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## Former provost indicted

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TEC STAFF

A former East Carolina University provost and current Brody Medical School professor, was suspended yesterday, facing accusations of misusing state time.

Dr. David Weismiller has been suspended from ECU pending full review of the criminal charges against him.

According to a statement released by the university, concerns about Weismiller were reported to the State Bureau of Investigations regarding Weismiller following an internal audit process at the university.

Chris Cardwell, assistant special agent in charge of the financial crime unit of the SBI, said Weismiller was indicted on September 14 and the orders for his arrest were issued on Monday. Weismiller voluntarily turned himself in at the Pitt County Sheriff's Office later that afternoon around 2:45. After being processed at the Pitt County Detention Center, Weismiller was released on a \$15,000 secured bond.

Cardwell said Weismiller is suspected of working for the university and another occupation at the same time, and not correctly reporting his time, which led to an accumulation of around \$110,000.

In 2013, Weismiller was serving as the associate provost for Institutional Planning, Assessment and Research in the Academic Affairs Division, a position he had held since 2008. Weismiller was asked to resign from his position by ECU following an internal audit report.

Weismiller returned as a tenured professor for the Brody School of Medicine soon after, on July 25, 2013 and the university had stipulated that Weismiller pay back the full value of state time that the audits showed was in question.

At the time of his arrest, Weismiller had repaid a little more than half of the amount through ongoing payroll deductions and forfeited leave.

ECU said that none of the misuse of state time concerns are related to his role as an ECU physician for the Brody School of Medicine.

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# GOLD RUSH



PHOTO ILLUSTRATION BY MICHAEL SEEGARS

## Gold-out game against Hokies looms

Adam Decker  
TEC STAFF

The East Carolina football team will look to snap a two-game losing streak Saturday and defeat the Virginia Tech Hokies in Greenville for the first time since 1992.

The contest is set for 3:30 p.m. at Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium, and marks the 20th meeting between the teams (Hokies lead series, 13-6).

The Hokies (2-1, 0-0 Atlantic Coast Conference) are coming off a 51-24 victory over Purdue last week, where they totaled 471 yards on offense and four touchdowns. They shined in all three phases as it posted a defensive and special teams touchdown.

Virginia Tech's loss came at the hands of No. 1 Ohio State, where the Hokies held a 17-14

halftime lead but surrendered 28 second half points, losing 42-24.

The Pirates (1-2, 0-1 American Athletic Conference) were victorious over Virginia Tech last year in Blacksburg, Virginia, after posting a 21-point first quarter. Senior cornerback Josh Hawkins recorded two interceptions in the contest, helping to hold off the Hokies for a 28-21 win.

While this season's ECU team is younger, the Hokies are experienced, returning nine of their offensive starters from 2014.

Starting quarterback Michael Brewer suffered a shoulder injury in the loss to Ohio State, calling on redshirt junior Brenden Motley to take over the reins. Motley has completed 35 of his 57 passes for 489 yards, five touchdowns and an interception in his two starts

since Brewer's injury.

"They've got (Brenden) Motley, who is mobile, big and has been around the program," ECU head coach Ruffin McNeill said. "He has size, athleticism and a strong arm. You see him extend plays and he's got a lot of weapons around him."

The Hokies are led by wide receiver Isaiah Ford, who leads the team in all receiving categories with 266 yards, 14 receptions and three touchdowns. Ford recorded 77 yards and two touchdowns in last year's showdown versus the Pirates.

Virginia Tech runs a two tight end set, using Bucky Rodgers as another weapon. Rodgers bolstered the team with seven touchdowns last season and has pulled in two scores so far this season.

"[They have] two of the biggest most athletic tight ends that I've seen on a team," said McNeill. "Both of those guys cause problems with speed... we tried to recruit Bucky as well."

The Hokies depend on their rushing attack as well, averaging 221.2 yards-per-game. Their backfield is a three-headed monster as J.C. Coleman, Trey

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### >>INSIDE

A7 Family pedigree makes Jones's success no surprise.

## Pitt County Fair highlights local history

Jessica McGettigan  
TEC STAFF

For the next three days, the Pitt County fair grounds will be spotted with prize-winners, funnel-cake eaters and thrill-seekers, all celebrating the 96<sup>th</sup> annual Pitt County Fair.

The fair kicked off Tuesday evening and with a family-night theme, complete with line dancing and a cake auction.

Though many fair-goers see the rides as the main attraction, Fair Manager Ken Ross believes

that the exhibit halls and the history that lies within them are what make the fair so special.

"Well [the fair] started in the 1930's when some people got together and decided that they wanted to have an agricultural fair because this was an agricultural community back then," said Ross.

"The American Legion, which is made up of three different posts, got together and decided they wanted to have a fair for the farmers and to show others what

agriculture is, where they get their eggs and milk from, etc."

Ross explained that the process of setting up the fair was much different when it first opened as compared to how the fair is assembled today.

"Back then the fair used to come in on the railroad," he said. "Today due to modernization and transportation, they could pull up today and be in another town tomorrow."

Now in their thirteenth year as the fair managers, Ross and

his wife Phyllis look forward to families enjoying themselves on a night out at the fair.

"My favorite part is seeing the kids come out, and seeing the smiles on their faces when they're on the rides, or when they have a candy apple or a cotton candy and you can just tell that they're having a really good time," said Ross.

One of the fair's main attractions is hypnotist Alan Sands.

"We have people that come here every night just to see him,"

said Ross. "I had a friend that called me at 11:30 one night after the fair and said 'Kenneth I was at the fair tonight and I was up on stage with the hypnotist but when I got home, I noticed that my toenails were orange.'"

