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The portion of the Town Creek Culvert project's construction behind ECU's West End neighborhood is set to be completed next week.

Fifth Street to open

Town Creek Culvert construction phase to conclude

Margaret McCollum
TEC STAFF

East Fifth Street will re-open to traffic around July 15 as the Town Creek Culvert project progresses, while the intersection of Evans Street and Reade Circle will close for further construction.

Kevin Mulligan, director of public works in Greenville, said East Fifth Street is set to reopen around July 15. The street has been closed due to construction for the ongoing Town Creek Culvert project. He said the city is working to open East Fifth Street as quickly as possible.

"Opening up East Fifth Street, that is the main East/West access to the Uptown area, as well as the main street in front of the university," Mulligan said. "We want to get that open as soon as possible to help the flow of traffic to our uptown area as well as make life easier for everyone at the university."

Mulligan said as soon as East Fifth Street reopens, the intersection of Evans Street and Reade Circle will close for "several weeks" as another phase of the Town Creek Culvert construction goes underway. He said equipment will still

be present along Reade Circle as the construction continues.

According to the City of Greenville's website, the closure of Evans Street and Reade Circle is for a water line relocation project which will take place between Cotanche Street and Dickinson Avenue. The website says the closure of the intersection of Evans Street and Reade Circle will last from mid-July into August.

An additional area under construction is Washington Street and Eighth Street. According to Mulligan, Washington Street will be paved "shortly" while Eighth Street is projected to be under construction for a longer duration.

Mulligan said parts of Eighth Street will be open and Washington Street west of the intersection of Washington Street while Eighth Street will still be under construction for "a few more months."

Mulligan said the goal of the entire Town Creek Culvert project is to help with the control of intense rainstorms and flooding in Greenville.

"The existing culvert is designed to handle only very small storms," Mulligan said. "The new culvert that is being built

is for a much larger storm, it would (be able to) handle the event of Hurricane Irene."

P.J. Connelly, mayor of Greenville, said the culvert will help with localized flooding, especially over short periods of time, like two to three inches of rain over the period of an hour.

"I think people sometimes don't understand the scope of how large



P.J. Connelly

that infrastructure is and how much square footage that drainage actually covers," Connelly said. "We're looking forward to having this new stormwater infrastructure in place to be able to help mitigate some of those localized flooding issues we've had in the past."

The city is experiencing more stormwater due to the 10th Street Connector project, according to Connelly. He

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Trump rally divides local community

Summer Tonizzo
TEC STAFF

One week from today, President Donald Trump is expected to have a 2020 campaign rally at East Carolina University's Minges Coliseum, leaving students and community members with divided opinions about the event.

The campaign rally is scheduled to take place in Williams Arena next Wednesday at 7 p.m., according to Trump's campaign website. Those interested in attending may register up to two tickets for the event online, and tickets are distributed on a first come first serve basis.

ECU News Services sent out a press release on July 3 to clarify that the university is not promoting, sponsoring or endorsing Trump's reelection campaign. The press release said the facility is being rented out by the Donald J. Trump Campaign, an external party, which falls in accordance with the ECU Use of University Property Regulation.

"East Carolina University is committed to making its property and facilities available for use by internal and external groups and individuals, while at the same time protecting the rights of freedom of expression and association guaranteed by the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution," the press release said.

Shortly after members of the media announced Trump's scheduled visit to ECU's campus, students, faculty and members of eastern North Carolina communities took to social media to discuss the event.

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The College Republicans at ECU posted on Twitter about their excitement for the POTUS visit next week, and tweeted: "@RealDonaldTrump the East Carolina University College Republicans are excited and proud that you will be hosting a MAGA rally at our university! If you have not already, register for your tickets to the rally!"

Chairwoman of the College Republicans at ECU and senior political science major, Emma Arndt, plans to attend the rally with her organization's executive team.

"Obviously not everybody is going to agree with Donald Trump, but he's very outgoing and I think that this is going to be a great opportunity, whether they're (attendees) Trump supporters or they're opposers, to come out and, kind of, listen to what the president has to say," Arndt said.

According to Arndt, the rally presents an educational experience, and encourages people to take the opportunity to see the sitting president speak in person. She said she believes people will be able to take away valuable lessons from attending the rally, whether it be developing in personal or political beliefs.

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Annual guitar festival arrives

Macie Tano
TEC STAFF

East Carolina University's School of Music will host its 24th annual Summer Guitar Festival and Workshop next week, kicking off Saturday at 4 p.m. in A.J. Fletcher Music Center and concluding Tuesday at 4 p.m. with a youth and college level competition.

The festival will begin with a performance by Dragos Ilie at 4 p.m., followed by Elliot Frank, the festival's director and professor of guitar at ECU, and Stephen Robinson, professor of music at Stetson University performing at 7:30 p.m., according to an ECU News Services press release.

The following days will bring performances by the Kossler Duo, Andrew Zohn, Akerman Teixeira Duo, Francois Fowler and SoloDuo. There will additionally be a competition, consisting of college level and grade school students from around the United States and the world, and a performance on Tuesday, the press release said.

