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Letter from the Editor-in-Chief

Jenna Price
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Welcome Class of 2023!

I am the the Editor-in-Chief of The East Carolinian, the student newspaper for East Carolina University. I have been a student at ECU since the fall of 2016, and as I approach my last few semesters at ECU, I can't help but envy you as you are just at the beginning of an amazing journey.

This upcoming year will be such an exciting time for both you and myself. As you embark on your first year of college I will be leading a newspaper who's history spans a century. This year somethings you can expect from TEC is our consistent publishing, both in print and online, and a continuation of the revitalization we've started on our social media.

This year will be exciting for you because you've finally made it to college. ECU has given me more than I ever could've imagined when I was where you are now. It's given me friends and opportunities that I never could've imagined while I was in high school. You will feel so many things, this first semester especially, so I'd like to offer you some free advice.

College is many thing, but the most overlooked is how

difficult it is. Sure, it's fun and you are exposed to a ton of new experiences, but never lose sight why you're here. Embrace the struggle, because when you look around you realize you have almost 30,000 shipmates struggling along beside you. You are never alone at ECU.

College can cause so many different feelings. Some of them good, and some of them bad, but all of them are so important. I want to encourage you to lean in, even when it's painful. That seems to be the place where you can learn the most.

There are so many clubs and organizations to join now that you're here, so I really want to encourage you to find a group that interests you and join. ECU is home to over 500 organizations, but if one of them doesn't seem right for you then, start your own! Being involved in your university in any way, shape or form will help you really feel connected to not only the university, but your fellow classmates.

The East Carolinian and myself are committed to serving ECU in every capacity from news to entertainment. I can't wait to see what this next year of change and growth will bring to both you and Pirate Media 1.

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First, you will need your navigator skills. Yes, you will need to find your way to class, and the dining hall, and your residence hall, but you will also need to find your path to success. Over the next few years, you will need a map. If you don't have one yet, make your own; X marks the spot. Find what you are looking for, and your community will help you to get there. If you get lost along the way, that's okay, because there is treasure at every turn.

Second, find your mates. We are in this together. Our crew is 30,000 strong, and we all can offer a helping hand (or hook). At ECU, we are a community, and it is in our character to serve. I hope that you will embody the motto of our university, *ad servire*, meaning to serve. Serve others in the ways that others have served you, and you'll begin to understand why we take it so seriously.

Third, don't forget a timepiece. Eventually, you will get to where you are going, but don't miss out on all the fun that comes along the way. Your time here is limited, so make sure to take advantage of it. Get involved, stay engaged, and don't forget to relax. There is so much to do in Greenville, and you want to make the most of it.

If there is ever anything that I or my team can do to make your time here more enjoyable, please reach out. Your Student Government Association exists to serve your needs, give voice to your concern, and champion your success. Follow us on social media @SGA_ECU, stop by our office in the student center, visit our website, or shoot us an email. I look forward to meeting each of you to continue the conversation #piratetopirate. Welcome Aboard,
Colin Johnson
Student Body President



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Several members of different chapters of the Panhellenic Association council pose on the East Carolina University's mall with the statue of PeeDee the Pirate, ECU's mascot.

Greek community welcomes class of 2023

Summer Tonizzo

TEC STAFF

East Carolina University has a vast selection of Greek organizations to choose from, and for the student who wants to become involved with a fraternity or sorority on campus, there is a wide variety of chapters to be welcomed into.

Greek life at ECU offers students the opportunity to partake in an enriching experience which helps young men and women “grow and develop” while gaining leadership and social skills, according to the university’s official Greek Life website.

ECU’s Greek Life consists of four councils, the Interfraternity Council (IFC), Multicultural Greek Council (MGC), National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC) and Panhellenic Association (PA). The councils provided give students the opportunity to choose the chapter which will best fit their needs.

Tyler Parker, ECU’s PA President, encourages women to join the Greek life community because it is a “great way to meet new people, develop strong

relationships and find a good group to start off college with.”

Joining Greek life is a great way to get involved on campus during your freshman year, according to Parker. By joining your first year you are able to grow and learn with your chapter, and you additionally may have the opportunity to lead in your later years.

“I’ve met some of the best people in my life through my sorority and by getting involved in Panhellenic. If you had told my freshman self that I would be here now, she definitely wouldn’t of believed you, but you never know the kinds of opportunities and friendships waiting for if you don’t even try,” Parker said.

IFC President, Anthony Fraraccio, refers to Greek life at ECU as the “backbone” of the university. He said joining the Greek community at the university was one of the best decisions he’s ever made.

“It is an excellent way of meeting people and having mentors within your organization, helping guide you through your time here at ECU,” Fraraccio said.

“For me, (being a part of Greek life) it makes me have a sense of belonging and I care more about the school I go to because of it.”

Fraraccio said being a part of Greek life at ECU means the student enjoys being sociable, cares about society and is willing to give back to the community.

Members of the Greek life community also have to care a lot about their grades, Fraraccio said. However, by joining a fraternity, he said you will be able to join a group who have taken the same classes and are “more than willing to offer help.”

