Street will be closed in front of the Town Common to all vehicle traffic until pedestrian traffic has cleared and the Greene Street Bridge will be closed to all vehicle and pedestrian traffic at 9 p.m. for the fireworks. Letchworth said traffic will be diverted to South Pitt Street and the bridge will reopen at the end of the fireworks display.

Other street closures, according to Letchworth, will begin at 8 a.m. tomorrow and include: First Street between Greene Street and Holly Street, Greene Street between Third Street and First Street, Washington Street between Third Street and First Street, Evans Street between Third

> **FOURTH** page A2

Taproom closes doors to public

Macie Tano
TEC STAFF

After seeking community support, Trollingwood Taproom and Brewery at 707 Dickinson Ave. closed to the general public last Sunday, however the business will remain open tentatively for pre-scheduled events.

The concept of the taproom came to be in 2012 when Grayson Williams, the owner and brewer of Trollingwood, realized Greenville offered few options for beer drinkers. He and his team renovated the now-brewery in 2014 and 2015, and then Trollingwood opened to the public in 2015, according to the taproom’s website.

The taproom and brewery operated on a three barrel natural brewing system and used a rotation of four fermenters and three brite beer serving tanks, according to the website.

According to the website, Williams performs classing aleing techniques and has developed an “electric mix” of styles which appeal to a wide range of tastes. He has “per-



LESLIE DZORVAKPOR | THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Trollingwood Taproom and Brewery hosted a party last Sunday in an effort to save the local business from facing potential closure.

fect” four staple brews, as well as a lineup of rotating seasonal ales.

“Our taproom offerings are rounded out with experimentals and guest taps from the best breweries that North Carolina provides,” according to the website.

Jeff Blinder, who was in charge of Trollingwood’s enter-

tainment calendar and worked as a bartender in the taproom and brewery said the business offered “dry, sessionable funky & complex Ales.”

According to Blinder, Trollingwood was different from

> **TAPROOM** page A3

ONLINE

» **POLL:** Take our weekly poll at www.theeastcarolinian.com

» Check out our website for stories, photo galleries and more

SOCIAL MEDIA



@theeastcarolinian



Facebook.com/theeastcarolinian



@TEC_Newspaper

BRIEFS

Umbrella Market in Uptown Greenville returns

The Umbrella Market will be open to the public today from 5 to 8 p.m. at Five Points Plaza. There will be food trucks, handmade crafts for sale and fresh produce to browse.

The Umbrella Market pop-up event occurs in Uptown Greenville each Wednesday from 5 to 8 p.m. during the summer months.

Hustle & Flow yoga at Town Common

Hustle & Flow is a donation-based class hosted by CrossFit Greenville and YogiVibes Studio taking place Saturday, July 6, from 10 to 11 a.m. Additional dates are available for participation on the first Saturday of each month, including Aug. 3. Hustle & Flow will be taking place at the Greenville Town Common.

The family-friendly yoga class is open to all levels, and a portion of the proceeds made from donations at the event will be given to Aces for Autism.

Wellness Center continues to host Fresh Food Friday

The Main Campus Student Recreation and Wellness Center, along with the Health Science Student Center (HSSC) Wellness Center will be giving out fresh mangos this Friday at 10 a.m.

Mangos will be available to pick up "while supplies last," according to the East Carolina University events calendar webpage.

Jessica and Thorne to perform live tonight

The musical duo Jessica and Thorne will perform on the patio at Carolina Ale House, 704 S.E. Greenville Blvd., tonight from 7 to 9 p.m.

The duo performs live at Carolina Ale House every other Wednesday night. Tonight, the restaurant will offer a variety of beer and wine specials ranging between \$3 and \$7.

CORRECTIONS & CLARIFICATIONS

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



ASHLEY LEWIS | THE EAST CAROLINIAN

The Proximity at Tenth's residents will be able to move in on the projected date beginning next month on Aug. 13, following the completion of construction.

Complex to be ready for move-in

Proximity at Tenth's construction to conclude next month

Summer Tonizzo
TEC STAFF

The newest addition to East Carolina University's off-campus student housing, The Proximity at Tenth, is expected to open in time for residents to move in on Aug. 13, the original projected date.

The Proximity at Tenth is "luxury student living," an upscale off-campus apartment community which is located within walking distance to ECU's main campus, according to Marissa Sepulveda, the Proximity at Tenth's leasing and marketing manager.



Marissa Sepulveda

Sepulveda said planning for the Proximity's construction initially began in 2014. Overseen by the Taft Development Group, construction began in 2017 and will be completed in time for residents to move in for the fall 2019 semester.

"Weather this year has not impacted it (the construction)," Sepulveda said. "I've been told, today (June 13), progress has been right on time. We're actually a few months ahead of schedule and weather has not really affected us at all."

Sepulveda said the apartment complex is currently undergoing final "walks" of the community and she confirmed the "clubhouse area" is set to be finished this month. The clubhouse area will include a "state-of-the-art" fitness center, yoga studio, student gallery, collaboration workspaces and over 20 study rooms for residents.

According to Sepulveda, final walks are inspections to make sure each individual unit

is painted, cleaned and looks "presentable" for move in.

"We are already doing our final inspections," Sepulveda said. "With that being said, we have walked almost every single unit, we have all of the flooring done (and) all of the appliances are in the units."

Sepulveda said, following the completion of the clubhouse this month, offices will be moving on site to make sure "everything is good and ready for our residents" in August.

Leasing opened for potential new residents in October 2018. The Proximity offers a variety of floor plans which range between one, two, three and four bedroom fully-furnished apartments with private bed/bath suites, according to Sepulveda.

"We are not currently 100 percent full, we do still have some availability at our community for the upcoming year," Sepulveda said. "We're sold out of all of our one and two bedroom units as well as one of our three bedroom, the Meridian floor plan unit, so we still have availability in our larger floor plans, our three and four bedroom, but it is very limited."

