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STATON MOVES IN

Ballard serves final week as chancellor



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This Friday marks a big change in the history of East Carolina University, as Cecil Staton steps into his new role as ECU's 11th chancellor, taking the place of the long-standing and beloved Steve Ballard.

Ballard has been chancellor of ECU for 12 years, the longest term served as a chancellor in UNC system history.

During his time at the school, Ballard has continuously strived to make ECU "the leadership university" of East Carolina.

Some of his greatest accomplishments as chancellor include the establishment of ECU's School of Dental Medicine and ECU's Honor College, leading ECU to its move to the American Athletic Conference in 2013 and creating the Chancellor's Leadership Academy (CLA) and the Chancellor's Student Leadership Academy.

During his years as chancellor, Ballard appointed many leadership positions including making Virginia Hardy the Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs in 2009.

Ballard's time at ECU will not be forgotten though, many students and faculty of the past and present are using this moment as an opportunity to reminisce on all that Ballard has done for the university.

"His leadership style is one that is focused on team first," said Ballard's former Chief of Staff Philip Rogers. "The epitome of a phenomenal leader."

Virginia Hardy, the vice chancellor of student affairs at ECU, added saying, "He cultivated a strong leadership concept here for East Carolina University."

"What he has done for this institution. He was a strong colleague obviously when I served in the role as [SGA] president," said Brad Congleton, the SGA president of 2009 for ECU. "He was a strong mentor and a dear friend. He has taught me so much about life individually...and no matter what you do in life, no matter where you in

your life, he told me that, 'no matter what you do in life Brad, no matter where you go, you always want to leave that place better than you found it.'"

Staton certainly has big shoes to fill following Ballard's leadership, but he brings his own unique experience to the position.

As Steve Jones, chairman of ECU's board of trustees, said, Staton is the perfect successor to Ballard's leadership style bringing with him a wealth of experience from both public and private sector, business and academia.

Staton journeyed to eastern North Carolina from Valdosta, Georgia, where he served as the interim president of Valdosta State University for almost a year.

"Dr. Staton provided the caliber of leadership required to make painful cuts in the number of faculty and staff members, he initiated innovation across the campus and he refocused the University community on student success," said Philip Allen, the executive assistant to the president and vice president for external affairs at Valdosta State University. "He laid out the course of action to position VSU for growth and for a vibrant future that will lead to academic success for our students and a continuing positive intellectual economic and cultural impact upon the region we serve."

Before his position at VSU, Staton was the Vice chancellor for Extended Education in the University System of Georgia, as well as the Associate Provost at Mercer University in Macon, Georgia. He has served as a member of Brewton-Parker College's faculty in Mount Vernon, Georgia. Staton has also had 10 years of experience as a state senator, representing Georgia's 18th district.

In his welcome address to members of the media, Staton said he plans to continue in Ballard's path of putting ECU on the map as the leadership university and focusing on student success, public service and regional transformation.

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Left: Steve Ballard has served as East Carolina University's Chancellor since March of 2005. Right: Chancellor-Elect Cecil Staton addresses the media in a press conference with news of his appointment.

A farewell to Ballard, a welcome to Staton



Virginia Hardy
VICE CHANCELLOR

Maya Angelou said, "Stepping onto a brand-new path is difficult..." but it can also be exciting. Several University hosted events held the past few months celebrated the legacy and leadership of Dr. Steve Ballard. But this week we officially welcome Dr. Cecil Staton as the 11th chancellor of East Carolina

Chancellor Ballard helped to grow ECU while simultaneously enhancing the university's reputation.

Virginia Hardy

University. While different, both men exhibit similarities that are integral to taking ECU forward and assuring a quality, cost wise education for a diverse student population.

Chancellor Ballard helped to grow ECU while simultaneously

enhancing the university's reputation. We are grateful to Dr. Ballard for setting the bar high for how we do things at ECU — with a sense of integrity and urgency — stressing quality and excellence along the way. I believe Dr. Staton will pick up the mantle adding his talents,

knowledge, leadership and passion to continue building an inclusive welcoming campus committed to student success, public service, and regional transformation. ECU has come too far to settle for less than the best. Our best will continue with Chancellor Staton, an engaged leader who will bring vision and courage to lead our university to the next level.

ECU is definitely better now after 12 years of Dr. Ballard's leadership, and we have every opportunity to add that legacy. Our goals have been bold, authentic and

distinctive; our challenges have been varied and interesting, and our accomplishments, in such a short time, have been many and impactful.

Starting July 1, we begin to see ECU through the eyes of Dr. Staton. We offer him a Pirate welcome, an outstretched hand, committed faculty and staff, engaged students, and our promise to shoulder ECU's future alongside him.

Virginia Hardy is the Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs. To contact her, email editor@theeastcarolinian.com.

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BRIEFS

Regional Artist Project seeks applicants for grant

Pitt County Art Council has begun the search for the 2016-17 Regional Artist Project grant applicants. The grant was created as a way to provide financial support to artists of all disciplines. The program is managed through a partnership with the North Carolina Arts Council. Application forms and guidelines are available on <https://pittcountyyarts.org> and must be turned in no later than September 9. Applications may be submitted online and may also be mailed or delivered to the Pitt County Arts Council at Emerge located at 404 S. Evans St., Greenville, North Carolina 27858.

Registration begins for 5th annual 'On the Run' with Riley's Army 5K

Riley's Army has teamed up with Winterville Parks & Recreation to host the 5th annual 'On the Run' 5k and 1 Mile Fun Walk. Participants of the run must register before September 2. 5K participants will be charged a \$25 fee and 1 Mile Fun Run participants will be charged a \$10 fee. The afternoon is set to offer free entertainment for families waiting at the finish line including bouncy houses, vendors, food and live music. Opening ceremonies will begin at 2:30 p.m. on September 25.

