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One of East Carolina University Police patrol cars sits in front the Ross Place, located off East Tenth Street in Greenville, North Carolina.

Gang activity raises concern

ECU PD, GPD reassure the community's protection

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The City of Greenville has continued to see local crimes occur within the area, and although some East Carolina University students and community members express their concerns, the ECU Police Department (ECU PD), as well as Greenville Police Department (GPD), reassure each member that the city is protected.

A media release posted on Twitter and Facebook from the GPD was sent on July 2, which mentioned a gang member was arrested that day for a local shooting.

Abyjah Moses, a 21-year-old Greenville resident, was a "validated gang member," according to the GPD Twitter post. The post said Moses was charged with discharging a weapon in an occupied property. Moses was also charged for discharging a weapon in Greenville limits, which was in regards to a shooting on June 18. The June 18 shooting took place at the Citgo gas station on the corner of North Memorial Drive and West Fifth Street.

"At approximately noon that (June 18) day, (Abyjah) Moses was observed running through traffic and shooting into the parking lot of the Citgo gas station," the GPD Twitter post said. "At least two rounds struck the building.

Fortunately, no one was injured."

GPD Communication Officer Kristen Hunter said the GPD is proactive in terms of all crime that occurs within the area, but more specifically, the police department has a Gang Unit divided up into six GPD police officers.

Hunter said the Gang Unit actively patrols Greenville as well as the areas near ECU's campus. She said there are various gang members who come from different towns in Pitt County, such as the town of Ayden, North Carolina, to the City of Greenville. However, she said there are cameras located all over Greenville, so if someone wishes to commit a crime, they will more than likely be caught.

The GPD also looks at research patterns and logistics in terms of gang activity in the area, Hunter said. Although police officers in Greenville are reactive to the crime that occurs in the city, Hunter said they also need to be and continue to be proactive to help reduce crime before it happens. In order to be proactive, she said the GPD looks at and investigates areas in Greenville with a high amount of crime, keeps a lookout for suspicious activity as well as looks at crime logistics and previous crimes committed.



Kristen Hunter

"Gang members, contrary to popular belief, typically are not targeting random innocent bystanders to become victims of crime. They are targeting each other, so if you're not involved in a gang, you're not very likely to become a victim to gang violence," Hunter said. "They very much target each other and are working groups, so I hope that puts some at ease."

Despite the fact that gang members may not target random individuals of the ECU or Greenville communities, gang activity is still an issue in the area, Hunter said. She said the GPD takes gang activity and other crimes in a serious manner.

Hunter said the ECU and Greenville communities should call 911 if they see any suspicious activity or if there is an emergency. The non-emergency number for GPD is 252-329-4300.

The GPD works very closely with ECU PD, according to Hunter, and both police departments will continue to work together to prevent crime in Greenville, especially gang activity.

ECU PD Captain Chris Sutton said Greenville is no different than any other city or town in the United States. He said Greenville is the largest city in the Eastern North Carolina region, and because of this, potential gang activity still occurs. However, larceny, he said,

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ECU Financial Wellness Hub expands staff

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The Financial Wellness Hub inside East Carolina University's Main Campus Student Center has expanded its staff and hopes to continue to contribute to the financial well-being of students through one-on-one academic coaching, programs as well as courses throughout the summer and fall of 2021.

Rachel Anthony, director of the ECU Financial Wellness Hub, said the hub aims to assist students with their financial needs. Anthony said the Financial Wellness Hub was established in the spring 2021 semester and has had 66 one-on-one contacts with students, either in person or virtually.



Rachel Anthony

Anthony said 28 programs, presentations, workshops and classroom visits made up the majority of their influence, with 596 students total involved. Anthony said the Financial Wellness Hub's programs and classes will be available to students on the Engage website in the fall semester.

"I think for fall, it's just continuing to grow," Anthony said. "We had a really great spring semester, and I'm just hoping to get the word out to even more students that we're here and available."

The Financial Wellness Hub's peer educator programs are meant to provide ECU students with other students to discuss financial problems, plans and growth. The peer educators, Anthony said, provide coaching on financial topics like credit cards or credit scores.

Anthony said the Financial Wellness Hub will hold a number of programs throughout the 2021-2022 school year, such as Find Your Financial Footing on Sept. 1 at 4 p.m. The program aims to help students find good financial practices to start their fall semester's finances well.

Another program, Anthony said, is aimed at financial wellness for healthcare professionals, and a virtual program called The Future of Money and Personal Finance will be held on Sept. 23 about cryptocurrency and looking into the future of finance.

"I think the big thing for me that is exciting about my work is that everybody uses money," Anthony said. "There's really not a student on this campus that can't benefit from increased financial wellness, you know, everybody has a financial habit that they could learn more about or, you know, make financial decisions that are more beneficial for



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Local artists sculpt pottery scene in Uptown area

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Kathy Lyles and Margie Agnew, two local Greenville, North Carolina, artists expand the Uptown pottery scene with work spread out through various locations as their works continue to benefit the artistic community.

Lyles, who creates pottery pieces in Greenville, said she and Agnew create various forms of pottery artwork, some of which include mugs and vases, which can be found at Emerge Gallery & Art Center, the Umbrella Market and the Dickinson Avenue Market. She said her pottery consists of Cone 6, glaze, blaze, kiln, Raku, which is art developed from the Japanese.



