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BOT honors Ballard during final meeting

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East Carolina University Board of Trustees members thanked Chancellor Steve Ballard for his service and commitment to ECU for the past 12 years at his final board meeting on Friday.

During the meeting, Ballard addressed the board members and audience saying that, “The soul of this university is our students. I’ve never been a part of any public university that comes close to ECU in terms of its commitment to students.

Ballard said attending his last BOT meeting as ECU Chancellor was hard for him.

“I’m thankful for the recognition, there’s a lot of great people on this board,” said Ballard. “Over 60 of these meetings in 12 years and it hasn’t quite sunk in home, I guess, that it’s the last one. So it will be hard.”

Ballard said he is going to finish his term “strong.”

“I’ve still got three months to go,” said Ballard. “I’ve got a lot to do in that time so I’m not going to let any of that go. We’ve got some major things that have to be completed. I want to do those things that I’m still obligated to do.”

Steve Jones, chairman of the Board of

Trustees, said working with Ballard has been a pleasure because he has a passion for ECU and North Carolina.

“It’s a sad day but as I said today we’re not saying goodbye, we’re just going to say see you later,” said Jones.

Friday’s meeting was Mark Matulewicz’s, the outgoing Student Government Association (SGA) president, final meeting as well.

Matulewicz presented the board with a report, highlighting some of SGA’s accomplishments during the 2015-2016 academic year including the recent launch of the LiveSafe mobile safety app, the creation of Senate in a Minute, the student discount card, the Pirate Access Line and student involvement in raising awareness for the Connect NC bond.

“I certainly wanted to include a list of all of our achievements this past year from all of our SGA members,” said Matulewicz. “I couldn’t have done any of those things by myself, that was from all the students. I couldn’t have done it without our executive board, it’s been great working with all of them this year.

On behalf of students and SGA, Matulewicz thanked Ballard

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Uriah Ward, a co-founder of New Greenville, speaks at City Hall before the Council meeting. The Council passed a resolution against HB2.

Greenville Council passes resolution against HB2

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Greenville City Council passed a resolution in opposition of House Bill 2 with a 5-1 vote last night after hearing from several ECU and Greenville community members for and against the controversial bill.

Following the approval of the resolution, Uriah Ward, executive director of New Greenville, said, “Well we are excited that Greenville has come out stating opposition to the House Bill 2. We’re just disappointed it didn’t go further but we can add Greenville to the list of cities that have made it clear that they do not support the HB2 Bill.”

Ward added that tonight’s meeting showed the importance of local elections.

“We need to make sure we elect people to Greenville City Council who are going to stand up for progressive values,” said Ward.

While the City Council’s resolution is officially “reaffirming support for the preservation of municipal authorities in response to the enactment of

House Bill 2,” some council members said they wished to ask Raleigh to repeal the bill.

Councilman Calvin R. Mercer and Councilwoman Kandie D. Smith spoke out against the bill during the packed council meeting.

Mercer said HB2 was more than just a “bathroom issue,” rather it is “unnecessary overreach into the local affairs by the General Assembly.”

“This law is flawed in many ways that hurts this state I think,” said Mercer.

He said the law was concerning at many other levels for the state.

“It is amazing to me and really significant I think, has been the outrage expressed by major corporations,” said Mercer addressing the council. “Paypal pulling out on a \$3.6 million expansion cutting 400 North Carolina jobs. That’s not peanuts.”

He added, “this council and previous councils have worked so hard, so hard on the economic development to bring jobs here and this law is extremely concerning on

that point.”

Mercer said for the businesses that have expressed opposition to NC HB2, there is a “direct connection between jobs, economic development and non-discrimination”.

During the public comment period of the meeting, the council heard from students and community members who expressed opposition to the HB2.

Ward asked on behalf of New Greenville, Out Greenville, PFlag, and ECU’s GLBT Student Union, that the City Council request the repeal of HB2.

Ward said the Council’s resolution against the HB2 on the meeting’s agenda “says nothing about discrimination and does not ask for the repeal of the law.”

With the help of PFlag, ECU’s GLBTSU, New Greenville held a rally, “Pack City Hall Against HB2 Bill!”, and a press conference before the Greenville City Council voted on a resolution against HB2.

Several Greenville community members, including Amy Bright, president of ECU’s

GLBTSU, also spoke during the press conference.

“We oppose HB2. As a parent, I oppose HB2,” said Bright. “This is by far the worst legislation passed in my lifetime. It hurts every single North Carolinian.”

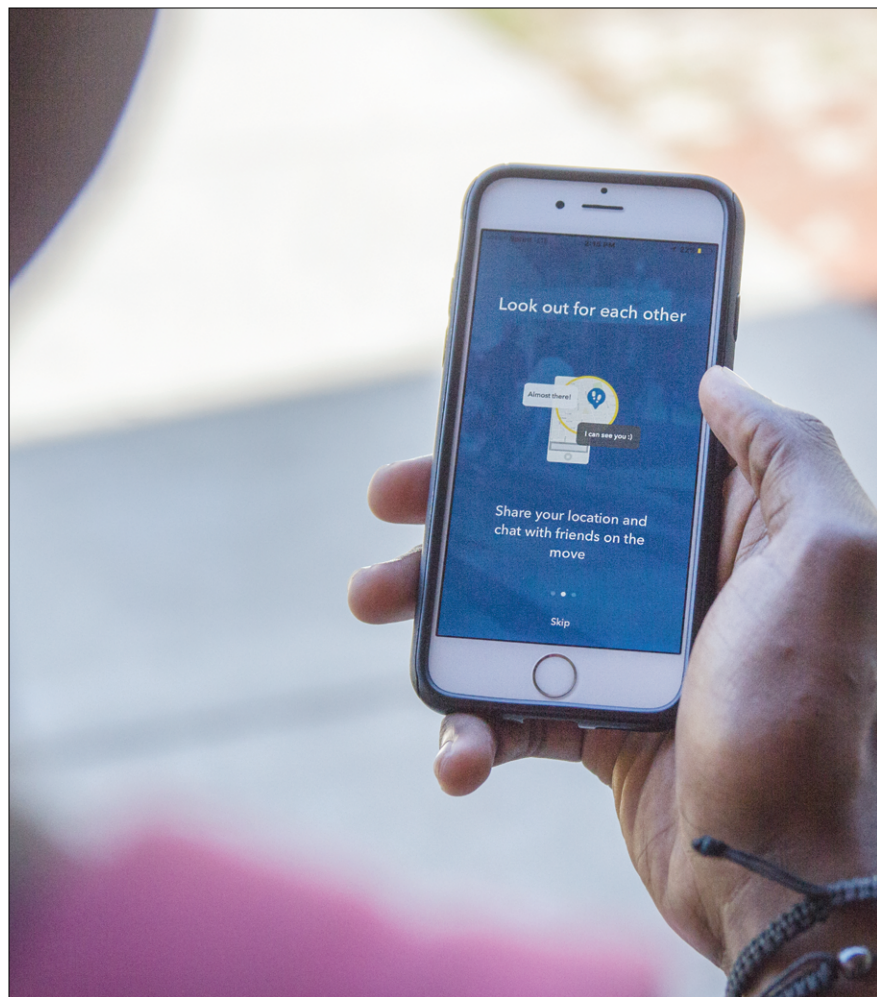
She added that this bill was “sold to us as a bill to protect children, but it does nothing but place our children in danger.”