GPD: Arrest made in Waffle House parking lot shooting

Construction of a new Greenway path will begin again after its halt in the spring of 2015. The initial construction plans were postponed after a series of adverse weather conditions. The path is located on Sulgrave Road, off of Charles Boulevard which is within close proximity of Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium. The 1.37-mile path is set to be completed in late August.

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One year later

Emily Hume talks overcoming struggles, finding self-love

Javeria Salman
TEC STAFF

One year ago, Emily Hume made the brave decision to let people see her true self. She took off her wig.



Emily Hume

Hume was diagnosed with alopecia areata when she was 13-years-old. Alopecia areata is an autoimmune disease where the immune system mistakenly attacks hair follicles, according to the National Alopecia Areata Foundation (NAAF).

Hume, who will be a junior this fall at East Carolina University shared her story with The East Carolinian soon after she made the decision to stop wearing a wig. It was the first time many of her classmates found out that she lived with alopecia.

Reflecting back on this past year, Hume says taking off her wig and telling everyone the truth was easily the best decision she ever made.

"I mean it's a huge thing to keep to yourself," said Hume. "Before I had taken off my wig, it was just like this huge secret that I was hiding."

Moments...where I got to use what I am going through to actually help someone that makes it all worth it.

Emily Hume

Hume added, "Now it's just so liberating. People meet you and they know you're confident before me even saying anything."

Hume said this past year she's had the chance to mentor girls that are younger than her and going through the same things she went through.

"It's funny, it's so hard for me now not to be biased towards going bald and just living with it and accepting it and loving it," said Hume.

Hume said going back to school last fall was a big deal for her.

"Last year that was a huge thing because other people had known me and met me through my first year here at ECU, they had kind of known me as the girl with perfect hair," said Hume. "And that was like they knew me as a person that had great hair but it wasn't my hair, it was a wig."

After having spent her summer in Texas, Hume said she was very nervous to come back to ECU.

"My summer in Texas with people not really caring if I had hair or if I didn't have hair actually built my confidence up for a couple months before I had to face the reality of it," Hume said.

She added, her first couple of weeks back at ECU were really interesting because some people had read her story and seen her social media posts and others hadn't.

"The people who hadn't obviously assumed worst case that I have cancer, they assumed I'm crazy and pulled a Britney Spears, all the different things you'd think of," said Hume. "What's interesting is I could tell looking at someone if they were confused, if they looked at me and their eyes instantly were up above my eyes, I obviously knew they were looking at my head."

Hume added she's learned to adapt to that and confront it before people have the chance to assume.

"I kind of like meet them where they were in their head," said Hume. "I think it's a great opportunity for me. I use it as like a ministry almost that, like, you know everyone is made different. And some people are given black hair, some people are given blond hair, brown hair and I've been given no hair. It's not such a bad thing, it could be so much worse. I could have cancer but I don't."

Hume recalls what happened when she attended one of her first events back at ECU without her wig.

"When I first got back, I went to a frat party at one of the fraternities that I know a lot of the guys at and it was really funny because all these guys are, you know, in their party mode, if you will, and then three of them came up to me and were like 'you're so pretty,'" said Hume. "It was like the total opposite of what I thought people would react."

Hume says not all reactions were positive, though. In the months following her decision to take of the wig, she received a lot of "weird responses" from people who didn't know what alopecia was or didn't know why she was bald.

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ECU holds low rating on speech code

Emily Harvey
TEC STAFF

UNC universities, like N.C. State have recently come under fire for failing to uphold adequate freedom of speech policies.

Seven out of the 26 North Carolina colleges and universities listed on the Foundation for Individual Rights in Education website, or FIRE, were given a speech code rating of red, meaning the university "has at least one policy that both clearly and substantially restricts freedom of speech."

East Carolina University was one of the universities listed with a speech code rating of red, receiving this rating due to harassment policies. ECU received a yellow light for posting and distribution and protest and demonstration policies, among others.

According to ECU's Policies, Regulations and Rules, "people responsible for printed materials must

refrain from using language, words, design or lettering directed toward and offensive to a member of or a visitor to the university community and must ensure all displayed materials comply with applicable laws, including but not limited to those concerning safety, defamation, and obscenity, or trademark and copyright regulations. Materials that do not comply with these provisions may be removed without notice."

U.S. District Court Judge James C. Dever granted preliminary injunction on behalf of Grace Christian Life, a non-denominational religious student group that meets on N.C. State's campus, against the university's speech permit policy on June 4.

According to the News and Observer, the policy requires people or groups who want to distribute literature on campus to get a permit. Dever ruled the policy violates the First Amendment; his ruling prevents the university from requiring students, student groups and off-campus guests from having to obtain a permit to speak or distribute literature on campus. This motion will stop N.C. State from enforcing the speech permit policy while the lawsuit continues through the legal system.

The ECU Protest and Demonstration Policy states that ECU permits assemblies and public addresses by University, student, and non-University-sponsored

individuals or groups at the University's Designated Public Forum. "Unless an Event is sponsored by a University entity, it will not be allowed in areas or facilities other than the Designated Public Forum," which is "the area on the University Mall located in the four-sided green space adjacent to the Cupola, which is adjacent to well traveled pedestrian sidewalks, and has been open to public speech by tradition and administrative approval. The extent of the site is the area to the South of the Cupola bounded by sidewalks on all four sides."

