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ECU community reacts to Chancellor-Elect

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As East Carolina University Chancellor-Elect Cecil Staton prepares for his upcoming transition, ECU leadership and students have spoken out about the new chancellor and his plans for the university.

Steve Jones, the ECU Board of Trustees chairman and chair of the chancellor search committee, said the committee felt like Staton was the best person for the job.

“When Dr. Staton came in for that face-to-face interview and when he walked out, I was so enthused that this guy could really be our next leader,” said Jones. “We were very excited when we learned that Cecil would be our 11th chancellor at East Carolina University.”

Jones said with Staton’s private sector experience, his success as an entrepreneur, and his time in the senate in the state of Georgia gave him a unique insight for the job.

“Equally as important was his commitment to access and education and his background in academics was a real game changer for us,” said Jones. “In his face-to-face interview, the first thing he mentioned was his commitment to students and I looked at our student representative on the committee, Eliza Monroe, and was like I really like this guy.”

Jones said the BOT is excited to begin this new chapter with Staton.

“We get a fresh lens on how we operate and what we do,” said Jones. “Chancellor Ballard has been here 12 years and built a solid foundation as obvious by the

candidate pool we had to choose from. So just [Staton’s] commitment and energy of being new in the job, it should be refreshing to not just East Carolina students, faculty, and staff and the Greenville community but also all of eastern North Carolina.”

Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs Virginia Hardy vocalized her support of the new chancellor.

“It sounds like he is going to fit in well with East Carolina,” said Hardy. “He understands who we are and what we stand for.”

Hardy said that she is proud of the way ECU is currently and hopes to see Staton improve on the strengths of the campus.

“I think we are in a beautiful place and a good trajectory, and I want to get a feel for how he wants to take us farther and what that vision looks like,” Hardy said.

Hardy added that she is looking forward to working with the Chancellor-Elect and listening to what he has to say.

“I’m ready to have a conversation with him,” said Hardy. “There’s some ideas that I have but I also want to hear from him and be able to see what he wants, and then to tie in what he wants with some of the goals that I have for the division of student affairs.”

Hardy said that Staton’s job is similar to a cheerleader, that he is here to give support and resources to the students of ECU.

“He is the one that is going to make sure our students get what they need to be successful not only

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Campus PD simulate live emergencies

Emily Harvey
TEC STAFF

The East Carolina University Police Department held active shooter training in Mendenhall, May 11 through 14 as part of ALERT, Advanced Law Enforcement Rapid Response Training.

This training is a normal part of ECU’s emergency planning procedures meant to prepare law enforcement personnel to handle situations that involve an active shooter on campus.

ECU Public Information Officer and training instructor Lt. Chris Sutton said they have done training like this since 2001, but ALERT training has been done for about five years as a result of the UNC system sending officers to be trained on how to lead the instruction.

Sutton said ALERT training is important to practice because it’s not something they encounter on the job every day.

“This is refresher training,” Sutton said. “The officers that are going through it tonight have been through it in the past, but it’s important for us to consistently train with this on a yearly basis so that their skills stay sharp because it’s not something that you use on a daily basis, but it’s something that you need to be able to use every day if that’s what’s required.”

From 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. the officers practiced fundamental drills and then moved to real life scenarios from 9 p.m. to 11 p.m.

Groups of four officers entered the scenarios during training. Instructors that have been through the training act as the offenders. The two groups used different colored simunition rounds.

“We can go back and we can track the rounds and find out what were good hits, what were bad hits; if there were hostages involved in the scenario we can judge if a hostage got hit and who was the person who shot them,” Sutton said. “So it’s as advanced and real-life as what we can make it without using real ammunition.”

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The Jauntie to return for summer tour

Rebecca Seftter
TEC STAFF

Boston-bred band The Jauntie will be rocking Crossbones Tavern this weekend as part of their summer tour.

The Jauntie’s sound can be described as improvisational rock, integrating a number of different genres such as funk, R&B and bluegrass into their original music.

“We like to incorporate lots of stuff like punk and blues and R&B and Jazz,” said Caton Sollenberger, guitarist. “So, we’re kind of a hodgepodge of different things.”

After undergoing some changes in lineup, the current band consists of Sollenberger on guitar, Tyler Adams on keyboards, John Loland on bass and Scott Ferber on drums.