"The festival is an important cultural event with national and international visibility. It has brought support to the guitar program through donors and recognition for the School of



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ECU's School of Music's Summer Guitar Festival will return this Saturday and will include performances and student competitions.

Music," Frank said in a released statement.

According to the press release, the afternoon concert tickets are \$10 for the public and \$5 for students. The evening concert tickets are \$20 for public admission and \$15 for ECU students and seniors. The student performance on Tuesday is free of admission for all attending.

Robinson, the founder of the guitar program at Stetson University in 1983 and guest artist in ECU's Summer Guitar Festival, said he has performed at venues around the world and has taught many students who have gone on to pursue their own guitar-playing careers. He said he often performs

classical music and pieces his contemporaries have written.

"Performing is very important to me," Robinson said. "I love to share my music with people all over the world. My favorite part of teaching is watching my students grow. It's great to know that they are genuinely excited about learning and playing the guitar."

According to Robinson, there will be students coming from various different places around the world to attend the festival

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BRIEFS

Dickinson Avenue Public House features musicians

Dickinson Avenue Public House will have live music tonight from 7 to 10 p.m. Diners can listen to William Seymour on the guitar, Evan Roberson on the trombone, Chris Knuckles on the saxophone, Quincey Jones on keys and Brandon Mooring on the drums.

The Painted Peacock offers child/parent painting

The Painted Peacock, located on Red Banks Road., will offer a 'You and me painting pottery' event from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. today where children and an adult can paint pottery together. There will be no studio fees for children painting or the adult assisting them. The only cost is the piece of pottery the child paints.

ECU Board of Trustees are scheduled to meet

ECU's Board of Trustees (BOT) will convene tomorrow and Friday for orientation sessions in the Main Campus Student Center (MCSC), Room 337, beginning at 8:30 a.m. on each day. No committees of the board will meet tomorrow or Friday and they may enter into closed session as necessary.

The entire board will be considered in session for the entire day beginning at 8:30 a.m., and a scheduled meeting including the entire board will be held on Friday at 9:30 a.m. in MCSC Room 337.

CORRECTIONS & CLARIFICATIONS

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East Carolina University's enrollment is projected to increase for the fall 2019 semester as there have been more applications, deposits and registration. ARCHIVE 1 THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Enrollment to increase in fall

Margaret McCollum
TEC STAFF

Student enrollment at East Carolina University is expected to increase this year for the fall 2019 semester after the university experienced a lower enrollment rate last year.

Heidi Puckett, interim director of Undergraduate Admissions at ECU, said the total number of student enrollments cannot be determined until census day, which is 10 days after the start of classes. She said the university, however, has seen an increase in applications, deposits and registration for the fall semester.

Puckett said the goal for ECU enrollment is around 4,400 first-time freshmen for the fall semester. She said ECU experienced a decline last year, with 4,175 students enrolled for the fall semester. The projected number of students this year is expected to meet ECU's goal and be between 4,350 and 4,400.

ECU would like to continue to see increased numbers in the future, according to Puckett. She said the university has learned many valuable lessons throughout the past year which have contributed to ECU's success and the faculty hope to carry these lessons into the future.

"Outreach and engagement, those kinds of things are so important," Puckett said. "We're making sure that we are able to provide all of the information about opportunities that students have at ECU, while they're going through the application process so they can make a good decision."

Puckett said the university was "very generous" this past year by letting faculty and staff offer additional outreach opportunities to students unlike they have in the past. She said she hopes ECU will continue to implement these strategies because they have been successful.

Puckett said the outreach programs allow counselors from ECU to make visits to high schools across the state and surrounding states to provide information to potential students to educate them about the university.

"It was really important for me to let students know about tradition and about Pirate pride, so that they're engaged in the institution before they get here, and I think we did a really good job with that," Puckett said.

Puckett said a new engagement strategy the university implemented this year was mailing out a "No Quarter" flag to each admitted student. She said 15,000 prospective students received this flag along with information on ECU's history, which she believes was a successful tool for engaging potential students.

Puckett said students who apply to ECU will receive a well-rounded education, while also being able to participate in research opportunities, work directly with faculty and hold roles in campus organizations, some opportunities students sometimes think they won't be able to do at a larger institution.

"I think people get nervous," Puckett said. "They see that ECU is large and that makes them nervous, so we have to let them know that it feels small."

Margaret Turner, director of admissions and recruitment for the ECU Honors College, said the number of admissions to the honors college for the fall is strong. She said the college will have 220 students admitted in the fall semester, an increase from last year.

Turner said she encourages students who are eligible to apply to the Honors College at ECU.

She said, although it's competitive, the college bases its admissions decisions on trying to find well-rounded students who are curious and excited to learn at a higher level.

The honors college offers a variety of opportunities for incoming students to take advantage of, according to Turner. She said every honors college student will receive some level of scholarship support and have the ability to live with other students who have the same desire to do well academically.

"We offer a plethora of high impact practices such as research, internships and study abroad opportunities," Turner said.

PJ Connelly, mayor of Greenville, said increased enrollment at ECU is beneficial to Greenville, its businesses and the university.

