

The East Carolinian

Campus reacts to Ballard's resignation

Seth Gulledge
TEC STAFF

Since Chancellor Steve Ballard's announcement to step down last Wednesday, the Pirate community has voiced its respect and admiration for the leadership he has provided in his time at the university.

"I am grateful to faculty, staff, students and leadership at ECU for your spirit, for your collegiality and for the difference you make in higher education," said Ballard in a press release. "In very difficult times, you continue to excel."



Steve Ballard

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Rick Niswander, vice chancellor for administration and finance, said during his tenure Ballard and East Carolina University have seen great accomplishments.

"Nothing in a large organization gets done by one person, and he would be the first to say that, because it's everybody together that makes it happen," said Niswander. "His

leadership, though, has been instrumental in accomplishing many things."

Niswander, who has held positions reporting to Ballard since the beginning of his tenure, said Ballard's leadership was a fundamental force behind projects such as the dental and engineering schools, growth of the Honors College and transition to the American Athletic Conference.

"All at a time when our student population has grown from 22,000 to almost 28,000, at a time when our funding from the legislator has been cut every single year he's been here,

you can't do that kind of stuff if you don't lead well, and he's led extraordinarily well for 11, coming up to 12 years now," said Niswander.

Steve Jones, vice chair of the Board of Trustees said Ballard has been the driving force in putting ECU in the position that it is today.

"From my perspective, this chapter of ECU history is going to be defined by Dr. Ballard's passion and all-around excellence

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ECU student researches shark migration

Kelsey Padgett
TEC STAFF

While most people on the North Carolina coast are working to avoid sharks this summer, one East Carolina University Ph.D. student is doing just the opposite.

Chuck Bangley, Ph.D. student in ECU's coastal resources management program, is spending his summer tracking sharks along the coast.

"My research is primarily concerned with sharks' habitat use and habitat preference—basically the kind of environmental factors that will tell you whether or not a shark is likely to be in the area," said Bangley. "This year because of the heat wave I think the migration happened all at once and you've just had a higher density of sharks in the water than normal."

The increased migration of sharks combined with the mass number of people flocking to beaches to escape the heat have naturally increased the odds, according to Bangley.

Bangley uses those factors to then figure out how sharks are connected to the rest of the food web. This will show how interactions between sharks and other species affect the seafood supply.

Bangley said because the North Carolina coast is the meeting place of two major ocean currents, the temperate waters of the north and the tropical waters of the south, North Carolina waters are actually filled with nearly every kind of shark species that could show up along the east coast.

"The fishermen I've spoken to call North Caro-

lina the vortex of sharks and they're not wrong," said Bangley. "We have a very optimal shark environment and a prime habitat for a lot of these species of sharks in North Carolina waters."

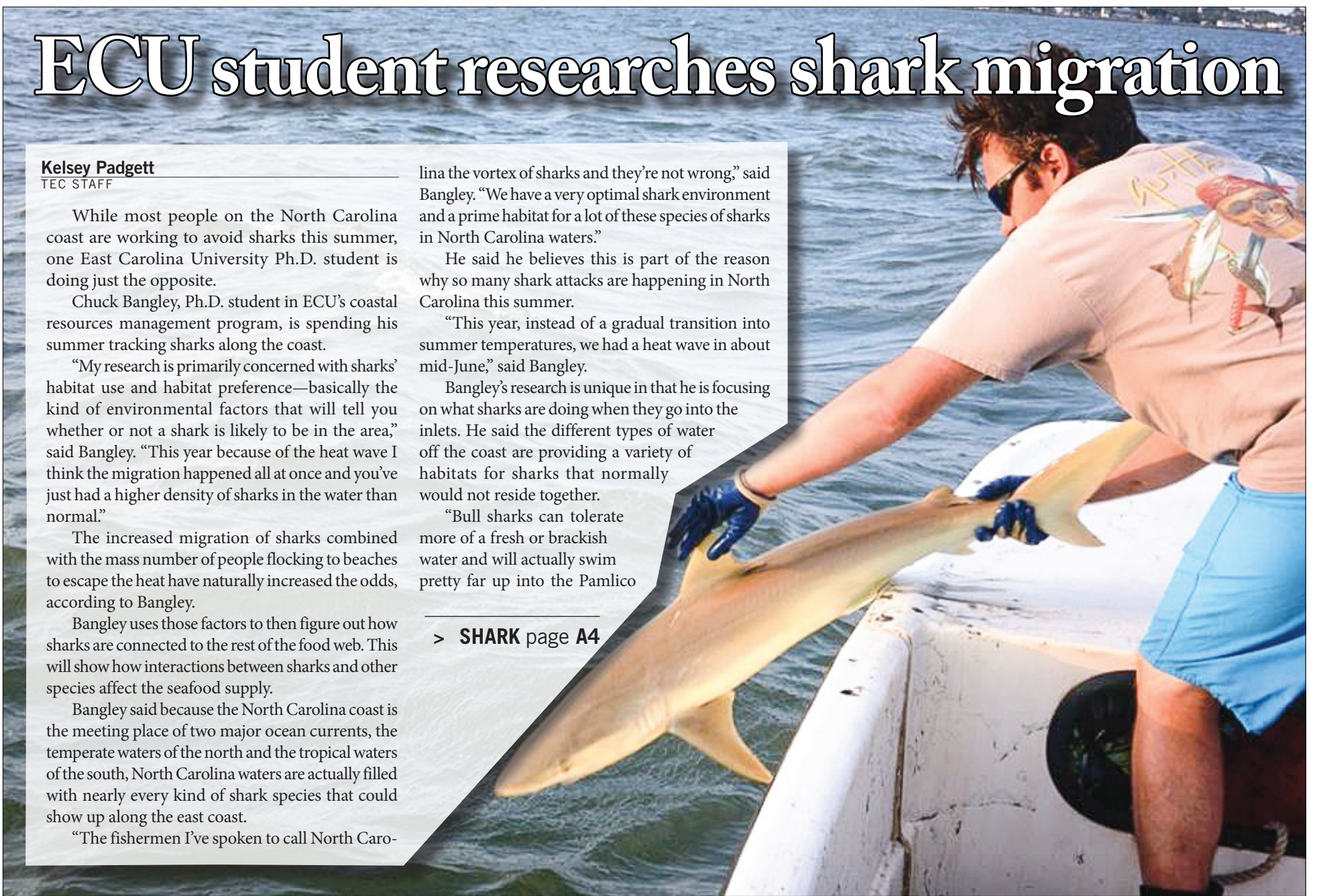
He said he believes this is part of the reason why so many shark attacks are happening in North Carolina this summer.