Kathy Lyles

I do it in my garage. Margie (Agnew) does it in her kitchen.

She said she also works with horsehair and crystalline artwork for the pieces of art she creates.

"It's a hobby that, you know, we couldn't keep all these thoughts that we had, so we had to do something with them, so we started creating and selling it little by little," Lyles said. "The money back, we spend on art chemicals and firing them.

We both fire. We both have kilns."

Lyles said both she and Agnew have taken art classes for various years at the Emerge Gallery and Art Center as well as other art places in and around the City of Greenville. She said she and Agnew now have several artworks for sale within the city.

It encourages her, Lyle said, when local Greenville community members buy the art she creates and dedicates her time to. Although it is not about the money, she said she is more inclined to make more art when people take time to appreciate it and purchase her art.

Artwork expresses the



ARTWORK BY KATHY LYLES

artist's emotions, according to Lyles. She said the pottery and other artwork she creates conveys her feelings and emotions. She said mental health is of utmost importance for her, Agnew as well as the surrounding Greenville and East Carolina University communities.

"We (Greenville artists) like to make things that are different, and we will get bored and then, we'll try something else. Some people will make sets of dishes. Yes, I make mugs, but for my mugs, I'm probably experimenting with a new glaze or I'm just experimenting," Lyles said. "Then I'll create a shape to make. Some like to make the same thing over and over and over again, but I like each piece to be unique."

Agnew said she has had a love for pottery her entire life, and she is glad she has the opportunity to work with Lyles in the Greenville area.

Although Agnew is from Africa, she said she makes more European art. However, she said she does incorporate some African

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BRIEFS

80's Trivia Night to be hosted for university

Today, the East Carolina University Alumni Association will host "Totally 80's Trivia Night" from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. via virtual format. Once registered for the event, a link will be sent to attend. Participants will compete and be tested on their 80's knowledge to win ECU prizes. It is \$5 to attend the Trivia Night, which is capped at 25 individuals, and those who engage, need two screens available in order to view the Zoom meeting as well as see the Trivia questions.

'Body Blast Boot Camp' to encourage participants

Today through July 28, the East Carolina University Student Affairs, the Fitness and Personal Training departments and Campus Recreation and Wellness will host "Body Blast Boot Camp Session 2" from 6:30 to 7:15 a.m. at the Outdoor Pool Lawn of the Eakin Student Recreation Center. Participants will engage in strength, cardio and functioning exercise stations throughout the Boot Camp sessions. ECU students can still register for the workout sessions via the ECU Events Calendar website.

Second Summer deadline to conclude for students

Friday until 5 p.m., the East Carolina University Office of the Registrar will have the deadline for undergraduate and graduate students to withdraw from Second Summer Session term-length courses. Block courses, until 5 p.m., are able to be dropped only throughout the first 60% of their regular scheduled course meetings.

CORRECTIONS & CLARIFICATIONS

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Construction continues on a corner building located at 501 Evans St., Greenville, North Carolina, at the corner of Fifth Street and Evans Street.

Uptown Greenville sees expansion

Building construction to bring additional commercial, residential space

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Construction continues on a commercial and residential space in Uptown Greenville, North Carolina, at 501 Evans St., where 501 Fresh Salads and Wraps once stood.

Len Tozer, president of the company working on the space, Len Tozer Builders Inc., said the property includes an upstairs unit for residential living and one main level unit for commercial use. He said the upstairs unit will be two New York style lofts with a deck and elevator.



Len Tozer

"The ground floor, we're still pending some potential clients, but we really don't have anybody in there yet," Tozer said.

As of the date of publication, the main level unit has not received a tenant, Tozer said, as the builders want to be considerate of the tenants who will occupy the residential space on the second level. He said they don't want to put an occupant who may be loud in the main level space, such as a bar.

Tozer said there's been interest from businesses in the main space, but no one has made steps to occupy the unit. As of the date of publication, Tozer said there is no date set yet for when the building will open its commercial space on the main level, or the residential second level unit.

"We're being real particular about who we're going to put on the first floor," Tozer said. "We don't have anything yet, we have a couple tire kickers but nothing taken yet."

Denise Caballero, a Greenville community member, said new business added to Greenville attracts more people to the city. She said, as she was born and raised in Raleigh, North Carolina, there are multiple activities to participate in and places to go in the Raleigh area.

"ECU is the main attraction to Greenville, so I definitely think there needs to be more things added to the area," Caballero said. "Just like in Raleigh, there's always things to do, have fun, be with friends. You're never really bored."

Caballero said there is also a lot of excess space and vacant or abandoned areas for people to rent or buy to start or expand their businesses in Greenville.

New attractions in the city bring both community members and students from the university, who will help spread buzz for downtown businesses, Caballero said.

For example, The Bodega & Cafe located at 250 Reade St. Suite 115, she said, is a new establishment in the city. The Bodega was added to Greenville on May 4 and since then, Caballero said, she and her friends along with other community members go there often.