Fraraccio said students who join will benefit by meeting lifelong friends and making a university, which is comprised of 30,000 people, feel smaller and not as intimidating.

“110 percent, do it, you won’t regret it,” Fraraccio said when asked if joining Greek life at ECU is worth it. “You will make memories and friendships you’re not going to make anywhere else.”

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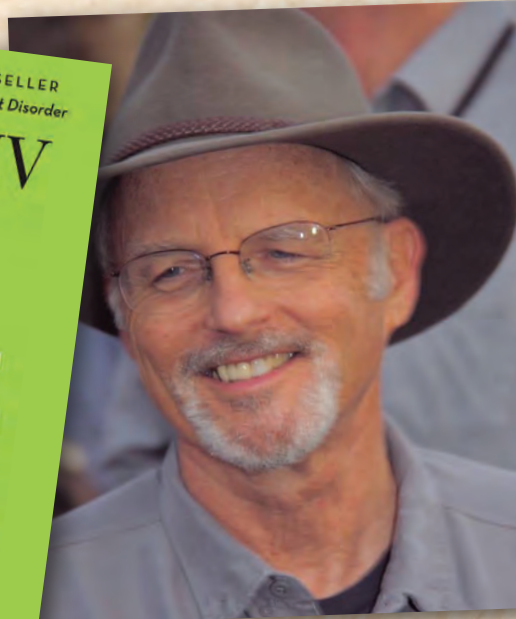
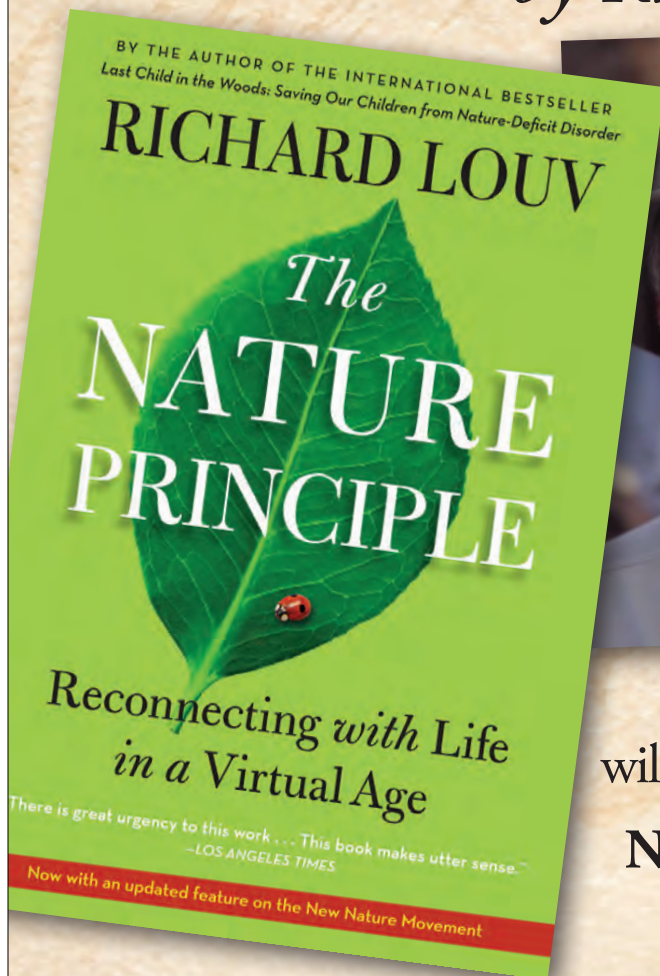
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Greek life hosts charitable events

Trajan Warren
TEC STAFF

Greek Life has been a staple of the East Carolina University experience for years and continues that tradition today.

Members of the Interfraternity Council (IFC), Multicultural Greek Council (MGC), National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC) and the Panhellenic Association (PA) have credited being a member of Greek life at ECU as an

instrumental part of their time at the university.

Whether it be the various charitable events hosted by the 37 different on-campus organizations or the bonds that members build with one another and the community, Greek life is a pivotal part of the ECU experience.

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Members of Alpha Delta Pi sorority pose with food prepared for one of their philanthropic events.



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Interfraternity Council members gets pied in the face outside the Main Campus Student Center.



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ECU Club Hockey Greek Night 2019 hosted at Carolina Ice Zone.