ECU Police Public Information Officer Lt. Chris Sutton said the free speech zone is in this location for the following reasons:

"The location of choice is in a central part of campus, so it's accessible, it's also because of all of the different sidewalks, accessible with ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) compliance issues," Sutton said. "But then it's not set in an area, like the classroom area outside of Wright Auditorium which would be distracting to the academic side of our university environment"

Sutton said mobile free speech zones can also be set up, but only for special circumstances. Sutton also spoke on the importance of freedom of speech.

"A public institution and an open campus, you don't want to have policies in place or to react to certain situations where you could violate somebody's rights,

particularly their freedom of speech, and so that's why our campus and what I would expect other campuses have, a free speech area," Sutton said.

Last year, Executive Director for the Student Press Law Center Frank LoMonte said, "Free speech zones are typically found to be unconstitutional when challenged in court; anywhere on campus can be used as a free speech zone as long as the event is not interfering with the university's need to use property for another use."

In 2015, administration spoke of adding free speech zones on campus, but because of the lack of demand for the Designated Public Forum, no other zones have been made.

Assistant Director for the Central Reservations Office Chris Chappell said the free speech zone around the Cupola is reserved through a process just like all other spaces that can be reserved on campus.

"For our internal users, they can request to use the public forum through our reservation software, which is 25 Live," Chappell said. "If you're an external person, which is usually I would say the majority of the people who use that area are external users, and so they have to submit a form to our office and then we just kind of make sure that there's not anything that's going to conflict with it that day."

Chappell said most students are not aware that

the speakers who come on campus and talk at the Cupola rent the space, and students can rent it as well.

"I think that there's a real lack of knowledge about that space and how it works with the student body," Chappell said.

Speakers do have to follow the policy of the Designated Public Forum.

"If they do violate any of the policy, regarding the designated public forum, which would really be kind of harassing individuals, being abusive, threatening, intimidating conduct, that kind of thing, those would be reasons for the police to get involved and to possibly remove somebody from that area, but usually they're pretty good about being nonviolent and non aggressive," Chappell said. "I would love to see more students get involved with positive messages out there, just because I see so many, kind of negative messages going on that add so much negative attention to that area."

Sutton said it's important for students to have the freedom to express themselves.

"It's important to have an avenue for people to be able to have places where they can go where they can be open to discuss topics, whether it's related to religion, politics, socioeconomics, whatever the case is," Sutton said.

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MAP OUT YOUR WEEKEND

WEDNESDAY

YAPPY HOUR
Winslow's Tavern
4-9 p.m.

Umbrella Market
Five Points Plaza
5-8 p.m.

THURSDAY

Karaoke Night
Crossbones Tavern
9 p.m. - 12 a.m.

FRIDAY

Sojo Drum Circle
The Sojourner
6-9 p.m.

Karaoke Night
Crave
8-11 p.m.

SATURDAY

Eli Craig Band
The Buccaneer
8 p.m.

SUNDAY

**Sunday in the Park
(Pamlico Sound
Machine)**
Greenville Town
Commons
7-9 p.m.

MONDAY

**Hasting's Ford July
4th Festival**
Greenville Town
Commons
2-10 p.m.
Fireworks begin
approximately
at 9 p.m.

SINGLE REVIEW

Jay-Z, DJ Khaled, Future pair to create official summer anthem



Kai Jones
TEC STAFF

Often people explore the philosophical question, “what is the key to life?” Well, this question may never get the right answer, but Jay Z did chime in with his take on DJ Khaled’s new banger: “I Got The Keys.”

“Key to life, keep a bag comin,” rapped the 20-year vet. Jay Z has certainly kept a “bag” coming as he just celebrated the 20-year anniversary of his debut album, “Reasonable Doubt.” And on “I Got The Keys,” Hov is in full victory lap mode as he boasts about his independence and ownership of his musical career, how far he’s come as a man and artist and how he’s brought his friends with him, as well as about his superstar family for two verses.

“My swag different, that bag different/ My wife Beyoncé, I brag different/ My baby Blue, I dream in color,” rapped Hov in verse two.

Both of Jay Z’s verses serve as bragga-docious, ambiguous wordplay on keys and bags over budding hit-maker Southside’s bouncy, airy trap beat. Throw in Future’s catchy hook, a little pep talk from Snapchat’s greatest inspirational speaker DJ Khaled, an illustrious video that featured just about every big name in hip-hop currently and boom: a summer anthem is created.

The video is monumental in a couple of ways. Can’t remember a hip-hop video that had so many of some of the hottest rappers in it. Also, Jay Z has a problem shooting his own videos, much less coming in for a feature.



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Future, Jay-Z and DJ Khaled gather in a promotional photo for their summer single ‘I got The Keys’.

The video had been teased for about a month, with pictures of names like TI, Rick Ross, Jay Z, Future and DJ Khaled all together in black suits. The buzz for “I Got The Keys” had already been built by Future who tweeted out, “Special Cloth Alert... new jay z record gone f\$ck da Summer up.” To which Khaled followed up with, “I have so many biggest anthems on my album #major [key emoji] the album it’s coming @ WeTheBestMusic @Epic_Records I have a lot anthems I’m fully loaded.”

Khaled’s new album also received a release date of July 28. With this record along with “For Free” that features Drake, Khaled now has two of the biggest summer anthems out. This song was seen as something that could never happen as Future and Jay Z are on far different stratospheres of the rap universe.