The origins of the band can be attributed to Scott and Caton who originally met at the Berklee College of Music.

“Scott and I attended Berklee and we met really early on, one of my first days there,” Sollenberger said. “Our keyboard player, who is the most recent edition, we met at

Berklee as well.”

Their first performance was in 2010, with a keyboard and bass player that have since been replaced by Adams and Loland. Since then, The Jauntie has expanded to perform an average of 100 shows per year, all along the east coast and beyond. Over the years, they have performed at a variety of venues including several of notability.

“We do everything from tavern bars to bigger clubs,” Sollenberger said. “We’ve played The Paradise [Rock Club] and The Sinclair in Boston, which are pretty sizable, and The Bluebird in Denver.”

Following their show in Greenville, they will be traveling to a number of southeastern cities, including Raleigh, Wilmington and Charlotte.

Their most recent album “Excelsior” was released last summer and provides a variety of upbeat, psychedelic tunes.

The Jauntie will be performing at Crossbones Tavern this Saturday at noon.

For questions or comments, contact arts@theeastcarolinian.com.



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The Jauntie performing in Atlanta, Georgia. The Boston based band is set to perform at Crossbones this Saturday.

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Brody Dean Search Committee to meet

On Tuesday, May 17 The East Carolina University Brody School of Medicine Dean Search Committee will meet to discuss the reviewing process and recruiting efforts of the search.

The current Dean, Dr. Paul R.G. Cunningham, announced in February that he would be retiring from his post in September of this year.Cunningham plans to continue to hold a faculty position within the Brody School of Medicine though.

Dean of the College of Nursing, Dr. Sylvia Brown will call the meeting to order at noon. The meeting will be held in the Brody Medical Sciences Building, Room AD43.

Campus Recreation to host Family Fun Day

East Carolina University's Campus Recreation and Wellness is hosting a Family Fun Day on May 22 from 2 to 5 p.m. to show appreciation for all the family support given the past year.

The event will be at the North Recreational Complex in the Boat House and will include various activities such as water slides, a fitness scavenger hunt and a dance party on the beach.

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In ten years time

ECU graduate student wins national design award

Annah Schwartz
TEC STAFF

Having faith in his ability and taking initiative was all it took for Jonah Schwartz.

If you'd have asked Schwartz 10 years ago where he saw himself in the future, graduate school and winning a national design award probably wouldn't have been at the top of his list.



Jonah Schwartz
TEC STAFF

On May 9, however, Schwartz was announced as one of two winners in the Society for Technical Communication's (STC) 2017 Student Infographic Contest.

After receiving his Bachelor's Degree in English from the University of Delaware in 2004, Schwartz spent the following 10 years working in retail.

His journey back to school to get his master's only began when he moved back to North Carolina to take care of his mother.

"Those 10 years I wish I had done technical writing," said Schwartz. "I had been thinking about it for 10 years and I knew I was ready to go back."

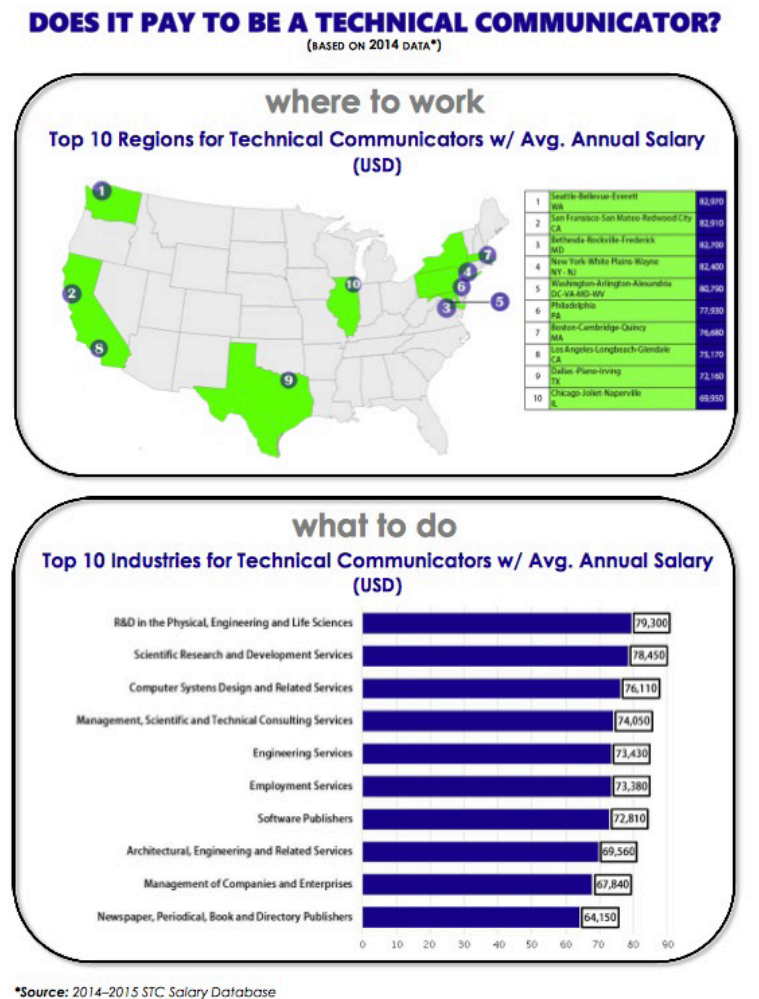
He enrolled at East Carolina University and earned a graduate certificate in Technical and Professional Communication, but Schwartz knew that he wanted more so he continued into the full master's program.