Ross explained that the hypnotist had a bottle of nail polish and had everyone take their shoes off and paint their toenails. "I can't believe [Alan] was that good!"

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**BRIEFS**

**Recipients of the 2015 Alumni Awards to be honored on Oct. 16**

Ten recipients will be honored at the East Carolina Alumni Awards Ceremony and Dinner on Friday, October 16 at the Greenville Convention Center.

The awards given will include: the Outstanding Alumni Award, Virgil Clark '50 Service Award, and the Honorary Alumni Award.

The ceremony will begin with a cocktail hour at 6 p.m. followed directly by the dinner and presentation at 7 p.m. Tickets will be \$60 for members of the alumni association and \$65 for non-members.

*Corrections/  
Clarifications*

Off Campus Student Services is a unit within Campus Living. Brandy Daniels is the assistant director of Housing Operations.

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# Record attendance expected for ECU Family Weekend

**Alina Olson**  
TEC STAFF

East Carolina University's 2015 Family Weekend will be held Sept. 25-27 in conjunction with the home football game against Virginia Tech.

Saturday's football game against Virginia Tech has been sold out since early this week. It is expected to be the biggest turnout for family weekend that ECU has ever seen.

"We've sold over 5,000 tickets through our office and we're expecting over 1,700 people at the family weekend tailgate," said Lauren Byers, assistant director of the Office of Parent and Family Planning.

The Pirate family pre-

game tailgate will be at the top of College Hill on Saturday before the game. This is a catered and ticketed event and shuttles will be running to drop visitors off at the tailgate location.

"The top of College Hill is a great location for the tailgate because of its proximity to the stadium," Byers said. "There will be food, music and games for families to enjoy."

Sophomore Chase Keller from Rockville, Maryland said he's excited for his parents to come to Greenville for the game because they don't often get to come to town.

"My parents like coming down to feel the excitement of game day," said Keller. "They wouldn't miss this

game for anything. I'm really looking forward to seeing my family."

Aside from the football game, various other events are happening on campus in honor of family weekend.

Chancellor Steve Ballard, Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs Virginia Hardy and the Parents Council President will kick off Family Weekend with a welcome and update on important university projects in Mendenhall on Friday afternoon.

The ECU Symphony Orchestra's season opener is Friday night in Wright Auditorium, free of charge. Comedian and magician Michael Kent is putting on a performance for family week-

end on Friday in Hendrix Theatre, also free of charge.

On Sunday, an alumni brunch will be held in Mendenhall Student Center. Later in the day, the Student Recreation Center is hosting a family canoe and kayaking trip down the Tar River. The Student Recreation Center and North Campus Rec will be open all weekend for families to enjoy.

This year ECU is utilizing the Guidebook app so families can have the schedule of events on their phone with them throughout the weekend.

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# GPD to host Citizen's Academy

**Sydni Dobson**  
TEC STAFF

The Greenville Police Department kicks off its annual Fall Police Citizen's Academy Tuesday, Sept. 29.

Registration for the academy is now closed as all the spots were filled by the end of last week. Twenty-five people are registered for this fall's Citizen's Academy program.

Sgt. Michael Broadwell said it in past years it was difficult to even get 10 participants so he is pleased with the greater amount of people who registered, but still prefers to keep the classes smaller.

"The larger you make it, the less interactive it gets," said Broadwell. "That's what people enjoyed the most about our class is that I made it very interactive last year."

Broadwell said the increased interest the department has received about the course is likely a result of recent

highly-publicised altercations between police and citizens.

"In light of national police attention, it could be the reason for the surge of attention [for the academy]," said Broadwell.

The Police Citizen's Academy is an opportunity for residents of Greenville to learn more about the inner workings of the Greenville Police Department and to gain an understanding of police operations. The academy provides an excellent opportunity for citizens to interact with police officers and to receive first-hand information on how the department operates.

The 10-week program will be a combination of both classroom and interactive instruction every Tuesday from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The weekly topics that will be discussed in the academy include special ops, range day, investigations, K-9, response to resistance, self defense/survival skills, active shooter and traffic

safety. "One to two topics per class will be taught," said Broadwell. "People seem to enjoy the K-9 presentation the best. It will be one or two of our K-9 handlers, that will do a question and answer. Then that class usually concludes with a K-9 demonstration."

Broadwell said he won't be the only officer to teach the 10 week program and run the interactive courses.

"The experts for whatever topic we're covering that night will run the class," said Broadwell. "For example, if we're running the traffic construction block we'll have our traffic construction handler control the class."

Those who weren't able to register for the fall session can sign-up for the next academy in the spring.

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**PIRATE RANTS**

This will be the first game against Virginia Tech I will not see in person in 6 years. Hold down the fort, my fellow Pirates, and remember, No Quarter!

The game time of the VT game has nothing to do with ECU Athletics. Once ESPN decides to air the game, they get to choose the game time that fits their schedule best.

Does anyone even know what the Simple Selections Station is in Todd?

To the individual who used "It's regardless if the individual did not understand", I hope you're not an English major.

The East Carolinian needs competition from another student newspaper!

An opinion article still needs to be supported by fact. Learn journalism. In order for it to have more merit than some random jackass on twitter you need to support your claims with facts and statistics. You working for a newspaper does not make you an expert on a subject. Just sayin'

Where are all the single girls?