The Proximity at Tenth's management is confident the apartments will be open on time for residents to move in come August, according to Sepulveda. However, she said the management team is in the process of finalizing a plan "just in case" construction is not completed on time.

Sepulveda said residents are able to keep up with construction progress through the Proximity at Tenth's social media accounts, such as Instagram and Facebook.

Senior child life major, Lindsey Ball, signed a lease with the Proximity at Tenth this past April.

Currently, she lives at Sunchase apartments, but was interested in moving somewhere closer to ECU's main campus.

"Definitely (what attracted me is) just the closeness to campus and it is going to look nice, it's going to be new, so I won't have a room where someone's always poked little thumbtacks into the walls or there's not, it's not as dirty or anything. It's going to be a clean place," Ball said.

Ball said she wished she could move in earlier, even though the complex is not finished yet, because she is "excited" and looking forward to living at the Proximity at Tenth.

Jenny Rcomnie, a sophomore elementary education major, said she signed her lease with the Proximity at Tenth in October 2018.

Rcomnie is staying in a two bedroom apartment and said her monthly payment to the Proximity at Tenth is "close to \$800," which includes both utilities and parking.

"I saw on social media they posted pictures of some rooms or some buildings, or whatever, and it looked like they were almost done," Rcomnie said. "From what I saw, and what I've heard from my friends who are still in Greenville over the

summer, is that it's looking really good and coming along pretty quickly."

Rcomnie said what initially attracted her to the complex was the location. Being able to walk to campus was important to her, and with the Proximity, she has that ability.



Jenny Rcomnie

This writer can be contacted at news@theeastcarolinian.com.

FOURTH continued from A1

Street and First Street, Cotanche Street between Third Street and First Street and Reade Circle between Third Street and First Street.

According to the City of Greenville's Facebook page, attendees who need to leave north, across the Tar River, should try to park near Greene Street and people who need to leave toward the South should try to park near Evans, Cotanche or Washington Street.

Handicap parking is available in the Town Common parking lot and in the Willis Building parking lot. East

Carolina University will allow public parking in the parking lots along Reade Circle, south of Third Street beginning at noon, according to the Facebook page.

Ken Laws, criminal investigations bureau commander for the Greenville Police Department (GPD), said there will be specific traffic patterns directed by officers at the end of the event. He said GPD is asking people to be patient due to construction happening in Uptown.

Laws said other safety precautions being taken throughout the event will include not allowing pets or coolers and having officers present during the entire celebration.

"We have a contingency of officers assigned to the Town Common and surrounding area to provide a safe environment," Laws said.

Laws said a licensed company was hired to handle all fireworks. He said officers will be assigned to the area where the fireworks are set off and will ensure no one enters the zone where debris could fall, which will be roped off.

This writer can be contacted at news@theeastcarolinian.com.

STATION continued from A1

when dealing with a fire or medical emergency.

"With a medical emergency, seconds count there, (and) the faster we can get there to them the better the patient outcome is going to be," Anderson said. "And with a fire, it doubles in size every minute, so the faster we can get somebody there the less the chance someone is going to be killed or injured and the whole property can be saved."

Anderson said there are six other strategically located fire stations currently operating in Greenville, but the Fire Tower Road area is growing so GFR saw a need to expand there to reduce travel time. Any additional future fire station projects will depend on city growth and the development of the Southwest Bypass.

When opening new stations, the fire department aims to have at least one fire engine and an EMS unit at each new location, according to Anderson. He said this usually requires six to seven employees and GFR is actively filling these available positions so staff will already be in place before the station opens.

Anderson said he appreciates working for a proactive city which prepares for the future, as opposed to one which might be falling behind. He said the infrastructure of a city needs to be strong to support growth.

"It's just really good the city's being proactive and seeing those kinds of things and meeting those challenges head-on versus being reactive and waiting until the problem arises," Anderson said.

Rebekah Thurston, public information officer for GFR, said the department is excited to see the city continue to grow and they look forward to servicing residents with the new fire station.

"Greenville Fire/Rescue is excited that the City Council has recognized and supported the need for Station Seven,"



MICHAELA EMORY | THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Fire Station No. 7 is currently in the design phase of the project, and it is projected to shorten Greenville Fire/Rescue travel times.

Thurston said. "We look forward to continuing to serve the residents of Greenville as the city grows and expands."

PJ Connelly, mayor of Greenville, said it's important Greenville is well-equipped with facilities and personnel to support the city's growth and citizens in the area of Station Seven will see a faster response from EMS and fire/rescue services.

"Greenville continues to expand, so it's important we

continue to expand our services that are offered to the citizens and that is a needed area," Connelly said. "We're seeing a lot of growth taking place in the southern part of our city."

This writer can be contacted at news@theeastcarolinian.com.

72

PLUS
MAP OUT YOUR WEEK

GREENVILLE

Independence Day Celebration

Town Common
Tomorrow
3 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.
Fireworks to begin at approximately 9:15 p.m.

RALEIGH

Second Annual Fireworks Show

PNC Arena/ Carter-Finley Stadium/ NC State Fairgrounds
Tomorrow
6 p.m. - 10 p.m.
Fireworks to begin at approximately 9:34 p.m.

EMERALD ISLE

4th of July Fireworks off Bogue Inlet Pier

100 Bogue Inlet Dr., Emerald Isle
Tomorrow
9 p.m. - 10 p.m.

NEW BERN

The Glorious Fourth

Governor's Palace/ Tryon's Place, 529 S Front St.
Tomorrow
10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

JACKSONVILLE

Jacksonville Fourth of July Freedom Festival

Onslow Pines Park
Tomorrow
3 p.m. - 9 p.m.
Fireworks begin at approximately 9 p.m.

WILMINGTON

4th of July Celebration

Waterfront Park, between Market and Princess Streets, 54 North Water Street
Tomorrow
Fireworks to begin approximately at 9:05 p.m.