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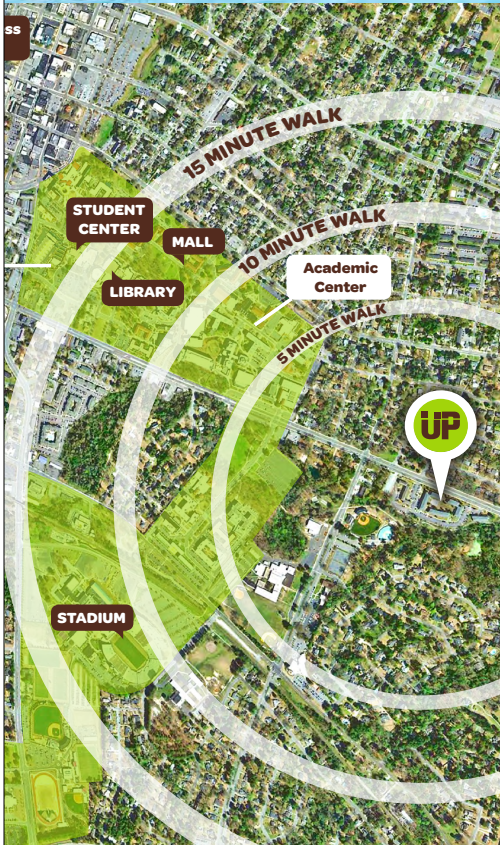
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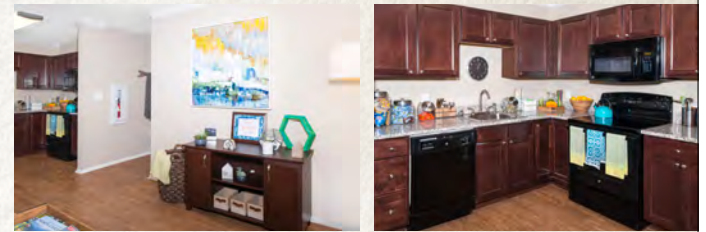
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Sup Dogs is a popular location for many students and Greenville residents to go and enjoy food from because of its close proximity to ECU's campus and it's affordable food options.

Cheap eats around campus

Macie Tano
TEC STAFF

If you are looking for cheap eats in Greenville, look no further! Restaurants close to campus such as Sup Dogs, The Scullery and Chico's offers quality food at a reasonable price.

Sup Dogs, which is located on 213 East 5th St., caters to everyone, whether it be college students on a budget, or families looking for an excellent dining experience. The restaurant, which opened in 2008, serves food that everyone can enjoy.

"We have specialty hot dogs, burgers, cheese fries, and cheesy tots, all in a high energy dining environment. Sup Dogs is fun, exciting, loud, bright, family friendly, and at the same time has a college vibe to it," Bret Oliverio, the owner of Sup Dogs, said.

Sup Dogs serves their food and beverages at a low price, which is beneficial to not only college students, but Greenville residents.

Some of their most popular items include the Bacon Cheese Fries Burger combo, which you can get for \$7.49, and their Cheesy Bacon Delight Hot Dog combo, which you can get for \$5.99.

According to Oliverio, Sup Dogs, which is mainly focused on the students of Greenville, has become a staple

of the Greenville and ECU community.

"We've become a part of the ECU college experience, and that's not something we take lightly. We have been doing this for over a decade, and students have sort of adopted us as their spot," Oliverio said. "We put a lot of energy into our food and drinks. We work incredibly hard every single day to make sure that we are delivering what everyone is expecting."

Another restaurant in Greenville which serves food at quality prices is the Scullery, which opened up in 2011, according to Matt Scully, the owner of the establishment.

Matt and his wife Erin saw a need for an ice cream and coffee restaurant in Greenville, and opened up their restaurant on 431 Evans St. The Scullery serves fresh food made from scratch.

"Our breakfast menu has become our most popular. We have a 'Hungry Pirate' breakfast, which is \$9, and then our Breakfast bowl, which is also \$9. Those are probably our two most popular items," Scully said.

The Scullery's menu consists of their own spin on comfort food, such as their signature sandwiches and salads, and also caters to their vegan and vegetarian customers as well, Scully said.

"We have food that will hopefully make people feel better, whether that's with a milkshake, a stack of pan-

cakes, coffee, or a salad," Scully said.

Another restaurant that is popular in Greenville is Chico's, a Mexican restaurant founded by Juan Martinez and Bill Alston in 1983, which is located on 521 Cotanche St. The restaurant prides itself for having "great Mexican food, hungry college students, and fun times," according to the restaurant's website.

The restaurant serves burritos, quesadillas, fajitas, and more, all for reasonable prices ranging from \$7.99 to \$13.99, according to the website.

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Pirate football fans cheer on East Carolina University's football team during a game. East Carolina University's first game is against NC State on Aug. 31 at Carter-Finley Stadium.

Get ready for game days at East Carolina

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TEC STAFF

Football season is soon approaching causing campus and Greenville to prepare for another year of Pirate football. There are a few things everyone should know before the season begins.

One thing to be aware of is getting enough sleep before game day. It may sound silly but waking up at 8 a.m. for a noon game is a lot rougher than you think, especially when the sun is blazing down on you outside.

East Carolina University's first game is against North Carolina State University on Aug. 31 at Carter-Finley Stadium at noon. Many pirates attend the games at NC State, therefore, plan accordingly and be sure to represent ECU well.

Another tip would be to get your game day clothing in advance. Juliana Brundick, a special education major at ECU, said she normally starts shopping for basics to wear to games during the summer.