"Being 34, I knew I needed to take advantage of every opportunity I had so that way I could establish a career when I was done," said Schwartz.

Despite having his initial doubts, he found that opportunity in the STC. Schwartz utilized Microsoft Excel and Publisher applications to create the award winning design.

Patience, passion and an idea of what you want to do is all you need.

Jonah Schwartz



Schwartz's winning infographic which will be published in Intercom magazine.

"I did it with basic softwares that most computers already come with. People shouldn't think that they have to have great arts background to do what I did or that they need expensive programs," said Schwartz.

"Patience, passion and an idea of what you want to do is all you need."

Though winning the contest first came as a shock, Schwartz has come to appreciate the value of minimalism and what it means for design and communication.

"My design is very minimalistic, and if you look at other infographics they may look great, but you look at it and you don't know how to interpret the information," said Schwartz. "It's pretty to look at but it's not useful. I mean, my brother looked at my design and said 'This won't I could've done this.' and I

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Sutton said after the scenario ends, the officers check each other to see who was hit and who was not, allowing them to figure out what they should work on and prepare for so they don't put themselves in a situation where they could potentially be hit in real life.

"This training works because when an officer goes through it they experience the threat in an environment as challenging as what we can replicate for them," Sutton said.

Though this training took place in Mendenhall, Sutton said they train in various locations on and off campus.

"We want this training to go beyond Mendenhall, to go beyond just when they have this coat on and this patch," Sutton said. "We want them to think when they're not working so that they're prepared for a threat because a threat can pop up at anytime."

The goal of training the officers is to practice stopping threats, in order to save lives in future potential situations.

"If they're not able to stop the threat then lives continue to be lost,



ECU police parked outside of Mendenhall in preparation for active shooter training.

and so you have to minimize the loss of life, and a way to do that is to stop the threat, and so we train to stop the threat," Sutton said. "This training helps to build on the skill set to be able

to effectively deal with these types of threats."

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on campus, but also once they graduate and get out into the real world and that the university is providing its students with the common sense, the skills and the knowledge to go out and do those beautiful things," said Hardy.

During his visit to campus on Apr. 28, 30 ECU students had the chance to have a conversation with Staton during a leadership breakfast hosted by Hardy.

One of the students at the breakfast said it was a positive experience to hear Staton's vision.

"It was encouraging to see an external perspective for our university, that he plans to increase endowment as well as collegiate notoriety," said ECU graduate of Spring 2016, Murdock Bowman.

Student Government Association President Ryan Beeson,

who was in Chapel-Hill as a student representative when Staton was named Chancellor-Elect, said it was an honor to represent the student body at the Board of Governors as they elected Staton.

"This is an exciting time for all Pirates, past and present, as we enter an era of new leadership that will continue to build upon the legacy of all who have come before," said Beeson.

Beeson added that he is optimistic about working with the new chancellor and can't wait to get to take on his role as SGA President.