Friday's art walk will showcase local pieces

Macie Tano
TEC STAFF

Uptown Greenville will be hosting its monthly art walk this Friday from 5 to 8 p.m., where community members are invited to come out and tour the Uptown district and explore art exhibits, free opening receptions and food.

The art walk, which happens on the first Friday of every month, features art from galleries such as Emerge, The Art Lab, Gray Gallery, Greenville Museum of Art and more, according to the event's Facebook page.

Participants in the tour will additionally have the opportunity to stop in and enjoy food and drinks at any of Uptown Greenville's 35 restaurants, as well as explore and shop in multiple local shops, according to Meredith Hawke, events and branding director for Uptown Greenville.

"First Friday (art walk) highlights the culture in Uptown Greenville. It's an opportunity for galleries to throw open their doors with receptions to welcome the community into their spaces," Hawke said.

Hawke said the art walk is a "wonderful opportunity" to see talent of eastern North Carolina, as well as the art, food and music which all contribute to the success of the series in the Uptown district.

"With gallery receptions, a self-guided tour, delicious cuisine and live music, First Friday is



MICHAELA EMORY | THE EAST CAROLINIAN

On the first Friday of each month during the summertime, the local First Friday Artwalk takes place.

truly a wonderful night to be uptown," Hawke said.

Jason Coale, the executive director at Whirligig Stage, one of the participating galleries and retailers, said he is a supporter of the Uptown district's art walk series and usually participates in it.



Jason Coale

"We are huge supporters of the Uptown Greenville First Friday Artwalk. It is a great way for the community to come together to support and interact with the artists of our region. There is a wealth of events, exhibitions and pop ups every month as well as activities to get involved with," Coale said.

Coale said at this Friday's art walk, he and his team from Whirligig plan to work on a mural on a

wall across from Dickinson Avenue Public House and next to the Farmers and Makers Market. Art walk participants are invited to grab a brush and join the group.

Kat Jones, an artist and five-year resident of Greenville, said she has been a featured artist in the art walk series at Schrock's Hair Studio, one of the participating retailers, and will be a participant in July's art walk.

Jones said she is not a featured artist in this upcoming art walk. She said Greenville residents should come out and attend the art walk to enjoy what the community has to offer.

"I'll be attending because it's fun. Even if you aren't checking out all the amazing art, a lot of the stores are open late and the sense of community is such a breath of fresh air," Jones said.

This writer can be contacted at arts@theeastcarolinian.com.

Local juice company sells organic product

Caroline Korch
TEC STAFF

GoodStuff Juices, a local vendor who has a weekly booth at Five Points Plaza's Umbrella Market, sells freshly made organic juices to Greenville's summertime crowd.

2019 marks the juice company's fifth year at the Umbrella Market in Uptown Greenville. The Umbrella Market spans throughout the summer months on every Wednesday from 5 to 8 p.m. He said the company offers samples to those visiting the vendors and buy GoodStuff Juices in 16 ounce glass bottles. Bottles cost \$10 for 16 ounces and are available in cases.

Johnny Pires, a Winston-Salem State University alum, is co-founder and manager for GoodStuff Juices, which is located in Greenville at 803 Moye Blvd. He said the juice company is founded on principles to give the public the most out of their fruits and vegetables.

Pires said GoodStuff Juices consists of authentic, cold-pressed juice made from whole fruits and vegetables, not pre-cut, no powders and no additives. The product lasts up to three days in the refrigerator.

The company was founded in 2012 in Greenville and their store has been open for three years, he said.

"We don't juice for shelf life, we juice for human consumption," Pires said.

Pires said he began "juicing," which is freshly squeezing fruits and vegetables to make juice, after having kidney stones and his health was suffering. He said he wasn't taking pills or seeing any doctors, but he found out on YouTube how juicing can cure kidney stones. He said, by changing his diet, he had more energy and was no longer in pain from his prior condition.



CAROLINE KORCH | THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Jason Pires sets up his GoodStuff Juices stand every Wednesday at Uptown Greenville's Umbrella Market.

Pires then brought the idea for the company up to a college friend whom was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis. Pires's friend stopped taking the multiple sclerosis medication, started juicing, which seemed to work and made him feel more energized as well, according to Pires.

"Me and him (Pires's college friend) would juice it up in our apartment and slowly, but surely, his friends came around about it as well," Pires said. "It's a true hidden knowledge."

Pires initially began to sell the company's cold-pressed juices in farmers and vendors markets in 2012 when the business began.

Pires said he has a team of six people working at GoodStuff Juices and their factory, also owned by Pires, is located in Greenville as well. The store is open from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and on Sunday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

"It's key that we don't add any water and any additives versus the store-bought brands, so it (the process) doesn't compromise the nutritional value

so our juice is similar to juicing at home," Pires said.

Pires said he hopes, in the future for GoodStuff Juices, the products will be made available to purchase on Amazon. He said, for now, the team is meeting their goals and expectations for the Greenville location.

Shareen DeNittis Berkowitz is a small business counselor in Greenville, and she praised the benefits of GoodStuff Juices.

"I love the owners. Good people, authentic, and know their stuff about juicing," DeNittis Berkowitz said. "Can't say enough 'good stuff'."

Raleigh native Amanda Curran said she and a few friends attended the June 19th Umbrella Market and visited the GoodStuff Juices stand.

"You could really taste the natural ingredients in his juices and I think it's really unique that we have someone in Greenville that makes juice from scratch like that," Curran said.

This writer can be contacted at arts@theeastcarolinian.com.

TAPROOM continued from A1

other breweries and taprooms, as its barrel fermentation and small scale batches were made in house. He said his favorite part about working at Trollingwood was his coworkers and the people he meets when locals visit the brewery.

Blinder said the reason Trollingwood was at risk to close is due to the difficulty of running a business in a college town, especially during the summer months.