Parking tickets are like hangovers: once a week

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## Our View

# ECU takes right steps in preventing hazing

Dr. Gregory Parks gave the keynote address at East Carolina University's Wright Auditorium on Monday night for National Hazing Prevention Week (NHPW), a yearly event that takes place during the last full week of September.

The Wake Forest University School of Law associate professor provided research, history and examples of how hazing has been detrimental to society, notably within Greek life. Parks was accompanied by Keith Tingley, ECU's director of Greek life, for a question and answer session with students.

As NHPW concludes on Friday, we as an editorial staff believe that ECU and other universities should continue to provide students information on how to recognize hazing and hopefully prevent it from happening in the first place. We believe ECU has made a step in the right direction by continuing to advertise the 1-800 hotline for hazing prevention.

It's one thing to advocate for prevention, but it's another thing to put it into action. Unfortunately, hazing incidents have continued to plague college campuses.

On Monday, 10 Pi Delta Psi fraternity members were charged in connection to a 2013 hazing death at Baruch College. The family of Tucker Hipps, a Clemson student who died one year ago this past Monday, filed a lawsuit this summer against Sigma Phi Epsilon for allegedly causing the death of their son in a hazing incident.

While neither of these events happened at ECU, they demonstrate that hazing does exist on college campuses across the country. We are glad to see ECU taking steps to prevent hazing, however, its efforts will be utterly ineffective if no one is paying attention. The university has worked to bring this issue to the students, and now the students must listen.

# Letter from the editor-in-chief



**Ryan Clancy**  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

In journalism, accuracy is very important. As the editor-in-chief of The East Carolinian, I understand that mistakes happen when reporting the news. While we strive to be as accurate as possible, one glance at our correction box will attest that sometimes we make mistakes. But that's why there is a correction box—to correct those mistakes.

Last week, WNCT anchor Angela Green posted a video to her Facebook page. In it she appeared with a WNCT intern who is also a contributor to

TEC-TV, our weekly news show on YouTube.

In the video, Green implied that her intern's boss at school had requested that she straighten her hair because it would be distracting on camera. The video currently has over a million views, and Green has used the video as an opportunity to have a national discussion about hair in the workplace.

While I completely support the national discussion of this important issue, the video is unfortunately based on an inaccuracy. The school in question is East Carolina University, and this boss who Green refers to is one of my employees at TEC-TV. However, neither the employee in question, nor

anyone at The East Carolinian, ever made any request or statement that Angela's intern needed her hair straightened. The topic merely came up in conversation, a conversation that is explained in further detail in the column below.

As a fellow journalist, I understand that mistakes happen, and as a favor to Green, I sent her a statement explaining the situation so she could correct it. Unfortunately no correction was made; in fact Green continued to perpetuate the inaccuracy on social media.

It's tempting to gloss over the error, because no mention of ECU, TEC-TV or The East Carolinian was ever made in this video. But there were people at

ECU who watched this video, knew exactly whom it was talking about, and thought less of my employee as a result. If one person thinks less of any of my employees due to an inaccurate statement, then it's a problem.

Glenn Hubbard, a faculty member who advises TEC-TV, has a more detailed account below, but I felt it was necessary to make a statement as well. The East Carolinian is not looking for an apology, just a correction. At a certain point, someone has to decide that accuracy matters.

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# Professional journalism still requires accuracy



**Glenn Hubbard**  
GUEST COLUMNIST

For many, the word "professor" conjures stereotypical images of disheveled intellectuals in tweed jackets holding forth in lecture halls.

Add the word "journalism" before "professor," and the stereotype turns to nitpicking, fact-checking, First-Amendment-crusading disheveled intellectuals. I certainly fit the "disheveled" description, and I do feel strongly about facts and the First Amendment, but in many ways my job is different from what some might imagine.

As a journalism professor specializing in broadcasting, I spend a lot of time climbing ladders to adjust lights, installing camera equipment, and fiddling with a seemingly endless litany of settings on the technological gizmos I use in my teaching. One might guess these are the less controversial aspects of my job, and until last week I would have agreed.

Oddly, though, it was the lights and the settings on our TV studio equipment, along with an innocuous conversation between a few of our students, that led to a racially tinged national discussion on the subject of TV anchors' hair. It also led to a lot of consternation among journalism students at ECU who feared they were being accused of racism.

I have served as an informal faculty advisor to TEC-TV since January, letting staff into our Multimedia Newsroom, helping set up for their shows, and offering bits of advice from time to time. Last spring, we noticed that strands of a female anchor's hair

appeared green on-camera because light was reflecting off the green wall behind her. We use green-screen technology to place anchors into "virtual sets," which look more professional than cheap backdrops.

At some point last spring, I observed that it was easier to make the pictures look right when an anchor's hair was pulled tightly into a bun or generally short and straight, rather than "fluffed up." As a disheveled professor, I'm badly unqualified to comment on anyone's personal style – never have in more than 11 years of teaching – but I did explain technically the difficulties I was having with a few strands of hair.

Last week, a student with curly hair remembered my struggles from the spring semester and suggested, with the best of intentions, that another student consider straightening her hair before appearing on TEC-TV. To be clear, the student making the suggestion was in no position of authority over the other student. Still, what happened next was surprising to put it mildly.

The student who received the suggestion about her hair also happened to be an intern at WNCT and sought a second opinion from Angela Green, one of the station's news anchors.

Green posted a video on her Facebook page, featuring our student and posing the question whether TV anchors should be expected to straighten their hair, as Green herself said she had been asked to do. Her video and many subsequent online postings went viral last week.