"I look forward to working with Dr. Staton as I serve the students of ECU in my role as president over the coming year, and I would ask that all students join me in welcoming our Chancellor-Elect to Pirate Nation," said Beeson.

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Looks like y'all are about to inherit Cecil Staton from Valdosta State. I don't know whether to be happy he is leaving VSU or sad for you that he looks to be headed to ECU. Guy came here and his first order of business was to lay off 30 tenure track faculty. He's an arrogant prick. Good luck with him; you will need it.

What kind of grades did the pirate get in school? High seas! #punster

The skeleton couldn't tell a lie because everyone just saw right through them. #punster

Why don't you ever see a pirate cry? Because when they do, it's a private tear #punster

How much did the pirate pay to get their ears pierced? A Buck-an-ear #punster

Why did the pirate go to the Apple store? To buy an iPatch #punster

I must be huntin' treasure, because I'm diggin' your chest! #piratepickuplines

I sure would like to pillage your booty #piratepickuplines

I'll let you in on a secret... that isn't a peg leg! #piratepickuplines

Why did the skeleton make such a good conductor? Because they were really in skele-tune with the music #punster

What did the osteoblast say to the osteoclast? "You used to call me on my cell bone" #doublepunster

I heard about someone hitting their head so hard that they damaged the nerves while trying to do something crazy. I guess they are a numb skull. #punster

Why are graveyards so noisy? Because of all the coffin. #punster

A student asked the skeletal bartender if they could get a drink. The bartender replied "Sorry, I'm bone-dry" #punster

I had a dream last night that I was a Transformer. I guess you could say it was an auto-body experience. #punster

Why was the skeleton fired from their job as a miner? Because they would only go 6 feet under. #punster

Questions regarding rants can be directed to Seth Gullledge at opinion@theeastcarolinian.com.

Poll results

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Poll question

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Our view

New chancellor; new opportunities

Recently, Cecil Staton was named Dr. Ballard's successor for Chancellor of East Carolina University. Staton, a native of Greenville, South Carolina, spent many years in the university system, holding a degree from Furman University, two Master's Degrees from The Southwest Baptist Seminary, and a Doctorate from Oxford. In addition, Staton worked within the university system in Georgia, serving as both a Provost and Vice Chancellor as well as working as a State Senator for 10 years. Clearly, Dr. Staton is familiar with the importance and severity of education. So it is natural to assume that Dr. Staton understands that the ECU community has high expectations for him.

As the staff of The East Carolinian, we believe that Dr. Staton has every opportunity to continue expanding ECU into a powerful force within North Carolina's education system. Further, we hope to see Dr. Staton focus on expanding opportunities for our students and improving the quality of education throughout the university's various pursuits. We believe that Dr. Staton should learn from his predecessors, and develop a leadership style fully committed to engaging with students and issues first hand, and listening to their concerns, complaints and suggestions with open and considerate ears.

In addition, we believe the ECU community should be equally committed to change, suggestion and opposing ideologies. As we transition between the reign of Ballard and Staton, we believe that we should embrace the new leadership fully heartedly, in our best attempt to create a prosperous and fulfilling relationship between the administration, faculty and students.

Letter from our Editor

Seth Gullledge
TEC COLUMNIST

I'd like to say welcome to our brave Pirates who have decided to attend summer classes this year, and perhaps more impressively endure the coming weather of Eastern Carolina. I have a lifetime's worth of pride in introducing myself as the Editor in Chief of The East Carolinian. Enduring with you this summer is a talented team of editors, reporters, photographers and designers putting out a newspaper every Wednesday. We publish this paper with a simple mission, to serve our community, our faculty, staff and fellow students. We hope to inform, to entertain, to provide to every willing reader a consistent and trustworthy source of information about our culture and in essence, help facilitate community among us.

When I first arrived on campus here at East Carolina University, I didn't instantly feel like part of this community. Coming out of a half-year break between high school and college, I arrived for my first semester as a freshmen in mid January, long past the excited first weeks of the Freshmen college experience I would observe some six months later. Due to this late entry and other commitments, I missed orientation, arrived by myself lacking any form of guidance. I registered for classes in a panic after a group of new friends I was chatting with told me they needed to go to sleep because they had class in the morning. I obtained my student ID only after I attempted to enter a dining hall for my first dinner and was told I needed one to enter, (I ordered pizzas for my first weekend at ECU until the 1 Card Office opened). This pattern of hurried attempts to catch up with fellow classmates continued for some time, and so it seems natural that I turned to the school newspaper for a source of information about my new found community, a community that I was very excited to become a part of.