"It's more people in our community, it's more people who will be living in apartments and houses, it's more people who will be spending money at our local restaurants," Connelly said. "We're excited and we want to help the university any way we can and be able to attract more people to our community because it makes Greenville a better place."

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President Donald Trump is expected to travel to ECU's campus next Wednesday for a rally at 7 p.m.

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Ardnt said she predicts North Carolina will be a battleground state for Trump in the 2020 presidential election. She said, by coming to a smaller city on the eastern part of the state, the rally will be impactful to his campaign.

"I think we're going to have a lot of people come out, especially from eastern North Carolina, but I wouldn't be surprised if we have people travel from all over North Carolina, maybe even outside of the state, come and see him," Ardnt said.

Ardnt said she hopes Trump will take time to speak about college students during his rally at ECU.

"I'd love to hear Donald Trump speak about young people," Ardnt said. "I think maybe being on campus

would give him the opportunity to do that, to speak about younger voters."

Amy Bright, a 5-year resident of Greenville and 2016 graduate of ECU, created a public event on Facebook, "'Protest Trump and the treatment of migrants at the border!'" with the plan to organize a peaceful protest the day of the rally.

In an interview, Bright said the protest is specifically focused on the treatment of asylum seekers, and other immigrants, at the Mexican-American border.

"The issue we're focused on is the morality of what's happening at the border and it's unacceptable," Bright



Amy Bright

Bright

said. "Anybody who cares about people in general should be absolutely furious about what's happening."

Bright said the protest is expected to begin at 4 p.m., however, additional details are not yet confirmed as she is in ongoing communication with the Greenville Police Department (GPD). She estimates the protest will bring a few hundred people.

The objective of the protest, Bright said, is to peacefully air grievances.

"I'd like to just stress we're not protesting Trump," Bright said. "A lot of people, the narrative is, 'well liberals just hate Trump,' (and) I don't think that that's true. I think we dislike a lot of his policies and this particular policy (immigration) is abhorrent and it goes against our values as Americans."

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can be the culvert construction can be an issue concerning detours, however, the construction was best for the city.

"From a longevity standpoint this was the best thing for the city," Connelly said. "It was a significant investment, a 30 million dollar investment, for the city to be able to mitigate some of those

(flooding) issues."

Connelly said the city understands people are highly anticipating the reopening of East Fifth Street, and one reason for doing the construction during the summer is to affect university traffic as little as possible.

Clayton Coley, a construction management major at ECU, said he is anticipating the opening of East Fifth

Street.

"I have to travel right by East Fifth every day to get to and from my house and it's made it a little harder with the street being closed and having to use detours," Coley said. "But, I think people are happy it (East Fifth Street) will open soon to make getting through Uptown easier."

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MAP OUT YOUR WEEK

TODAY

Take Up Space, Paintings by Gabrielle Brant Freeman
Joyner Library
9 a.m.

Trail Outlaw Crawl-in
Bad Daddy's Burger Bar
7 p.m.

Concert on the Common: On The Border (Eagles Tribute)
Greenville Town Common and Greenville Toyota Amphitheater
5:30 p.m.

TOMORROW

Winterville Market on the Square!
Downtown Winterville
5 p.m.

LumberJack Poker Night
Stumpy's Hatchet House
5 p.m.

Hand Lettering Class
Simple & Sentimental
6 p.m.

FRIDAY

Coffee + Paddle
Blackbeard Coffee Roasters
7 a.m.

SUP Yoga with Moxie
Yoga
Port Terminal Boat Ramp
9 a.m.

Broadway's Next Hit Muscial
Wright Auditorium
8 p.m.

SATURDAY

Annual Open House and Family Fun Day
Rocking Horse Ranch Therapeutic Riding Program
9 a.m.

Summer Movies on the Lawn
East Carolina University
7:30 p.m.

Into the Fog
Pitt Street Brewing Company
8 p.m.

SUNDAY

July Drag Brunch
The Scullery
11:30 a.m.

Sunday Series with Tyrek Hearon
Pitt Street Brewing Company
4 p.m.

Sunday in the Park Concert
Town Common
7 p.m.

OneCards can now be used Uptown

Summer Tonizzo
TEC STAFF

East Carolina University and Uptown Greenville announced a collaborative pilot program known as Bounty Bucks in early May which allows for students, faculty and staff who have a OneCard the ability to swipe it at local businesses outside of campus.

The Bounty Bucks program is the first collaboration of its kind to take place between the university and Uptown Greenville, according to Bianca Shoneman, president of Uptown Greenville.

Shoneman said the collaboration allows students and faculty members to upload money to the now-available Bounty Bucks account on their ECU OneCard. After funds are added, the user will be able to spend money at registered off-campus sites, such as University Book Exchange (U.B.E.), Smashed Waffles, amongst additional businesses which have signed on.

"We have been signing businesses, which I believe we have nine who have been registered to participate in the program now," Shoneman said. "We've been registering businesses for the past month or so now and working with ECU's OneCard department and finance department."