"I typically buy things for the themed games, like blackout and gold-out, at Catalog Connection on fifth street," Brundick said.

A good game day plan would be to have a tailgate spot for you and all of your friends. If you live on campus, the most convenient tailgate lot is the Student Pirate Club lot located at the bottom of College Hill.

Even if you are not a member of SPC, most likely you have a friend who is and they can purchase a parking spot for \$30 per game. The gates to the SPC lot open six hours prior to kickoff.

If the SPC lot isn't your scene, another tailgating area would be by the Elm Street Park. This is where many parents and alumni tailgate. This is a great way to be relaxed and in the air conditioning before arriving at Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium.

When people think of tailgates, they think of grilling and drinking, but there is actually a lot more you can do. Many people play corn hole at tailgates, so having boards would be pretty handy during any tailgate party.

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The East Carolina University football team celebrates a victory against American Atlantic Conference rivals the University of Connecticut during the fall 2018 regular football season.

Preview for upcoming sports

Brendan Gillespie
TEC STAFF

Throughout the school year, there are tons of fun and exciting events that students can attend. Sporting events are a huge example, and are one of the most popular events to attend on and off campus.

Football

East Carolina University football is undoubtedly the most popular sporting event to attend as a student. Regardless if they are winning or losing, the environment always makes it fun for attendees and the football team is making strides to improve this coming season.

The team had a few seniors that graduated who were vital to the team both on the field and off.

Regardless of the loss of those veterans, the Pirates who went 3-9 in the regular season and 1-7 in the conference are ready to turn over a new leaf.

Since hiring new head coach Mike

Houston, the Pirates have been working hard in the offseason and are preparing to open their season away at Carter-Finley Stadium against North Carolina State University. Having lost their last game of the season there, it'll be an emotionally charged game for both teams, but especially for ECU.

They have also been preparing to fill the holes the seniors left, as several guys are stepping up to make an impact. Senior wide receiver Deondre Farrier is making some big strides to be the number one target for Ahlers this come season.

Redshirt freshman wide receiver Tyler Snead came up huge for the Pirates, scoring three touchdowns against conference foe University of Connecticut in last season's final home game. He is another wide receiver that will surely make an impact for this Pirates team.

After a breakout performance last season, junior running back Darius Pinnix Jr. is a player to watch. He can not only find gaps and break tackles with relative ease, he can also catch the ball, making him a



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East Carolina University football players against the University of Connecticut in 2018.

threat whether or not he is handed off the ball or running a route.

The first home game of the season will be on Saturday, Sept. 7 at Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium, and the start time will be announced at a later date.

Women's Soccer

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Middle blocker S'mara Riley and outside hitter Sydney Kleinman during an ECU women's volleyball game. The women's volleyball team's schedule for 2019 will be announced soon.

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often as possible, especially because of a tough home schedule the Pirates have this season.

They will play many challenging teams within the American Athletic Conference, including last year's conference favorites the University of South Florida (15-4, 8-1 AAC).

"I think we have a great fan base here, that a key to being successful at home, and I think that's gonna get even better now that admission is free; it's gonna draw an even bigger crowd," head coach Jason Hamilton said.

ECU went practically undefeated, going 8-1 when playing at home in Johnson Stadium. They had a regular season record of 10-6-3, and were 5-4 in the AAC.

The team last season was comprised of mostly sophomores and a few juniors spanning the roster.

Redshirt sophomore midfielder Grace Doran and redshirt junior goalkeeper Mel-

anie Styles are two players that are really beginning to take charge of this team, from a leadership standpoint.

"Grace Doran is a redshirt sophomore but she's more like a junior; she understands what it takes (to win)" Hamilton said. "Melanie Styles is our starting goalkeeper and she's done a really fantastic job of taking control of the team."

Being a traditionally fast team, ECU has a tendency to be very aggressive on offense and to push the ball up the field. Last season, their leading scorer only had four goals, but the team as a whole scored 30 goals.

The first game of the season is on Friday, Aug. 16 at 7 p.m. at Johnson Stadium.

Women's Volleyball

For the first time ever, the American Athletic Conference is dividing into Eastern and Western divisions for volleyball. East Carolina University is in the east division, and will play all Eastern teams twice

a season and each Western team once.

"We have been really young, we only have one senior this year and last year, but in 2020 we have 13 junior and seniors," head coach Julie Torbett said.

Last season, the Pirates had a 13-16 regular season record and a 5-13 record in the AAC, including a 10 game losing streak.

However, they have beaten every conference team at least once, so they have proven that no team is unbeatable.

"I really think these next couple years with the team are gonna be huge seasons for us," Torbett said.

Although they have five seniors from last season who have now graduated, the Pirates are ready to step up to fill their shoes.

Junior defensive specialist Brandi Markwith will be returning this season from an injury which sidelined her for most of last season. Markwith set the school record for the most digs in a single match, and the most digs in a single season.