My reliance of The East Carolinian continued far past when I become a full fledged Pirate, throughout my years at the university, picking up the paper became an ingrained habit that I looked forward to throughout my week, and resulted in opportunities I'll forever cherish and truly created my college experience. Of course it also created the opportunity that warrants this introduction today. After only two years, (a surprisingly short amount of time considering this is the same person who signed up for classes 8 hours before by guessing his pin number), it struck me that fellow students were actually creating the newspaper, and maybe I could be a part of it. After a quick phone call and a short tryout that same day, I was hooked, I wanted nothing more than to work for The East Carolinian.

Since then, I have been constantly impressed with the students who serve this publication. As a student and a reader, I looked to the newspaper as a trusted source of information, I believed in the information it published, interpreted its opinions as at least well informed, and trusted it to be dedicated to truth, even when the truth revealed it was wrong. After working with the group that produced those papers, I'm proud to say my trust was placed in the correct hands. While not every staff member of any organization will be remarkable, the remarkable fact about this organization is that the average staff member is truly dedicated to the improvement of our school and our community.

During my time as Editor in Chief, my mission is to further develop that sense of trust between our medium and our community. I hope to continue providing the news and entertainment that has been expected of us since 1925, but in doing so, resolve to update our methods, improve our online reporting and more importantly increase the speed in which we report the news to our community. I hope to give back to not only the community which has become so precious to me during my time at this university, but to the newspaper that helped me become a part of it, and in doing so, hopefully help others become connected as well.

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Seth Gullledge stands at the door of his office at The East Carolinian. Seth will serve as editor for a year.

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36 Bellyache
37 2007 Amy Adams film
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50 Sheepish youngster?
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65 Flub a line, say
66 Golf ball position
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HOROSCOPES

Aries: March 21-April 19 -- The moon is opposite your sign, so don't be too hard on yourself. Things are a bit weird in your personal life. You might not be getting along too well with your family members. Look on this as a temporary thing, not a permanent one.

Taurus: April 20 _ May 20 --You'll have a lot of energy this week as the sun boosts your spirits. It's a great time to go out on a date with somebody new. It's also a good week for negotiating a raise, finding new clients or getting a better deal in your financial life.

Gemini: May 21 _ June 21
Mercury is still in retrograde, so this means you shouldn't make any big moves just yet. It's best to keep planning and thinking. In your social

life, keep things light and easy. Avoid intense entanglements or dramatic decision making.

Cancer: June 22-July 22
You could find yourself in a position to help someone this week. The moon is bringing some weak or vulnerable people your way. Take time out from your busy schedule to do a good deed or two. You'll have fun being a guardian angel.

Leo: July 23 _ Aug. 22
Sometimes, opposites really do attract. The sun is creating some intriguing moments for you. You might discover that someone at work or in your social circle is madly attracted to you. Even if this person isn't your usual type, you might enjoy a flirtation.

Virgo: Aug. 23 _ Sept. 22
Don't rush into things. Mercury, your planetary ruler, is still in retrograde. This means your judgment is likely to be off. Use this time to reflect and research. In another week, it will be time to launch those big plans.

Libra: Sept. 23 _ Oct. 23
The moon in your sign is boosting your confidence. If you've been waiting to ask somebody out, this is the time to take the leap. If you're in a relationship, you'll enjoy wooing and seducing your honey. Express all of that pent-up passion.

Scorpio: Oct. 24 _ Nov. 2
You need to figure out what you really want out of life and love. Be true to yourself. If you're in a relationship, don't just blindly go along with the flow of things. Take the

initiative and make sure your needs are being made.

Sagittarius: Nov. 22 _ Dec. 21
You could get caught up in some melodrama this week as the sun kicks up some tension. You might need to defend yourself against someone who is trying to hurt you in some way. Or you might need to clarify things with your sweetheart to avoid problems.

Capricorn: Dec. 22 _ Jan.19
Venus is increasing those feelings of affection that you've been holding for someone. If you're single, you could be inching toward asking that cute guy or girl out. If you're with someone, you'll have fun expressing tenderness for your honey.