"This one (summer) just hit harder than ones in the past, and we came to a critical point this month where we need to re-strategize and restructure and to take a moment to reflect to see if we can come up with a viable plan for a revamp so we can continue on," Blinder said.

According to Blinder, Trollingwood began to host "Save Trollingwood" parties to spread the word to the Greenville community, to seek support from its residents and to hopefully bring in a larger crowd.

Blinder said hosting parties were the immediate reaction to the news of the brewery's potentially closing by the staff members, and Williams wanted the parties to be a celebration of Trollingwood's time in Greenville.

"We changed the theme to be more of a cel-



LESLIE DZORVAKPOR | THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Grayson Williams, owner of Trollingwood Taproom and Brewery, as he stands in front of a menu board.

bratory endeavor commemorating all the good times and relationships we've made with local patrons and the connection we've made with the local musicians in town. Even if Sunday (June 30) is the end of this chapter we wanted to give folks who have been there on this journey an opportunity to celebrate the ride," Blinder said.

According to Blinder, Trollingwood was not just a brewery, but a "safe place" for people to come in, relax, talk to the staff members and enjoy the brews and music. Many of its customers have become friends of the staff as well, Blinder said.

Blinder said the Trollingwood community is a "close family" consisting of staff, locals, and regular customers. He said he will be disappointed to see it go.

"We're a beautiful little community and Trollingwood has not only impacted Greenville but it's impacted me in ways I didn't imagine,

and I'd hate to lose my home away from home," Blinder said.

Melissa Glen, an alumna of East Carolina University, said she was upset with the news of Trollingwood closing. Glen said she had been visiting Trollingwood more recently and had enjoyed her time there.

Glen said she believes Trollingwood is one of the only places in Greenville which offered a wide variety of live music. She said Trollingwood had contributed a lot to the Greenville community.

"I've always loved music and Trollingwood offers just that. They were the first brewery in Greenville and they started the chain reaction of other breweries and music venues coming to Greenville's downtown and I think that's amazing," Glen said.

This writer can be contacted at arts@theeastcarolinian.com.



Jeff Blinder

OUR VIEW

Sycamore Hill Plaza important to community

The groundbreaking ceremony took place on June 25, and the memorial is in honor of the Sycamore Hill Baptist Church that burned down in 1969. The church was centered around a "downtown" neighborhood and an African American community which lived close by.

The circumstances under how the church burnt down are unknown, and there is no telling if there was malicious intent, especially during a time of prejudice towards African Americans.

Only five years after the Civil Rights Act and the banning of segregation, there were undoubtedly still waves of unrest between blacks and whites. Just because segregation ended in 1964 doesn't mean that racism and prejudice against black people ended with it.

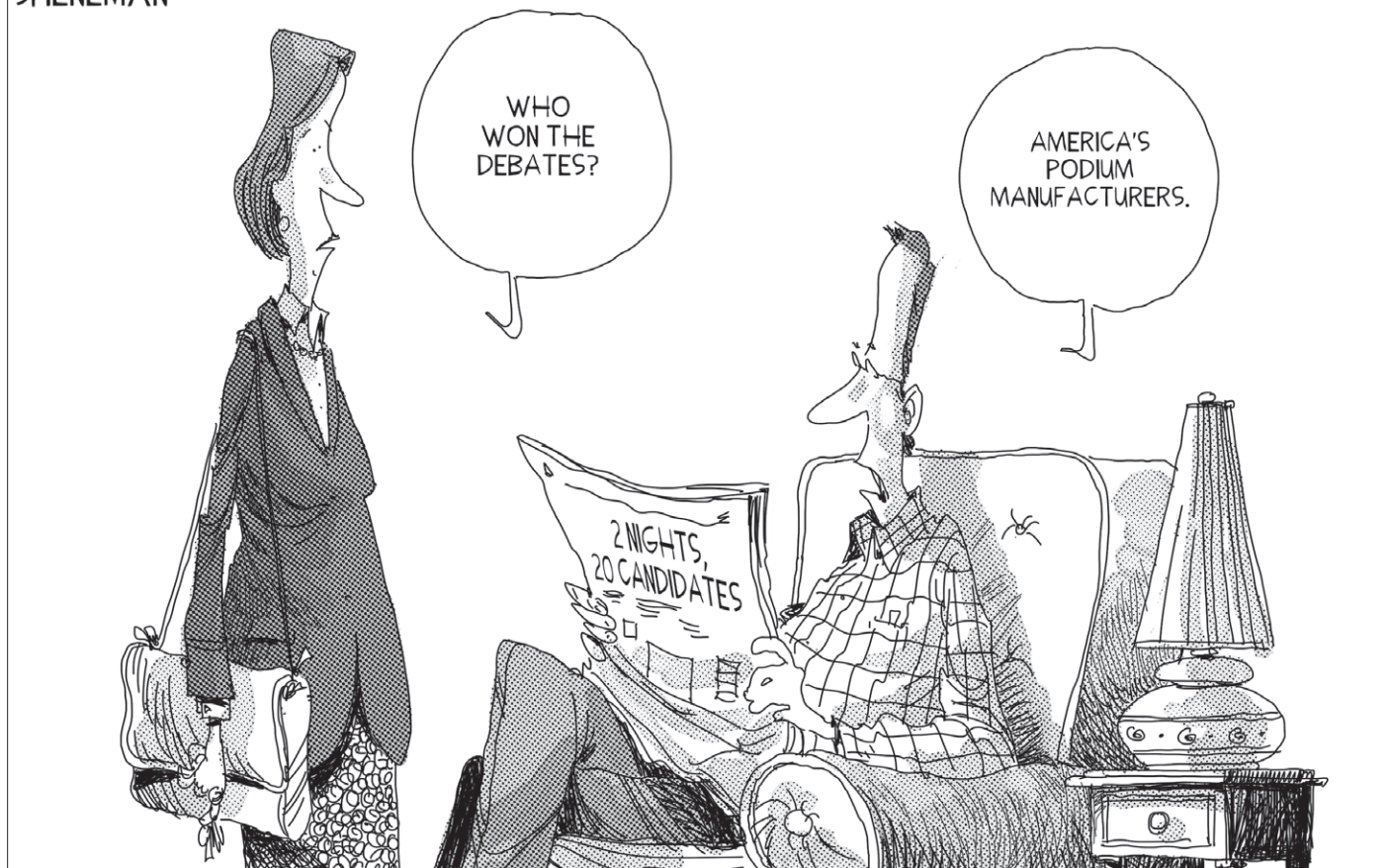
We, the editorial staff of The East Carolinian, believe Sycamore Hill Gateway Plaza is vital to the Greenville Community in order to remember the past and honor by dedicating Gateway Plaza to the former Baptist Church.