"I know this place will really make this (Greenville) area grow," Caballero said. "I would like to see the place be a retail place, or maybe a clothing business. Actually, maybe something like Paint Your Pot or a drink and draw place. Greenville doesn't really have a lot of those kinds of places, and I know a lot of people will be interested. At least I know I am." Sophomore public health major Sophia



Denise Caballero

Adgate said it is essential for the city to continue to expand the area with new businesses. These new businesses, Adgate said, will help Greenville's economy grow in a significant way.

Adgate said she has been to 501 Fresh Salads and Wraps and she thought it was a great restaurant. However, she said she looks forward to whatever will come to occupy the space.

"I don't think it's a good idea for there to be a bar or a loud establishment to be put in place at the bottom of the new construction site, but the owners and builders know that," Adgate said. "It's good there will be new added living spaces for people in the community, and I'm very excited to see what the new additions will be."

Adgate said she goes to Uptown Greenville often, so she will more than likely go to visit the new establishment. She said she encourages all ECU students to check out the construction site as well as visit the business when it is finished.

Traffic is the only concern she has with new business establishments, Adgate said. She said that besides the traffic, she has no other worries about the corner construction.

"There's already so many people living in Greenville," Adgate said. "Don't get me wrong, I'm happy about this new business and any other businesses that are created in the area. I'll definitely be visiting, but people need to keep in mind traffic is already a big issue (in Greenville), and it will only continue to get worse if new places are added without any additions to the roads or parking."

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is at one of the highest rates of crime in the ECU and Greenville areas.

"Even some of the smallest communities can have problems with this (gang activity). I think it's important for the community that when they see something concerning, notify law enforcement," Sutton said. "It can be happening in their neighborhood or in their apartment complex or it can be something they're witnessing while they're pumping gas at gas stations. We police officers condition ourselves to be aware of what's happening around us all the time."

Sutton said he and the rest of ECU PD work very closely with GPD, more than they have collaborated and worked together than ever before. He said the ECU PD and the GPD work on several law enforcement operations in Greenville, share "intelligence information" and participate in law enforcement trainings together.

Both ECU PD as well as GPD work, especially on the weekends, to not only patrol the ECU area, but also Uptown Greenville, neighboring apartment complexes and other areas, such as the Grid, a neighborhood right across from the university's campus, according to Sutton.

"The reason why we (ECU PD and GPD) do that (patrol Greenville) is because we have such a large population of our students on as well as faculty that stay north of (ECU's) campus, but then also that visit the Uptown area and all of those establishments," Sutton said. "We have a vested interest in helping keep that area as safe as possible."

Sutton said ECU students do not necessarily receive all notifications of the crime which occurs in Greenville, because not all of the crime occurs in high-population areas. He said ECU PD sends notifications to the ECU community about crime situations that happen on or relatively near campus, while GPD posts on their various social media accounts about crime, especially in the city.



Chris Sutton

The ECU PD does not want Greenville and ECU community members to be bombarded with an overload of information centered around the crime in the area, Sutton said. He said ECU students and other local residents should follow the GPD socials in order to obtain all the information released by them.

The ECU community, Sutton said, can visit ECU PD's Alert Information website page in order to view alerts. He said Live-Safe, a phone application which sends alerts to one's phone about the alerts, is also a resourceful source for people to use.

"The local law enforcement and the community needs to have strong relationships where the community feels safe with sharing information," Sutton said. "They need to feel confident that when they do share information with local law enforcement, they are going to use that to help better protect the community, but then each member of the community has a responsibility to themselves to try to put themselves in a situation where they can control outcomes as much as possible."

Senior computer science major and Greenville resident Nick Johnson said the only times he hears about crimes is when he gets the text alerts from ECU. He said he hopes to see a more proactive method to alert residents of crimes.

Johnson said a great way to improve the methods used by ECU and inform the Greenville public of crimes in the city would be to make it so not just students get alerts. He said it would be beneficial for all residents of Greenville to get these alerts from GPD in the form of texts.

"A lot of students and people in Greenville don't follow the police departments on social media, so many of us don't know about the crimes," Johnson said.



Nick Johnson

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ROSE BOGUE | THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Rachel Anthony, director of the Financial Wellness Hub, sits in the hub's office, located in the student center.

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them, and so I think that's kind of the big takeaway."

Davis Whitfield, junior finance major, said he was hired the week of June 7 by the Financial Wellness Hub as a peer-to-peer financial educator.

Whitfield said he is excited and feels the importance of being able to educate students about financial wellness.

Whitfield said his job is to help students prepare for the financial world, both while at ECU and when in the workforce. Whitfield said there is a lack of education on personal finances, and he thinks it's important people know how to handle situations like debt and financial growth.

"We have a lot of programs that we're working on, a lot of new ideas that we're trying to implement in the upcoming school year, just to really get our name out there, and get students excited about learning about how to deal with their finances while they're in college and after college," Whitfield said.

Lucy Anna Shaeffer, junior business major, said ECU students should learn and be aware of financial responsibilities throughout college, especially before they graduate and enter the professional career field.

Shaeffer said the Financial Wellness Hub is a beneficial resource for all ECU students and she encourages everyone participate in the hub.

"The (Financial Wellness) hub will really help students learn and understand how to live

and survive in the real world," Shaeffer said.

She will participate within the Financial Wellness Hub throughout the fall 2021 semester, Shaeffer said. She said the hub will help her expand her knowledge about her current and future financial state.