Jay is arguably the greatest rapper ever, who now is more of a businessman (see: Diamonds Remix for reference). Then

team him with Future? Arguably the hottest rapper in the world, yet not someone who would be able to pull a Jay Z feature. Only Khaled could do it.

That’s what Khaled does. He puts together big names, that may not seem to fit, and he makes them fit for one track. It is for that reason alone, why hip-hop fans should be excited for “Major Keys.”

RATING:



5 out of 5

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GPD prepares for Fourth

Emily Harvey
TEC STAFF

The Greenville Police Department, in conjunction with other departments, has plans in place to keep the Town Common a safe place to be on July 4.

According to Lt. David Anderson, the west zone commander for the Field Operations Bureau with the Greenville police, a meeting took place about a month and a half ago.

The fire, GPD, Parks and Recreation, public works and Greenville Jaycees were some of the departments present. Each department is responsible for different tasks.

“Public works has to come put out barricades, and rope off the fall zone for the fireworks and just all kinds of stuff they have to do,” Anderson said. “And then the fire department is responsible for keeping everybody safe. Safe as far as their physical welfare.”

Anderson said there are so many people involved and so many things to be done that not everything can be named, but as far as the GPD, the Field Operations Bureau, also known as the patrol bureau, will be working to keep the

Town Common safe.

The Winterville Police Department and ECU Police Department will also be working with the GPD.

“They are providing officers that will actually be in the Town Common,” Anderson said. “So we’ll have probably in the neighborhood of 90-100 officers staffing the event, obviously to make sure it’s safe.”

The GPD is also in charge of traffic patrol, with the Traffic Safety Unit heading it up. Anderson said the GPD is “responsible for our traffic egress pattern afterwards” when everyone is trying to leave at the same time.

The Greenville Jaycees 2016 Fourth of July Fireworks at the Town Common press release said, “traffic officers will be positioned along the main routes at intersections and traffic patterns will be altered to expedite the flow of traffic.”

The release also said to be patient, expect delays and go with the flow of traffic as directed by officers and signals. It will take approximately an hour and a half for the event traffic to clear, but the release does state sometimes a little out of the way ends up being the faster way to get home.

Some of the recommended

streets are heading north to Mumford Road on Greene Street and avoiding turning back on Pitt, heading south on Cotanche Street to Tenth Street and avoiding going east on Fifth Street, heading south to Washington to Dickenson Avenue to South Memorial Drive, and heading south on Evans to Tenth Street and Greenville Boulevard.

Park near Greene Street if leaving north, park near Evans Street, Cotanche Street or Washington Street if leaving south, handicapped parking will be available at the Town Common parking lot near the boat ramp and ECU Parking lots south of Third Street will be open to public parking.

First Street in front of the Town Common will be closed at 7 a.m. to all vehicle traffic and the Greene Street Bridge will be closed at 9 p.m. and reopened at the end of the fireworks display.

Also, no animals will be allowed in the Town Common, according to the press release.

Anderson said even though the GPD have not had significant problems on the Fourth of July in the past, they are prepared for anything in order to keep everyone in attendance safe.

“Anybody that watches everything going on in today’s world knows we have to make sure we have a safe environment,” Anderson said. “We’ve never had a significant problem at July 4; we’ve had pockets of small fights, people coming in, troublemakers essentially. We’ve got to make this a safe environment for our citizens to be able to come down and enjoy the fireworks. You never know what’s going to happen; you have to be prepared for anything.”

Anderson said this year the GPD will be implementing another safety plan via Facebook and Twitter.

“We’re going to have our message boards out so folks will see those in a bit, but we’ll have our Facebook and Twitter accounts will be up that day,” Anderson said. “And so folks that want to follow us for the event, let’s say we have a missing child, or let’s say weather, we have some bad weather incoming, we’re going to put it out on Facebook and Twitter.”

The GPD can be found by searching @greenvillepd1 or Greenville, NC Police Department on Facebook and @GreenvillePD on Twitter.

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HUME

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“Random people would come up to me and like assume that I was either crazy, or, again like I said, I had cancer or all the above,” said Hume. “I actually had a gentleman come up to me and go ‘did your barber mess up your hair’ and my jaw literally met the floor.”

Hume recalls another moment when she realized she would not be seen just like everyone else.

“There was a time I was in the restroom and there was this little girl who looks up at her mom and says ‘why is there a boy in the bathroom’ and my heart sunk,” said Hume. “I literally have never been so hurt in my life, I mean granted I know she didn’t know any better and she’s an

innocent little girl but it was kind of sad.”

Hume added, “Those are really hard for me. I will remember those moments forever.”

Hume says that while sometimes she remembers the bad moments before the good, there are some fond moments that she has had over the past year that make the better moments stand out.

“From those better moments, I use those moments to really inform people about what alopecia is because a lot of people don’t know what it so I get to spread the word about what it is,” said Hume.

She added, “moments like that, where I got to use what I am going through to actually help someone that makes it all worth it. All the times where I felt like not good enough, not pretty enough or kind of

like I stuck out like a sore thumb, and it all made it worth it to tell people.”

Hume said she has dealt with the good and bad moments by relying on her faith and knowing her worth through that.

“I get to share that it’s okay to be different and to have no hair that is God’s will,” said Hume. “If it was put in your path, then obviously you were meant to carry it and conquer it. It’s all about how, how you do it.”

Hume said as this summer is the one-year anniversary of taking off her wig she has gotten to reflect on this year.

“When you look at all those different things, it’s crazy to think it’s been a year,” said Hume. “And it’s funny I’ve hugged so many strangers...people I’ve literally never talked to in my life.”