I'd love to think local TV anchors are important enough to society that even the most frivolous discussions about them go

**“ Good journalists tell stories accurately, even if reality is less titillating than fiction. ”**

viral, but that's not the world we live in, and it's not the whole story in this case.

Green placed her own ethnic background and that of our student front-and-center in her video. She set up the discussion as a racial issue, implying that someone at ECU might have encouraged – or required – our student to hide her ethnic identity. Many involved with TEC-TV – students, faculty, and staff – perceived Green's video this way, and, while they might have been hypersensitive to the implication, there's no denying that a significant number of commenters on Facebook and Twitter also keyed in on the racial component of the discussion.

When I first saw Green's video, it struck me that she didn't name the organization for which our student was about to appear on camera. She didn't even name the university in question. She was vague in a way that could be construed as protecting the specific people involved, posing a larger societal question while minimizing scrutiny on anyone at ECU. She referred only to a "class project," which TEC-TV is not.

The unfortunate reality, however, is that Green's vagueness is precisely why her video went viral. If she had specified how the ques-

tion came up in the first place, she couldn't have implied that the issue was racial, nor would hundreds of thousands around the country have been interested.

Green has since reported on the topic on the air and has couched the discussion as primarily about workplace standards as opposed to race. She asked her viewers to "keep the conversation going," and I agree that there's merit to having such a discussion.

What is unsettling is that Green, a journalist, has made no apparent effort to set the record straight about the circumstances that led to the discussion in the first place. More importantly, she has made no effort to clarify that race was the farthest thing from the minds of anyone associated with TEC-TV when discussing anchor hairstyles.

If, as Green suggests, this is merely a discussion about workplace standards and has nothing to do with anyone's race, it would be great if she would say so publicly. It would also be great if she would explain to her newly huge list of Facebook and Twitter followers that no one in a position of authority at ECU ordered her intern to change her hair for any reason, racial or otherwise.

Good journalists put things in context. Good journalists state facts with specificity, especially when there's a risk that vagueness could do harm. Good journalists tell stories accurately, even if reality is less titillating than fiction. There is still time for Green to handle this situation like a good journalist.

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## Poll question

**Do you think hazing is a problem at ECU?**

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Thursday 7:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

**Afroman Concert**  
Uptown Saloon  
Thursday 10:00 p.m.

**Superblock Open House & Ribbon Cutting**  
Uptown Greenville  
Thursday 5:30 p.m. -7:00 p.m.

**Latino Festival**  
Greenville Town Commons and Greenville Toyota Amphitheater  
Saturday 11:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

**Batman Day**  
Nostalgia Comic Book Stand  
Saturday 10:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

## Event to 'hook up' students

**Brianna Horton**  
TEC STAFF

**Victoria Schule**  
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Next week marks the start of the Black Student Union's week-long event titled, "Cuffing Season," which will provide students the opportunity to meet and make new friends.

"Cuffing Season is a term used to describe the cold weather seasons such as the fall and winter," said Jordan Lawson, junior nursing major and BSU community outreach chair.

BSU is hosting a new event everyday during the "Cuffing Season" week. Each event has a unique name that relates back to the season theme.

The week kicks off with a speed dating event referred to as "Draft Day" in MSC Social Room at 7 p.m. The women in the room will stay put as the men rotate around every three to five minutes. If a connection is made during that time, the participants are highly encouraged to exchange contact information.

"A lot of people have this impression that we want you to find your soulmate or you have to pick your potential bae at this event, but that's not the main goal," said Lawson. "We want the students to meet new people and learn how to network but have fun while doing it."

Following "Draft Day," BSU will be pairing up with S.A.L.S.A. to host "Training Camp" on Tuesday, which is a lesson on Ballroom dancing. The event will take place on Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. in Bate 2015. Students can come with a partner or by themselves to see if they have chemistry with another

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## Freeboot Friday



Last year, Purple the Clown made balloon animals for kids that attended Freeboot Friday. This event happens every Friday before a home game.

## Band brings 'Wonder' to Freeboot Friday

**Carlyn Legg**  
TEC STAFF

**Anh Ha**  
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

This Saturday is another home football game in Pirate Nation, which means Freeboot Friday will pump up the Greenville crowd the night before.

Natural Wonder, Freeboot Friday's headlining band, originated from Charlotte, North Carolina in 2012. They formed when lead singer Gabriel Bello wanted to give tribute to the R&B and jazz legend Stevie Wonder.

They refer to themselves as "The Ultimate Stevie Wonder Experience" and play the classic rock and soul music that was revolutionized in Stevie Wonder's time as a giant in the music industry.

"We've been doing this for about four years now. I've been playing in church. I'm a youth minister, and I spent some time recording in Nashville," said Bello. "Every show is exciting."

Bello said the band is looking forward to playing for a different audience than they are used to.

"I'm super excited about [Freeboot Friday]," said Bello. "As many shows as we've

done, from being on television earlier this year, to playing stadiums full of people, this particular event is different from all of that and we're excited for Friday."

Coming to Greenville for Freeboot Friday means reaching a younger generation of musicians and music fans for the tribute band.

"We try to bring music that appeals to all ages, that everyone can access and enjoy," said Tiffany Gay, events and branding director for Uptown Greenville. "[Natural Wonder] has a great stage presence and when we reached out to them they were excited to kick off our weekend here in Pirate Nation."

Known for playing some of Stevie Wonder's most famous songs, like "Superstition" and "Higher Ground," the tribute band has impressed audiences with its Billboard-ranked vocals. Friday, the band is set to perform a range of songs from Stevie Wonder's most famous works.