"I am willing to help all students. I will be at the (Financial Wellness) hub constantly, and I know some people will definitely have questions," Shaeffer said.

Stan Eakins, professor of Finance at ECU said he encourages students to use its services.

Financial wellness is also taught as an elective at ECU, Eakins said, a program that he helped begin in the 2000's as the Chair of the Department of Finance at ECU. Eakins said that while the Financial Wellness Hub's services are a good starting point, there is much more to know that could be taught in seminars or coaching sessions.

He said while he supports the Financial Wellness Hub, he strongly encourages students to take the department of Finance's elective on financial wellness to expand their financial knowledge as well.

"I would also urge them, an evening session is not going to substitute for a semester-long course, that's also available," Eakins said.



Stan Eakins

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EVENTS

TODAY

Concert on the Common

Town Common
105 E. 1st St.
5 to 9 p.m.
(252) 329-4200

Umbrella Market

Five Points Plaza
Evans Street
5 to 8 p.m.
252-561-8400

TOMORROW

Anita's Food Truck

Pitt Street Brewing Company
630 S. Pitt St.
6 to 9 p.m.
(252) 227-4151

SATURDAY

Chirba Chirba Food Truck

Pitt Street Brewing Company
630 S. Pitt St.
6 to 9 p.m.
(252) 227-4151

Summer Movies on the Lawn

ECU Main Campus Student Center
501 E. 10th St.
7:30 p.m.
(252) 328-6387

SUNDAY

Sunday in the Park

Town Common
105 E. 1st St.
7 to 8:30 p.m.
(252) 329-4200



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Emerge Gallery and Art Center's Artist of the Month Don Neal showcases his artwork at the Emerge Gallery and Art Center, located in Uptown Greenville, North Carolina.

Emerge showcases Artist of the Month

Kyle Arnoe
TEC STAFF

Don Neal, a former geology professor who taught at East Carolina University for over 40 years, whose art showcases an abstract style with vibrant use of colors, has been selected by Emerge Gallery and Art Center as its Artist of the Month for July 2021.

Holly Garriott, executive director of the Pitt County Arts Council at Emerge, said in an email statement that the Emerge Gallery and Art Center's Artist of the Month program began as a way to promote art and local artists in the City of Greenville. The program also promotes the Emerge gallery to the local Greenville and ECU communities.

Garriott said Neal has attended various art classes at Emerge for some time in both ceramics and painting. She said he and his wife once did a joint exhibition at Emerge in previous years.

"We were quite pleased to accept his paintings into the Emerge Sales Gallery. We love his original approach to painting that is so unique with vibrant colors and movement," Garriott said.

Formerly a professor of geology at ECU, Neal said he's always dabbled in the arts and kept up with art, but since his retirement four years ago, he's taken to art as a way to fill his time and fulfill himself. Neal

said he started teaching geology at ECU in 1979 and has made several different art projects throughout his time at the university. Now that he has more freetime on his hands, Neal said art is his main focus.

Neal said he experimented with ceramics before painting. Ceramics can be defined as clay artwork or sculptures with decorative or industrial art added to the fixtures. He said he has no formal training in art, and his abstract work focuses on nature and emotion.

"Well being a geologist, it's all around you, just nature, and since I do abstract rather than realism. I can do whatever emotions come across, you know, from your surroundings," Neal said.

Neal said he's taken ceramics classes as well as several other mixed media classes at Emerge Gallery and Art Center, where groups of people come together and paint or learn different art techniques. He said these classes have helped him grow as an artist with his own approach to painting, such as the use of art textures.

His phased retirement from ECU starting in 2019 left him with a lot of time on his hands, Neal said, and without distraction, he was able to focus fully on his art. He said previously he was only able to work on smaller projects in his pre-retirement years.

Neal's artwork featured at Emerge is a series

of alcohol ink paintings in which he has made over the years both pre and post-retirement. He said Emerge has since put three more of his works on Instagram, which better reflect his current work, that features texture and color.

The texture is provided by a few different techniques, and modeling paste to provide a texture that Neal said he then paints over, creating grooves and ridges, which can be used to make different patterns.

"What I'm doing now, is with acrylics and texture, a lot of texture and color," Neal said. "They'll (Emerge) be putting more out there. Again, I like texture, different kinds of things to provide texture to a picture, and colors. There's a whole rainbow of colors out there, so it's a lot to choose from."

Neal said the classes he's taken at the Emerge Gallery and Art Center have helped him grow his approach to art as well as the various alcohol ink paintings he creates. The sessions, he said, allow him to change his perspective on art.

"I've taken a lot of ceramics classes at Emerge, and I'm doing, or have done, several of the painting and mixed media classes there. They're not really classes. People get together and paint," Neal said. "Once you get a few basics down, you do what you want to do, but it's a good catalyst for ideas, approaches."



Don Neal



Holly Garriott

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MOVIE REVIEW

Black Widow expands lifestory of titular character



Chris Young
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"Black Widow," directed by Cate Shortland, premiered on July 9 and dives deeper into the character of Natasha Romanoff, also known as Black Widow, played by academy award winner Scarlett Johansson, her past as well as the events which unfolded directly after the events of the 2016 "Captain America: Civil War."