Hume added that everyone goes

through trials and tribulations in life, but it is recognizing that even though people may not face the same trials and tribulations everyone has their own hardships in life.

Hume, who currently works as a beauty consultant for Mary Kay, said she eventually plans to write a book about her experiences to help get other people through whatever struggles they are dealing with.

She said the most important thing she has learned through this experience is that people are generally “good-natured”. Some might come across as mean but Hume says in her experience most people are “just curious”.

Hume says the biggest advice she would give to others is to block out the negativity in your life.

“I still sometimes walk into a room and feel like I don’t belong here

and everyone is looking at me...so I always have to kind of put my nerves to rest,” said Hume. “For me that’s the biggest thing, to block out my own brain sometimes. Your thoughts are like the most dangerous thing, when you think that you may not be pretty, it’s your own mind playing games on you.”

She added, “The first step to loving yourself is just to ignore your negative thoughts really and be positive. If you’re positive all the time, that’s positive energy and people are drawn to that. I don’t care who you are, I don’t care what you look like, I don’t care where you are from, if you’re positive all the time, that energy is just contagious...and ultimately that results in self-confidence.”

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CELEBRATIONS

ATLANTIC BEACH

Fireworks at
The Beach

Atlantic Circle, 115
Atlantic Blvd
Sunday, July 3
9 p.m.

FARMVILLE

Independence Day
Celebration

Walter B Jones
Town Common
Sunday, July 3
6 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

ROCKY MOUNT

Independence
Celebration

Rocky Mount Sports
Complex
Sunday, July 3
6 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.
Fireworks to begin at
approximately
9:15 p.m.

GREENVILLE

Jaycee's
Independence Day
Celebration

Town Common
Monday, July 4
2 p.m.- 9:30 p.m.
Fireworks to begin at
approximately
9:15 p.m.

NEW BERN

The Glorious Fourth

Tryon Palace
Monday, July 4
10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

4th of July
Celebration

Union Point Park

Monday, July 4
4 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.
Fireworks to begin at
approximately
9:15 p.m.

Independence Night

North Carolina History
Center
Monday, July 4
6 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

HAVELOCK

Freedom Festival

Havelock City Park
Monday, July 4
5 p.m. - 9:15 p.m.
Fireworks to begin at
approximately 9 p.m.

INDEPENDENCE DAY

CELEBRATING FOURTH OF JULY WEEKEND

Town Common to host annual
Independence Day celebration

Melissa Glen
TEC STAFF
Summer Rivenbark
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Greenville is giving its residents the chance to celebrate the Fourth of July in true fashion this Monday.

The Independence Day celebration will start at 3 p.m. at the Greenville Town Common and will be an all-day event. The event was planned by Greenville's Jaycees, the junior chamber of commerce, along with help from the City of Greenville.

"The overall goal of the event is to provide a fun, safe community event that everyone can enjoy," said Sonni Minton, the co-chair of the event's planning committee.

The festival will have activities available for all ages including live music, food and merchant vendors, a bounce party for kids and a beer garden for adults which will be open from 4 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

The first music act starting at 3 p.m. will be Noelle Smith, a singer and songwriter from North Carolina.

The David Dixon Trio will take the stage at 4:15 p.m. The trio is a blues, soul and rock band based out of Wilmington, North Carolina.

The music portion of the night will end with an appearance from David Lee Jones beginning at 7 p.m. Jones is a country singer from Washington, North Carolina.

Finally, the night will end with a firework display which is set to begin at 9:15 p.m.

This year, Hastings Ford returned as the title sponsor of the event, along with many other sponsors such as NuLook Bounce Party, Meineke, the Daily Reflector, WITN, Coastal Beverage and PEPSI.

"It is probably the easiest way to say thank you to the community," said William Wilson, general manager of Hastings Ford.

Wilson said the event has grown over the eight years he's has been involved. He said the event draws in roughly 30,000 to 40,000 people each year.

"Over the years it's gotten better," said Wilson. "It started off just having a DJ, and now there are bands that come, a beer garden and bounce houses. It used to just be where you come and watch the fireworks and everyone would go home, now it's an all day event that is fun for all ages."

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Last year's fireworks light up the sky in red and blue above Greenville's Town Common.

'BRINGIN' THE PARTY'

Family-oriented band set to perform this weekend

Rebecca Sefter
TEC STAFF

Carolina Music Award winning country group, Eli Craig Band, is headed to Greenville this Saturday to perform at The Buccaneer Music Hall.

Named after his 5-year-old grandson Eli, Billy Craig Jr. teamed up with his son Billy the 3rd to create the Eli Craig Band.

"My son started a band, we did some auditions, found the right people and took off from there," said Craig Jr.

Craig and his son are from Washington, North Carolina along with drummer Chris Woolard. The father and son duo are both guitarists and vocalists for the band, with Tyler Carawan on bass.

"It's really good [playing with my son] because our voices [are similar]," said Craig Jr. "The harmonies and stuff are right on."

ECB's music can be described as country with the occasional twist, often utilizing the style of 90's alternative and classic rock tunes. Their song "Bringin' the Party" is a prime example of the country-rock sound.



WEB PHOTO | ELI CRAIG BAND

The Eli Craig Band performs under colorful lighting. The group is set to play The Buccaneer this weekend.

"[My son] will do some Brantley Gilbert stuff and I'll do Josh Turner," said Craig Jr. "His range is higher than mine."

The Eli Craig band often channels popular country artists Jason Aldean, Luke Bryan and Florida Georgia Line in its music. Elder Craig has experience in rock music, which adds a country-rock dynamic to the group.