Another concern brought up by Ward, Bright and others was that HB2 takes away citizens access to the state courts for discrimination lawsuits.

“If your employer fires you for being a Christian, our legislature has now said you have no access to our state’s courts and you have to file in federal, which is cost prohibitive and time prohibitive for the average person,” said Bright.

She added, “Our legislature used their fear of transgender people to create broad legislation that takes away the rights of every single citizen in this state.”

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A student looks through the tutorial on the LiveSafe app, which ECU launched last week.

Campus officials see LiveSafe as useful tool

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Kristina Anderson was a sophomore when she faced a gunman in her classroom at Virginia Tech. She was shot twice during the April 2007 shooting that ended with the deaths of 11 students and one professor. The gunman had fired his first shots over two hours before Anderson’s class began. Still, she and her classmates had no idea there was a threat on campus.

Following her frightening experience, Anderson co-founded the new campus alert app LiveSafe in 2012, nearly five years after the violent shooting, and the app was officially launched on ECU’s campus last week.

“I think that the app is going

to be a great tool for the ECU community,” said Lt. Chris Sutton of ECU police. “There’s so many useful applications to it that it can only make people safer.”

ECU is one of a number of campuses, including UNC Greensboro and UNC Charlotte that have chosen to add the app to their campus safety programs. The app also has non-emergency features that supplement the safety measures already available at ECU and in Greenville.

Bill Koch, ECU associate vice chancellor of environmental health and campus safety, said student input was vital to their decision use LiveSafe.

“We put a group together to review the apps that were out there and, actually, what put us over the edge on going with LiveSafe was student input, because it was student focused,

and we knew that they would use the app the most,” Koch said, “It had to meet [the students’] criteria.”

Using GPS, the free app allows users to access ECU SafeRide or SafeWalk, a feature that lets a friend track their location until they arrive at their destination. A Safety Map shows nearby incidents and safe locations. Students can report concerns anonymously, or choose to send their location and information to police for a faster response time, and they can access information about victim and mental health services on campus.

Speaking at the University of Baltimore, Anderson said, “From first-hand experience, I know that student safety is

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Alumni Scholarship recipients to be honored

ECU's Alumni Association plans to honor its 2016-17 Alumni Scholarship recipients as part of the spring meeting with its board of directors. The 20 recipients will collectively receive \$37,500. Every spring, the alumni association rewards 20-25 students for scholarships of \$1,000 to \$2,500 for the following academic year. Some scholarships are given in honor of an individual alumnus, among other reasons. Since the scholarship program's beginning in 2005 through the 2015-2016 school year, the alumni association has given 252 scholarships totaling almost \$350,000. The reception honoring the recipients will be held April 30.

Student Affairs to host Awards Banquet

The East Carolina University Division of Student Affairs will host the second annual Corporate and Leadership Awards banquet. The recipients of the 40 Under 40 Awards will be honored at the banquet. This award recognizes 40 alumni under the age of 40 who have excelled after graduating from ECU. These recipients are individuals who are now using their experience from ECU to make an impact in their respective professions, local communities and on the world. Awards will also be given to corporate partners that have made impacts for ECU and its students as well as individuals who serve as supporters of ECU student affairs. The banquet will be held at 6 p.m. April 16 at the Greenville Hilton.

Community Center to celebrate IGCC Day

The Lucille W. Gorham Intergenerational Community Center will celebrate the ninth annual IGCC Day on April 16. This celebration is aimed to solidify connections between the center and the Greenville community. The event is a chance for members of the community to come out and see what the center has to offer and how they can get connected. IGCC Day is free and open to the public. The day will include live music, arts and crafts, games and informal exhibits about certain programs offered by the center.

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Bowen set to take new role

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Hank Bowen said he applied for the Student Government Association associate director position because he wanted the opportunity to to form relationships with students on campus, similar to how he did while working in the Office of Student Transitions. “I really enjoy having a group of students that I can connect with and working with SGA is going to give me a chance to mentor students, as well as help the general student body through some new initiatives,” said Bowen. Previously, Bowen has worked in the Office of Student Transitions since 2010 with the department of First Year Programs. In this role, he has been working mainly with new student programs

such as Plunge in to Purple, orientation, mentoring programs and Camp Pirates. Bowen will officially be sworn into his new position on April 17 at the annual SGA Banquet. The SGA adviser’s role is to not only provide support to the students, but to also provide perspective on the decisions of the organization from an administrative level. Former SGA adviser Jessica King said this position demands long hours to ensure that the individual is actively involved with SGA’s meetings, events and long term goals. “SGA members deserve an adviser who cares about them, challenges them and fosters leadership development as part of an SGA that continues to embrace integrity and action,” King said. “The SGA adviser

role requires awareness of policy, understanding of the UNC System, flexibility and support.” Bowen said he wants to fulfill all of these duties and is determined to be the adviser that SGA needs to grow as a student organization. “They have really needed their own adviser for a long time, and they got that last year for the first time, a person dedicated just to them,” Bowen said. “I want to be somebody to support them, ask them questions, push them to succeed and push them to really get some things done.” Bowen said his first task as SGA adviser will be meeting with Ryan Beeson and Janae Brown, the newly elected president and vice president for next year. “One of the first things I will do in the next couple of

weeks is meet with Ryan and Janae both as a group and individually and then meet with some of the other committee chairs and some of the SGA leadership,” said Bowen. Bowen said he sees SGA as the organization that sets the standard for all other clubs on campus. “SGA is the hub of all other student activities and student organizations,” said Bowen. “They are there to be the voice of students, administrator, and the community at large, and it is important for them to understand this role.” Bowen said there has been a lot of growth in SGA this year as far as the amount of initiatives and programs SGA has planned, and he hopes this same level of commitment is exhibited during next year’s term. “I have seen SGA do a

lot more programming in the past year and take a lot more initiative with being vocal about student needs, and I would like to see this continue,” said Bowen. Bowen was a graduate of ECU himself and received a Bachelor of Science in business and marketing education in 2004. He then later went on to earn a Master of Education in business education in 2008. “I am excited. I went to school at ECU, so I am very passionate about the Pirate Nation,” said Bowen. “I think this is going to be a great fit for me and for the school and for the students, and I am looking forward to doing new things.”