More players to watch are senior middle blocker Toya Osuegbu, sophomore outside hitter Natalie Tyson

Osuegbu excels at jumping high and making athletic plays, something that is impressive to see on the court or in the stands.

Tyson is also a player who jumps high and makes plays on the ball, which is impressive considering she is only 5 feet 7 inches tall.

"We want them all to come to ECU volleyball matches and have that same environment for our team here" Torbett said.

Students will be able to experience this excitement firsthand during their first game of the season, which will be sometime in early August.

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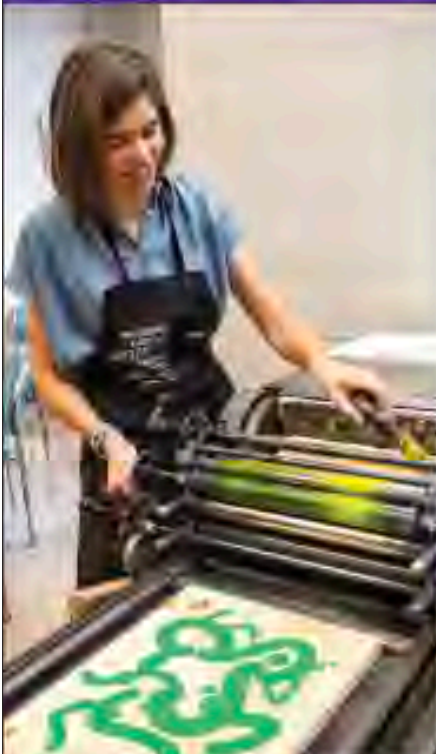
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Downtown Greenville attractions



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Greenville local running across the Greenville Greenways bridge connecting to Town Common.

Trajan Warren

TEC STAFF

Greenville has the reputation of being one of the most active college towns in North Carolina. On any given Saturday, downtown Greenville can be quite vibrant.

However, Greenville is not just active on Saturdays. With countless places to explore and events to partake in, any given day in Greenville can be an adventure.

The Scullery

The Scullery has been the go-to destination for weekend brunches with friends since it opened in 2011. The Scullery also offers discounts to students and people who work in the downtown Greenville area. According to The Scullery employee Nicole Caballero, the inviting atmosphere and laid-back energy customers get as soon as they walk in is what appeals to ECU students and the Greenville community alike.

“We really push for customer service,” Caballero said. “We want you to feel like you’re at home and we maintain that at all times.”

Greenville Museum of Art

According to its website, the main mission of the Greenville Museum of Art is “to provide and promote the visual arts through the collection, exhibitions and education.” With students being able to display their showcases there and view art for no charge, the museum lives up to that mission. The Greenville Museum of Art also provides a student membership for an annual fee of \$20 which provides invitations to exclusive opening and discounts to other local attractions.

“The museum provides culture,

we provide art and exhibitions for people in both the Greenville community and visitors,” Jenna Leissner, director of development said. “We try to branch out beyond our museum walls.”

Greenville Greenways

For ECU students looking to enjoy the more removed parts of Greenville, exercise or socialize with others, the Greenville Greenways are the way to go. The Greenways are a system of linear parks which include open fields and trails made for biking and jogging. The Greenways are constantly expanding and according to Gary Fenton, Director of Parks and Recreation for the city of Greenville, the Greenways will encourage different communities to interact with one another.

“Over the years, (the Greenways) will continue to grow and eventually be all around the city,” Fenton said.

Sup Dogs

For almost 10 years, Sup Dogs has been a landmark in the Greenville community. Being named as the best college bar in America by 5th Year, Sup Dogs has earned an undeniable reputation as one of the best restaurants Greenville has to offer. With the rooftop dining area which opened in August, Sup Dogs will continue to be a landmark for years to come.

“We understand that we’re a big part of the ECU experience and we’re proud of that,” Bret Oliverio, owner of Sup Dogs said. “Over the years, we’ve become a tourist attraction here in Greenville and it’s not something we take lightly.”

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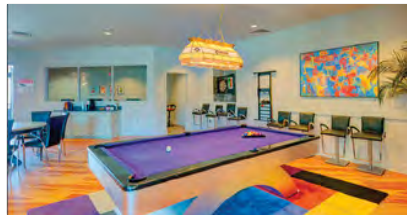
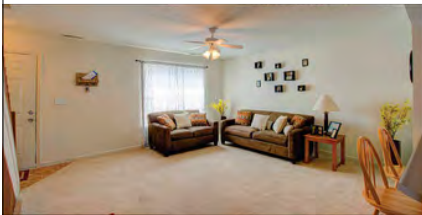
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Unique dining options in Uptown

Macie Tano
TEC STAFF

Uptown Greenville has many unique options for dining, whether you are looking for a restaurant to eat at with your friends and family or a place to get some work done while sipping on a coffee.

Blackbeard Coffee, which opened in Sept. 2017, serves fresh coffee roasted in house, baked goods from Great Harvest Bread Co. and has a local chocolate bar, Mike Fox, the co-owner of the café, said.