With all of this history as a focal point, we can use what happened in the past to improve our society today. We, as a nation, have come tremendously far as compared to the civil unrest and bigotry occurred during the Civil Rights era, but as history has shown, there is always room for improvement.

Former members of the congregation of Sycamore Hill Baptist Church, along with all Greenville residents are encouraged to visit the memorial to take in the past events.

This memorial is an important piece of Greenville, and one that calls each resident to look upon the past to see how they can change the future.

SHENEMAN THE STAR-LEDGER



Luxury, at what cost?

Apartment expenses skew reality for college students



Summer Tonizzo
TEC STAFF

Pool tables in a resident-only lounge, Starbucks coffee machines in the lobby, study areas with Mac computers lining the walls and heated swimming pools with bar stools cemented to the shallow end -- at what

point did student housing become similar to luxurious resort-style living at the cost of student refund checks?

The amenities listed above cover only half of what's offered at some off-campus living apartment complexes for students residing in the vicinity of East Carolina University's campus.

After being baited into signing my first lease for an apartment early on in my first semester of college, October to be exact, I have come to the realization that luxury student housing is by no means doing a favor for soon-to-be graduates who will be off in the real world after getting a degree (or two).

When students are drawn toward these captivating, seemingly-amazing apartment complexes, targeted toward the individuals who continue to act as if college resembles reality TV, who is left with the bill? Some of these apartment leases range between \$800 to \$1200 a month in rent, and that's not even including fees or parking, which in most cases can be up to an additional \$60 a month.

I can find it hard to believe rent is paid

for newly constructed, over-the-top apartment leases merely on a college budget, nonetheless by a single individual alone, which leaves parents picking up the majority of the bill. So, if I may ask, why is luxury student living sought out so passionately by 18 through 20-some-year-olds who complain about spending money on textbooks?

Luxury student living is allowing young adults to live the dream while at college, yes, with the extravagant pool parties and resident appreciation week treats such as free breakfasts and finals week care packages, but they are teaching students all the wrong ideas about what it means to live independently.

Think back to the 80s and 90s when parents of Millennials were in college themselves. They didn't have all the apartment amenities students of today have at their fingertips -- they didn't have social media either or desire to capture every moment through the lens of a smartphone -- but our parents didn't need them.

Looking back, the apartments our parents lived in while at university were probably only a quarter as nice as what we deem "just okay," meaning apartments *without* the high-quality kitchen appliances, newly-furnished common areas, a balcony and private bathrooms for every private bedroom.

Our parents were humbled by their student housing conditions while they were in college. They didn't need the over-the-top, fancy additions some college students now want so badly they will refuse to sign a lease

over, such as if the pool isn't to their standards or the rooms aren't newly-renovated.

So why are we putting the idea of luxury student living on a pedestal? Do these partakers who sign for housing at lavish complexes realize the standard they are holding themselves to now will most likely not be what they live in after college?

When these students who spend their college days living in grand, high-end apartments graduate and move back into their parent's homes, will reality suddenly smack them in the face or will they wish they had never left the designer apartment?

And when students who are so fond of living like college royalty go out to sign a lease by themselves will they be shocked by the realization they cannot afford what their parents paid for, or *helped* them pay for, while in college?

The idea of luxury off-campus housing is a dream come true for individuals who aspire to live the life portrayed by college students on television, but it is leaving young adults with a skewed concept of reality as to what it truly means to live as an independent being out in the real world.

Summer Tonizzo is a sophomore majoring in communication and a TEC columnist. To contact her/him, email opinion@theeastcarolinian.com.

OUR STAFF

Jenna Price	Editor-in-Chief
Trajan Warren	Managing Editor
Summer Tonizzo	News/A&E Editor
Elizabeth Johnson	News/A&E Chief
Brendan Gillespie	Sports Editor
Pat Polomchak	Multimedia Manager
Ashley Lewis	Visual Arts Editor
Erin Flynn	Design Chief

Serving ECU since 1925, The East Carolinian is an independent, student-run publication distributed Tuesdays and Thursdays during the academic year and Wednesdays during the summer. The opinions expressed herein are those of the student writers, columnists and editors and do not necessarily reflect those of the faculty, staff or administration at East Carolina University or the Student Media Board. Columns and reviews are the opinions of the writers; "Our View" is the opinion of The East Carolinian Board of Opinions.

As a designated public forum for East Carolina University, The East Carolinian welcomes letters to the editor limited to 250 words. Letters may be rejected or edited for libelous content, decency and brevity. All letters must be signed and include a telephone number.

One copy of The East Carolinian is free. Each additional copy is \$1. Unauthorized removal of additional copies from a distribution site constitutes theft under North Carolina law. Violators will be prosecuted.

Contact Info

The East Carolinian
Self Help Building,
Greenville, NC, 28889-4353

Email: editor@theeastcarolinian.com

Newsroom: (252) 328-9238

Ads: (252) 328-9245

Fax: (252) 328-9143

Righting past and present wrongs

Discussion for reparations are necessary and past due



Trajan Warren
TEC STAFF

Independence Day is celebrated every Fourth of July with hot dogs and fireworks, recognizing the signing of the Declaration of Independence and freedom for American settlers from the

oppression of English colonizers.