Currently, the nine businesses participating include: Blackbeard Coffee Roasters, the Blackened Kraken, Christy's Euro Pub, Cinnamon Indian Cuisine, Globe Pharmacy, Jimmy Johns, Smashed Waffles, U.B.E. and Coastal Fog, according to the Uptown Greenville website.

If a business is interested in becoming a part of the Bounty Bucks program, they have the ability to apply through a third party administrator, known as C-BORD, where the restaurant or retail store is able to register, according to Shoneman. C-BORD administers the card swipe machines needed to read ECU OneCard transactions at off-campus sites.

In order to encourage local businesses to participate in the Bounty Bucks program, Shoneman said the Board of Directors for Uptown Greenville offered an incentive.



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University Book Exchange (U.B.E.) was the first business to register for the new Bounty Bucks program.

"There's a fee that businesses have to pay to acquire the card swipe machine or point of sale, if you would, and as a result our board said, 'Hey we really want this program to be successful, we want it to be successful for students but we also want it to be successful for our business community.' So we've created this small, little grant program," Shoneman said.

Shoneman said the board committed to providing up to \$250 to participating businesses to differ the cost of the card swipe machine fee owners must pay before they are able to have it installed. She said the grant is "capped," which means only the first 10 businesses to register for the program are eligible to receive the money.

By differing the cost of participation in the program with the grant, Uptown Greenville officials hoped to see a high success rate for local businesses to participate in the program, Shoneman said. She said, since the program is new to ECU, Bounty Bucks users are encouraged to give feedback about the program so it can "better reflect student interest."

Shoneman said the first off-campus business to register for the Bounty Bucks program was U.B.E. Yvonne Perry, the general manager at U.B.E. said the business was able to accept OneCard payments on May 1.

"I feel like the university is stepping up and doing their part now in making more dining and shopping experiences available to their students, and it's a win-win for everyone involved, especially the students," Perry said.

At U.B.E. there are nine registers placed throughout the building, but Bounty Bucks are only accepted at one register due to the business

only having one set of the ECU OneCard compatible swipe machines, Perry said.

Perry said all products sold by U.B.E. are eligible to be purchased with Bounty Bucks, including textbooks. Additionally, she said if a student buys a textbook with Bounty Bucks and chooses to participate in "buy back" they will receive cash back.

"I think the success rate is going to be very good once they learn about it," Perry said. "Like with any new program, it takes a while for people to understand the program and for word to get out that the program is even available to them. Once it's known and it's made more available to students and they know more about it, then I think it's going to be very helpful."

Leslie Craigle, director of marketing for auxiliary services at ECU, said students and faculty can load funds into a Bounty Bucks account by going to the university's OneCard office in person or online through PiratePort. She said Bounty Bucks are different than meal plan bucks such as Purple or Gold bucks.

Craigle said there are items prohibited to be purchased by Bounty Bucks, such as alcohol, lottery tickets, drug paraphernalia, tobacco, vaping products, gift cards, money orders, firearms, ammunition, tanning, tattoos and piercings. She said the program is focused on dining and retail businesses in the Uptown area.

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Local musicians to perform at Whirligig

Macie Tano
TEC STAFF

William Seymour and Noelle Smith are scheduled to perform at Whirligig Stage, 628 South Pitt St. tomorrow night beginning at 8:30 p.m. and ending at 10:30 p.m.

General admission tickets are \$12, and can be purchased online through the link found on the event's Facebook page. Members of Whirligig Stage can purchase tickets for \$10, and students, senior citizens and military members are able to purchase theirs for \$8 with an appropriate ID at check-in.

According to Jason Coale, executive director at Whirligig Stage, both Seymour and Smith have played at the venue before, but this is the first time they will be performing together.

"Noelle has been off at college, but we still consider them (Smith and Seymour) local musicians and are both ones to watch for sure. There are few artists as dedicated to their crafts working in this area and they are two of the best," Coale said.

Smith, a North Carolina native who attends Belmont University in Nashville, Tennessee, said she has been singing professionally since the age of 12 and been doing gigs in Greenville since she was 13 years old.



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Whirligig Stage in Uptown Greenville will have performances by William Seymour and Noelle Smith tomorrow night.

According to Smith, her music is a mixture of country and pop, but she has expanded into playing a couple more genres in the past year. She said she often performs at bars and breweries in the Uptown Greenville area.

Smith said she has known Seymour for a couple of years, and while they have performed at the same venue on several occasions, this will be the first time they are performing together.

Smith said she is looking forward to tomorrow night's concert and to having an audience who appreciates her and Seymour's performance. She said the night will be

"all about the music."

According to Smith, she and Seymour plan to put on a "fantastic" show which she hopes people will come out to see.

"By going to shows like these, you support local artists like us and local businesses like Whirligig, a performing arts center that is showcasing Greenville's arts in a new and special way. The best part is you get to have fun in the process," Smith said.

Jeff Blinder, the founder of Spazz Presents who plans music gigs and concerts in the Greenville area, said Seymour has been one of the main contributors to Green-

ville's music scene and has made it accessible to other musicians.