Natural Wonder is set to prepare the audience for the crowd-pleasing ECU football coach Ruffin McNeill, who will make a guest appearance at this Freeboot Friday. Following the live music portion of the event, members from both the ECU men's and women's basketball teams will make appearances for signing autographs and meeting their fans.

"We really want to give our freebooters the opportunity to come out and meet these stars of our community, and I think what's special about Freeboot Friday is that it's a community event that's in the heart of our city, that lets us celebrate our ECU pirates," said Gay. "What a better way to get the crowd excited than to hear some words of encouragement from our very own head football coach Ruffin McNeill?"

The Student Pirate Club, which partners with Uptown Greenville to make Freeboot Friday possible, will also be onsite to offer information about joining the club. Freeboot Friday also has activities such as bounce houses and face painting for kids and families, as well as adult beverages available onsite during the live music portion of the festivities.

"What I like most about Freeboot Friday is getting to see the magic of the band light up the crowd and see the community come together and the connectedness that we feel because of that to celebrate our ECU pirates," said Gay.

Freeboot Friday will start at 5 p.m. at Five Points Plaza in Uptown Greenville.

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## ALBUM REVIEW

## Drake and Future underwhelm



**Jesse Deal**  
TEC STAFF

"Give these n\*\*\*\* look, the verse, and even the hook / That's why every song sounds like Drake featuring Drake," Aubrey Graham told us two years ago on his "5AM in Toronto" single.

At that point, it was hard to argue with Drake's conviction. The Canadian hip-hop megastar had a tendency to take over every track he appeared on, whether it was his own work or the myriad of songs he was featured on.

"What a Time to Be Alive," is the first project to debunk Drake's notion, as this release is clearly Future's world; Drake is just living in it.

The noticeable imbalance comes from the collaboration's origins: Drake spent six days recording in Future's Atlanta studio, hopping on beats from Future's executive producer, Metro Boomin. What started as a few collaborative songs turned into a full mixtape and one of the most-hyped rap projects of 2015.

But this is not a collab effort in the vein of Jay-Z and Kanye West's grandiose "Watch the Throne." While those two found a way to make self-proclaimed "luxury rap" without sounding contrived, Drake and Future — two leaders of the current hip-hop universe — appear to be playing it safe in lieu of their next paycheck.

Opening track "Digital Dash" immedi-

ately recalls Future's "Dirty Sprite 2" with the rapper's Auto-Tuned incoherence and Metro Boomin's cosmic synthesizers, while Drake shows up at the end with what feels more like a guest verse than a confident entrance. This immediate lack of cohesion between the two artists plagues portions of the tape.

The trunk-rattling "Big Rings" provides "What a Time's" most memorable lines: "Man, what a time to be alive / You and yours vs. me and mine," Drake boldly declares. Future co-signs the braggadocio with a thinly veiled shot at Meek Mill ("You just a battle rapper / I'm an official trapper"). However, Drake nearly ruins the fun with an overambitious hook that showcases an uninspired rhyme scheme.

Cuts like "Live From the Gutter" and "Diamonds Dancing" find the rappers hitting their stride, merging Future's passionate delivery with Drake's more refined lyrical chops. The cloudy, piano-led production is a natural pairing with the artists' boastful choruses.

But if Future is at the wheel of this audio Ferrari, Drake is sitting shotgun, sending passive-aggressive texts to an exotic dancer he met two weekends ago. This dynamic rings true on the mid-tempo stripper ode "Plastic Bag" and Drake's introspective "30 for 30 Freestyle." Interestingly, the duo's toned-down approach works admirably, coming off as more authentic than the egocentric boast-raps of "I'm the Plug" and "Jumpman."

"What a Time" ultimately lacks a clear

identity as a project. Like Drake's "If You're Reading This It's Too Late," the effort was released on the iTunes Store and Apple Music without much promotion. It is likewise described as a mixtape, though its \$9.99 price tag blurs the lines between what a mixtape and an album actually are in this day and age (Epic Records chairman L.A. Reid allegedly demanded that "What a Time" be sold.) It makes sense from a business standpoint, as the tape will likely become one of the higher-selling projects this year from any genre.

With that in mind, Drake and Future should have invested more than just six days into the creation of their product. There are some excellent tracks here, but the sum of their parts lacks substance and feels rushed. Perhaps the rappers should take a page from the success of "Watch the Throne," and raise the stakes before setting out to conquer the world as a duo again.

### RATING:



3 out of 5

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person they've never met before.

"I'm single so I might as well go," said Javon Alston, freshman business management major. "I think I'll have a good time at the event. I just want to find new friends and talk with people at ECU with good personalities, I haven't found a lot of that yet."

Continuing with "Cuffing Season," BSU will host "Pre-Season," a discussion about sex and sexual health, on Wednesday. The meeting will be held in MSC Great Rooms at 5:30 p.m.

"Our e-board always does their research on the topics before each meeting, we're excited because we've asked around and we're discussing a lot of things that some people have no idea about or are embarrassed to ask anyone about," said Lawson.

As the week progresses to a close, the event continues with "Trade Deadline" on Thursday. "Trade Deadline" is a game show involving one person choosing a match out of three contestants.

"There are going to be really important

questions that get everyone in the room thinking about how and why they choose or don't choose their partners and the prize is the contestant," said Lawson.

The game show will be held in Sci-Tech 209 at 7 p.m.

The final event of "Cuffing Season" is on Friday with a mixer/social titled "Season Opener."

"I'm looking forward to meeting new people and getting to know them," said Jennifer Okundji, sophomore political science major. "I also am interested to see if something serious will turn out of it."