"My musical background is a lot of rock and roll," said Craig Jr. "A lot of '80s rock and '90s rock."

ECB singles, "Should've Had a Pepsi," "Lonely Together Tonight" and "Middle of Nowhere" are

available on Apple Music, with the band's first EP scheduled to be released this fall to include around six original songs.

"We're really based around modern country music," said Craig Jr. "But we do mix it up some."

As a group with familial roots, the Eli Craig Band prides itself on staying grounded and measuring success based on quality, not quantity.

"We're not focused on being a big band," said Craig Jr. "You take opportunities as they come along. We just do what we do."

After winning "Best Country Band" at the 2015 Carolina Music Awards, ECB has been nominated for this year's show, and the group hopes to bring home its second Carolina Music title.

"If you go out there and do the best you can at shows and you treat people good, things will happen for you," said Craig Jr. "And even if they don't, we're okay."

The Eli Craig Band will be performing at The Buccaneer Music Hall this Saturday at 8 p.m.

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A fresh summer fruit salad topped with feta cheese. All recipes contributed are courtesy of the Sefter family.

Recipes that say "U-S-A"

Rebecca Sefter
TEC STAFF

Independence Day is all about celebrating our country with family and friends and sharing the love poured into special family recipes. The recipe for Grandpa Tom's Bacon-Wrapped Hors D'oeuvres

was found handwritten by the late Thomas Martucci and serves as an excellent July 4th appetizer. The Red, White and Blue Fruit Ice Drinks are a tasty way to hydrate and the Fresh Summer Fruit Salad can be enjoyed at any point during the fun-filled holiday.

Grandpa Tom's Bacon-Wrapped Hors D'oeuvres

Makes 24 Appetizers

Ingredients:

1/2 lb. of Bacon (8 slices)
Scallops*
Water Chestnuts*
Soy Sauce*
Olives*
Chicken*
Pineapple*
French Dressing*

Directions:

Heat oven to 375 degrees. Cut bacon slices into thirds; wrap around filling & secure with toothpick (make sure plain and not colored or plastic toothpicks). Arrange on broiler pan or on rack in shallow baking pan. Bake at 375 degrees for 20-25 minutes or until bacon is crisp. Serve hot. Use one of centers listed below or of your choice.

Scallop Centers

Use 8oz. of fresh or frozen but thawed scallops, if they are large make sure to cut in half to make smaller individual bite sizes.

Water Chestnut Centers

Water chestnuts can be used as centers if marinated in soy sauce before wrapping in bacon

Olive Centers

Using any stuffed olives will work as centers.

Chicken or Pineapple Centers

Marinate mini chicken strips or fresh pineapple chunks in French dressing for about 15 minutes and then wrap bacon around these as centers.

*Optional

Red, White & Blue Fruit Ice Drinks

Ingredients:

FRUIT ICE CUBES:
Raspberries
Blueberries
Water
DRINK:
2 liters of diet or regular lemon-lime soda
1/3 cup of blueberry or strawberry syrup (or to taste)
2-3 (or as desired) drops of red or blue food coloring*

Directions:

Fill ice cube tray (preferably star-shaped) with raspberries and blueberries. Fill with water. Freeze overnight for best results.

Drink:

Combine lemon-lime soda with either blueberry or strawberry syrup, add food coloring if desired. Garnish with leftover fruit

*Optional

Fresh Summer Fruit Salad

Ingredients:

1/2 cup strawberry balsamic vinegar (or flavor of choice)
3 cups of watermelon and/or melon
1/4- 1/2 cup combined blue cheese and feta cheese (or one or the other, depending on preference)

Directions:

Bring vinegar to boil in saucepan on medium-high heat. Reduce and simmer for about 15 minutes. Stir occasionally. Let cool.

Sprinkle blue and feta cheese over platter of fruit. Evenly and carefully pour balsamic reduction over platter. Best if served while balsamic reduction is warm.

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Emily Harvey
TEC STAFF

Holiday activities with loud noises, hot food and open flames can make pets nervous and potentially be dangerous for them.

According to the Humane Society of Eastern Carolina, more pets get lost on July 4 than any other day of the year. Help keep your furry friends safe this holiday by following its tips:

- Microchip your pet.
- Make sure your pet is wearing a collar with your information and their rabies tag.
- Spay/neuter your pet to make them less likely to stray from home.
- Exercise your pet before parties begin.
- Keep pets away from charcoal, fireworks, sparklers and glow sticks.
- Have pet-specific treats instead of feeding them human food.

- Make sure all fences and doors are kept shut.
- Transport your cat in a carrier and keep dogs leashed when not at home.
- If your pet is afraid of loud noises, leave gentle music playing to help cover the noise of the fireworks.
- Leave your pet at home with a frozen stuffed treat during fireworks.
- Keep updated photos of your pet just in case.

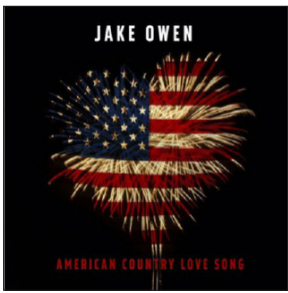
PATRIOTIC
PLAYLIST

What would an Independence Day celebration be without music to fill our hearts and minds with patriotism? The East Carolinian staff has compiled a short playlist to help kick-off 4th of July weekend whether it be at a picnic, festival or a backyard cookout.



'Freedom Hangs
like Heaven'

Iron and Wine



'American Country
Love Song'

Jake Owen



'Fourth of July'

Fall Out Boy



'Volunteers'

Jefferson Airplane



'America'

Imagine Dragons



'We Didn't Start
the Fire'

Billy Joel

PIRATE RANTS

The East Carolinian does not endorse statements made in Pirate Rants.