"Besides all he does for the music community, he is also a fine performer and his vision and passion is something I haven't seen in the 15 years I've been involved in Greenville's music community," Blinder said.

According to Blinder, Seymour has performed at almost every venue in the Greenville community, but does some of his best shows at Whirligig Stage, because he works with the space to put on a great show.

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and workshops and to compete in the youth and college level competitions which will be judged by guest artists.

There will be master classes held each day of the event where students will attend lessons and have one-on-one time with the guest artists, as well as an ensemble on the last day where everyone will play together, Robinson said.

"Each evening, there is a concert that will feature two artists. Saturday night it will be myself and Elliott Frank. He will be playing the first half and I will be playing the second half. Sunday evening is the Li-Zohn duo and the Akerman Teixeira Duo and Monday evening will be Francoix Fowler and SoloDuo," Robinson said.

Robinson said he performed at the festival three years ago in 2016. He said he enjoyed the venue and the audience's enthusiasm, and he is

looking forward to this year's lineup of performances, as Frank usually brings in "wonderful" performers.

According to Robinson, he is also looking forward to seeing old friends, meeting new people, teaching students attending workshops and judging the student competitions.

"I'm looking forward to performing and meeting all the students and judging the competition and seeing everyone else play. It's a great atmosphere to be in, and there will be a lot of inspiring music to be heard," Robinson said.



Andrew Zohn

Andrew Zohn, professor of guitar at Columbus State University's Schwob School of Music, said he has attended the annual guitar festival every year since 1997 and will be performing in this year's festival with one of his

former students, Erdong Li.

Zohn, who has had a career playing guitar for 30 years and has performed at various venues across the globe, said that the festival is one of his "favorite things" to do during the summer.

"It is a really fun festival. I am looking forward to performing with my former student, and also hanging out with the other artists. It is a celebration of old friends and also people that share a passion for guitar. If you love the guitar, then you won't believe the level of talent coming to Greenville," Zohn said.

For more information on the festival and workshops, visit the event's webpage, or call (252)-328-6245. For ticket information, call (252)-328-4788 or (252)-328-4736, or visit the Central Ticket Office's website.

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OUR VIEW

New fire station will benefit city

The Projected Fire Station Seven, which is currently in the design phase of its construction, provides residents of the Greenville community comfort in knowing Greenville Fire/Rescue (GFR) has the intention and goals to improve travel times.

Travel time is the amount of time it takes after leaving a station to arriving at the said destination.

Currently, GFR has six stations placed throughout various locations within the city's limits. Greenville spans across 35 square miles within Pitt County, and each fire station is dedicated to providing services to protect people in the area.

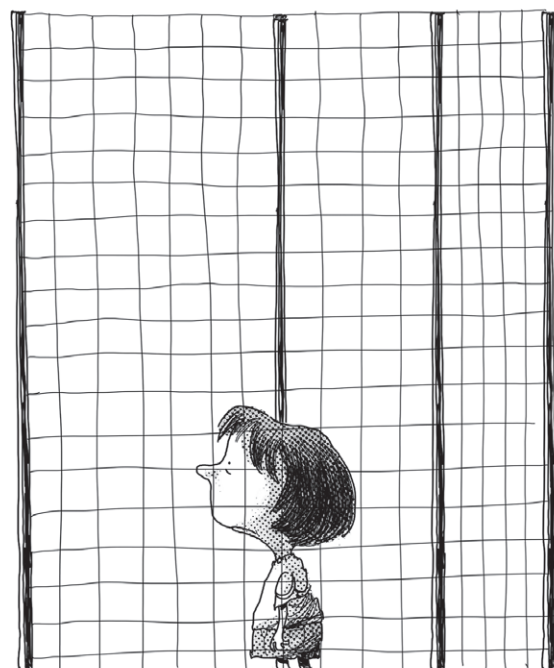
Residences along Fire Tower Road, the proposed location for Fire Station Seven, have been experiencing increased travel times, reaching up to eight minutes, which is the main reasoning behind the plans to build an additional fire station.

By building a station on Fire Tower Road, GFR's travel time to the area will improve by an estimated three to four minutes, taking the typical eight minutes down to four or five minutes, which would be the ideal amount of time.

We, the editorial staff of The East Carolinian, believe the addition of Fire Station Seven on Fire Tower Road will be beneficial to the local community once completed and shows that the City of Greenville cares about making strides to ensure the safety of its citizens.

Once completed, construction is projected to finish 20-22 months, Fire Station Seven will have great impacts on residents and guests of the Greenville community, and it will effectively provide services to an area which is currently not in close enough proximity to receive aid as quickly as surrounding locations.

SHENEMAN TRIBUNE CONTENT AGENCY



"IF YOU WANTED TOOTHPASTE AND SOAP, YOU SHOULD'VE BOOKED A ROOM AT ONE OF MY HOTELS."

Rally provides opportunities

Regardless of partisanship, Trump's visit is important

Tea with Tonizzo



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TEC STAFF

In light of the recent news that President Donald Trump has made East Carolina University's campus a sure stop on his 2020 campaign rally route, it's important to keep in mind the significance of events where

powerful individuals are involved and recognize where you can make a difference.