According to Fox, the coffee joint, which is located on 203 East 5th St., serves various drink options, ranging from lattes to teas, which can be made hot or iced.

“Some of our best-selling items are our lattes, which we have in a bunch of different flavors of that customers can order. One popular drink is our White Mocha, as well as our Caramel Macchiato,” Fox said. “For our customers that don’t drink coffee, we have a good loose-leaf tea collection that can be sweetened with honey, agave, sugar or simple syrup. We also have hot chocolate as well.”

As for their baked goods, Fox said that their customers enjoy their cinnamon rolls and their vegan muffins, which

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The O.G. waffle and the Swirly Sin waffle from Uptown Greenville's Smashed Waffles.

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Campus stereotypes

Not all assumptions about East Carolina University are true

Margaret McCollum
TEC STAFF

East Carolina University has its fair share of untrue stereotypes and its reputation sometimes precedes it. However, despite the rumors, any student here will tell you some of the most common accusations are false.

Here at ECU, the most prevalent assumption by far is that we are a raging party school. Incoming students enter our university with the belief that all of our students spend their days filled with limited class attendance, minimal studying and drunken nights. However, this really isn't the case.

Although our students are an extremely lively, spirited



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> **STEREOTYPE** page A30 East Carolina University is often stereotyped as a party school. In recent years, the universtiy has tried to shake that image.

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Dickinson Avenue Public House is one of the many restaurants that has opened on Dickinson Avenue as a part of the revitalization of Uptown Greenville that began in 2015.

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crowd with unmatched Pirate pride, people will find most students dedicate just as much time to being studious, successful and driven when it comes to earning their degrees.

From our nursing students who work tirelessly day and night to our professors and faculty who offer a helping hand at the drop of a hat, this really is a special school to attend for an individualized approach to learning.

This stereotype is largely outdated, and over the past few years, our university has prospered into a place any student will feel an overwhelming sense of pride for. It's entirely possible to earn a quality education here with perseverance and dedication, just remember not to walk under the Cupola.

Another common misconception students have about attending ECU is that there's not much to do on campus or around Greenville for students. Although Greenville is a small town, the area has all but transformed over the past couple of years.

Dickinson Avenue has been revitalized and is now a hot spot for all sorts of activities. The street is lined with unique restaurants, contemporary breweries and small businesses.

Just to share the diversity of Dickinson Avenue,

“ This whole area has become a really cool place for people to come and eat and walk around. There’s a bunch of cool new places that are open. ”

-Mack Humbles

there’s a hatchet throwing establishment for adrenaline junkies, a Smashed Waffles to satisfy your sweet tooth and a Crossfit to burn off the freshman fifteen you can potentially gain.

Mack Humbles, a beertender at Jack Brown’s Burger Joint, located on Dickinson Ave., said Dickinson is thriving and they only expect more growth.

“This whole area has become a really cool place for people to come and eat and walk around,” Humbles said. “There’s a bunch of cool new places that are open.”

Downtown is perfect for nightlife, all of Greenville’s most student-friendly bars and live music locations are located here. Some old, some new and some newly renovated.

As far as campus goes, students can see a movie at Hendrix Theatre or visit the Campus Recreation

Center to join a variety of fitness clubs or learn about upcoming events through Campus Recreation and Wellness.

A final myth to dispel involves the belief students don’t attend classes as regularly here as other schools, but going to class at ECU is vital. There is a common misconception that our university requires less work than others and students don’t need to regularly attend class to pass.

However, most courses offered by the university implement mandatory attendance policies. This ensures students regularly attend class to understand crucial material in their area of study, as well as earn their money’s worth.

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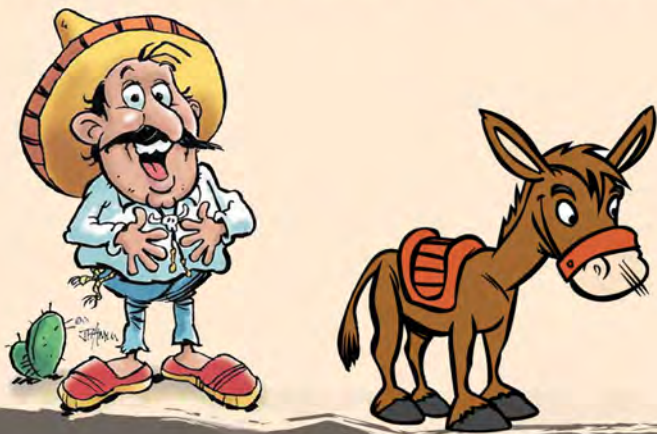
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Barista Wesley Lane and Carly Logeman prepare drinks for Blackbeard Coffee Roasters' customers. Blackbeard Coffee Roasters is located at 203 East 5th St., Greenville, NC 27858.

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they are currently rotating each day with blueberry and lemon poppy seed.

According to Fox, Bounty Bucks, which ECU students can use to purchase food on campus, can now be used at Blackbeard as well.

"We have free WiFi and a chill environment. It's a great place to meet a friend, hang out, or get some work done. We also have live music every first Friday from 7 to 9 p.m.," Fox said.