At the mixer there will be food, the enjoyment of other people, and music, but it's not to be confused with a party. This will take place in MSC social room at 7 p.m.

"I'm excited to see who comes out and who will actually find someone that they connect with on a deeper level," said Lawson. "How amazing would it be to say later on in life that you met your spouse or some of your best friends at a BSU event?"

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SOLUTION TO TUESDAY'S PUZZLE 9/24/15

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Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

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**ACROSS**

1 \*Subject of a San Francisco museum

9 Speculate

15 Intimate meeting

16 Reluctant

17 Five-pointed, say

18 Coordinated health program

19 Ticked-off state

20 Honorary law deg.

21 Debussy contemporary

22 December purchase for many

24 Singer Lenya mamed to Kurt Weill

26 Stood the test of time

29 Damage

30 "¿Cómo \_\_\_?"

33 Egyptian city on the Nile

34 Clever

35 Laugh syllable

36 Defilegate letters

37 \*Unpretentious

40 1970 Jackson 5 chart topper

41 \_\_\_ Andreas Fault

42 Works in un museo

43 M16, for one

45 Sharpen

47 Half a Western couple

48 Less than broadcast

49 Polite title

51 Fermented beverage usually served warm

52 Take five

54 N.L. East team

55 Nutritional stat

58 Steal, Western-style

60 Random way to decide

63 Bay windows

64 Arrived at, Western-style

65 Rite-related

66 Office building feature, which can precede the ends of the answers to starred clues

**DOWN**

1 Right triangle ratio: Abbr.

2 Naysayer

3 Really hard test

4 Lynn with the album "I Remember Patsy"

5 Phot. lab request

6 Ready to strike

7 Bracelet site

8 Sax, e.g.

9 Simple card game

10 Out in the open

11 Prove false

12 \*Torque-providing component

13 Saling title 13-year-old

14 Rod attachment

23 Clinton's attorney general

24 Shop class fixture

25 Longtime Hydrox competitor

26 Run out

27 Syrian leader

28 \*Big band genre

29 Dank

31 Set aside

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**Aries** (March 21-April 19) -- Today is an 8 -- For nearly eight weeks, with Mars in Virgo, work becomes a constant theme. Get financial details lined up over the next month with yesterday's Libra Sun. Make shared decisions. Peace and quiet get productive.

**Virgo** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Today is a 9 -- Share the load or drop it. For two months, with Mars in Virgo, personal matters take center stage. Stick to the truth, even when awkward. Compromise. Provide cool common sense. Do it carefully or do it over.

**Aquarius** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) -- Today is a 9 -- Don't let financial constraints stop you. For about two months, with Mars in Virgo, review and organize finances for increased power and income. Private conversations reduce stress. The truth gets revealed. Find new ways to earn.

**Taurus** (April 20-May 20) -- Today is a 7 -- For nearly eight weeks, with Mars in Virgo, fun and romance captures your attention. Postpone financial discussions and important decisions today. Don't overspend, even for a good cause. Your team comes through for surprising success.

**Libra** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) -- Today is a 7 -- Slow down to avoid accidents. Navigate errors and let the little stuff go. Get into peaceful retreat mode for the next two months. Clean, sort and organize. Look back to gain perspective on the road ahead.

**Pisces** (Feb. 19-March 20) -- Today is a 7 -- Provide support (rather than criticism) to someone in authority. Your partner contributes valuable data. For about two months, with Mars in Virgo, work together for greater power. Take advantage of a rising tide. Assume responsibility.

**Cancer** (June 21-July 22) -- Today is a 7 -- For about two months, with Mars in Virgo, communications unlock new doors. Dance gracefully with an unexpected reaction. Carefully crafted, direct words soothe inflammation. Rekindle passion. Friends help you advance. They lead you to the perfect answer.

**Scorpio** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) -- Today is a 7 -- Grow profitable opportunities through socializing. Harness group power over the next two months, with Mars in Virgo. Energize a community effort. Don't

**Sagittarius** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) -- Today is a 7 -- Take your professional passion to the next level. If you must ruffle feathers, do it gently. Assert your position with humor. For nearly eight weeks, with Mars in Virgo, career advances are available. Practice what you love.

**Leo** (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Today is an 8 -- Save up for something special. For nearly eight, weeks (Mars in Virgo), work to increase income. Put your muscle into it. Moderate a controversy with family finances. Avoid risky business. Defer gratification and budget for what you want.

**Capricorn** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Today is a 9 -- Travel beckons for about two months, with Mars in Virgo. Nail down reservations early. There are still many secrets to be discovered. Don't try to run away. Think of someone who needs you. New information changes things.