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Avoidable property theft on rise

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As the number of items stolen from vehicles spikes, this type of crime is becoming more common around the main campus of East Carolina University. “We have seen an increase in car break-ins over the last several months,” said Greenville Police Public Information Officer, Kristen Hunter. According to the Greenville Police Department records, from the beginning of this year to April 10, there have been 81 different reports of theft from a motor vehicle. Between the same dates in 2015, Greenville Police only recorded 32 cases of vehicle burglary. Compared to this time in 2015, there have been two and a half times as many cases. All of the 81 cases of property stolen from vehicles occurred within two miles of ECU’s main campus. According to Hunter, Greenville Police deploy officers throughout the

city in three different zones. Officers actively conduct patrols around Greenville in order to protect the community. Hunter did admit that while police do the best they can, they can not be everywhere at once. “That’s why it’s so important to have the community serve as a second set of eyes and ears for us. If you see something suspicious, say something,” said Hunter. In the 2014 Uniform Crime Report, published by the United States Federal Bureau of Investigation, more than a million cases of burglary from motor vehicles occurred in the United States. Compared to the prior year, 2014 saw a 5.7 percent decrease in motor vehicle breaking and entering. “Car break-ins are a totally preventable crime, in most cases,” Hunter said. “I would estimate that nine out of every 10 car break-ins we respond to either involve a car that was left unlocked or valuables that

were left in plain sight.” According to Allied Insurance, the parent company of Nationwide Insurance Company, locking the doors, not leaving valuable items in plain sight and covering important property with blankets or jackets can help cut down your risk of becoming a victim. Nationwide also recommends to vehicles that parking in busy areas can help keep your car and other items safe. “We can’t stress enough the importance of taking valuables with you or hiding them out of plain sight,” Hunter said. “People who commit these sorts of crimes are opportunists. It could be as simple as pulling on door handles in a parking lot to find out which cars are unlocked. The harder you make it for them to find an ‘opportunity’, the safer your property will be.” Jeff Hofmann, a freshman marketing major, said he believes the parking lots around ECU are safe.

Hofmann parks his car in one of the many ECU operated parking lots, said he does not worry about his car being broken into. East Carolina University Police Department records show that since January of 2015, there have only been seven cases of property stolen from motor vehicles. Of the seven reports, more than half occurred during 2015. “I feel like the safety is pretty good, there are times people are driving fast through the parking lot. And I think the parking lots could be better lit at night,” said Caroline Spach, a freshman special education major. Spach believes that overall the safety of ECU’s parking lots is good and said she has never had an experience that caused her to feel unsafe.

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for his leadership and commitment to ECU by presenting him with a resolution passed by the SGA Senate. “Chancellor Ballard has done such a phenomenal job this year,” said Matulewicz. “As I said in my report, he has always put student success at the top of his mission. Where our university stands today is an exact result of all of his efforts.” Jones thanked Matulewicz during the meeting and presented him with a

gift on behalf of the Trustees saying that Matulewicz has “been a great peer and had a great perspective and always carries the students’ perspective to heart”. Other business the board discussed during the meeting included the approval of the purchase of four properties, approving the naming of the School of Entrepreneurship, the Miller School of Entrepreneurship, a report about the ongoing efforts and new ideas to improve the success of male students at ECU, presentation about the new LiveSafe mobile safety app and a report from ECU students presenting

projects at the Clinton Global University Initiative. The Board also heard from Chris Dyba, vice chancellor for University Advancement, on how ECU and other UNC system schools are facing the challenge of a \$1 million cap on the use of state funds for UNC Advancement programs that will go into effect July 1. Jones said if the UNC system is not able to get the \$1 million cap repealed, it will create some challenges for ECU to overcome. “There’s a lot of good work by Henry Hinton on the Board of Gov-

ernors and Harry Smith and our other BOG members and from across the other campuses in the system to talk with our folks in Raleigh to repeal that and maybe we’ll get some relief from that,” said Jones. “But just like anything, we’ll figure out a solution if it is something we have to work around.” Jones added, “That’s what ECU has been very resilient on, we always find a way to move forward in a positive way.”

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always a very big priority for parents, universities and the students themselves- but

very infrequently do we have an opportunity to discuss it before something happens.” Lt. Sutton thinks that LiveSafe, along with the other measures ECU has taken, will help reduce campus crime

and give students options for ways to feel safer. “It’s just another tool just like the hundreds of cameras that we have on campus, the transit buses that run until late in the night, or patrol officers that you have or blue light phones that are out in parking lots. All of those combined are tools that we use collectively to reduce crime,” Sutton said. “Collectively, with everything else that we have, that we offer, that we do, it gives us a greater advantage to be able to reduce crime.” ECU plans to promote the app to incoming students during Orientation and the fall semester. Still, Koch encouraged students to

download the app and start using it right away. “It’s ready to go and if anyone wants to sign up, they just download through their app store,” Koch said. “And people are using it, which is good.” Sutton already had examples of the app helping ECU students report concerns and feel safer. A lighting outage around the Science and Technology building was reported and campus police forwarded the information to Facility Services to fix the lights. Then they let users know that the report has been addressed. “I’ll go back out and I’ll

use social media to send information out to our followers to say that we received this message and that now, this issue has been corrected,” Sutton said. Chancellor Steve Ballard thinks the app is a useful technological advancement to ECU’s safety programs. “We’re going to do our best to get every undergraduate, every member of our community to use because it really works,” Ballard said. “It’s a two-way communication, it’s easy, and it’s right on your phone.”

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Sayings that most likely confuse kids these days “It’s a Kodak moment.”

There is no greater love story than between a person and their coffee.

One day I want to play the imperial march when my professor enters the classroom. Hopefully he’ll go along with it.

has a lot of homework and assignments to do “Guess I’ll take a nap and watch Netflix.”

Socialism is literally “baby’s first left wing ideology.” Syndicalism is so much better. Sorel and Rocker>Marx and Engels

Every time I eat doughnuts, I drool on myself. #fatandhappy

So now that the BLM leadership has come out as openly misandrist and racist, can we get back to fighting against the real people who are destroying the American dream?

Dear abnormal psych profs, It’s been a very long time since I last cut myself, and it’s a battle every day. Please stop making it harder with unnecessary graphic images of slashed wrists in your power points. signed, your neurodivergent students

If feminism is all about equality, how come the National Organization of Women are fighting a Florida Law which would award 50/50 parental custody? Could it be because it would reduce the child support payments to mothers? Write about this.

Why is there not a pirate rant app? Like Whisper but for ECU rants.

If your time is up in your group study room and someone else is waiting GET OUT #rude

Why did the skeleton buy the VIP concert passes? They wanted the bone-fide experience #punster

This must be the 8th castle because I just found my princess #nerdypickuplines

If I were an enzyme, I’d be helicase so I could unzip your genes #nerdypickuplines

Why did the skeleton get kicked out of the comedy club? Because there was no place for marrow-minded jokes #punster

The only difference between a porcupine and a BMW owner is that the porcupine’s pricks are on the outside. And don’t make yourself feel better by thinking I’m hatin’ or jealous, cause I ain’t.