Aquarius: Jan. 20 _ Feb. 18
Things will start to feel a lot lighter for you over the next few weeks. The sun is moving into a friendly sign, and this will improve your mood. Share some good times with your friends and family. Or exchange giggles with your romantic partner.

Pisces: Feb. 19 _ March 20
Neptune is helping you to find the meaning of life. You're engaged in deep thoughts, meditations and ruminations. Write down some of those brilliant ideas so you don't forget them. Or talk things out with your honey and brainstorm together.

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Godwin tossed in final game of frustrating series loss to USF

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Cliff Godwin took his frustrations out on the umpires in the ninth inning of Sunday’s game as he was ejected in what would be the series losing game against conference foe South Florida.

The Pirates (31-19-1,12-8-1 AAC) came into Sunday’s game, second in the conference. With a win over South Florida (23-28,8-13) and a Tulane (34-15,12-6) loss to Memphis (17-34,8-12) the Pirates would have moved into first place. But for the second time in three weeks, ECU did not do their part to take first place in the conference, losing 6-5.

Jacob Wolfe started the game for the Pirates, and right from the go he struggled and never really looked good in the 4 2/3

innings he pitched. Wolfe in his start last week tossed a complete game while only allowing two runs on four hits, but it may have taken a toll on his body as he tossed nearly 140 pitches.

“Wolfe wasn’t good, and I knew he wasn’t good, he knew he wasn’t good,” said Godwin. “I’m sure he was little tired from last week, but hey man, you’re a junior, you got to keep stepping it up. Then the guys that came in behind him immediately weren’t good enough.”

Sam Lanier and Chris Holba both came in and allowed runs, except Lanier’s were Wolfe’s unearned runs.

The offense had a great inning in the second, started by Turner Brown’s single. After Travis Watkins struckout, Dwanya Williams-Sutton walked. Then, normally

defensive stallworth, Garrett Brooks hit a right center shot in the gap to score both. Then Bryce Harman hit his fourth homer of the year to score him and Brooks.

ECU scored one more run, but after that only managed two more hits and no runs for the rest of the game.

“We just didn’t come to play today,” said Harman. “That’s what happens with a team like that, they’re not a bad team at all, I don’t care if they’re in last place in the conference. They can hit, they made pitches, and we didn’t”

The series was tied by South Florida’s win on Saturday, 5-1. Jimmy Boyd went 8 1/3 innings, only allowing one run until the top of the ninth. He struckout the first batter of the ninth, but then proceeded to hit the next two batters. Fireman Joe Ingle came in, but the building came crashing down as he

allowed a homer to the first batter he saw.

Ingle allowed another run before Evan Voliva got out of the inning, but the damage done was not something that could be overcome.

Friday night’s game was a comeback blowout, 14-7. Brown starred as he went 4-for-5 with an RBI.

The Pirates will be sending off their seniors on Tuesday night in Clark-Leclair Stadium as they will play Campbell. After that, the Pirates will play their final regular season games on the road against Central Florida. The Pirates are two games back of first place, and will need to sweep and hope Tulane drops at least two games if they want the regular season crown.

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Head baseball coach Cliff Godwin lets the head umpire have it after a controversial Travis Watkins strikeout in the ninth inning. The Pirates dropped Sunday’s game-and the series-to South Florida, 6-5.

TAKEAWAYS

- Baseball**
East Carolina (31-19-1,12-8-1) dropped a conference series to South Florida (23-28,8-13)
- Baseball**
East Carolina will host Campbell for senior night on Tuesday.
- Track And Field**
Avion Jones set an NCAA record with an 7 foot, 7 inches high jump.
- Softball**
East Carolina (23-31) ended it’s season with a 2-0 loss to Tulsa in the AAC conference tournament.
- Men’s Golf**
East Carolina will compete in the NCAA Regionals, for the second straight season, on Monday.

Carolina Panthers
Panthers sign former Cal lineman Jordan Rigsbee.

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First-year head softball coach Courtney Oliver addresses three members of her team. She improved on last season’s record by seven games.

Season of progression ends

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A progress filled season for East Carolina’s softball team ended in bitter defeat, as it was eliminated from the American Athletic Conference tournament at the hands of the eventual Conference champions, Tulsa Golden Hurricane, 2-0.