"This year, instead of a gradual transition into summer temperatures, we had a heat wave in about mid-June," said Bangley.

Bangley's research is unique in that he is focusing on what sharks are doing when they go into the inlets. He said the different types of water off the coast are providing a variety of habitats for sharks that normally would not reside together.

"Bull sharks can tolerate more of a fresh or brackish water and will actually swim pretty far up into the Pamlico

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COURTESY OF THE MAGNOLIA ARTS CENTER

Students rehearse for a theater production at the Magnolia Arts Center. This is the center's 10-year anniversary.

Magnolia Arts Center to host contest and play

Ashley Federici
TEC STAFF

The Magnolia Arts Center, which was created to provide the Greenville community with an outlet for theatrical creativity, has two big events coming up in the month of July; the first being the 10th Anniversary Play Writing Contest and the second being the production of the famous play, "Godspell."

The top five plays of the contest will be performed on July

10 and the opening weekend of "Godspell" kicks off on July 31.

The Magnolia Arts Play Writing Contest took submissions of 10-minute plays from all around the world and the submissions were read by a panel of three judges. Five will be read in front of an audience that gets to decide on the winner – who will receive a cash prize – along with two runner-ups.

Janice Schriber, a volunteer for the Magnolia Arts Center,

said that the contest brings in anywhere from 100-200 submissions each year and is a great opportunity for the playwrights by giving them a way to get their work out there.

"Ten-minute plays are great for theatre education," said Schriber. "It's another way for the community to experience theater in a totally different framework"

In honor of the 10th year of

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Bigger, Jones earn pre-season award watch list honors

Staff Report

Zeke Bigger and Isaiah Jones were named to pre-season award watch lists earlier this week.

Tuesday, Bigger was named to the Bednarik Award Watch List for the College Defensive Player of the Year. Jones was named to the Hornung Award Watch List, given annually to the most versatile player in major college football.

Bigger, an inside linebacker, is the first Pirate to be named to the Bednarik Watch List. Bigger led the American Athletic Conference in tackles and finished ninth in the country with 10.8 per game.

Bigger finished his 2014 campaign with 140 tackles. Bigger will be a senior next season.

Jones is the third ECU wide receiver to be named to the pre-season watch list, joining Dwayne Harris and Justin Hardy. Last season, Jones had 81 receptions for 830 yards and five touchdowns. On the return team, Jones recorded 485 yards to finish with 1,315 all-purpose yards. Jones is entering his junior year.

The Pirate's football season kicks-off Sept. 5 against Towson.

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BRIEFS

Guitar festival coming to campus

The 2015 East Carolina University Summer Guitar Festival and Workshop will be held July 11-14. Directed by ECU guitar professor Elliot Frank, the festival celebrates 20 years of classical guitar and is held in the A.J. Fletcher Music Building on campus.

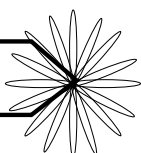
SoloDuo, a internationally renowned guitar pair consisting of Switzerland native Matteo Mela and Italy native Lorenzo Micheli will perform. International award-winning Cuban artist Rene Izquierdo and others will also be playing at the festival. In addition to the performances, the finals to this year's solo competition are open to the public, where young guitarists will compete for cash awards and the chance to performance at the following year's festival.

Humane Society holds open house

The Humane Society of Eastern North Carolina will hold an open house on July 18, 1-4 p.m. The event will showcase their newly renovated animal shelter, which was built using donations provided by Bob and Terri Barbour. Construction of the shelter began in April and was recently completed.

The open house will allow the public to tour the refurbished facility and to meet the volunteers, staff and board members. The event is also geared toward encouraging guests to adopt animals.

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Construction for the cancer center began in April, adjacent to the East Carolina Heart Institute. It is expected to be completed by 2018.

Cancer center construction continues at Vidant Health

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TEC STAFF

Construction of Vidant Medical Center's new state-of-the-art cancer center and bed tower is in full swing.

The 418,000 square-foot cancer center and bed tower will cost about \$170 million and will be located adjacent to the East Carolina Heart Institute.

Vidant hopes to receive approximately \$40 million through philanthropy.

Vidant Health is constructing the six-story facility to respond to the growing number of cancer diagnoses in eastern North Carolina.

According to Vidant Health, eastern N.C. currently has a higher mortality rate than the national average, with over 7,500 new cases diagnosed each year.

Building the cancer center in Greenville will provide the opportunity for patients to receive specialized treatment close to their homes, improving research opportunities and patient comfortability.

The future facility will initially feature 96 bed spaces, providing both intensive and intermediate care capabilities. Planners have left room for possible expansion, if the need for more bed spaces becomes present.

An imaging center, pharmacy and laboratories, infusion and radiation centers will all be housed within the tower at its completion, offering patients the full spectrum of cancer care.

"This new building is all about hope. It's about making the commitment to eliminate barriers to care for all of those with cancer," said Dr. Paul R. Walker, chief of hematology and oncology. "This will be the flagship academic and clinical cancer center where we will have teams of cancer experts working on innovative cancer treatment and research to provide the best cancer treatment possible anywhere and where we will also be training the next generation of oncologist."

The facility is designed not only for

the treatment of patients, but to comfort patients and families as well. The planners sought input from staff and family advisors to create the most comforting layouts and color schemes available.

"Everything in this facility is centered on providing the best possible experience for patients and families," said Brian Floyd, president of Vidant Medical Center. "We will enhance the efficiency of care delivery, as well as serve as the home to programs and services that allow us to coordinate and integrate the regional treatment of cancer."

The facility will also feature healing gardens and natural outdoor environments, as well as specialized boutiques, conference rooms and resource rooms.

Construction on the center began in April, following a groundbreaking ceremony on March 20, and is estimated to be completed by 2018.

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Politicians file candidacy for city offices in Pitt County elections

Seth Gullledge
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Local political season kicked off on Monday with the start of candidate filing for office.