Another popular place in uptown Greenville is Smashed Waffles, which was founded in Greenville as a delivery service and opened up their first café at 718 Dickinson Avenue in 2016, according to Hunter Harrison, the co-owner of Smashed Waffles.

The café, which has a second location on 2304 Hillsborough St. in Raleigh, serves unique handcrafted waffles and coffee, Harrison said.

"What's unique is that our waffles are dough-based, so they are comparable to doughnuts or bagels, instead of traditional batter-based waffles. We sell them by the dozen, in house and through delivery," Harrison said.

According to the Smashed Waffles website, the café recently came out with a new menu which features six sweet and six savory options, such as the Cereal Thriller, which is drizzled in vanilla cream icing and fruity pebbles, and the Happy-Go-Lucky, which has chicken, bacon and cheddar. There is also ice cream waffles, mini chicken nugget waffles and pizza waffles, as well as new coffee options, such as their Hot Shot.

The café also serves a new waffle every week, called the "waffle of the week." They also have themed waffles, Harrison said.

"We do themed waffles pretty frequently. We did something for 'Game of Thrones,' something for 'Infinity War' and we also did a Star Wars Day waffle. Typically, we will have themed waffles for pop culture events," Harrison said. "We also will have special waffles that we will have for one day or week only."

For more information on Blackbeard Coffee Roasters, visit their website, or call them at (252)-565-8312. For more information on Smashed Waffles, visit their website, or call (252)-364-2872.

“ For our customers that don’t drink coffee, we have a good loose-leaf tea collection that can be sweetened with honey, agave, sugar or simple syrup. We also have hot chocolate as well. ”

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Sophomore Alyssa Cadavid, arts chair for Student Activities Board, talking with and informing an East Carolina University student about SAB during the 'Get a Clue' event on the mall.

Joining organizations provide opportunities for students

Elizabeth Johnson

TEC STAFF

When students begin their first year at East Carolina University, the campus and transition into college life may feel overwhelming but joining a club or an organization can help alleviate some of the stress by connecting students with a network which wants to see them succeed.

Clubs and organizations can help students make friends, provide them with networking opportunities, teach them how to work in a team, gain leadership experience, build their resume and give back to the community,

According to Krista Wilhelm, assistant director for Organization Development at Student Activities and Organization, clubs and organizations can help students make connections with faculty and staff. Wilhelm said these are the people who may one day write students a recommendation letter for a job or for grad school.

"Joining an organization can create networking opportunities with professionals in the field of study. Many of our students interact regularly with local and regional alumni who may be hiring one day or can be a resource," Wilhelm said.

Wilhelm said ECU has over 500 clubs and organizations and last year there were 42 new organizations who completed the registration process. If ECU doesn't have the organization, the SAO will guide students through the process of bringing it to campus.

Wilhelm said students interested in starting a club can

apply online. She said SAO guides starting new organizations through the entire process.

Students who start new clubs will need to attend four workshops led by the Student Organization Resource Team over the course of two weeks. Students will also need at least 10 interested members and have established roles for each member such as president, vice president or treasurer. New organizations will also need to create a constitution.

Wilhelm recommends freshman don't join too many organizations but find ones that are right for them. She said students can find clubs on the ENGAGE platform which will be launching in the middle of June. It will allow students to find organizations based on categories, keywords and interest.

ENGAGE is a website like OrgSync, which is currently in use at ECU, but according to Wilhelm is an "upgrade."

Any student who is searching for an organization to join and needs assistance should visit the SAO office, according to Wilhelm.

Niegel Strayhorn, a junior engineering major, said being apart of a fraternity has improved his time at ECU. Strayhorn said being part of an organization has allowed him to connect with like-minded people and focus on his school work. He said it has also taught him how to prioritize his time.

Strayhorn recommends anyone who is interested in joining an organization, find out if the organization has the same values as them.



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Members of the Gamma Chi service sorority participating in the 'ACS Making Strides' awareness walk.

"I would just say, do your research on the organization, find out if they have the same values as you, if it's something you would be interested in. Talk to somebody in that organization, get more details," Strayhorn said.

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Breaded chicken, mozzarella,
American, ranch 7.49

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Breaded chicken, pesto,
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Salads

CAESAR SALAD
Lettuce, croutons, shredded parmesan 5.79

GRILLED CHICKEN CAESAR SALAD
Lettuce, grilled chicken, croutons,
shredded parmesan 7.49

GARDEN
Lettuce, red onion, tomatoes, cucumbers,
carrots, mushrooms 7.29

GREEK
Lettuce, tomatoes, cucumber, black olives,
red onions, feta cheese 7.29

CHEF
Lettuce, tomatoes, eggs, ham,
turkey, cheddar cheese 7.49

TURKEY CLUB
Lettuce, turkey, tomatoes, bacon bits,
cheddar cheese 7.49

STEAK SALAD
Lettuce, steak, tomatoes, red onion,
cheddar cheese, fries 7.99

SPICY CHICKEN SALAD
Lettuce, buffalo grilled chicken, tomatoes,
red onion, cheddar, fries 7.99