The Pirates (23-31) managed no runs on six hits against the Golden Hurricane (35-19). This loss puts ECU’s record in the AAC tournament at 0-2, still winless in the postseason since moving to the AAC back in 2014.

Tulsa could only manage three hits, but it was enough for the two winning runs. Freshman outfielder Julia Hollingsworth was the key to Tulsa’s offense. She hit a home run in the bottom of the third, then walked, stole a base and scored in the bottom of the sixth.

Junior left handed pitcher Lydia Ritchie started on the mound for the Pirates. She only allowed three hits and three walks, with two strikeouts in six innings of work.

For the Golden Hurricane sophomore Emily Watson threw her fifth complete game shut-out of the season while also striking out ten Pirates’ hitters.

The loss ended head coach Courtney Oliver’s inaugural season as the Pirates’ coach. This season was not a great season by any means, but the team did improve under Oliver as it earned seven more wins this season than last.

Lack of pitching depth for the Pirates really hindered them all season long. The Pirates go-to pitcher was Ritchie, who had an ERA of 2.68 and held a winning record of 13-11 in games she pitched. ECU’s next best option was freshman Mary Williams with an ERA of 6.14, but Williams’ inexperience showed greatly during the season, going 5-14.

Looking ahead to the future, ECU will only lose four seniors this season. One of the key players and leaders they will be losing is senior shortstop Casey Alcorn who is one of

the best hitters for the Pirates. Alcorn was named to the 2015 AAC First Team. She is in the top-10 all-time career home runs for ECU softball with 23 home runs total.

But the Pirates will have their best two hitters back with Karlie Smith and Ciara Ervin. Smith batted .323 with 17 RBIs and started all 53 games. Ervin played in 48 games and started 41 of them, batting .315 with 16 RBIs.

The team next season will have 11 upperclassman with six seniors. Next season should be an improvement with majority of the team returning, with more mature and experienced players on the roster. Coach Oliver has also put her culture in place. With the foundation in place, next year will be a building year for her program.

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Avion Jones completes career four-peat

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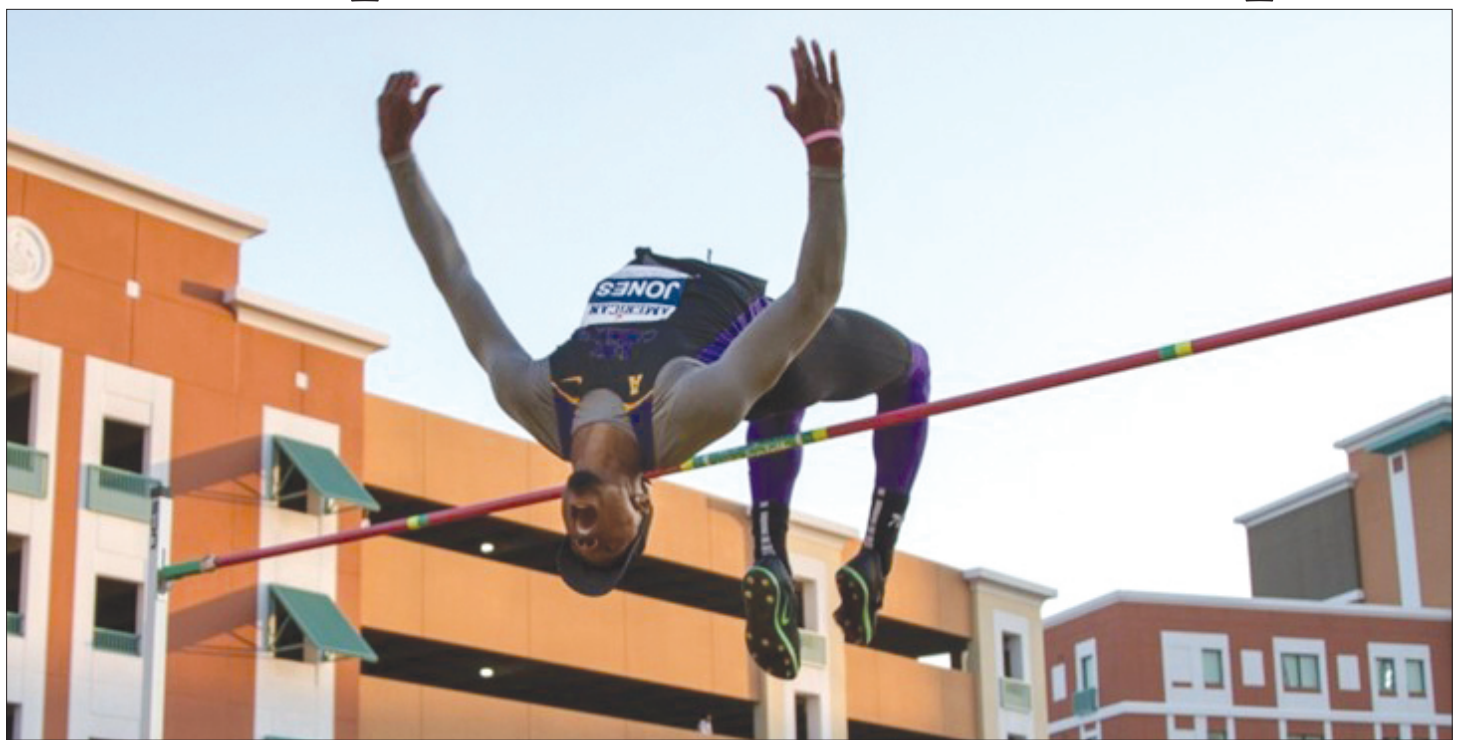
For East Carolina senior high jumper Avion Jones, it will be hard to forget his senior campaign, especially after putting his name in elite company after the 2016 American Athletic Conference Outdoor track championships this past weekend held in Orlando.