Regardless of political affiliation, the matter-of-fact is the 45th President of the United States made our small, college city a destination on his reelection campaign trail, which is a major feat for all parties involved, whether you consider yourself a Republican, Democrat, Independent or are undecided.

The President making a pit-stop at our university is something which will be remembered years from now, especially if he is reelected to office in 2020. Greenville, North Carolina is not on everyone's maps, and even though ECU is a quality institution with an enrollment average of between 28,000 to 29,000 students year-to-year, many people outside state lines could hardly pinpoint where exactly the

university is.

And as the president has scheduled a definite visit to ECU one week from today, there will be many eyes watching eastern North Carolina, who are wondering why he chose to travel to a lesser-known city on the very day former special counsel Robert Mueller is set to testify before Congress regarding the campaign investigation into Trump. A distraction, perhaps?

I wonder, how much attention will the university receive from across the state, and potentially from the country? And attention to eastern North Carolina? Only time can tell.

Trump's decision to hold an event directly on ECU's campus is a bold move considering how the university is called home to thousands of students who feel uncomfortable by the sitting president's policies or oppressed by actions of the man himself. Even though the university made it clear that the MAGA campaign is not being endorsed or sponsored by ECU, it still brings anger and disappointment to the doors of liberal students.

Thus being said, even if you have deemed yourself a Democratic member of ECU's community or are a Republican who doesn't support Trump, the opportunity to see the current President of the United States should supersede any predispositions you may hold. Now, I'm

not saying you have to enter the rally and *enjoy yourself*, but maybe step back and take a moment to realize that attending this rally isn't something you can go out and experience every day.

There are other ways to partake in the rally which don't involve actually entering Minges Coliseum. Members of campus and city communities have already begun to band together to organize protests on the day of the rally, which are an option for those interested in participating in the rally without having to step inside.

The President of the United States coming to your college to speak, in person, standing behind a podium on a campus you call home is a rare event, and it is not something to pass up no matter your political partisanship. How many people can say they've seen the sitting president speak in person to begin with?

Community members should be prepared to take advantage of the opportunity sitting right under their noses and need to be planning how they can gain personal or educational experiences by attending Trump's upcoming campaign rally taking place on Pirate territory.

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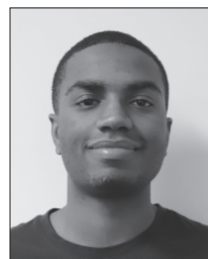
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College for all is not impossible

Tuition-free education would be beneficial for all



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Millions of Americans start college with the goal of acquiring knowledge to start their careers. But once they've received their diplomas, a great portion of students will have thousands

of dollars of debt to go along with that knowledge.

Data collected from the National Center for Education Statistics shows that approximately 14.5 million students are enrolled in American public universities. And as of June 25, those students have added to the total \$1.6 trillion student loan debt, according to the Student Debt Crisis Organization.

According to the U.S. Department of Education, there have been approximately 43 million borrowers who have an average of \$33,000 in student loan debt as of Dec. 31, 2018.

Leaving college with thousands of dollars of debt over your head, clouding your future, defeats the purpose of college in the first place. College is supposed to be a headstart on life and provide graduates with opportunities they couldn't have otherwise had without college.

The idea of free college seems so foreign to Americans, but foreign

"As a nation with great amounts of resources at our disposal, we should put them toward figuring out a way to not have millions of recent graduates starting their lives on the back foot."

countries, such as Denmark, Sweden, Estonia, Finland, Germany, Iceland, Norway and Turkey, have had tuition free universities for years.

As a nation with great amounts of resources at our disposal, we should put them toward figuring out a way to not have millions of recent graduates starting their lives on the back foot.

Presidential candidate Bernie Sanders has come forward as a proponent of cancelling all student loan debt and not only making college more affordable, but virtually free. Sanders announced a plan to make all two-year and four-year public and tribal universities tuition and debt-free while also eliminating all \$1.6 trillion of student loan debt already accumulated.

Economists have said this plan, and others like it, are not impossible. Sanders' plan would have "Wall Street footing the bill" by having a 0.5 percent transaction fee on speculative trading.

The removal of college debt would

mean that taxpayers will have to cover billions of dollars which would lead to an increase in taxes and result in less money going to other government entities. But overall, the United States economy has flourished in the past from tuition-free college.

When the GI Bill, which provides all American military veterans with tuition-free higher education, was first introduced it leads to the growth of the middle class and recipients of the GI Bill provides billions of dollars of extra tax revenue for the decades following its inception.

The economy would receive an insurmountable boost if tuition-free university were provided to every American and not just a few million.

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Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Today is a 6 -- Reconsider your home improvement plans. Cost overruns or delays could thwart your intentions. Avoid arguments and do more research before committing. Clarify your ideas.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) -- Today is a 5 -- Wait to see what develops. Focus on planning rather than action or words, which could fall flat. Consider details and consequences. Rest and recharge.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) -- Today is a 7 -- Communications could misfire between you and your partner. Minimize arguments by keeping your side of the bargain. Take a step toward a shared dream.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Today is an 8 -- Connect and share. Let go of a preconception. Misunderstandings arise easily; don't jump to conclusions. Avoid provoking someone with a short fuse. Listen and watch.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Today is a 7 -- Sidestep a conflict of interests with a group effort. Don't believe everything you hear. Changing plans require adaptation. Patiently get everyone on the same page.