Questions regarding rants can be directed to Tyler Kelbaugh at opinion@theeastcarolinian.com.

Our view

Downtown theater underutilized

The stretch of the Tar River that runs through Greenville has brought rise to some of the city’s finest amenities, including the Greenville Greenway and a boat access, which have served recreational purposes for thousands of citizens. However, perhaps the most overlooked aspect of Greenville’s fortuitous river front location is the underutilized amphitheater that sits on First Street directly in front of the river and right by the walk way. Just last weekend Greenville’s downtown streets were bustling with people enjoying games, refreshments, live music and more at the annual Pirate Fest. Rock band Smash Mouth performed in the amphitheater to a crowd littered with hundreds of citizens and students.

Unfortunately, we as an editorial staff believe that Smash Mouth’s crowd and performance was a mere anomaly for the city’s recreational facility. Too many times the large lawn in front of the empty arena serves as a reminder that while the night life in the downtown area attracts thousands of people on the weekend, the amphitheater is underused and underappreciated. Attracting small bands to play at the quality venue shouldn’t prove to be much of a challenge, and college students would almost definitely be attracted to live, outdoor music in the commons. By bringing more acts to the amphitheater, Greenville could create its own little music scene.



Greenville history discarded Residents and tourists miss out on historic locations



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FROM THE OPINION DESK

As an ECU student coming out of state, I always looked at Greenville as an uninteresting town with not much to do. The nightlife was the only element of the town that was prominently advertised, and so I went on believing that my new home was nothing more than the college town it currently is. A project for an Investigative Reporting class ultimately changed that misguided view. I sat down with local historian Roger Kammerer, hoping to gain insight into the state of poverty in the county, and ultimately walked away with a whole new appreciation for the town and its history. Greenville is actually an incredibly interesting place, and its story serves as a warning about the dangers of undervaluing history. Fun fact: In 1890, the very same Greenville you are sitting in today was ranked in the Atlanta Constitution’s Top 10 Small Towns of the South. Although it was still a poor area, beautiful Victorian homes were scattered across the streets. A stroll through Greenville today, however, shows almost no trace of those historic buildings. While many towns value those old homes, Greenville officials decided during the 1950s to knock most of them down and replace them with newer, cheaper housing. A beautiful Victorian home once stood where McDonalds now does, across from Krispy Kreme by West End. The change to the landscape was part of the urban renewal projects of the 1960s. Ever wonder why there’s no housing in downtown Greenville? Those reconstruction projects are



the answer. Downtown Greenville was a typical slum, and those residents were relocated by the government during the project. Ultimately, the landscape changes brought about by the urban redevelopment projects cost Greenville a major tourist attraction. Historic buildings have a powerful following, and by leaving in tact the old homes Greenville not only could have maintained a more classy look but also attracted people eager to catch a glimpse of life in rural North Carolina during the 19th and early 20th centuries. Aside from historic buildings, Greenville has an impressive amount of lore that is largely unknown by its residents. Did you know that the town is supposedly haunted? Where Krispy Kreme currently sits used to be a graveyard. Before Krispy Kreme was built, any business

located on the corner of 10th and Cotanche failed, allegedly due to ghosts. Little stories like that, no matter how silly, give a town personality. By not embracing its history, Greenville has thrown away a chance to create a unique identity for itself. Those historic buildings are impossible to get back, making it hard to envision a situation that allows the town to get back the stories it lost. History is a powerful thing. Whether we are aware of it or not, the past is always shaping the future. By disregarding its past relics, Greenville greatly damaged its identity and its ability to attract visitors looking for a better understanding of old life in eastern North Carolina. Tyler Kelbaugh is a senior majoring in communication and is the opinion editor. To contact him, email opinion@theeastcarolinian.

Above: Home of Dr. E. A. Moye, across from what is now Sheppard Library. In text:: Home of John L. Wooten, on the corner of Greene and Fifth Street.

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Joyner Library hosts ‘Humans of Greenville’

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FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Joyner Library, in collaboration with The Daily Reflector, will present the Humans of Greenville Exhibition tonight, which is a local twist on a national social media sensation, Humans of New York.

The reception is scheduled to follow the Human Library project, a tradition that has been brought to Joyner for the third year in a row.

“[The Human Library Project] is set up where you check out human books,” said Heather White, assistant director for assessment and engagement. “Basically, you’ll come in and there will be people that have volunteered to tell their story.”

Listeners will be able to ‘check out’ a human book and sit down for a 10-15 minute conversation with community and student participants that have volunteered to share their stories.

“It really promotes students to certain conversations that you wouldn’t have otherwise,” said White.

The Human Library is a Wellness Passport Event and will be available from 1 to 4 p.m., with the Humans of Greenville opening reception beginning at 4:30 p.m.

“We’ll have some representatives from the Daily Reflector coming,” said White. “One of which will be the photographer that started the program and he’s going to talk briefly from his perspective about why he [started] this.”

The exhibition will have photos from the Humans of Greenville collection on display in a larger-than-life format, accompanied by the

stories associated with each picture.

Although the project features anonymous members of the community, event coordinators were able to track down several of the subjects and invite them to the event, allowing attendees to interact with people in the photos.

“When you take the time to read the narrative or are able to have a conversation with the actual people, you get the whole story,” said White. “Which may be completely different than what you think.”

White believes that the reason photographers started Humans of New York was to take a snapshot or photographic census that’s able to be tied back to a certain place and time.

“I’m hoping that what students are able to do is really see the diverse stories that weave together and make the community,” he said.

Both the Human Library and the Humans of Greenville opening reception will be held in the Faulkner Gallery on the second floor of Joyner Library. The Humans of Greenville reception will last from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

“I think that, as a society, we really are working towards being more understanding of each other and I think a project like this just encourages that,” said White,

The Humans of Greenville exhibit will be available in the Faulkner Gallery until June 24.

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SPRING INTO FASHION



AIMO to host Parisian Garden show

Victoria Schule
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This week, the Apparel and Interior Merchandising Organization will bring business, local art, fashion and a little bit of Paris chic to the runway for their annual fashion show.

The Parisian Garden Party fashion show will showcase the combined efforts of ECU students and local boutiques. This year’s show will feature the latest spring trends from participating stores around North Carolina.

These participating stores include Shimmer, Truly Yours, Pink Lilly Pulitzer, Belk, Beloved, Campus Corner,

Ollie Oxen and some ECU alumni.

“We came up with theme for a Parisian Garden Party this year, which will have lots of florals and pastel colors featured,” said Chelsea Kay, junior business management major and fashion show chair for AIMO.

“We got our inspiration from past fashion shows that were in the fall, but were showing upcoming spring lines,” said Kay.

This is the first time the show will have the combined work of the AIMO club, textile students and a merchandising class.

“It’s going to be really cool to see the textile students put their work

on the runway this year,” said Kay.