Johansson, who continues to play one of the main female characters in the Marvel Cinematic Universe (MCU), helped to portray a compelling story of the character's past. The movie even goes into detail about the character's family, which audiences haven't seen before.

In other movies which feature Black Widow, the audience has been told bits and pieces about her past. In "Black Widow," Johansson's talents are the center, along with Florence Pugh, who plays her sister, Yelena.

The film introduces many new characters and plots that are specific to the storyline created by the MCU and the film ties together all the events from previous movies. The movie has a very clear theme about family, referencing it numerous times throughout it.

We are introduced to Romanoff's family and this becomes the main focus of the film. In almost every scene, the mention of family is made and the

audience watches as the family dynamic evolves.

While the action is always great in Marvel movies, "Black Widow" focused the attention of the audience more toward Romanoff's life. Instead of the movie being straightforward, the film chose to show Black Widow's past and the consequences she still has to deal with in the present.

During the movie, the audience is always questioning if Black Widow's actions are justified and even the characters question her morals at points. Alongside questionability of Black Widow's intentions, the audience will begin to contemplate the morals of every single character involved in the plot. With so many twists and surprises, viewers only get a few moments to process what is happening in the film until another problem arises.

The villain of the movie, Dreykov, played by Ray Winstone, plays a crucial role in Romanoff's life. Everything she does in the movie is connected to him and the movie cast its villain to perfection as Winstone truly embodies a brutal and conniving character.

While the action and the message of family are the focal points of "Black Widow," there are so many scenes that are full of wit and humor, just like any other film by Marvel. Each character featured is given a chance to shine and the film does a great job of letting characters other than Romanoff grab the attention of the



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Actress Scarlett Johansson stars in Marvel Studio's movie "Avengers," released on July 9.

audience throughout the movie.

The film had a great blend of characters, who were played perfectly by the actors chosen. Each character, protagonist or villain, was compelling and drew the attention of audiences.

In every scene of the movie, the audience is entranced by the action, sounds and atmosphere created.

Costume designer Jany Temime shines in this film, showing superhero suits the audience has never seen and not just for the character Black Widow. Temime, who has worked for films like the "Harry Potter" series, made the film that much more enjoyable.

The soundtrack for the movie, composed by Lorne Balfe and Alexandre Desplat, created an intense atmosphere throughout many of the action scenes and Marvel continues to show their aptitude at creating powerful scenes which are only amplified by the music.

The movie was definitely up to the standard of most other Marvel films, creating an intense atmosphere while still staying grounded and not getting convoluted with all the twists and characters.

"Black Widow" kept the charm and appeal all other Marvel films have had and the cast, costumes and music only amplified the experience.

The ending of the movie ties together all the events that followed "Civil War" up to "Avengers: Endgame" with an additional twist scene featured after the credits that viewers should be sure not to miss out on.

RATING:



4 out of 5

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aspects in her artwork in which she creates.

Every piece of artwork in Greenville is different, Agnew said. She said she will continue to produce artwork in the area until she can't physically do it anymore.

"I think for me, it's the pure joy of creating something. I think it's tough for me to put my thoughts into words, and I take my time," Agnew said. "I think probably each piece that I create is unique, perfect. I would never replicate. I would never be able to replicate."

Adam Berman, third year graduate student in printmaking, said through-



Adam Berman

out his time when he worked at Florida State College in Jacksonville, Florida, as a tech for ceramic and sculpture, he realized how hard it was to make cermaics. He said he enjoyed the Raku style of Lyles and Agnew's pottery and liked the mirror glaze of the cermaics. Berman said he has seen the process of Raku cermaics throughout his time in Florida and has not seen the process in North Carolina.

"The shape, the form of them as well as the glaze and color, I think that they are very successful pieces all the way around," Berman said.

There is a connection with ceramics in North Carolina, Berman said, because it has been incorporated within the state and its history for a long time. He said Native Americans made ceramics and harvested a lot of the clay from the Earth here in North Carolina. He said he thinks

pottery work is a connection between the Earth, the artist and the art piece.

Berman said when people choose to support local artists, they support their community. He said from what he has seen, when people support their local artists, the community grows.

"A lot of people see ceramics as a whole as just functional art and I think that some of the function of those too is the aesthetic appreciation that you want to see when you have it around," Berman said. "Because if I go to collect wildflowers, like 'these are great, but where do I put them? Oh, I have that one beautiful vase.'"