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Lettuce, Salami, Ham, Pepperoni, Mozzarella
Cheese, Black Olives, Banana Peppers,
Red Onions, Tomatoes 8.49

Desserts

CINNAMON STIX 4.79
APPLE PIE CALZONE 6.99

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BBQ STEAK
Steak, bbq, mozzarella, american 7.79

STEAK & CHEESE
Steak, mozzarella, american 7.79

SOCCER
Steak, olives, onions,
hot sauce, jalapenos, cheddar 7.79

FOOTBALL
Steak, peppers, onions, mozzarella 7.79

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HANGOVER
Hamburger, cheddar, Mexican seasoning,
onions, jalapenos, hot sauce 7.29

BACON CHEESEBURGER
Burger, bacon, cheddar, mozzarella 7.49

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Burger, cheddar, onions, hot sauce,
Mexican seasoning 7.29

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Breaded eggplant, mozzarella,
garlic 6.99

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Mozzarella, cheddar, broccoli, garlic 6.99

PESTO
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and mozzarella 6.99

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mushrooms, black olives 6.99

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mushrooms, mozzarella 6.99

Breakfast

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Hamburger
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Meatballs

COFFEE REVIEW

Best places to get your caffeine fix



Darby Hubbell
TEC STAFF

Coffee is the backbone to the success of a college student. Without that instantaneous caffeine fix, students could never pull off all the infamous all-nighters or make it through both an exam and a double shift at their job. One of the best parts about going to East Carolina University is the numerous options to pick up that wonderful, steaming hot or iced cup of joe. And yes, while ECU does offer two Starbucks locations directly on campus at Joyner Library and Wright Place, there is also an array of unique and quirky coffee houses either located right in the heart of downtown Greenville or just outside the realm of campus.

Blackbeard

“Blackbeard’s,” as most locals will call it, is a brand new addition to Uptown Greenville, located on 5th Street on the same block as Sup Dogs and Stop Shop, across from Catalog Connection and Cape Fear Tattoo. This new coffee shop offers 10 unique blends of freshly roasted coffee, lattes, espressos, teas and more. Rated 4.9 stars out of five on its Facebook page, it’s a must go for late night study sessions. Open from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m., go and visit the handcrafted baristas as they craft you up an affogato, macchiato or one of their several home made bakery items for sale at the counter.

RATING:



5 out of 5

Dunkin'

Dunkin' is the best place to get your coffee fix when you're ballin' on a budget. With an array of options of iced and hot coffee that include americanos, cappuccinos, macchiatos, lattes, espressos, teas and more, this drive through-available coffee option is a life saver when you're penny pinching. Not only can you use your ECU student ID for a discount, but the large (32 ounce) cup of coffee is less than four dollars, which in comparison to Starbucks Venti (20 ounces), is a steal.

RATING:



3 out of 5

Buzz House Coffee

Known mostly by ECU students as, “The Buzz”, this coffee shop is located right along Charles Boulevard next door to Domino’s Pizza and the Providence Apartments. Offering made-to-order fresh pastries and coffee, it’s the perfect place to sit down and open up a textbook to study. Outside of the hub of downtown, this little shop offers both the aesthetic and taste you would hope to vibe off of once you leave with a cup of joe in hand.

RATING:



5 out of 5

Coastal Fog

One of the newer additions to Uptown Greenville that is slowly starting to gain its roots, The Market at Coastal Fog offers a European-style cafe feel with not only coffee, but sandwiches, soups and salads. With a light and open concept, lots of seating and a coffee bar which opens at 7 a.m., this is the perfect place to meet when you need to work on group projects with classmates. With the only downside of this cafe being the early closing time at 5 p.m., feel free to meet up with friends and work while you enjoy drinking and eating around the multiple large, farm style kitchen tables.

RATING:



4 out of 5

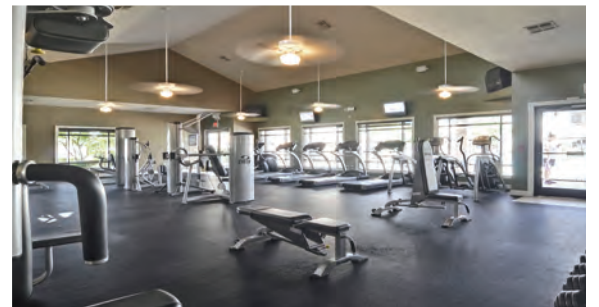
Krispy Kreme

A North Carolina staple, Krispy Kreme is mainly known for their freshly made, soft and delicate doughnut, but in addition to these delicious and freshly baked treats comes their premium coffee made available. Located right on 10th Street, directly across from Sheetz and the new Student Union opening up this fall, run over to the home of the NC doughnut and grab yourself a piping hot cup of black coffee, flavored latte, shake or any other iced drink.

RATING:



3 out of 5



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