“I think one time a student created a beautiful dress made of pennies so it will interesting to see what they come up with this year.”

The annual fashion show took months of planning to bring it to life.

“It was a little bit challenging working with the class and the club, but seeing it all come together, I can tell the show is gonna come together so well,” said Kay.

The annual spring fashion show gives ECU students some real-world experience to work with the

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AIMO fashion club will be collaborating with local boutiques and textile and merchandising students for their annual spring show.

Alumnus accomplishes movie making dream



Jennifer Hines
TEC STAFF

In a state suffering from a lack of film incentives and cutbacks, one East Carolina University alum is finding success by writing, directing and editing his own movies.

Evan Kidd, an ECU cinematic arts and media production graduate, spent the last year working on his first feature length movie, “Son of Clowns.”

“Son of Clowns” follows the fictional character Hudson Cash as he returns home to North Carolina after his television show had just been canceled.

“I wanted to tell a story about a character who was dealing with something kind of tragic but also have some comedy underneath,” said Kidd. “I feel a lot of the time with movies, you see something bad happen and then the whole movie has to be negative and I feel like that’s not true to life because in real life, life goes on.”

Kidd shot “Son of Clowns” all over North Carolina with locations in Greenville, Wilmington and the Triangle area and had fellow ECU alumni all throughout his cast and crew.

“Son of Clowns” was also a fast-paced production when it came to filming. The full 95 minute feature was shot in just 10 days.

“[It was] extremely fast for a feature film,” said Kidd. “Most short films take about five days and to do... Most of our days were 14 hours long. It was a total passion project”

Even though the movie was shot so quickly, it took Kidd almost six months to finish editing while he worked another full time job filming things for television as well as music videos. Since graduating from ECU in 2015, Kidd has gone on to work on several short films, music videos and television productions.

“I worked on ‘Shark Tank’ for a little bit right after graduation,” said Kidd. “I worked as a production assistant and helped a little bit with the cameras... It kind of got my feet wet with the ‘big boys’ of entertainment.”

Kidd said his greatest joy in filmmaking is storytelling and captivating an audience, but collaborating with others makes the experience that much more rewarding.

“It really, no matter what genre you’re making, comes down to storytelling,” he said. “And for me, when I walk into a good group... that’s just the coolest thing in the world, to apply [their ideas] to a story you’ve written. For me, there’s no greater joy”

“Son of Clowns” will be one of the movies featured in the Eastern North Carolina Film Festival that will take place on April 30.

Kidd is no newcomer to the film festival scene after entering his short film, “Displacement Welcomed,” in last year’s festival.

“It did really well,” he said. “The coolest thing happened later that evening at the awards ceremony, our co-lead in ‘Displacement Welcomed’ won best supporting actress out of

the whole festival.”

Kidd became involved with the Eastern North Carolina Film Festival after hearing about the local festival last year.

“I thought that was so cool because, obviously, I love Greenville... and I want to find ways to kind of support the arts and films in the area, so I thought what better way to do it than to submit to a great film festival that caters to that,” he said.

Kidd said he hopes “Son of Clowns” will have the same success at the festival this year, but really just wants people to see his movie.

“Awards are nice, but really, for me, it’d just make me happy to see a theater full of people enjoying the movie,” he said. “Anything else that came after that would just be icing on the top.”

Kidd said he wants to go on to work on bigger projects with bigger budgets, but not for the sake of making more money.

Even though he may go on to work on larger projects, Kidd said that he will always have the knowledge he learned through the cinematic arts and media production program and from the professors at ECU.

“As a student, that was really valuable and I kind of had a self-sufficient attitude ever since I graduated and I’ve applied it to everything I do,” said Kidd. “There’s a little bit of ECU teaching in everything I do, for sure.”

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The feature film, “Son of Clowns,” was filmed locally in North Carolina.

Student captures life through camera lens

Alaina Corsini
TEC STAFF

Tyler Bailey, a junior majoring in communication, is founder and lead cameraman of OTB Productions. His Sony A7S II, Canon camera is his tool to exploration, and provides an interactive look into the extraordinary moments captured in his client's lives.

OTB Productions creates photography and videography for special occasions such as short documentaries, weddings and philanthropic events.

"People just want to save the moment whether it's just taking a picture on a beach or a wedding video," said Bailey.

Bailey can be found throughout campus shooting videos for different organizations and students including ECU Ticket 4, Alpha Xi Delta and Delta Zeta. Some assignments he is currently working on will send him on a trip to Las Vegas next week for filming.

These productions will include producing a film festival for the Broadcast Education Association (BEA) at ECU and an OTB production of a Vegas helicopter tour filming in the air.

"It's just remembering the day by having a video that you can express to the people who weren't there," said Bailey. "Watch it and just relive that moment through the eyes of somebody else but also trusting them, aka me, to do that and accomplish that to their needs and satisfaction."

According to Bailey, his passion for filming began at a young age with paintball videos and lead to the creation of documentaries for his high school lacrosse game. Eventually he said this lead to his company, OTB Productions and the art of timeless storytelling achieved through videography.

"I really picked up on it and gained a lot of exposure through that so that's probably how I wanted to start it all," said Bailey.

Over winter break Bailey battled the chill-

“People just want to save the moment whether it’s just taking a picture on a beach or a wedding video ”

-Tyler Bailey

ing temperatures in New York, traveling around the city to film a video he titled "A Day in New York." According to Bailey, his adventure in the city takes the prize of his favorite piece of work he has produced.

"It was like 20 degrees with windchill, my parents were freezing, but they followed me around while I filmed random stuff, so they are really supportive," said Bailey. "I made no money, I didn't know if anybody was going to watch it, but I personally just wanted to make it and it ended up having 10,000 views on Youtube just by random people, and so that's probably my best work and my favorite."

After graduation Bailey plans to keep OTB productions and continue his career in production. He is a current intern for TA Films, an independent production company in Charlotte, who produces ESPN 30 for 30 films and SEC TV show work.

Bailey's next trip with the company will send him to Oregon the first week of June to shoot a documentary called Elite 11 on Nike's campus for ESPN.

"I'm hoping, fingers crossed that they offer me a job," said Bailey, "So after college I hope to have a job with them and free lance with weddings and other stuff like that."

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community and businesses in order to conduct a professional fashion show.

"I hope that the show will bring awareness into what we're about as a club and how much planning and teamwork it took to make the show happen," said Kay.

In addition, Kay hopes the fashion show will bring awareness to the growing fashion scene in Greenville.

"Our professor, Dr. Chen, was really helpful in sending out e-mails and having the resources to bring awareness to the event," said Kay. "I'm really thankful for that."

The parisian-garden themed show is expected to have lots of flowers surrounding the runway.

"Our decor chair, Charnae Brown, is so good at decor, I have no doubt the decor will be amazing," said Kay. "There definitely will be some cool flowers and even some hand-made floral pieces at the show."