Fourteen people around Pitt County filed for their candidacy, beginning the 11-day stretch in which candidates can apply for election. The candidate filing will end on July 17, at noon.

Mayor Allen Thomas, Councilman Calvin Mercer, Councilwoman Kandie Smith, and Councilwoman Marion Blackburn are running for reelection so far unopposed. Councilman Rick Smiley, of District Four, is running opposed by

Greenville local Terry Boardman.

Blackburn is running on a platform of crime reduction, economic development, and strengthening the Uptown district and parks and recreation.

Mercer is an ECU professor and director of religious studies at East Carolina University, running on a platform of economic development, quality of life, fiscal prudence and efficient government.

The municipal election will be held on November 3 and the voter registration deadline is October 9 by 5:00 p.m.

The voting requirements for the municipal election of

Pitt County mandates that a voter be at least 18 years of age, a citizen of the United States, a non-felon or felon whose citizenship rights have been restored, and a legal resident of Pitt County for 30 days preceding the election.

The Pitt County Election Board was appointed on June 30, including Patrick Nelson, Mark Stewart and Calvin Boston-Hill. Boston-Hill will be replacing Lisa Taylor, when they are sworn in on July 21.

Overall, the elections office provides in-person and mail-in voting, updates voter records, provides absentee voting services, and determines electoral district voting status for all voters.

According to Dave Davis, director of elections for Pitt County, these board members oversee the election process, the filing of candidates, appointment of judges and the overall voting process to ensure sound legality and efficiency.

As the director, Davis is charged with the basic administrative duties, such as the organization of workers, candidate filings and delegating the logistical elements of the voting process.

As of last night, 18 people are running for offices in Pitt County.

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in academics and athletics," said Jones. "The foundation that he has built has put East Carolina in a great position for the next chapter."

Student Government Association President Mark Matulewicz said he was initially surprised by the news, but understands the need for change.

"I'm looking forward to working with the chancellor in the upcoming year and it's sad to see him leave," said Matulewicz. "The chancellor has really made it the university that it is today. It's going to be tough to see him leave, but at the same time we understand."

Both Jones and Niswander said Ballard's decision to step down stems from his desire to spend more time with his family, and the deteriorative effect of being chancellor for so long.

"It's a family issue and, at some point, the job of a chancellor is very stressful," said Niswander. "You don't really have a personal life. It's always university life. You have some kind of event almost every evening of the week, and after a while it's just time to stop. It's time for someone else to take their shot."

Niswander said the national average for a chancellor's time in the position is a little under five years, and Ballard's extended term has led to a dependability and continuity that has benefited the university.

"I think what the campus will miss is the continuity and stability. No chancellor stays chancellor forever, but he's been here much

longer than the average chancellor," said Niswander. "When you have a change, some of that is going to be lost. There will be a time of uncertainty, and that's just something we'll have to work through."

Outside of his accomplishments and other awards, administrators and students commented about Ballard's character.

"He's one of the most honest, ethical, straightforward people that I know, and that says a lot," said Niswander.

Jones also praised his honesty, as well as his indefatigable nature.

"Steve Ballard is a man of his word and operates with the utmost integrity. He shoots straight, and you can always count on him," said Jones. "His vision has never really wavered and even when the chips might be down and it's been a challenging time, Steve has always been driven, and he never gets down. He's just a great leader."

In an email, Chris Locklear, Ballard's chief of staff echoed the sentiment regarding other administrators reverence for Ballard's leadership.

"As a graduate and long time employee, I am appreciative of the progress at ECU under Chancellor Ballard's leadership," said Locklear. "We are fortunate to have had Chancellor and Mrs. Ballard as part of this community."

Ballard will continue as the chancellor until July 1, 2016, giving time for the search process to find his replacement.

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PIRATE RANTS

There are single men on campus. This Friday is national Women Be Bold Day so if you see a guy who smiles at you then try talking to him.

A congratulations shout out to the U.S. Women's National Soccer Team for winning the 2015 Women's World Cup!

Thanks a lot ecu for selling our email addresses to apartment spam lists

ECUs building #106 on Charles is like Area 51. Does anyone know what really happens in there?

I love people claiming the president has accomplished "x". The president had nothing to do with any of those things he only signs bills into laws and over steps his bounds with executive actions.

If you are offended by a flag I feel sorry for you because your priorities in life are clearly in the wrong place.

Bruce Jenner makes an ugly woman.

feminism is about equality... they got it, now its just nut jobs trying to make men subservient to women.

The Dukes of Hazard has been on TV for 36 years. You weren't offended until Liberals told you to be.

Women's needs are comprised as follows: a need for physical safety, a need for financial security, and an outlet from their daily routines/responsibilities. It really is that simple.

As an Alumni, I am going to stop reading the pirate rants. If I wanted to hear uninformed people give their political opinion I'd watch MSNBC!

Just a quick reminder that not everyone's main concern is what "men don't like."

What's funny is that you think women's only goal is to please men & find husbands. I don't care if my feminism drives men away, it makes ME happy.

Unequal distribution of power my ass. If that is the case, where can I get my privileged power? I haven't gotten it yet. Hmm... I wonder why... Maybe it is because that is nothing but a propaganda tool.

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Our view

Watch for sharks but don't fear them

In the past month, there have been eight shark attacks along the North Carolina coast. While the television media has paid great attention to the potential threats in the water, fear or avoidance of the North Carolina beaches is no way to react to the situation.

We, as an editorial staff, believe that while caution should be taken by beach-goers, there is no reason to avoid going to the beaches this state has to offer.

The eight incidents, though more frequent than in past years, are still few and far between. It is still a rarity to have a run in with a shark along the North Carolina coast.

Experts have theorized the migration patterns for 2015 have been thrown off by the quick rise in temperatures this summer. Thus, more sharks have moved in closer to

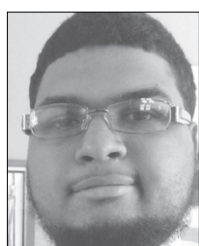
the shore. With the rise of sharks in the area, and the large number of people at the beaches, this could simply be an outlier year.

However, in recent research, this spike in shark presence near the shoreline may be a trend. The number of shark sightings near the coast may be something that we see continue to rise.

This is the risk that comes with entering into wildlife, however. Similar dangers exist when encountering wildlife in the Appalachian Mountains.