Conversely, the independence for black slaves on June 19, 1865, after slaves in Texas received word they had been freed after the Civil War isn't met with the same patriotic enthusiasm.

That day, known as Juneteenth, can be regarded as the beginning of the discussion for reparations. After the Civil War, General William Sherman promised every slave a section of land and necessary items to cultivate that land. It became known as the (in) famous "40 acres and a mule."

Despite this, President Andrew Johnson, a Southerner and known supporter of the Confederate cause, made sure that lands given to former slaves were confiscated and given back to its former owners.

This only stifled the progress started by the Reconstruction and furthered the oppression faced by black Americans.

This past Juneteenth, author Ta-Nehisi Coates, actor Danny Glover and Senator and presidential candidate Cory Booker sat before Congress and laid forth a recom-

mendation of reparations for descendants of African slaves in America. During the hearing, Congress took Texas Representative Sheila Jackson's H.R. 40 bill under consideration for the first time.

The purpose of H.R. 40 is to study "the fundamental injustice, cruelty, brutality, and inhumanity of slavery in the United States" and the "racial and economic discrimination against African-Americans, and the impact of these forces on living African-Americans" and take the findings of the study to come up with appropriate remedies.

This bill not only should be seriously considered by the members assigned to research the commission but the future legislators who will review it upon its completion. The discussion of reparations for the "gross human rights violations and crimes against humanity on African slaves and their descendants" is long overdue.

The discussion has gained a certain amount of traction in the past few months, with Democratic presidential candidates being asked their opinions on the matter on the campaign trail.

Hopefully, the candidates in favor will take action and thoroughly address this issue if elected and not use the plight of an entire people as a talking point to acquire a few extra minority votes.

However, former vice president and current presidential candidate Joe Biden said that he'll "be damned" if he should

feel responsible "to pay for what happened 300 years ago." Adding that the "sins of my father and grandfather" don't fall on his shoulders.

Biden said he believes that he is responsible for the situation of today. It was 1975 when Biden said this, the same time when black homeowners in Chicago were fighting against redlining and for the same privileges that were granted to white homeowners.

This and other countless examples of discrimination that African Americans faced in the wake of slavery include, but are not limited to, the unemployment rate of black Americans being more than double that of whites, the wealth accumulated by blacks in America being less than 1/16 the wealth of white families on average and the incarceration of over one million black people. The latter is largely in part to the 1994 crime law which Joe Biden helped write.

One can't help but wonder if Vice President Biden claims responsibility for these sins.

The conversation of reparations is necessary no matter how uncomfortable and difficult it may be, and it can't be anywhere near as uncomfortable and difficult to what slaves had to endure on a daily basis for generations.

Trajan Warren is a senior majoring in communication and a TEC columnist. To contact her/him, email opinion@theeastcarolinian.com.

CLASSIFIEDS

NOW HIRING

Join the Pirate Media 1 staff this summer! Available positions include Business Manager, Account Executive, Customer Service Representative, Marketing Coordinator and Design Apprentice. Applicants must meet our 2.25 GPA requirement. Apply online at <https://bit.ly/2F3wW25>.

Distribution Assistant needed to deliver The East Carolinian. Driver provided. Hours 6 a.m. to noon on Wednesdays during the summer and on Tuesdays and Thursdays during the fall semester. Applicants must meet our 2.25 GPA requirement. Apply online at <https://bit.ly/2wPOSwo>.



Wanna run a classifieds ad?

Contact teclassifieds@ecu.edu for pricing and information.

HOROSCOPES

Aries (March 21-April 19)
-- Today is an 8 -- Fill your home with love. Enjoy household projects, with Venus in Cancer over about 35 days. Focus on family, and make household improvements.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)
-- Today is a 7 -- Make plans, finish old jobs and rest, with Venus in Cancer. Consider dreams and fantasies. Savor quiet time. Keep secrets and prepare your agenda.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
-- Today is a 9 -- Find a sweet deal. Review the numbers, with Venus in Cancer. This phase favors saving and growing money into shared accounts. Increase assets together.

Taurus (April 20-May 20)
-- Today is an 8 -- Research and studies lead to fascinating discoveries. You love learning, with Venus in Cancer. You're especially creative and brilliant. Write, craft and express.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
-- Today is a 9 -- You're especially popular over about 35 days, with Venus in Cancer. Group efforts go well. Get out in public. Social activities benefit your career.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
-- Today is an 8 -- Partnerships come easier this month, with Venus in Cancer. Compromise comes easier. Rely on mutual support. Collaborate for a shared passion. Grow loving bonds.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)
-- Today is a 9 -- The next four and a half weeks can get profitable, with Venus in Cancer. It's easier to make money. Get into your productive zone.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
-- Today is an 8 -- Watch for career advances. Take on new responsibility, with Venus in Cancer over four and a half weeks. Assume authority, and your professional status rises.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
-- Today is an 8 -- Practice to grow your heart, with Venus in Cancer. Find passion in your work. Health, beauty, creativity and profit come together. Exercise builds strength and endurance.

Cancer (June 21-July 22)
-- Today is a 9 -- Discover fresh passion. Enjoy fun with family. Your luck in love improves, with Venus in your sign for just over a month. You're especially attractive.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
-- Today is a 7 -- It's easier to venture forth, with Venus in Cancer. Set goals, and plan a trip. Travel comes easier. Get involved in a fascinating study.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)
-- Today is an 8 -- You're attractive, with Venus in Cancer. The game is getting fun. Artistic efforts work in your favor. Create beauty. Your muse sings to you.

(c)2017 BY NANCY BLACK. DISTRIBUTED BY TRIBUNE CONTENT AGENCY, LLC. ALL RIGHTS RESERVED.