Kay she thinks the fashion show will be a success, but not because everyone is dressed-up and looking nice, but because the

decor will create the perfect environment for the garden-party theme.

"It is so important because this is supposed to be a professional event and if the show doesn't look good, it can hinder the hard work and lower expectations," said Kay.

Kay said she thinks people will feel like they are in some high fashion event like in New York or Paris.

The show begins at 7 p.m. at Rock Springs Center and will feature ECU students, models and even Kay herself in the show.

"I'm super excited to see the outfits put together on the runway, I'm actually modeling for Belk, which I am a little nervous, but excited for," said Kay.

Kay said the Belk will feature some casual men's wear, but also a couple dressed-up styles on the runway.

"It is going to show the different ways of dressing casual, but also dressing up," said Kay.

Tickets are still being sold \$10 online for ECU students and \$15 for non-students.

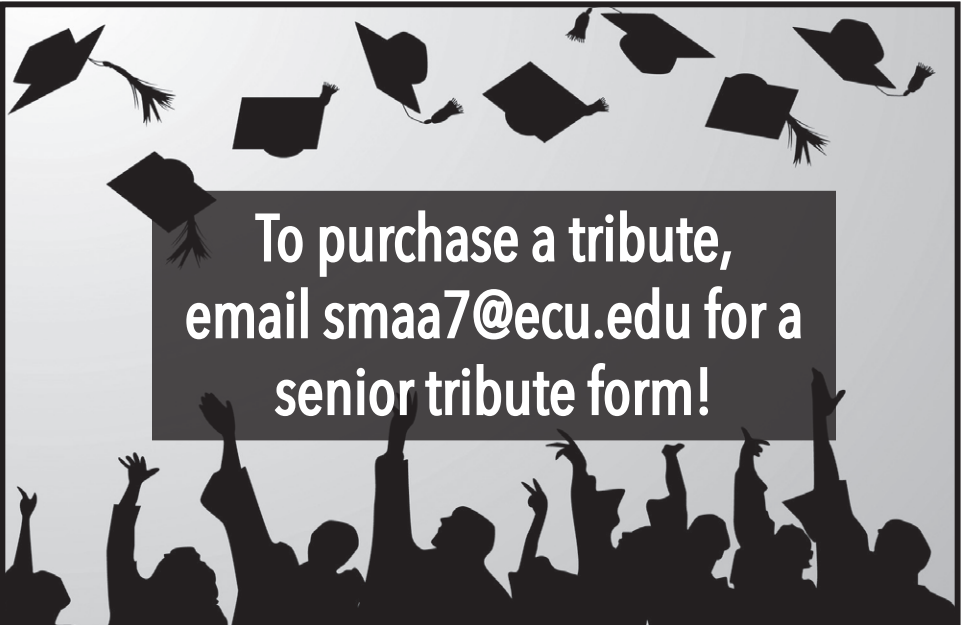
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Aries (March 21-April 19) -- Today is a 6 -- Enjoy home projects over the next two days. Ask for what you want, and discover the resources. Put your back into it! Make your space more beautiful and practical. Passion and creativity flower.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) -- Today is a 7 -- Talk about what you love ... about a dream or passion. Research your topic and share what you're learning. Get the word out. You're gaining influence. Someone finds your cleverness attractive.

Gemini (May 21-June 20) -- Today is a 9 -- A brilliant idea leads to profits over the next two

days. Creative collaboration leads to new opportunities. Draw upon hidden resources. It's as if angels guide you. Passionately inspire others to action.

Cancer (June 21-July 22) -- Today is an 8 -- Handle personal matters today and tomorrow. Take some special alone time. Try a new outfit or hairstyle. Craft your public image. Dress for the role you want.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Today is a 6 -- Revise plans over the next two days. Consider strategies, routes and timing. Get suggestions from those involved. Share fantasies and nostalgia. Toast the past while inventing what's next.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Today is a 7 -- Friends are a big help over the next few days. Talk about the future, including wishes, dreams and goals. A magical illusion inspires you. Brilliant ideas abound. Make agreements, and determine who does what.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) -- Today is a 7 -- Career matters emerge for your consideration over the next few days. You're attracting the attention of someone important. Keep your objective in mind, despite distractions. Love, passion and creativity bloom with encouragement.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) -- Today is an 8 -- The next two

days are good for expanding your territory. If you can get away, go ... or get into research and studies. Push your boundaries. Explore and discover.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) -- Today is a 7 -- Figure out shared finances today and tomorrow. Consider big-picture goals with your partner, while focusing on one small step at a time. Make a long-contemplated positive change.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Today is an 8 -- Remind your partner of your admiration. Acknowledge your appreciation. Today and tomorrow are good for compromise and working things

out together. Offer encouragement and support. Refine the plan.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) -- Today is an 8 -- It's off to work you go for the next two days. The pace is picking up. Don't fall for a scam. Accept advice from a trusted friend. You get further with honey than vinegar.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) -- Today is a 7 -- The next two days are fun. Explore an enthusiasm or passion. Practice your skills, arts and moves. Play with people you love. Someone attractive is shining his or her light your way.

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Pirates fall to Tulane

Kayla Morton
TEC STAFF

East Carolina (21-11, 3-3 AAC) lost its weekend series in Baton Rouge to the Tulane Green Wave (21-10, 3-2 AAC) to drop from first to third overall in the American Athletic Conference standings.

The Pirates won the finale on Sunday, 7-3, to avoid the sweep. Right fielder Parker Lamm lead the team with a career-best three RBIs on four hits, while left-fielder Dwanya Williams-Sutton, third baseman Eric Tyler and center-fielder Garrett Brooks each earned an RBI.

The Pirates broke up a 1-1 tie going into the sixth inning when they tallied five runs before scoring an insurance run in the top of the ninth. Sophomore closer “Fireman” Joe Ingle came in and didn’t allow any runs, although he made it interesting, putting two base runners on and tossing a wild pitch.

“We played pretty well, it don’t matter if they’re going for a sweep or not it’s frustrating,” Lamm said.

ECU was shutout Saturday evening in a 3-0 loss. The Pirates only accumulated for five hits in the contest, with no one having a multi-hit game. Lamm had an uncharacteristic day, where he didn’t record a hit and was not involved in the offense like he was on Sunday. He was quiet in the first two games, going 1-for-8 before leading the offense on Sunday when he went 4-for-5.

Second baseman Charlie

Yorgen continues his season slump, as he also did not record a hit in Saturday’s contest. Yorgen is now batting a season-low .256. The off weekend for Lamm however hardly brought his average down, as he is still second on the team with a .352.

“They’re a great team and they came ready to play and we didn’t,” Lamm said. “We still have to go up there with a good approach and cut down our swings and I don’t think we did that.”

Tulane’s starting pitcher Emerson Gibbs pitched the complete-game shutout for the Green Wave, allowing just one walk while striking out five batters. The game was Gibbs second complete game shutout.