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OUR VIEW

SABRE will be beneficial to athletes

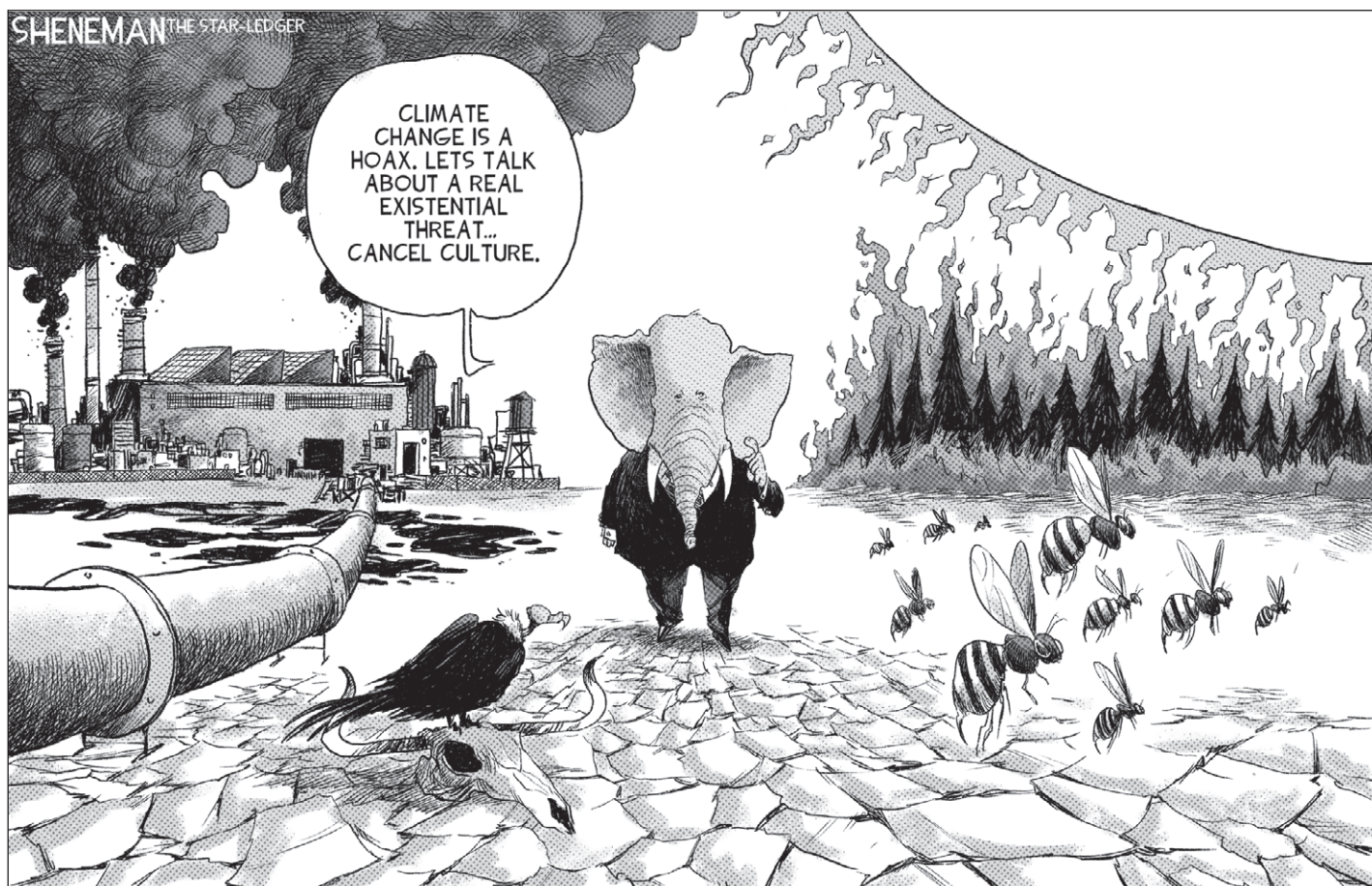
On June 30, the National Collegiate Athletic Association approved the name, image and likeness (NIL) proposal which gives college athletes the opportunity to be paid for their likeness. Due to the passing of this proposal, East Carolina University Athletics and the Miller School of Entrepreneurship partnered to launch the Student Athlete Brand Resource Education (SABRE) program on June 22.

The SABRE program was created to teach student-athletes how to maximize their potential by informing them on topics such as, but not limited to, financial literacy, personal branding, entrepreneurship, content management and taxes.

We, the editorial staff of The East Carolinian, believe SABRE will be a useful program for student-athletes to participate in as it will teach them the responsibilities and guidelines of the business side of being an athlete. It will serve a necessary function when it is created since it offers student-athletes an opportunity to get a full understanding of NIL.

SABRE will be very helpful for student-athletes to be more responsible about their business deals with companies and be able to understand the deals that may be made. ECU Athletics partnering up with the Miller School was a smart decision as the school will provide the knowledge to teach these athletes about entrepreneurship while getting first-hand experience.

We hope the SABRE program continues to grow from here on out and will provide more opportunities for student-athletes for the next years to come. As of now, ECU is the only school in the University of North Carolina school system (UNC) to have this type of program for its student-athletes and we hope to see the influence of SABRE grow throughout the UNC school system.



TikTok provides useful tips

Social media app offers insight on basic life skills, news

Williams' World



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When I first heard about TikTok, a video-sharing social media platform which was created in 2016, I did my best to stay away from it considering it was pretty much an amped up version of Vine, another video-sharing app that was popular between 2013 to 2017. The reason why I did my best to stay away from TikTok is because the last thing I needed is to be caught up with yet another social media platform when I already had several other social media accounts that I use, but not as often as people may think.

Another reason why I wanted to stay away from TikTok was because it was pretty much what almost every person my age ever talked about. During the first few months of TikTok's popularity when I refused to download the app, all I heard people ask me, "You seen this TikTok?" Whenever I mention I did not have the app downloaded, I always get the shocked expression or encouragement to download the app. Eventually, I did download it in late 2019.