Like any other situation when going into wildlife, we should be cautious of our surroundings but not let the potential danger scare us away from enjoying the beach.

Rivera misses the message



Kai Jones
TEC COLUMNIST

Fox News, especially Geraldo Rivera, ripped Kendrick Lamar about his performance on the BET Awards, because he performed on top of a vandalized prop cop car and said what Rivera thought were lyrics advocating violence against police.

The lyrics were from Lamar's fourth single "Alright." He said, "And we hate po-po (police) /wanna kill us dead in the street fo sho/ hitter, I'm at the preacher's door/ my knees gettin' weak, and my gun might blow/ but we gon' be alright!"

FOX framed the clip where it emphasized, "we hate po-po (police) /wanna kill us dead in the street fo sho" and then "my gun might blow." When the lyrics are framed like this it might lead to thinking that he is advocating violence. But really he is talking about while he has hatred in his heart for the police and police brutality; he turns to his preacher for guidance and thinks he will be all right.

The controversy just shows an old truth—no everybody knows how to listen to hip-hop

music. As legendary hip-hop producer DJ Premier once said, "You have to understand how to listen to it (hip-hop)."

Like any genre, hip-hop music isn't always written to be interpreted literally. What gets hip-hop criticized is the truth that it speaks.

Rivera said, "Hip-hop has done more damage to young African-Americans than racism in recent years."

To that Lamar responded with, "Hip-hop is not the problem, our reality is the problem."

Lamar is absolutely right. It's easy to log on to Facebook and Twitter and see videos of police brutality, and often there is no indictment of these officers. Which leads to people being angry and left with no hope when nobody polices the police.

Socially aware rapper Chuck D once said, "Hip-hop is the CNN for the hood." Lamar happens to speak for a large group of African-Americans who are hurt because they don't feel their lives matter. The "Black Lives Matter" campaign is the result of those feelings.

While hip-hop can have violent messages, the messages are usually just the rapper expressing the realities of his life or the lives of the people in his neighborhood.

Rivera and his crew condemned a song that has violent sounding lyrics, but the overall message is the most important thing. The song is about no matter what goes on in life, if you keep faith; everything is going to be all right.

The senseless killings of blacks by police and of each other is a problem for African-Americans, not hip-hop. The education system not properly educating young African-Americans, which leads to a life of low wage jobs, is a problem for African-Americans, not hip-hop. The ghettos breeding criminals because they can't find work or because joining a gang seems to be their only option is a problem for African-Americans, not hip-hop. The government contracting for-profit prisons, which can cause police to prey on uneducated adults who never had hope to be anything but career criminals, is a problem for African-Americans, not hip-hop.

The national media not confronting the issues that trouble the African-American community and choosing to scapegoat hip-hop instead is a problem for African-Americans, not hip-hop.

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Keep Hamilton on \$10 bill



Tyler Kelbaugh
TEC COLUMNIST

In our latest attempt to be politically correct, the US Treasury Department has announced that Alexander Hamilton will no longer exclusively grace the \$10 bill. Instead, Hamilton will either be relegated to a different line of bills or share the bill with a historical female figure.

While I'm all for adding a woman to our regularly used currency, Alexander Hamilton should not be the one to take the fall for our misogynistic history.

Hamilton is the reason our banking system works the way it does, and he created the financial systems we use today. He also was one of our most important founding fathers, writing 51 of the 85 Federalist Papers. You simply cannot understate the impact Hamilton has had on our history.

Instead of harping on why removing Hamilton is wrong, however, let's look at how we can solve this problem in a way that appeases as many people as possible. It's wrong to have white males dominating something as universally used as money, so change is certainly necessary. There are plenty of bills out there with people who lack the moral quality of Harriet Tubman, so why not remove them instead of a good man like Hamilton?

Replacing Andrew Jackson on the twenty makes far more sense. Jackson

is a critical figure in our history and certainly does deserve the honor of being on the twenty for as long as he's been. He won the Battle of New Orleans, a victory that allows us today to act like we tied the British in the War of 1812. Without that victory, a young America would never have garnered the respect it needed from foreign powers.

But Jackson's military might masks a man whose morals were missing. As president he signed the Indian Removal Act that led to one of the buried chapters of American history: The Trail of Tears. Over one-third of the Cherokee Indians population was wiped out as they were forced to leave their homeland to make room for white people who wanted their land.

Jackson isn't a heroic person by any stretch of the imagination. Replace him with any of the brave women who shaped our nation. Martha Washington, Abigail Adams and Rosa Parks are all solid options. You could argue that Pocahontas deserves the spot over all of them.

But none of those great ladies deserve to knock Alexander Hamilton from the \$10 bill. We talk a lot about Jackson in our history classes because of his more flashy accomplishments. No one is going to understate his importance to our nation. Hamilton, however, isn't as notorious. As the founder of the dollar he graces, he deserves the honor far more than any other.

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SHARK WEEK 2015

Attack numbers rise on N.C. coast

Kelsey Padgett
TEC STAFF

It is common to hear statistics about how rare it is to be attacked by a shark, but this summer, people along the coast of North Carolina have reason not to believe those statistics any longer.

A shark attack in Surf City, N.C., over the weekend has brought the total of shark attacks in North Carolina to eight in the past month.

Marine Corps officials confirmed the victim was a Marine and he was released from the hospital after being treated for wounds on his hand and forearm.

This attack is the second in Surf City in the last month. The first attack occurred when an 8-year-old boy received minor injuries from a bite.

Only days prior to the Fourth of July weekend attack, a 67-year-old Massachusetts man was bitten on Ocracoke Island along his rib cage, according to the National Park Service. The man was in 30 feet of water at the time of the attack.

John Cold, a 17-year-old boy from Currituck County High School, was bitten on his calf, buttocks and hands on June 27 near Waves, north of Ocracoke Island.

"I want to thank the people on the beach and Dare County emergency responders who helped me; as well as the medical transport teams who got me stabilized and safely to the hospital," Cold said in a statement released by Sentara Hospital. "I want to thank the physicians and staff at Sentara Norfolk General Hospital. I appreciate the media for their interest in my story and respect of my privacy as I continue to heal. I'm grateful for the love and support of family and friends as I work toward full recovery."

Only one day before, a 47-year old man was bitten on his lower back and lower legs near Avon. According to the National Park Service, the victims were not swimming at the time they were attacked.