Not having the follow-up game he wanted, Pirates pitcher Jimmy Boyd picked up his second loss of the season. He gave up two of the three earned runs in 5 2/3 innings while relief pitcher Matt Bridges gave up the other. ECU used four pitchers in the loss. On the plus side, the relievers only gave up one run to essentially keep the Pirates in the game and ECU didn’t record a single error in the game.

“Matt Bridges came into a tough situation and pitched great, [they] need to build on that momentum because we’re going to need him the rest of the season,” head coach Cliff Godwin said.

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Kai Jones
TEC STAFF

Baseball Report Card

Starting Rotation	A-	The starters have been the glue for the Pirates. Evan Kruczynski looks strong nearly every Friday night and senior Jimmy Boyd has been a pleasant surprise this season with a 1.96 ERA. But Jacob Wolfe has struggled in two of his last three starts. If the Pirates can find a midweek starter this group would be complete.
Bullpen	B-	Honestly, Joe Ingle saves the entire pen. He’s been put in over 10 situations this year where the game was in his hand and has been successful about 70 percent in such situations. The rest of the bullpen has been extremely off and on. Most of the bullpen consists of freshmen so that can be pointed to. If the pen can find consistency, the Pirates pitching staff will be great.
Catcher	A-	You won’t find a more solid catcher than Travis Watkins. He’s started nearly every game, he bats above .275, he is clutch and has great at-bats. Watkins is a master at working with all the pitchers, as he is a coach on the field. The only weakness is he’s had some over reaches on throwing that have caused some errors, but he’s been solid overall.
Infield	C+	The infield has been the weak point this year, both in the field and at the plate. A shining point has been second baseman Charlie Yorgen, who has been a leader and started every game. In the field, he and Kirk Morgan have been really solid on the right side, and even Bryce Harman when he’s been in the field. On the left side, Eric Tyler and Turner Brown have been the error brothers. Brown has been more timely than consistent when it comes to his offensive production. Tyler has been phenomenal at the plate and actually leads the team in RBIs. And despite the errors he has made, he has also made really great plays in the field. Harman
Outfield	A	Parker Lamm, Dwanya Williams-Sutton, and for the last three weeks, Zach Mozingo have all been major contributors at the plate and in the field. Throw in Jeff Nelson and senior co-captain Garrett Brooks and you have the best part of the team. Lamm has been key to the lineup with his ability to get on-base and with stealing bases. Williams-Sutton at the plate, as a freshman, has proved he is already a rising star, as he leads the conference in batting average and on-base percentage. Mozingo has been a pleasant surprise, adding depth to an already deep position. The outfield is truly the strength of the team.

ECU golf claims victory

Craig Moyer
TEC STAFF

The East Carolina women’s golf team used a strong third round to come from behind and win the River Landing Classic in Wallace, North Carolina, this weekend.

The Pirates trailed the tournament leader, Harvard, by seven strokes and second place Penn State by two strokes heading into the final round at 35-over par, 611.

ECU responded with a 1-under par, 287, in the final round to claim the tournament title with a three-round score of 898, 34-over par. The Pirates finished four shots ahead of second place finisher Penn State and seven shots ahead of third place finisher Harvard.

The Pirates have found success in the final rounds of tournaments all season, something head coach Kevin Williams has taken notice of.

I’ve been so proud of how we’ve finished every tournament this year. We’ve had a lot of really good rounds in the last round,” Williams said.

Frida Gustafsson Spang, who has been under par in her final round of every tournament this spring, has led ECU in those final rounds. Spang is



Sophomore Lisa Pettersson attempts a putt. Pettersson helped ECU to a weekend title.

14-under par in the final round of six tournaments during the spring, with an average score of 69.6.

In 30 rounds this season, Spang has shot 73 or better 21 times and has carded rounds below 70 eight times.

Heading into the final round of the River Landing Classic, Williams told the Pirates that if they played their best golf in the final round, then the scores

of the other teams did not matter.

“I said just keep doing what you’ve been doing all year, which is fight,” Williams said. “Don’t worry about the other teams and this is great practice for next week.”

Spang and Lisa Pettersson led the

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Disc Golf sets sights to Augusta

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East Carolina’s Club Disc Golf team will be making its way to North Augusta, South Carolina, for the first time to compete in the National Collegiate Disc Golf Championship this Wednesday through Saturday.

The club was cancelled in 2012 until senior captain and president, Austin Mansfield, was persuaded to build the team back up for the spring semester. The team now consists of 15 players, eight of which competitively play.

The team traveled to Clemson University about a month ago, where four ECU players qualified for Championship.

“We had four or five guys that were very motivated to do something ECU has never done before with disc golf,” Mansfield said. “We do what we have to do and just that motivation was probably our biggest factor.”

Practicing just once a week on Fridays, and playing other times throughout the week for fun, it is surprising that the club prepared so little for tournaments, before qualifying for Nationals.

Now that the stakes are high, the team played in 10 tournaments this past month alone. The club is also fortunate to have gotten instructional sessions from professional disc golf players that are in the Greenville area.

“We’ve had great support from Play It Again Sports, Greenville Disc Golf Club and Goatsnatch,” said Vice President Vincent Tricarico.

The team is now ranked in the top 50 of the Disc Golf Association, just behind North Carolina. The Pirates say beating Carolina is one of their biggest goals while at Nationals. Another North Carolina team that will be on ECU’s radar is NC State, who is the top ranked team in the nation.

The club has built a stronger bond since finding out that they were making history for ECU’s disc golf club and heading to South Carolina to compete.

“The four of us, we play together a lot and we know each other’s strengths really

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TAKEAWAYS

BASEBALL

The Pirates (21-11, 3-3 AAC) lost their weekend series to Tulane on the road.

MEN'S GOLF

East Carolina finished No.12 at the Irish Creek Intercollegiate over the weekend.

WOMEN'S GOLF

The Pirates claimed their third title of the season at River Landing over the weekend.

WOMEN'S TENNIS

The Pirates won the doubles point but lost to Elon, 4-3 at home on Friday.

SOFTBALL

ECU (19-24, 1-8) ended its losing streak Saturday but ultimately fell in a series to Memphis.

CHARLOTTE HORNETS

The Hornets (46-34) lost to the Washington Wizards, 113-98 Sunday night.

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well and so we play together really well,” Treasurer Zach Moran said.
ECU will be competing against 72 teams during the three day trip to Nationals.
“I’m not exactly sure what to expect, but I hope we just do well and have fun and it should be a good experience,” said Moran.