On Friday, Jones added to his already stacked list of achievements by jumping an NCAA record 2.31 meters, or 7-foot-7-inches. The jump clinched Jones's fourth consecutive conference high jump title and was the second highest jump in the world this year.

In fact, the jump was so high it would've earned Jones a bronze medal in the 2012 Olympics, would he have competed. Though it didn't win a medal, what it did do for Jones was extend his season and earn him an invite to this year's NCAA Regional's.

The two-time All-American started his career off at Virginia Military Institution before transferring to ECU after his freshman season. Jones quickly found success after his first year after teaming up with head coach Curt Kraft and jumping a personal best of 2.15 meters, or 7-feet-.025 inches.

Teaming up with Kraft has done nothing but increased Jones personal best while at ECU by an astounding .18 meters, or seven



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Avion Jones skys over a pole in a high jump competition. Avion Jones set an NCAA record with a 7 foot, 7 inches high jump over the weekend.

inches, which is hard to grasp how good that actually is until you take a look and see it's tough for most jumpers to increase by even two inches over the course of their entire four year tenure. Kraft has before called Jones the best athlete he's ever coached and that's one

thing that luck has nothing to do with. Luck doesn't make Jones one of the hardest working individuals Kraft has ever coached either.

Jones has been expected to dominate all year, so he knows the target on his back is big. Yet his mentality has been to never be out-

worked. Jones' next goal is to be a National Champion.

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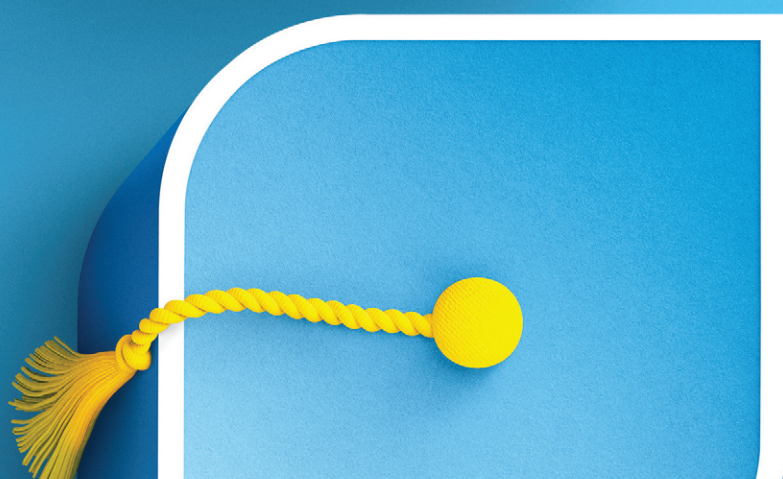
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