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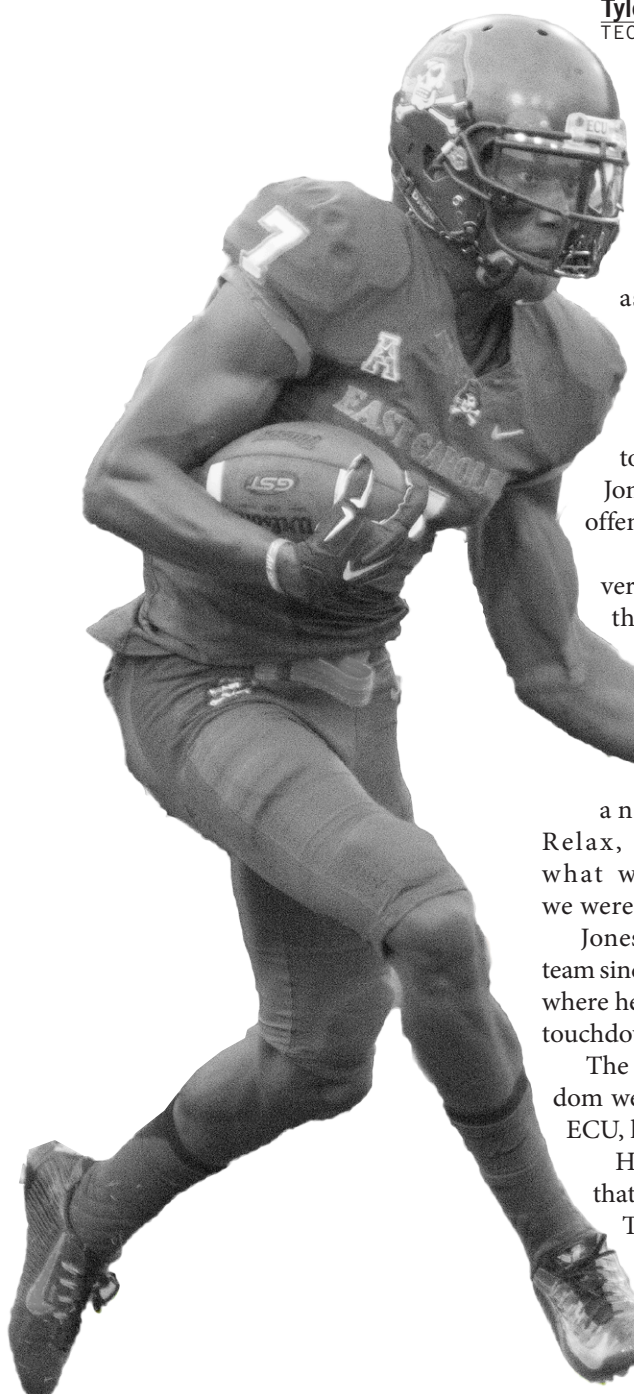
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## Jones' success fueled by family ties

### Junior receiver holds on to father's legacy while leading ECU offense

**Tyler Kelbaugh**  
TEC STAFF



In a season where offense has been tough to come by, junior wide receiver Isaiah Jones has emerged as the team's undisputed star player.

Throughout the first three games this month, Jones has asserted himself as East Carolina's most potent offensive threat, connecting with quarterback Blake Kemp 30 times this season for 342 yards and a touchdown. Just like Justin Hardy, Jones has brought consistency to an offense that desperately needs it.

"Duplicating Justin [Hardy] is very tough," said Jones. "He's one of the greatest players to play. What I try to take from him is that comfort level he had. Just go out there and play football and have fun. Relax, because this is what we've been doing since we were little."

Jones has been contributing to the team since he was a true freshman in 2013, where he started eight games, scored five touchdowns and totaled 604 yards.

The beginning of Jones' rise to stardom well predates his freshman year at ECU, however.

He hails from Austin, Texas, a place that remains close to his heart today. The junior can't help but brag about the delicious food he was raised on whenever someone brings up his hometown.

Perhaps more importantly, however, it was there that Jones' parents began to equip him with everyday tools that have made

**"I look at my dad and can't help but be proud of what he accomplished in his career."**

*-Isaiah Jones*

him both a fan-favorite and a leader in the Pirates' locker room.

"My mom and dad taught me [to be well-spoken]," the receiver said with a smile. "I was blessed to have them in my life. They've been married for 23 years now and they raised me right."

In 1992, the junior's father, Robert Jones, was the first ECU player to be taken in the first round of the NFL draft. He earned the Rookie-of-the-Year Award, and went on to become a Pro Bowler and three-time Super Bowl champion.

"I look at my dad and can't help but be proud of what he accomplished in his career," said Jones, whose older brother Cayleb also plays wide-receiver at Arizona. "I still try to shape my own path."

His uncle, quarterback Jeff Blake, was also a successful Pirate who went on to spend over a decade in the NFL. Still, Jones said he never felt any pressure to play football while he was growing up.

Despite being one of the more relaxed Pirates off the field, head coach Ruffin McNeill says Jones is one of most competitive players on his roster.

"Day one as a freshman, the first play he ran, he ran differently," said McNeill. "He ran it with maturity and confidence. Some guys come in like that. He's come from good bloodlines, both Robert and

[mother] Maneesha. He was not intimidated or scared of the moment."

Leadership had been a major question facing the 2015 Pirates, but the level-headed Jones has stepped in and filled the role for ECU's offense.

"He's continued on this year, leading in his way," said McNeill. "[Jones] has taken on that role of leader by his actions. He'll talk a little more than Justin [Hardy] did, but I like the way Isaiah is performing."

In the Pirates' loss to Florida, Jones was hit hard on several plays, including one particularly cringe-inducing shot in the fourth quarter that moved the Pirates into the red-zone. Each time, he hopped back onto his feet and ran back to the huddle.

"I get that toughness from my momma," Jones said. "My momma is a very tough lady."

With the ECU offense struggling, Jones faces more pressure than ever before to carry a heavy load. Still, the junior relishes the chance to step into the spotlight and take on that burden. His teammates will need him to continue to produce at a high level if they hope to turn this season around quickly.

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**Katie Hoch**  
overcomes adversity to lead ECU golf.

## VCU Shootout yields runner-up finish

**Craig Moyer**  
TEC STAFF

The East Carolina men's golf team finished second in the Janney VCU Shootout after recording a three-round total of 866, 2-over par.