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Pirates to victory, finishing tied for fifth with three-round scores of 223, 7-over par.
Nicoline Engstroem Skaug and freshman Catherine Ashworth finished tied for 14th with scores of 228, 12-over par. Freshman Kate Law finished the tournament tied for 27th with a three round score of 231, 15-over par.
ECU led the entire field in pars for the tournament with 172, edging out second place finisher Penn State by one. Lisa Pettersson finished with 40 pars for the Pirates, the second most of any individual in the tournament.
“Any time it’s windy, par is a good score and we’ve placed a significant value on par because if you shoot par every tournament you’re going to do really good,” Williams said.
The wind led to ECU struggles in the second round, forcing it to have a team total of nine double-bogeys and five birdies. Williams stressed after the second round that the team can recover from a bogey, but it is not as easy to recover from a double-bogey.
Williams’ advice for the team resulted in the Pirates’ having a combined two double-bogeys in the third round, while recording a combined 15 birdies.
“I didn’t think we putted particularly well and a lot of that was Saturday because it was so windy,” Williams said. “It’s tough hitting balls when it’s windy, but it’s even tougher to putt in high winds.”
The tournament was the last of the regular season for the Pirates, as they head to the American Athletic Conference championship in Palm Coast, Florida, on April 17.

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East Carolina junior infielder Ali Ramirez catches a ball during a game. Ramirez and the Pirates were topped in a weekend series by Memphis.

ECU downed by Tigers

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FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Despite breaking its losing streak in walk off fashion, East Carolina softball fell short of winning its weekend series against the Memphis Tigers.

In the rubber match, the Pirates (19-24, 1-8 AAC) failed to capitalize on their opportunities. In the second inning, ECU left a runner stranded in scoring position and then allowed Memphis (20-20, 4-2 AAC) to put the first two runs on the board. The Tigers would then double that in the fourth inning, making it a 4-0 score.

The Pirates added two runs to their total, which was not enough to overcome the deficit and put the final score at 4-2.

“We need to execute, we had a couple of scenarios where we could not get execute,” said Oliver. “It’s all going to come down to execution.”

Through the cold weather and harsh

winds, the Pirates were able to take an 8-7 win in the second game on Saturday.

ECU started strong in the bottom of the first inning with first baseman Ali Ramirez hitting an RBI double, bringing in the short-stop, Casey Alcorn.

Memphis answered Ramirez’s RBI with one of its own in the top of the second, tying the game 1-1. In the bottom of the inning, Nicole Cheek led off with a homerun to left center to put the Pirates back in the lead.

After a few more Memphis runs, the Pirates were down 4-2 in the bottom of the fourth inning. ECU then turned its bats on and started a rally that led to four runs, giving it the 6-4 lead.

Once again, the Pirates squandered the lead and trailed the Tigers 7-6 in the seventh inning. On its last out, Morgan Halo was walked to bring up the leadoff batter, Ciara Ervin. Ervin then sent the ball over the fence, making the stands and ECU dugout go crazy with excitement.

“Honestly I was just looking for a hittable pitch. I was trying to keep my good at bats

going,” said Ervin.

The 8-7 walk off victory ended the Pirates 10-game losing streak.

“We had a talk as a team the night before. After watching video, we came up with a different approach that was going to help us out, to get us ahead,” Oliver said. “The girls came out and executed. Last night they simply didn’t execute and today we did.”

The first meeting was a lot slower, as the Pirates and the Tigers struggled getting runs on the scoreboard. Junior right-handed pitcher Lydia Ritchie threw a good game, but was eventually replaced after running low on energy. She was replaced by freshman Mary Williams.

In the last inning of the game, Memphis notched a hit to center field to, giving them the only run of the game, defeating the Pirates 1-0.

“[We] almost threw a combined no-hitter,” said ECU head coach Courtney Oliver. “Their only hit came in the 7th inning.”

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Pirates head to Chapel Hill

Allison Jobe
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The East Carolina softball team makes its way to Chapel Hill tonight for a mid-week non-conference game against North Carolina.

“I think anytime you play an in state opponent, the rivalry is always going to be there,” ECU head coach Courtney Oliver said. “Playing UNC is always a great game because they are well coached and always put together a great team.”

The Pirates (19-24, 1-8 AAC) recorded their first conference win of 2016 and their first victory since beating NC State on March 22, when they defeated Memphis 8-7 on Saturday. ECU has seen four straight road games, struggling on the road, with its last road win being against the Wolfpack.

ECU saw Memphis (20-20, 4-2 AAC) this weekend, where it managed to let another series win slide from underneath them. ECU fell to the Tigers in the series opener, but managed to win on a walk off victory in game two. The Pirates took another loss

to close the weekend, allowing Memphis to win the series. The Pirates have won one of their last 11 games.

In UNC’s (22-19, 7-8 ACC) last game, the Tar Heels took a hard loss, as Boston College avoided a series sweep with a 5-2 victory in Sunday’s finale.

UNC’s junior pitcher Kendra Lynch tossed 3 2/3 innings in Sunday’s game and did not allow a hit, but gave up a run on two walks with four strikeouts. Lynch sits at No. 2 in the Atlantic Coast Conference rankings in pitching wins with 17. She is fifth in strikeouts with 111 and first in innings pitched with 189.

UNC’s senior shortstop Kristen Brown also makes the ACC rankings with 40 RBI, giving her the third spot. Brown also is second in home runs with 13.

“You’re playing for bragging rights in a sense. The atmosphere is usually intense as well as the schools try to pack their stadium with fans,” Oliver said.

Last season when ECU faced UNC, the

Pirates took the victory, 4-3. Carolina is currently fifth in the ACC standings.

In the circle, ECU owns a 4.00 ERA with 239 strikeouts against 127 walks. Junior righty Lydia Ritchie (11-9) still leads the Pirates pitching staff, as she owns a 2.68 ERA.

Ritchie tossed a perfect 3 2/3 innings with seven strikeouts, before freshman right hander Mary Williams (4-11) threw the final 31/3 and walked four batters, while striking out two.

While the pitching has been solidly consistent, ECU has struggled putting the bat on the ball. The Pirates are hitting .255 as a team with a slugging percentage of .383 and a .354 on base mark. Sophomore third baseman Karlie Smith leads ECU with a .317 batting average.

“We are mainly working on hitting, so we are taking a lot of batting practice, and working on execution,” Oliver said.

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In the opening game Friday night, the Pirates lost in disastrous fashion, as they blew a 2-0 lead going into the bottom of the ninth. Ingle blew back-to-back saves after he allowed two runs to come in before surrendering a three-run homer that sunk the Pirates in walk-off fashion.

Tulane right fielder Lex Kaplan drove in the first run with an infield single and advanced to second after shortstop Hunter Brown’s league-leading twelfth error of the season. On the play, Grant Brown scored from second knotting the game at two-all.

“For Joe, the more he gets out there the better he is,” Godwin said. “I was worried and said ‘hey, act like we’re up one run’.”

Ingle collected two outs in the ninth and on a 2-0 count, Tulane first baseman Hunter Williams hit a three-run homer over the wall to end the game. Starting pitcher Evan Kruczynski got a no-decision even after striking out a career-best thirteen batters.

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Pirate senior outfielder Parker Lamm squares around to attempt a bunt during a game this year.