After almost two years of using the app, just as a viewer and not a content creator, I was genuinely shocked about the amount of useful content I have seen on this one social media app compared to what I was taught in grade school or even in college. This may be the most millennial statement ever, but TikTok is a lot more useful than



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TikTok, a video-sharing social media app, features various video content from dancing, comedy and life hacks.

what the older generation thinks it is. Hear me out on the previous statement.

Although the app is a great way to pass time, through TikTok, I have learned many cooking hacks and recipes, multiple adulting tips such as how to invest, file taxes, build up credit or just basic inspiration for things like apartment decorating, life goals and much more. Of course, I could learn these things from a simple Google search or through adults in my life. However, not everyone is fortunate to have an adult that can teach them basic life skills such as how to change a tire or how to budget whenever young adults start to live alone.

The reason why I believe TikTok is useful is because a social media app which was created five years ago taught me basic life skills that high school and college have failed to. I don't want to sound like a broken record but most people know

high school could do a lot more when it comes to teaching students basic adult needs and necessities such as filing taxes and build credit. But it's just an interesting concept that I'm learning these topics from a stranger on the internet rather than an actual instructor.

Saying all of this, I'm not encouraging you to download TikTok for these reasons alone, but TikTok has a lot more to offer than comedic content or just random people dancing. It was an intelligent motive for content creators to create informative videos that young adults may need in the future through an app that is popular among that age group.

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Private prisons should be reevaluated



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The privatization of prisons allows for there to be policies that most Americans would probably not agree with if they were made aware of the situation. When prisons are built and run by private companies, it becomes

more than just a place for social reform and punishment. Private companies use the "free" labor that is given to them whenever someone is incarcerated.

When a person is imprisoned, they are sentenced to a certain length of time that they serve in order to repay their debt to society. During this time, in a privately-owned prison, prisoners are put to work and are not paid very much because they are seen as cheap labor because there is a shared mentality that they have nothing better to do and are a waste of taxpayer's money.

This process of using the prisoners as cheap labor could be equated to indentured servitude, which is a step above slavery, however, this does not excuse the treatment of the prisoners while they are being incarcerated. The use of prisoners as cheap labor creates a stigma around incarceration because the prisons begin to be seen as legal slave labor. With the ever increasing number of people being put in prison, the means for this cheap labor is unlimited. There are a few solutions to this issue, how-

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-Carson Durham

ever, they require more tax money in order to be feasible.

Prisons could pay the inmates more than what is currently being made to do the work so that once they get out of prison, they have funds to help them get on their feet, along with experience in a trade to assist in getting a stable job. If prisoners are able to make a livable wage while in prison, then the time that they serve could be more productive and beneficial not only to the inmate, but also to society.

People turn to crime because they feel that they have no other means of providing for their families, or they have a mental health problem. The ones that feel they cannot provide have opportunities within the criminal justice system to learn trades and techniques that post incarceration would make them viable candidates for blue-collar work. By not paying them well in prison, however, the inmates are less likely to have the motivation to learn and retain the information that they are being given because they feel like it is a waste of their time.

The other solution would be to stop

allowing for the creation of private prisons. Again, this solution would require substantial support from the public because the funds for the addition of government-run prisons would come from the American people. If prisons were government regulated, the treatment of inmates could also be regulated. Along with this regulation of the prisons and treatment, it would create an environment in which inmates could feel safer because there would be consequences to actions such as slave labor.

Although they are criminals, inmates are just as much people as you and I. Just because they made a mistake does not mean that they should be treated as though they are Constitutional slaves. Without inmates, private prisons close down, and without those prisons, there is nowhere to house the criminals, but that does not justify the labor that private prisons have their inmates do; especially given their pay.