Gemini (May 21-June 20) -- Today is an 8 -- Misunderstandings with your work, labors or health require clarification. Patiently untangle things. Release your feelings and emotions with exercise. Walk with a friend outside.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) -- Today is a 7 -- Review the budget before spending. Unexpected expenses could throw your balance off. Tempers could be short. Forgiveness is divine. Keep a positive outlook.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) -- Today is a 7 -- Anticipate disagreement at work. Ignore criticism for now. Keep your head down, and get productive behind closed doors. Avoid risky business, and stick to fundamentals.

Cancer (June 21-July 22) -- Today is a 7 -- Relax and have fun with family. Postpone important decisions or conversations. Unexpected circumstances require consideration. Wait for developments. Speculate on dreams and possibilities.

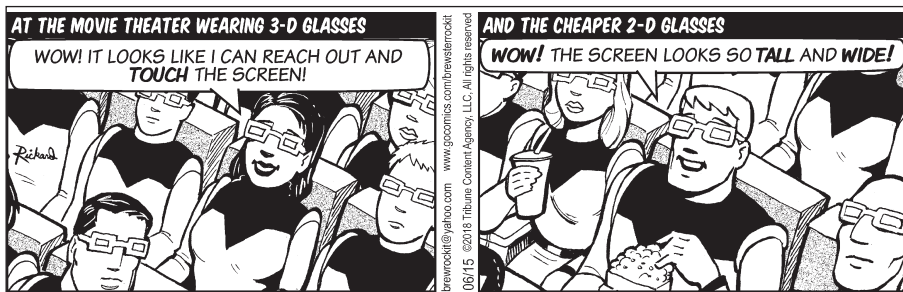
Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) -- Today is a 9 -- Streamline your personal routines. Your attention is in demand. You can't be two places at the same time. Check schedules, and stay in communication.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) -- Today is a 7 -- Proceed with caution. Delay or discord could interrupt your investigation. Avoid gossip or provocation. A confrontation could get awkward. Discover hidden beauty close by.

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COMICS

BREWSTER ROCKIT



AT THE MOVIE THEATER WEARING 3-D GLASSES
WOW! IT LOOKS LIKE I CAN REACH OUT AND TOUCH THE SCREEN!

AND THE CHEAPER 2-D GLASSES
WOW! THE SCREEN LOOKS SO TALL AND WIDE!

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BEST IN SHOW



VIKES, THAT'S ONE SOUR PUSS! WHO SPIT IN YOUR CHEERIOS?

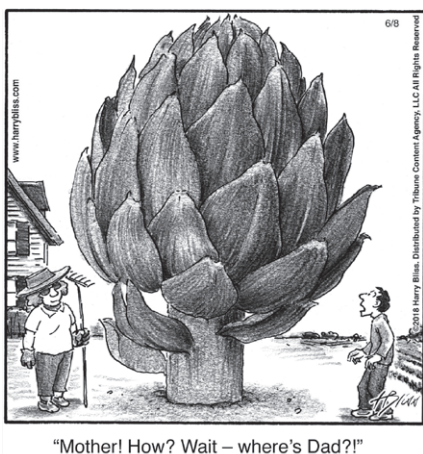
IT APPEARS THAT MY MOM'S EXPECTATIONS FOR ME HAVE BEEN BUMPED UP TO THE NEXT LEVEL.

IT WAS THE 'HIGHER STANDARDS' COMMENT, WASN'T IT?

NOT ONLY DO I HAVE TO KEEP MY ROOM SPOTLESS, I HAVE TO DO MY OWN LAUNDRY, TOO.

RINGO, OPEN MOUTH, INSERT FOOT.

BLISS



CROSSWORD

THE TV CROSSWORD

by Jacqueline E. Mathews

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ACROSS

- "__ in the Family"
- Alda and Thicke
- "One Day __ Time"
- Daniel __ Kim
- Unaccustomed to doing
- __-wrenching; causing mental or emotional anguish
- Fuss and bother
- New __, India
- Make a mistake
- "__ Work"; movie for Charlie Sheen and Emilio Estevez
- "The __"; Fran Drescher sitcom
- "Friday __"
- "The Joy __ Show"
- "Not __ Stranger"; Sinatra movie
- "Cat __ Hot Tin Roof"
- "The __ Erwin Show"; old sitcom
- Mexican mister
- "Extreme Makeover: __"
- Aired again, as a TV show
- "The __ Movie"; Len Cariou/Steven Seagal film
- Suffix for command or puppet
- Sidekick for the Lone Ranger

- Ferrigno of "The Incredible Hulk"
- Eisenhower's monogram
- Lucy Ricardo's landlady
- Ending for old, cold or bold
- Yiddish remarks of dismay
- Esther __ of "Good Times"
- __ Moines, Iowa