Two attacks occurred 90 minutes apart on Oak Island on June 14. A 12-year-old girl, Kiersten Yow, lost part of her arm and suffered a leg injury, and the other victim, a 16-year-old boy from Colorado, lost his left arm.

There was a 2 mile distance between the two attacks. Both were swimming in waist-deep water at the time of their attacks.

On June 11, a 13-year-old girl suffered foot lacerations while boogie boarding off of Ocean Isle Beach.

According to the International Shark Attack File, attacks in North Carolina in the last month have already doubled the only four attacks on file for last year.

North Carolina has had 52 confirmed shark attacks on record since 1935, making it the fourth highest for confirmed attacks in the continental U.S.

Florida had the highest numbers, with 717 attacks since 1882.

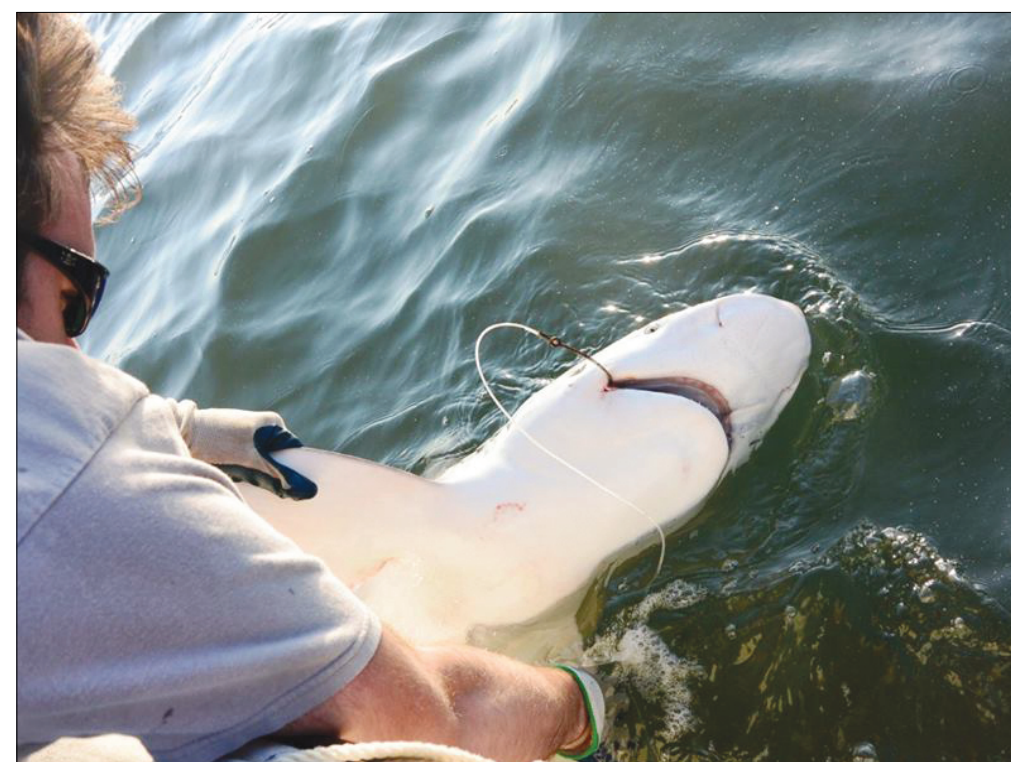
There have been 23 reported sharks attacks in U.S. waters this year.



A 14-foot great white shark named Katherine was tracked along the North Carolina coast by Ocearch over the Fourth of July weekend.

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A sandbar shark is tagged alongside the boat by Chuck Bangley in a saltwater creek near Beaufort, N.C.

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Sound," said Bangley. "We're finding evidence that they're pupping in there- they're giving birth in the Pamlico Sound."

Bangley's research also includes tagging the sharks once they are caught so their movements can be tracked. He said tracking the locations of sharks along the coast is important because once the locations are identified they can be monitored and guarded.

"The way these tags work is they send out an ultrasonic signal that has a unique i.d. number, so we can trace that number back to the exact shark that we tagged," said Bangley.

Being a part of the Atlantic Cooperative Telemetry Network, the sharks tagged by Bangley's group are maintained in a database. This allows the sharks to be tracked all along the Atlantic coast.

Bangley said sharks he has tagged have been found in the Chesapeake Bay and the Delaware Bay. He has had a few stray as far north as Maine.

On a smaller scale the tagging allows the sharks' locations within the estuaries on the North Carolina coast to be studied, so there will be better knowledge about what types of habitats are being used by specific species.

Bangley plans to continue his research along the coast.

"I've always been fascinated by [sharks] to be perfectly honest," said Bangley. "My shark phase started when I was too young to remember. I can't imagine not having them in my life."

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How to avoid SHARK Attacks

- Swim in a group
- Do not swim at dusk or dawn
- Do not enter the water with an open wound
- Take off shiny jewelry
- Do not swim near fishermen
- Avoid splashing

TV REVIEW

New 'Shark Week' show falls flat



Jesse Deal
TEC STAFF

Shark Week fans, who can ever forget the mythical creature known as the Megalodon?

Apparently, Rich Ross, president of Discovery Channel, would like to. In January, he spoke at a Discovery Communications event about how he wanted his channel to dump fictional documentaries like "Megalodon: The Monster Shark Lives," and its follow-up, "The New Evidence," along with some other material on Animal Planet.

The goal was to implement more science and research into Shark Week by removing the more-controversial shows that have caused Discovery to lose some credibility in the last few years. So say goodbye to docu-fiction about a 60-foot shark that lived millions of years ago and say hello to new approaches of old topics on Shark Week's 28th year.

That is the case for "Return of the Great White Serial Killer," a sequel of 2013's "Great White Serial Killer." The documentary which premiered Monday focuses on a series of vicious shark attacks that have occurred at "one of the most dangerous beaches in the world": Surf Beach,

Calif. Starting in 2008, there have been reported attacks every two years and a few of them have been fatal.

"Return" aims to present new evidence about the possibility that one dangerous great white shark has returned every two years to wreak havoc on Surf Beach. This premise is highly speculative and somewhat at odds with the direction Rich Ross had in mind for the future of the longest-running cable event in television history, but alas, this new show tries to present the case that a "serial killer" is still on the loose.