COMICS

ONE AND ONLY

BRIAN JUDGE | THE EAST CAROLINIAN

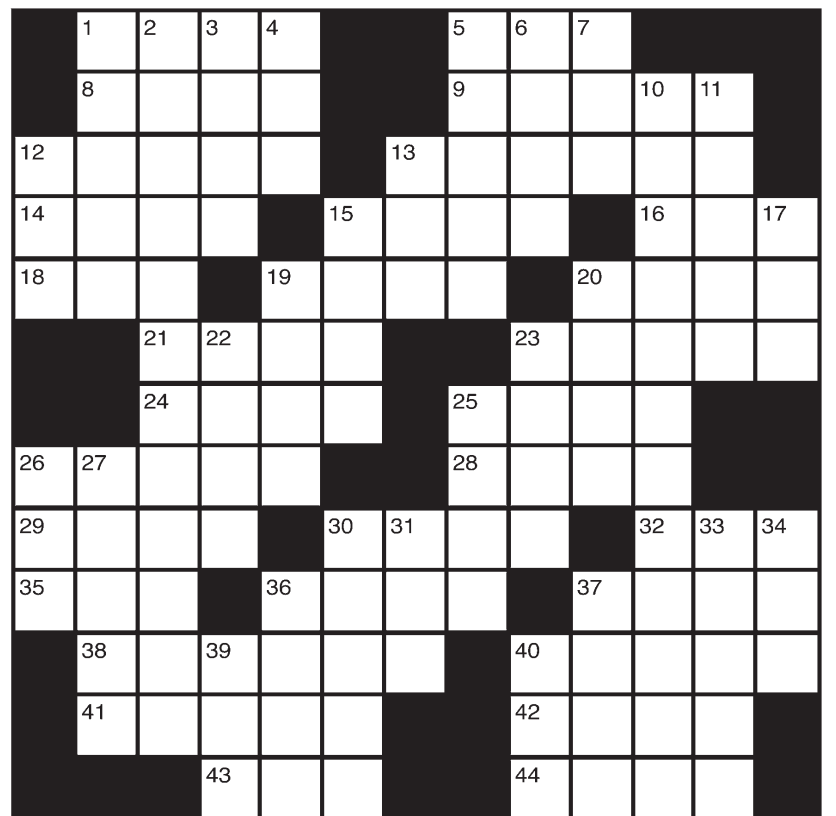
BEST IN SHOW

BLISS

CROSSWORD

THE TV CROSSWORD

by Jacqueline E. Mathews



ACROSS

- "The ___ Wife"
- Historical period
- In the distance
- Old Tim Daly sitcom set in an airport terminal
- Helps as an accomplice in crime
- "The Marriage of ___"; opera by Mozart
- Johnson and Rickles
- Rather and Aykroyd
- France's continent: abbr.
- NATO or OPEC
- Crooner Crosby
- ___ Chandler of "Friday Night Lights"
- Not quite closed
- Actress Spacek
- Sticky, grimy goo
- Actress Belknap of "CSI: NY"
- Sally ___
- Capricorn or Sagittarius
- Award won by a TV actor or a TV show
- Actor Johnny ___
- Doctors' assn.

DOWN

- Zsa Zsa ___
- "Rules ___"
- Dinner for Mister Ed, perhaps
- Kildare and Quinn: abbr.
- Bobby or J.R.
- Tractor-trailers
- Actress Ortiz of "Ugly Betty"
- Ellen Pompeo's medical drama series
- Pastor's concerns
- "Much ___ About Nothing"
- "The ___"; Robert De Niro movie about a baseball player
- Actor ___ Benedict
- Alejandro ___ of "The Flying Nun"
- "Making the ___"; reality series
- "Larry ___ Live"
- Summer month
- Make a small cut
- Poisonous snakes
- ___ up; disgusted
- Spitting ___; person strikingly like another person
- "Say Yes to the ___"
- Interplanetary visitors, for short
- High IQ society
- King Kong, for one
- "It's ___, Mad, Mad, Mad World"
- ___ Laurel and Oliver Hardy
- Baseball's Mel
- Sault ___. Marie

Solution from 6/26

T	O	M		L	E	A	V	E		S	E	A				
A	G	E		A	R	I	E	L		I	L	L				
F	L	A		S	A	L	E	M		N	I	A				
T	E	R	M	S		E	R	I	N	S						
				D	A	V	I	D	C	A	R	U	S	O		
				P	E	E	L	S		G	E	R				
						L	E	O								
				M	A	D		H	A	N	K	S				
				A	M	A	Z	I	N	G	R	A	C	E		
				A	D	A	N	O			A	M	O	N	G	
				L	M	N		R	E	A	L	M		A	S	A
				D	A	D		R	E	N	E		C	U	R	
				A	N	A		O	R	D	E	R		H	E	R

SUDOKU

SUDOKU

THE SAMURAI OF PUZZLES By The Mephram Group

Level:

- 1 2
3 4

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

Solution from 6/26

				5	7			1
	8							6
	1		2		9			7
8			3		5			9
			8		6			
4			9					8
9		3		7			4	
	4						5	
1			5	8				

1	2	3	8	6	9	5	7	4
8	7	6	4	5	3	2	9	1
9	4	5	1	7	2	6	3	8
7	8	2	3	4	1	9	6	5
5	9	1	2	8	6	3	4	7
6	3	4	5	9	7	8	1	2
3	5	8	9	1	4	7	2	6
4	6	9	7	2	5	1	8	3
2	1	7	6	3	8	4	5	9

© 2017 The Mephram Group. Distributed by Tribune Content Agency. All rights reserved.



Scan the code to get the app!

TAP THE APP

Available now in the App Store and Google Play

You're one scan away from all of ECU's latest news!





ECU's defensive line coach Jeff Hanson initially discovered Robinson at Louisburg and invited him to work out at ECU facilities.