DOWN

- Actor Sandler
- __ down; burdened with a load
- Actress Téa
- "Beauty __ Beast"
- Majors or Remick
- Hole-making tool
- Slangy denial
- "The __"; Paul Newman/Robert Redford film that won the Academy Award for Best Picture
- Insurance company employees
- __ blind eye to; ignores
- Give it __; attempt
- Monogram for inventor Bell
- Cry of discovery
- "__ Were the Days"; theme song for "All in the Family"
- Divided into strips, like a freeway
- Teheran resident
- Actress Ally __
- B'Elanna __; character on "Star Trek: Voyager"
- Ms. Thurman
- Actor Peter __
- "The Adventures of __ Tin Tin"
- "__ the Dragon"; Bruce Lee film
- Lubricated
- Loop at the end of a lasso
- Change the decor of, as a room
- Crazy
- "__ be in England, Now that April's there..." (Robert Browning)
- Org. for Blackhawks & Canucks
- __ Aviv, Israel

Solution from 7/3

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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 7/3

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Five members of the ECU women's golf team were named to the list of 2018-2019 Division I All-American Scholars, making it the 15th straight year that at least two ECU players were named to the list.

ECU golfers win academic award

The WGCA named five women 2018-2019 All-American Scholars

Brendan Gillespie
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Earlier this week, the Women's Golf Coaches Association (WGCA) announced its list of 2018-2019 Division I All-American Scholars, which had five golfers from East Carolina University on the list.

Carly Cox, Dortha Forbrigd, Kate Law, Siranon Shoomee and Grace Yatawara were all named to the list, making it the 15th straight year that at least two ECU women's golfers have been named to the list in the same year, according to a press release from ECU Athletics.

"In the 19-year history of the women's program, 18 golfers have tallied 52 WGCA All-American Scholar honors, while six have been recognized all four years at ECU," the press release stated.

Cox had a team third-best 74.45 stroke

average and finished her final season with ECU at No. 8 on ECU's all-time career stroke average chart with a 75.21.

She placed 17th in the 2019 NCAA Auburn Regional and finished the regional at 2-over par, and Cox also had two top 10 finishes in other competitions throughout the year.

Cox finished ninth place in the 2018 Minnesota Invitational and tied for tenth at 2018 Alexa Stirling Intercollegiate.

Finishing her third season as a Pirate, Forbrigd owned the best seasonal average at 72.48, which ranks as the second-best in program history.

Forbrigd won her second career event at the 2019 Lady Puerto Rico Classic where she finished with a 7-under par, which was also her best score of her collegiate career.

Law is another senior on the women's

golf team that finished her career with ECU, and was on the team for all four years of her collegiate career.

"Law had a 76.12 scoring average in 11 events as a senior ranking fifth on the team during the 2018-2019 season," the press release said.

Throughout her four-year career at ECU, she had a 76.00 stroke average in 44 events with four top 10 finishes, which ranks 13th all-time among female Pirate golfers.

She is one of six Pirates in program history to be named a WGCA All-American Scholar for four-straight years. Law is also an eight-time ECU Director of Athletics Honor Roll member and has been an American Athletic Conference All-Academic selection two times.

During her junior season, Shoomee had a 75.19 seasonal stroke average and appeared in seven events. She also participated in the

Auburn Regional, scoring 3-over par and placed 21st.

Shoomee has been an All-American Scholar twice, a six-time ECU Director of Athletics Honor Roll member and also a two-time selection to the AAC All-Academic Team.

Lastly, Yatawara closed out her junior season with a 76.37 stroke average and participated in seven events. Her stroke average was her personal-best, and like Law, is also a six-time ECU Director of Athletics Honor Roll selection.

Yatawara had two top 30 finishes on the year, including placing 24th at the 2019 Florida Gator Invitational where she scored 6-over par.

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Burleson to lead team



Brendan Gillespie
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After the East Carolina baseball team's historic run during the regular season and postseason, the biggest question remaining is: What comes next?

Regardless of losing seven players to the MLB, the ECU baseball team has several players that can step into the leadership roles that have been left vacant.

Primarily, pitcher/outfielder Alec Burleson was a huge part of last season's team. Burleson led the team in four categories, 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 was a sophomore last season and is likely to be drafted in the 2020-2021 MLB draft, especially with all of the notoriety he achieved nationwide.

This is a true testament to his dual threat prowess, especially after being nominated for the 2019 John Olerud National Player-of-the-Year Award, which is for the best two-way player in the country.

Aside from his hitting, Burleson started on the mound nine times out of 24 total game he pitched in and with a 6-2 record, five saves and a 3.28 ERA.

Another key piece in ECU's success during the upcoming season, rising sophomore infielder/pitcher Rider Giles is bound to have an effect on the team in his coming years.

Another two-way player for the Pirates, Giles had a 3.71 era on the mound during his freshman year, along with 20 strikeouts and one win on the season.

Giles also had a .242 batting average, 36 hits and had 26 RBIs on the season.

He will be beginning his sophomore season for the Pirates in the spring, and shows promise to be the next great two-way player on the team.

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