Due to a lack of rant submissions, we have selected staff favorites.

When I die I want the person who set up the internet at ECU to lower my casket so they can let me down one more time.

I love having a newspaper on campus this good.
-10/22/2015

I got a free tattoo. I cannot believe it; the guy said, "Do you want a free tattoo?" Opened up the side of his van and said "IT'S FO FREE!" and I said, "Sure!" -9/16/2012

Dear poorly dressed humans, whoever told you Jack Rogers and Sperry's were fashionable must have been sniffing bath salts -8/28/2012

Anyone who votes for Romney probably wears crocs and listens to Nickleback -10/23/2013

Advice for the new freshman: Make time to call your grandparents -09/10/2015

The East Carolinian needs competition from another student newspaper!
-09/24/2015

Dude, I took you aside to let you know your bedroom smells like a porta john. Why would you shake your head and laugh dismissively? - Smell the Truth -10/15/2015

I just want to live in a world where gay married couples can protect their marijuana plants with guns. -10/22/2016

Remember that time they tried to crucify the editor last year over a pirate rant? Good times. -12/01/2016

Am I the only one who thinks I'm going to die or forever be stuck in Bate elevators? -01/26/2016

Only a communist would hate Pirate Rants -02/02/2016

Dear TEC, Please suspend current students from their privilege of posting Pirate Rants. This should be done until they finally learn the history and meaning of Pirate Rants. Pirate Rants are meant to be an uplifting high note twice a week for readers, not a yearlong ramble on politics. Sincerely, Concerned/Ashamed Alumni -03/15/2016

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

Poll results

Did you watch the USA vs. Argentina semifinal game in the Copa America?

YES — 57.1%

NO — 42.9%

Poll question

Do you agree with the UK's desicion to leave the EU?

Visit theeastcarolinian.com to vote.

Our view

Chancellor Ballard leaves great legacy

Dr. Steve Ballard first took the reins of East Carolina University in March 2005. In the twelve years since his arrival, Dr. Ballard has voraciously pushed the university, faculty and students to constantly expand, grow and lead. Under his direction, the university has expanded into a powerhouse of education in eastern North Carolina, providing the state with top-rate graduates from esteemed medical, dental and business schools.

Constantly stressing the importance of our students to be leaders for our community, Dr. Ballard had led this university through over a decade of growth and expansion, and served our community in countless, unforgettable ways.

As an editorial staff, we don't think that this will be what we remember the most about Dr. Ballard's time as Chancellor.

What we will remember about Dr. Ballard is his constant engagement with the students of this university. We will remember the times he took out of his schedule just to talk to us, the honest interest he took in our studies, our lives and our experience at this university. As a student body, we'll miss his presence as a mentor— not as an obscure administrator, but as a friend, one who you could count on seeing around campus again. We'll miss the roundtable discussions, the impromptu meetings with students about events around campus and the inevitability of his involvement in issues facing our university.

As Dr. Ballard takes his much deserved leave from the university, we will always remember the dedication, the hard work and the sacrifices he embodied as our chancellor. But we will never forget his sense of humor, his friendly presence and his integrity as a leader and inspiration as a mentor to this university. Moreover, we look forward to his eventual return.

Britain better off without EU



Demitri Dragonas
TEC COMLUMNIST

Its All Greek To Me

Well, let it never be said the British aren't afraid of going against the grain. With a respectable 4 percent win, Britain has decided to leave the European Union. Personally, I believe leaving was the best available option, although certainly not a preferable one. What struck me as unusual was the level of vitriol in the discussion, mostly from the Remain side.

Accusations of xenophobia and racism as motivations were more than common. Media outlets like The Guardian, Washington Post and media talking heads assert the vote to leave originates from nationalism and fear of immigrants. The accusations of racism have little to no evidence to actually support it. It's absurd to know what Leave voters think without actually asking them, and some polls have various minority groups supporting Leave, such as up to a third of Asians. As I have made clear in my previous column, any poll, study or investigation shows the current wave of Middle Eastern migrants are not assimilating, or even accepting the current British culture of tolerating homosexuality, free speech, fair and equal treatment of women. Xenophobia is unjustified hatred, but it is certainly justified to question if Britain should unquestioningly accept migrants who may hold strong or even violent anti-Western values. The system needs to work on a case by case basis, not EU officials deciding for Britain.

Now on to a more reasonable argument. As most likely know, the stock market had a panic in the days after the vote results to leave, but rallied on June 28. This, along with arguments that Britain leaving the EU, means the end of trade deals and other things that have increased Europe's prosperity. This makes little sense as, unless the EU heads plan on being vindictive, they can easily make the same deals again to take effect before the official withdrawing. The market is already rallying as investors realize this and the fear-mongering wears off.

Being sore losers, the Vote Remain camp has already decided to blame old people for the results. Simply looking at polling information disproves this, as older people were much more divided than young people were. The Vote Leave camp held a moderate to small lead among older voters, and the Vote Remain camp held a major lead in younger people. The result of Britain exiting is due to younger people deciding not to turn out to vote. Any available poll shows the younger the voter, the less likely it was they would show up to vote for Remain. They have no one to blame but themselves.

The Vote Leave had its own problems, but overall it made its case in a much more substantial fashion. They have ample arguments to support their decision. They no longer have to support extravagant pay and benefits packages for EU bureaucrats, absurd regulations without the British people put front and center, and the complete lack of accountability to voters of individual countries. They also get the benefit of being accountable only to themselves, and deciding for themselves how they wish their country to operate and interact with others.