Shark expert Brandon McMillan finds himself caged up in an underwater encounter with 20-foot great whites, attempting to locate the infamous female killer shark. However, that is the problem with the documentary - instead of presenting research about the very real pattern of Surf Beach attacks, it pigeonholes itself into an overly-dramatic search mission, complete with horrendous, over-edited cutscenes.

In October, four people reported shark attacks at Surf Beach, fulfilling the two-year pattern. "Return" examines these accounts and includes interviews with the victims. Between the interviews and reenactments which are painfully staged and a frenzied orchestral soundtrack, the whole product reeks of banality.

It does present information about the Polaris attack, the head-on ambush that great whites use to destroy prey, but it also attempts to appear on the verge of a landmark discovery by trying to match the DNA of a rogue shark. "Return" ultimately gives no concrete evidence to suggest that a serial killer shark exists, thus nulling the show of any resounding impact.

Shark Week will continue on Discovery until Sunday, unleashing other new material like "Shark Planet," "Bride of Jaws," and "Island of the Mega Shark." Here's to hoping that the unproven, assumptive elements of "Return of the Great White Serial Killer" are abandoned for the rest of Shark Week.

RATING:



2 out of 5

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Greenville organization holds mock 'Shark Tank'

Ashley Federici
TEC STAFF

Inspired by the popular ABC television show, "Shark Tank," Audacity Group Social Enterprise hosted Greenville's very own mock Shark Tank event June 27 at the Boys and Girls Club. The mock shark tank allowed local entrepreneurs to present their business ideas and receive feedback from a panel of Greenville's very own "sharks."

The "Shark Tank" show lets entrepreneurs pitch an idea, product or small business plan to a panel of some of today's most successful self-made individuals. The "sharks" then decide if they want to invest their own money and expertise into the entrepreneur's product for a share of the profit, and the entrepreneurs decide if they would like to take the deal.

Audacity Group Social Enterprise is an organization focused on helping those in the local community pursue their passions and get involved in the local market.

"Audacity is a stage for key performers and those performers are entrepreneurs," said CEO and Founder Eveangel Savage.

Savage was inspired by the national hit television show, saying that she felt as though the show's message really coincided with the mission of Audacity. The event began with live music and keynote speaker, Jermaine McNair.

"I decided a great thing to do would be to bring together community organizations to give an entrepreneurial experience - something where we can tap into the market and sharpen our skills, not by just going to a workshop here and a workshop there," said Savage.

The entrepreneurial businesses that participated were Reign Incorporated, Wooten Fitnezz, Poet LadyDivine, C.A.U.T.I.O.N., NC Civil Organization and ISM Artistry. The panel of sharks



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"Shark Tank," the ABC television show that served as the inspiration for Audacity Group Social Enterprise's event, has aired in the U.S. since 2009.

included Gregory Hedgepeth of East Carolina University, Lora Clark of Pitt Community College and Tiana Keith of City of Greenville.

"They got real answers and different questions with real advice and that's very valuable to them," said Savage. "Now they're able to take that information and take it to the next level."

Savage said she created Audacity Group Social Enterprise as a way to resolve socio-economic deprivation in the local community.

"Instead of settling for poverty, we help people to figure out their passion and develop ideas and concepts that will allow them to pass into a market and improve their income," she said.

Savage said she has always been interested in rehabilitation, not in the medical sense, but in helping people overcome decisions they have made or situations they are stuck in - so she went back to school to get her PhD in Human Services.

"My specialty area is developing communities based on what we have available

to us and what can we do for ourselves, teaching us to own our own," said Savage.

This was the first mock shark tank that Audacity has hosted and although Savage said she felt it was helpful to the participants, she hopes to see it grow over time. Audacity is currently organizing four small mock workshops starting in September to lead up to the second-annual mock Shark Tank.

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>>SHARK ATTACKS IN NORTH CAROLINA

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SOLUTION TO LAST WEEK'S PUZZLE

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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

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Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

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10 Chopped-up fare
14 In the style of, on trattoria menus
15 Mount in Exodus
16 Mighty Dog alternative
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18 Court star Borg
19 Spiffy
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24 Entry before a password
25 Mil. training academy
27 Legendary 15-Across climber
31 Hold firm
38 Rent alternative
39 Pasty
40 Quaint quarters
41 Sweets for one's sweet
46 "Ah, Wilderness!" mother
47 Fifth scale note
48 1950s-'70s TV heroine
53 Collect
57 Smoker's superstitious no-no ... and hint to the starts of 20-, 31- and 41-Across
59 All-birds comic strip
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63 New Rochelle college
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9 Former Candlestick Park NFLer
10 Intimidated, as a look
11 Protected from gusts
12 Place to relax
13 On a streak
21 Fourth-down call
22 Lowers with a switch
26 Like a dotted note, in mus.
28 Court filing
29 Kin of -ess
30 Fed. IDs
31 Drink brand with a lizard logo
32 Bills with Jefferson on them
33 "What You Need" band

Last Week's Puzzle Solved

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Aries (March 21-April 19) -- Today is a 9 -- You're good at solving domestic problems over the next two weeks, with Mercury in Cancer. Your best ideas come at home. Go from theoretical to practical. Talk it over with family. Lounge around together. Share something delicious.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) -- Today is a 7 -- Your communications and networking skills are especially hot over the next two weeks, with Mercury in Cancer. Connect people with similar aims. Study, research and write. Get the word out about something you feel passionately.

Gemini (May 21-June 20) -- Today is a 9 -- You can make a bundle over the next two weeks, with Mercury in Cancer. Work smarter and earn more. Keep track of your earnings. Communications lead to profits.

Social expenses could surprise. Fund savings before frivolities.