COURTESY OF 247SPORTS.COM

ECU supplements defense ECU football adds defensive end to 2020 lineup

Brendan Gillespie
TEC STAFF

Redshirt freshman defensive end Elijah Robinson has verbally committed to play for East Carolina University for the 2020 football season and his addition makes a total of 14 verbal commits for the 2020-2021 season.

Robinson is a defensive end who is currently a player for Louisburg Junior College in Louisburg, North Carolina. He redshirted his freshman year at the junior college and will have three years of eligibility during his time at ECU.

On his personal Twitter account, Robinson announced that he received an offer from ECU's football program on June 22.

Robinson attended Ashley High School in Wilmington, North Carolina where he played linebacker for his high school career. He has bulked up significantly since that

time, going from around 200 pounds to 250 pounds during his first year at Louisburg.

ECU defensive line coach Jeff Hanson was the coach who initially found Robinson, and got him to come work out for the Pirates on June 22. Not long after the workout was over, Robinson received an official offer from ECU.

On Sunday, June 30, Robinson announced his verbal commitment to ECU, adding to head coach Mike Houston's 11 total recruited players in a 30 day span.

"When it comes down to it, you gotta make a change. That's what we did with our coaching staff and that what we did with our team," sophomore quarterback Holton Ahlers said during an interview on May 21.

The changes mentioned by Ahlers has come in several forms, and the Pirates have been working to improve the team defensively, with

the verbal commitments of three-star defensive tackle J'Vian McCray, three-star safety Teylor Jackson and three-star safety Teagan Wilk.

ECU has also received verbal commitments from three-star offensive linebacker Eric Doctor, three-star cornerbacks Shaun Tucker and Nasir Clerk, as well as three-star center Jaquaez Powell.

The team is trying to improve both its defensive capabilities and its protection of the quarterback, which has been reflected by ECU's recruiting for the 2020 class.

The Pirates have received verbal commits from 12 total players that are ranked as three-star athletes and are bound to receive more commitments throughout July and early August.

This writer can be contacted at sports@theeastcarolinian.com.

Burleson named to American Collegiate National Team

Brendan Gillespie
TEC STAFF

East Carolina University pitcher/outfielder Alec Burleson was officially named to the 2019 USA Baseball Collegiate National Team roster.

On Monday evening, USA Baseball officials announced the entire 26-man roster, making it the second consecutive year that an ECU player has made the team.

Jake Agnos and Bryant Packard make the team last year, and current ECU head coach Cliff Godwin was also selected last year as a hitting and third base coach. Last year, Team USA had a 12-3 record throughout its games.

This past season, Burleson led ECU in hits, batting average, doubles and multi-hit games with a .370 batting average, 23 doubles, 91 hits and 16 multi-run games during the 2019-2020 season.

Burleson pitched in 24 games and started nine times with a 6-2 record, five saves and a 3.28 ERA.

He is widely known as one of the best two-way players in the country, being nominated for the 2019 John Olerud National Player-of-the-Year Award and was also named to five All-America teams as the utility player.

One of his best appearances of the season came against the University of Campbell during the NCAA Greenville Regional on June 3. Facing elimination, Burleson led ECU from the mound, throwing for five innings which helped ECU advance in the regional and gave Burleson his 11th career win.

Burleson also achieved a career high 10 strikeouts in one game during a game against Monmouth on Feb. 23.

Burleson has also achieved greatness in academics as well. He has been a 2018 AAC All-Academic Selection, an ECU Director of Athletic Honor member six times and a 2019 Third-Team Google Cloud Academic All-American.

Burleson has a 3.959 cumulative GPA and is a business management major. Team USA will play against Cuba tonight at BB&T Ballpark in Charlotte, North Carolina.

This writer can be contacted at sports@theeastcarolinian.com.

Menu
• DISCOVER GREENVILLE •

While you're in town, stop by and visit

BONEFISH GRILL
(252) 754-0761 | 3616 S Memorial Dr, Greenville, NC 27834

THE PIRATE MEAL
\$10 for Purple Pirate and an order of Bang Bang Shrimp
*when you present your Onecard

HOURS
Mon-Thurs 4pm-10pm
Fri 4pm-11pm
Sat 11am-11pm
Sun 10am-9pm

Contact smaa@ecu.edu to be included on next week's menu. Only three editions remaining!

Pirate Media 1
Now
HIRING

BUSINESS MANAGER
The Business Manager is responsible for managing and coordinating all functions of the Advertising & Marketing Agency, including sales, creative services, marketing and operations. Primary sales responsibilities are to guide Account Executives in prospecting and calling on local advertisers, achieving sales goals and meeting deadlines. Operations duties include monitoring the annual budget and insuring all office operations are running smoothly, while marketing duties include promoting Pirate Media 1 and its divisions, recruiting talent and representing The Agency across campus and beyond.

ACCOUNT EXECUTIVE
The account executive is responsible for prospecting and calling on local clients and business to advertise in all available Pirate Media 1 outlets, including but not limited to: The East Carolinian, The Hook, Rebel, Expressions, Anchors Away, and WZMB 91.3 FM

CUSTOMER SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE
The Customer Service Representative is responsible for a variety of office-based duties, including but not limited to handling all classified ads and general assistance for account executives with regards to prospecting, strategizing and calling on local clients.

MARKETING COORDINATOR
The Marketing Coordinator will work across all Pirate Media 1 divisions to develop, maintain and execute effective marketing campaigns that promote and benefit all of Pirate Media 1.

DESIGN APPRENTICE
Designers are responsible for creating design solutions for Pirate Media 1 that have a high visual impact. Graphic Design skills are required for a variety of products and activities, such as designing advertising for local businesses that will be placed in all Pirate Media 1 publications, creating marketing materials to help promote Pirate Media 1 products and events, laying out our newspaper The East Carolinian or one of our four magazines.

2.25 GPA REQUIREMENT
APPLY ONLINE AT
REBRAND.LY/PIRATEMEDIA1JOBS