ECU was led by two top-10 finishes from seniors Al Dickens and Jacob Hicks, who both recorded below par scores for the tournament.

Dickens finished T-7 with a 2-under par, 214, while Hicks finished T-10 after shooting

a 215, 1-under par.

Senior Wesley Conover finished the tournament one stroke behind teammate Hicks, T-13 with an even par, 216.

Jackson Spires finished T-30 with a 6-over par, 222, while sophomore teammate, Timothy Conover, finished T-41 with an 8-over par 224.

ECU senior, Stephen Lavenets, competed in the tournament as an individual and finished tied with Spires with a 6-over par, 222.

Head Coach, Press McPhaul, was pleased with the team's scores and said the players showed depth, which is very important.

"We can actually have some room for error, so we can play a little bit more freely which alleviates pressure and allows the guys to free up and just play the game," McPhaul said.

The tournament was held at a different course this year, so it was the team's first time playing the course, which can be an added

challenge for a team.

McPhaul said his team planned well for the new course and then executed their plan well, which was a promising sign.

"That was encouraging to see that they practiced well and developed a good, sound game plan and stuck with it. I thought they

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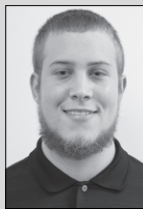
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Who Wins? VT, 28-16.  
Why? ECU's ground attack continues to struggle, making the offense one dimensional.



**Adam Decker**  
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Who Wins? VT, 21-17  
Why? The combination of Virginia Tech's heavy blitzing and inordinate weather will rattle the ECU offense.



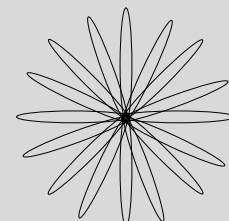
**Jesse Deal**  
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Who Wins? VT, 31-24  
Why? The Hokies could exploit the Pirates' rushing woes on both sides of the ball.



**Brian Wudkwyh**  
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Who Wins? ECU, 21-17  
Why? Chris Hairston is going to have a bounce-back performance and lead the Pirates to a win.



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### TAKEAWAYS

#### FOOTBALL

ECU (1-2) will host Virginia Tech (2-1) on family weekend this Saturday.

#### VOLLEYBALL

The Pirates (7-4) will travel to Cincinnati to take on the Bearcats (8-3) in an AAC contest Friday.

#### SOCCER

The Pirates (5-4-1) will take on the Houston Cougars (4-4) tonight in their conference opener.

#### WOMEN'S GOLF

ECU will host the Lady Pirate Intercollegiate tournament on Monday and Tuesday.

#### MEN'S GOLF

The Pirates finished second at the VCU Shootout on Monday and Tuesday.

#### CAROLINA PANTHERS

The Panthers (2-0) will host an NFC South game against the New Orleans Saints Saturday.

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Edwards and Travon McMillian have all rushed for over 100 yards this season.

Virginia Tech's ground attack could spell bad news for the Pirates, as they are allowing an average of 254 yards this season, including Navy's 415 rushing yards last week.

Although they have a wide variety of weapons on offense, the true identity of the Hokies is their defense. They use a 4-2-5 defensive scheme and incorporate a wide variety of blitzes.

Cornerback Kendall Fuller anchors the defense, and was a second team All-American selection with first team all-ACC honors in 2014.

"[Virginia Tech's secondary] is probably the best we've seen," ECU offensive coordinator Dave Nichol said. "Fuller is a really good player and I think he compares with Hargreaves at Florida."

Fuller and the rest of the Hokie secondary have already registered five interceptions on the season — a cause of concern for the Pirates, as they have turned the ball over six times in their first three games.

McNeill indicated at his weekly press conference Monday that backup James Summers will get some playing time this weekend, perhaps a compromise to the struggling ECU offense. McNeill also shared a message to concerned Pirate fans following the team's tough start to the season.

"Believe in the kids and know that they work hard. This is not our first time being in a situation like this," said McNeill. "We have a lot of games left. There's a lot of ball to be played."

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handled it very, very well," McPhaul said.

ECU finished nine shots behind James Madison, the tournament champion, who finished with a three-round total of 857, 7-under par.

ECU and James Madison shot the same scores for the second and third rounds of the tournament, but the Dukes relied on their first round score of 10-under par, 278, to win the tournament.

The University of North Carolina at Greensboro finished the tournament in third place, three shots behind ECU, at 5-over par.

ECU played alongside JMU in the third round and McPhaul said the Dukes' players showed many strong characteristics.

"It was a good team that remained very calm, played confidently and picked good shots," McPhaul said. "I saw a team that competed with a lot of maturity and wisdom."

ECU relied on success on the courses three par-3 holes, where the Pirates recorded a 2-over par total for the tournament, eight shots ahead of the rest of the tournament field.



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Senior Pirate golfer Al Dickens lines up a putt during an event earlier this season.

McPhaul said the team was talking about their success on the par-3 holes, in the van on the way home and discussing the reasons for the success.

"They picked a good target and were as aggressive as they could be on that target," McPhaul said.

The team showed signs of a great team, according to McPhaul, but he

feels they still have a few steps to take to make it successful.

"This is a good team with a chance to be really good, we want to tap into that, encourage each other, help each other and play with more and more confidence," McPhaul said.

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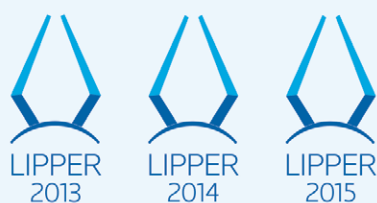
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