Cancer (June 21-July 22) -- Today is an 8 -- Speak with confidence. Over the next two weeks, with Mercury in Cancer, discuss your feelings. Discuss personal aims and ambitions. It's easier to express yourself. Don't be talked out of what you want. You're especially persuasive.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Today is a 7 -- Keep a dream journal. Allow more time for contemplation for two weeks, with Mercury in Cancer. Finish up old business. Think over current and predictable situations, and make long-term plans. Decide what you want. Choose your destination.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Today is an 8 -- Stick to practical action

today. You find it easier to communicate in a group over the next two weeks, with Mercury in Cancer. Community activities and meetings go well. Confer with your team. Network, socialize and share resources.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) -- Today is a 9 -- Find a need and fill it. Keep it practical for two weeks, with Mercury in Cancer. Use cleverness and wit to advance your career. Think fast. Research professional developments. A status rise comes through communications. Discuss what you want.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) -- Today is an 8 -- Expand your territory for about two weeks, with Mercury in Cancer. Long-distance communications figure prominently. Travel beckons, but take care. Study the situation. Discuss plans and desti-

nations. You have what you need, if you can just find it.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) -- Today is an 8 -- Doing the paperwork gets profitable. It's easy to stick to a budget over the next two weeks with Mercury in Cancer. Family financial information changes your perspective. You won't have to defer gratification forever. Take it slow and easy.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Today is a 7 -- Partners are full of great ideas for about two weeks. Encourage yours to talk. Brainstorm and converse. During this period, compromise comes easier. Listen carefully. Discuss what you want to create. Good will is great advertising.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) -- Today is an 8 -- Your communications and networking skills come in useful. You're even better at fixing things for two weeks, with Mercury in Cancer. Accept an intellectual challenge at work. Streamline your routine. Your community has the resources you need.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) -- Today is a 9 -- Sweet words come easily for about two weeks, with Mercury in Cancer. It's a good time for intimate conversation. You're especially charming. It's easier to express your affection. Talk produces results. Discuss what you love.

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MOVIE
REVIEW

'Terminator Genisys' proves to be a weak addition to 31-year-old franchise



Carlyn Legg
TEC STAFF

The Terminator movie franchise took off in 1984 and set the foundation for action, adventure and special effects for decades of sequels. In 1991, 2003 and 2009, Terminator movies were produced with updated technological and computer-generated special effects – “Terminator Genisys” is no different.

Using CGI and blatantly surreal sound effects, “Genisys” delivers the high definition quality that modern movie fanatics expect, but fails to execute new plot points.

Recreating fight scenes from the original Terminator and even continuing with Arnold Schwarzenegger as the almighty terminator (now referred to as The Guardian), the originality of the 2015 movie does not live up to its anticipation. The passion of the alternate universe is not evident in this year’s continuation of the saga and it seems that the novelty of the franchise has worn off.

“Genisys” is the least successful new release of the summer, making considerably less revenue than any of its preceding franchise films. With a budget of \$155 million and a revenue of \$129.7 million worldwide (under \$29 million domestically) in its first week in theaters, it failed to break even in the box office.

The film returns to the infamous alternate universe where time travel seems the only logical way to resolve issues in the present. The plot twists even further and a one-on-one brawl comes dangerously close to ending the life of the ring leader of the entire franchise. A simultaneous adventure into the future leaves audiences questioning the point of the time traveling excursions. With a fractured timeline, the characters are forced to confront their decisions and deal with their own personal demons while battling the ever-present team of terminators.

“I’m old, not obsolete,” Schwarzenegger says in the film. This ironic, yet critical line is the reason for the movie’s dry acting. While trying not to overshadow the famous Schwarzenegger, the producers of “Genisys” seemed to have no reservations with hiring subpar actors for supporting roles. The performance by Jason Clarke, who plays leader of the rebellion John Connor, and Emilia Clarke, the female interest of the film, both fail to deliver on the emotional battle-front and in the physical destruction of enemies.

Not so subtly commenting on society’s reliance on



Actor Arnold Schwarzenegger plays the lead role in “Terminator Genisys,” the fifth installment in the sci-fi film franchise.

technology, “Genisys” builds its main anticipation not in action, but in a physical countdown clock that ultimately weighs in on all major decisions in the film. Schwarzenegger’s ass-kicking has not diffused with age, as his stunt double surely proves to be an essential figure in the film, while his pun-filled approach at humor continues to prove his mediocre wit can stand the test of time.

The film brings elegantly-executed special effects to the table but not the intense emotion of the previous Terminator films. With the never-ending war between man and machine leading to consecutive plot holes and more questions than answers, the fifth Terminator falls short of expectations.

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RATING:



1.5 out of 5

MAGNOLIA continued from A1

contest, the Magnolia Arts Center plans to have an even bigger contest in October where the judges will pick the top 10 plays in contest history and the audience will vote on its overall favorite.

Schriber will also be the director for the upcoming production of “Godspell,” a play that she particularly enjoys.

Written by John Michael Tevelak and Stephen Schwartz (also known for “Wicked”), “Godspell” tells the story of

Jesus through parables.

“Instead of focusing on the death aspect of his story, it more focuses on his life and the joy,” said Schriber.

Schriber said the play is a great choice because of the intimate size of the Magnolia Arts Center, which seats only 75 people.

“It’s staged very minimalistic. You don’t need a lot to put ‘Godspell’ up on it’s feet, and since we are a struggling arts center, those are the kinds of shows that we need,” she said. “You go to the theatre to learn something a lot of times so we provide something for the community to go out and maybe

not sit with our cell phone in our hand the entire night.”

The cast and crew of “Godspell” consists of all volunteers as the Magnolia Arts Center is a non-profit organization that uses all money earned from ticket sales to put into their next event or production. Schriber said there is a good amount of East Carolina University students working on the production as well as some community volunteers.

Magnolia Arts Center is located on 14th Street and tickets prices for the events are \$20.

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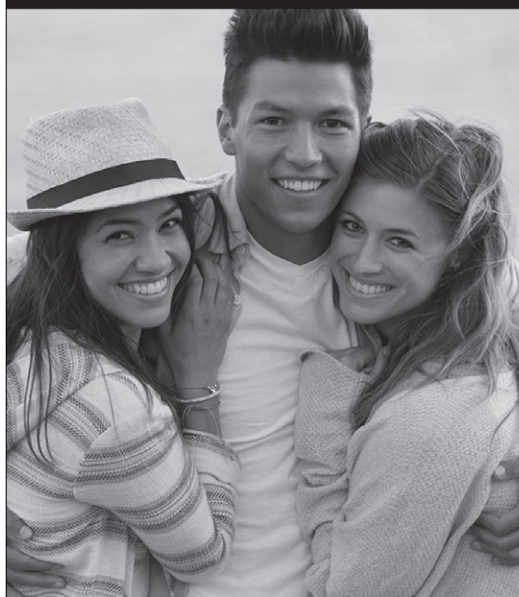


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Pirate Profile

>> Udon Cheek

“One day, I went to the back and cried my eyes out and prayed.”