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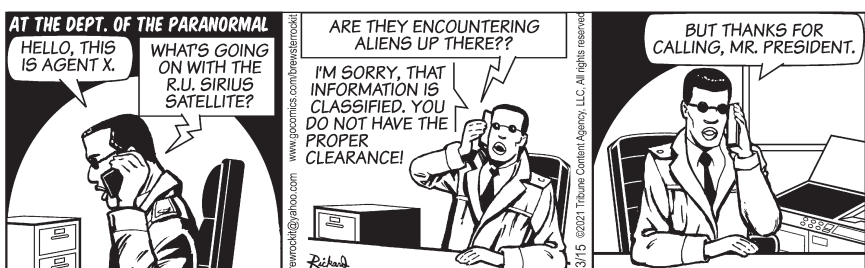
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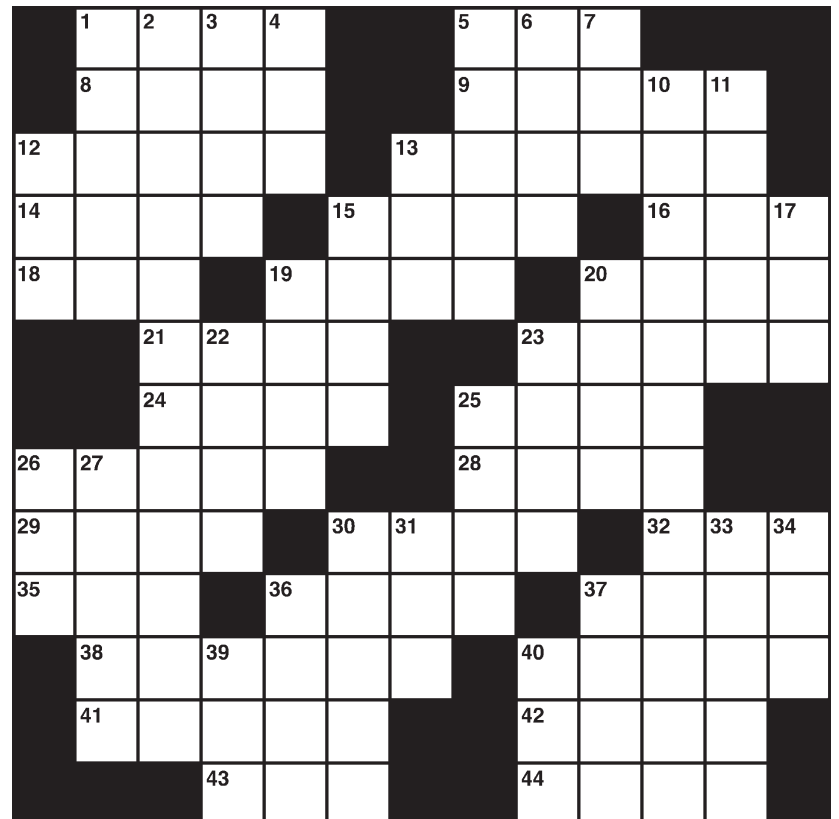
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Head coach of the East Carolina University football team Mike Houston watches his team from the sidelines as they faced Southern Methodist University on Nov. 28, 2020. The Pirates lost 52-38.

ECU continues to expand 2022 roster

While offseason progresses, Pirate football adds several new commits

Markayla McInnis
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While the 2021 football season is set and around the corner, East Carolina University continues to add several players to its roster for the 2022 season.

In the 2022 season, the team will add linemen CJ Mims and Ethan Lang, defensive tackle J.D. Lampley, wide receiver Kaleb Webb, offensive tackles Tyler Leinberger and Jacob Sacra and linebacker Zakye Barker.



Ethan Lang

Three-star (out of five) interior offensive lineman Ethan Lang will come to Greenville from the International Management Group (IMG) Academy in Bradenton, Florida. This 6-foot-3-inches lineman was recruited by ECU offensive line coach Steve Shankweiler and has had an offer from the Pirates since early June. Lang is ranked the No. 73 interior in the 2022 class by 247sports. With eight other offers, he officially announced his commitment on June 27.

"I'm ready to be in college, I really like Greenville, and I know being there everyone loves ECU football," Lang said. "I am so excited for full stadiums and to work with the team in the spring."

J.D. Lampley is another 247Sports three-star athlete. Lampley will join the team from Rockingham, North Carolina, and had offers from schools such as Coastal Carolina University and Yale University but chose ECU on June 27. He has had an offer from the Pirates since May 6 as ECU was his first collegiate scholarship offer. Lampley was also ECU's first defensive tackle prospect in the 2022 class.

Kaleb Webb will come from McEachern High School in Powder Springs, Georgia. Webb will bring his wide receiver talents to Greenville this season instead of the other five schools he got offers from. He stands 6-foot-2-inches and is the second wide receiver commit so far. After his verbal commitment in early June, on June 27 he officially committed. He was scouted



Kaleb Webb

by multiple coaches for ECU football such as wide receiver coach Drew Dudzik and more.

One of the defensive linemen that will join the Pirates in 2022 is CJ Mims from Vanceboro, North Carolina. He stands 6-foot-1-inches and chose ECU out of the eight other schools he had offers from. Recruiter Donnie Kirkpatrick was one of the multiple coaches that expressed interest in Mims before he made his commitment on June 27. Prior to his commitment journey, Mims visited ECU in the past and watched the Pirates before he became one.

"I watched them and I've been on the campus a lot," Mims said in an interview with 247 Sports. "I went to plenty of youth football camps when I was little. I would go to the ECU football camp almost every year. I watch the games every year."

One of the offensive linemen in 2022 will be Jacob Sacra. He attends St. Frances Academy in Baltimore, Maryland, and committed on July 6. Before his commitment, he showed interest in the University of Virginia but chose to cancel that visit and commit with ECU. On 247sports he is the highest-rated commit of the ECU 2022

class. Other than the Pirates, he had offers from seven other schools.

Linebacker Zakye Barker is another Class of 2022 commit from Georgia. Barker had over 12 offers and verbally committed to the coaches on June 27 before he made it public on July 1. Barker made 7-A All-Region First-Team selection for

Norcross, Georgia, in his junior year. Also in his junior year, he made 155 tackles which led him to achieve the spot of sixth-most tackles in Georgia. He impressed the ECU staff on June 13 at prospect camp and felt like he "fit" there.

Lastly, Tyler Leinberger committed to ECU on July 1 as an offensive tackle. He comes from Thomas Dale High School in Chester, Virginia, and will join former teammate Rick D'Abreu again in Greenville. Leinberger got his offer after he attended a prospect camp workout and he impressed assistant coach of the defensive line Steve Shankweiler and head coach Mike Houston in mid-June.

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