Kai Jones
TEC STAFF

The East Carolinian continues the special series of profiling former East Carolina student-athletes who now work for the university with former track athlete and now assistant track coach Udon Cheek.

Cheek said that his father gave him one year to get a scholarship or he would have to come back home to Manassas, Virginia; after all, out-of-state tuition is not cheap.

“I just worked,” said Cheek about his time as a walk-on. “I used to envision everyone who had a scholarship with a dollar sign on their back. So every time I ran against them I would envision I was chasing them, and every time I beat them I’d say ‘cha-ching.’”

Cheek said he was dedicated to not going back home, not because home was bad, but because he really wanted to run for a Division I program and ECU was the only one interested.

“I used to run to class everyday,” said Cheek. “I would put all my books, even the ones I didn’t need, into my backpack. I’d put on my backpack and run to class with my heavy backpack on my back. Even when I watched TV, I would stretch while I was watching TV. On the commercial breaks I would do crunches or

pushups. I was determined to get better. I did not want to go home because people said I wasn’t good enough.”

Cheek said that he wasn’t offered a scholarship until spring semester 1989, after he had went home and trained. Cheek said that George Mason Hall of Fame Head Coach John Cook asked ECU Head Coach Phil Carson to let Cheek run for George Mason. Instead Coach Carson gave Cheek a 50 percent scholarship, which was about the cost of George Mason as a walk-on. Cheek continued his hard work, and eventually earned a 75 percent scholarship.

Cheek’s scholarship ran out before he could finish his degree. So Cheek was forced to drop out so he could continue to support himself. Cheek then began his coaching career as a volunteer at ECU with the women’s track team. He volunteered for four years before he had to leave for personal reasons.

Cheek pursued a music career for a while. Cheek even wrote the song, “Purple and Gold”, which is often played at ECU sporting events.

Cheek soon missed coaching, so he went back to volunteer coaching: this time at D.H. Conley High School. He coached there a year before he started coaching at J.H. Rose High School for six years. While he was volunteering at the high schools,

he was also working at DSM Pharmaceuticals as an inspector.

Cheek said that he would get off work just in time to go coach, which he said bothered him.

“I hated my job,” said Cheek. “One day, I went to the back and cried my eyes out and prayed. ‘Lord, I hate my job, and you’re the only one who knows it. God if there is anything that you have planned for me that I’m in the way of, Lord just remove me Lord. I just want to coach kids Lord, please.’”

Cheek said that when he got off work that night, ECU had called him to interview for an assistant coaching vacancy. Cheek said he knew that the lack of the degree would hold him back.

But his wife, former ECU sprinter Shantell Cheek, told him to still go to the interview.

Eight years later, Cheek is a graduate and assistant coach of ECU. Cheek said there is no better place for him.

I am a proud Pirate,” said Cheek. “This is not a stepping stone for me. I am happy right here, where I’m at. There is no place for me, but here. Yeah, I could go to bigger programs, and do what I do now. But I love it here.”

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Swimming/diving adds 17 to 2015 class

Allison Jobe
TEC STAFF

The East Carolina swimming and diving program added 12 student-athletes to its 2015-16 roster, Head Coach Rick Kobe announced after the spring signing period.

The Pirates previously had five commitments during the fall signing period, four for the women’s team and one for the men’s team.

“We have developed a national reputation for getting athletes,” said Kobe. “Our name is out there which makes it easier. It’s one of the better programs in the country, so that helps. I have a great staff; I have five coaches who work with me and we’re all working hard on the recruiting end.”

The new spring commits include 10 men and two women making the total of 17 new student-athletes to swim and dive for the team.

“Recruits went extremely well on the men’s and women’s side. Our guys won the conference championship, so we graduated a bunch of great talent,” Kobe said. “We have pride in the fact that we took a lot of freshman. We don’t like to rebuild, but we will be in the top group fighting for another championship.”

The ECU men’s team will welcome transfers Pierce Bradshaw from West Virginia University, Zach Duval from Indian River State, Will Hicks from Queens University and John Myhre from Western Kentucky University.

Also joining the men’s squad will be Eli Avart, Kelly Barnhill, Trey Pofahl, Jon Roach, Victor Santos, Tristan Taylor and fall signee Zach Darden.

Duval makes the only male diver on the team with the other six student-athletes seeing the swimming event action. Roach and Taylor are the only multi-event swimmers that can compete in the backstroke, breaststroke and/or IM. Avart and Myhre

will compete in the backstroke and Avart will also join Bradshaw, Darden and Santos in the group of butterfly swimmers.

“It’s a big number [of recruits] when you have a big number of seniors graduate,” said Kobe. “This year we had 10. We have brought in bigger ones and we’ve certainly brought in smaller ones. We have people who want to swim here and dive here. We probably have more than needed, but we can’t say no to talent.”

Joining the women’s squad will be two Western Kentucky University transfers, Liz Baertlein and Logan Graumann. Each will be sophomores when they come to ECU.

The incoming freshmen on the women’s side will be Zoe Feingold, Lauren Hensley, Alex Kreager and McKenzie Street.

Baertlein and Graumann will be competing in the backstroke events for the women and Graumann will also compete in the freestyle races.

Feingold will see the diving action while Hensley will swim the backstroke events. Street will try and beat her current times in the breaststroke and sprint fly events for the Pirates.

“It’s been great. I’m getting ready to start my 34th year as the head coach, so it’s still exciting after three and a half decades,” Kobe said.

The men’s squad closed out the 2015 season after collecting the first American Athletic Conference championship in ECU history. The Pirates welcome the new student-athletes to fill the shoes of those who graduated, and keep the winning streak alive.

“We start training the first day of class,” Kobe said. “Everyone trains over the summer, but our first official practice is the first day of school. The first meet is the first weekend in October.”

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TAKEAWAYS

WOMEN’S WORLD CUP

The U.S. Women’s national team beat Japan, 5-2 Sunday in the Women’s World Cup final. This was the first World Cup Championship for the U.S. since 1999.

FOOTBALL

ECU’s Zeke Bigger was named to the Bednarik Award Watch List Tuesday. Isaiah Jones was named to the Hornungus Award Watch List as well.

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