So let's stop with the panic, the finger-pointing, and the name-calling as with all things we will forget what we were so upset about in a few weeks. Already the sore losers on the Vote Remain side are trying to get another vote in the hopes of reversing the outcome.

Hopefully they ask Siri to remind them to vote this time around though. The market will rebound as it always has, the EU will continue to limp along until its collapse or enough countries decide to follow Britain, and the world will continue on as it has, is, and will be.

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UK decision right move for country



Carson Cherry
TEC COLUMNIST

Many Americans don't fully grasp the impact the United Kingdom made when it decided to leave the European Union and rightfully kickoff its independence from the EU.

On June 23, over 33 million Britons went to the polling stations to decide the fate, whether to leave or stay in the EU. After the votes were counted, 51.9 percent of the people were in favor of leaving the EU.

Many of the people who voted to stay, did so because they feared the United Kingdom would lose its influence in Europe. Others thought leaving was racist because of the immigration rule, and even went as far as to saying this would provoke a World War Three due to other countries being upset at the UK for leaving

The United Kingdom never had an influence in the EU because of how anti-democratic the EU is. Countries like France and Netherlands had their people vote to reject the EU constitution with the majority of the citizens voting against it. The sad thing about this democratic process is the EU either ignored the vote or just made the citizens vote again until it got the result they wanted.

The President of the EU commission Jean-Claude Junker, said when commenting on the French referendum on the EU constitution, "If it's a yes we will say 'on we go', if it's a no we will say 'on we continue.'"

What's the point of voting if that's the attitude? The EU politicians will keep making the people vote and vote to push their agenda.

Due to immigration laws, people with an EU passport can live and work inside any country within the EU. The UK has had over 330,000 people migrate into the country annually, over half of whom are from the EU. Many of the migrants have been from Middle Eastern and North African countries, who have migrated to other EU countries freely and gained citizenship and these areas are known to have radical Islamic groups.

The people that voted to leave want to close the UK borders in attempt to keep out the Muslim people due to the terror attack associated with the religion, on the other hand the people that voted to stay called closing down the borders racists and narrow-minded.

With the UK leaving, it doesn't mean Muslim immigrants cannot move to the UK, but will just be more difficult than the immigration process in the EU. This is UK's attempt at making immigration harder. It is still possible for people to move to the UK, just a harder process.

The UK also has a record housing shortage along with a homeless crisis and can't afford to have more people occupy its country.

Since 2010 every country in the world has experienced economic growth, except in Europe. The UK currently sends the EU 350 million pounds [470 million dollars] a week in taxes, and get back about half of that from the EU, of which it has no control to spend within its own country. The EU is desperate for the UK in order to be financially stable because the UK is one of the countries that provides the most money. Now that it has left the EU, the money the UK would normally send to the EU can be used for its own country and help improve itself further.

Not to mention the EU places horrible restrictions on small business with ridiculous laws and taxes that only wealthy corporations are able to afford. Fishermen in the UK aren't even allowed to fish in their own waters due to EU rules, while countries like Norway and Iceland are allowed to fish as much as they want because they are not in the EU; yet the EU still trades with these countries.

The people of the UK have voted to take off the ball and chain to the EU. This will improve the United States and UK alliance even further for being our own separate entities. Welcome to freedom UK, we enjoyed ours from you.

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STUDENT MEDIA

Two of 517 nominees

Spang, Frey earn Woman-of-the-Year nominations

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Two of East Carolina's female athletes, Kendall Frey and Frida Spang, have been nominated for the 2016 NCAA Women-of-the-Year award, after outstanding seasons by both.

The Woman-of-the-Year Award recognizes female student-athletes for outstanding academic achievement, athletics excellence, community service and leadership.

The two from ECU were picked from a total of 517 student athletes nominated for the award; the most ever in the 26 years of the award's existence.

Spang was a four-year letter winner in the women's golf program while Frey did the same for the women's soccer team. Both are recent graduates from ECU and both were captains of their teams.

Spang has had a long list of achievements during her career at ECU.

She was named Second-Team All-America by the Women's Golf Coaches Association after 10, top-11 finishes in her senior season and set the women's golf program's single-season record with four tournament wins. Spang was selected as the 2016 AAC Women's Golfer-of-the-Year, and was a unanimous First-Team All-Conference for the



Left: Women's golfer Frida Spang finishes a shot this season. Right: Women's soccer player Kendall Frey competing for the ball.

second year in a row.

Education wise, Spang maintained a 3.23 GPA with a fashion merchandising major and a minor in business.

She completed 26 hours of community service, with her contributions to Aces for Autism, Women in Sports Day and the Wounded Warrior Project.

"She has had a special year and has become very mature through college," said head ECU women's golf coach Kevin Williams.

Frey had a similarly illustrious

career at ECU. Frey finished her career at ECU No. 5 all-time in points (53) and goals scored (22). She made the NSCAA's All-Northwest Region Third Team and All-AAC First Team after leading ECU in points with 17, five assists and tied for most goals with six in her senior season. She was named All-AAC Second Team and the league's All-Tournament team in 2014. Off the field, she was named to the NSCAA's Scholar All-South Region Team.

She managed a 3.71 GPA with a degree in communication.

She completed 26 hours of community service, serving in projects involved with the Boys & Girls Club of America, Cyprus Glen Retirement Community and events with the Eastern North Carolina's Stop Human Trafficking Now efforts. Frey was selected as ECU's 2016 Female Scholar-Athlete-of-the-Year at its annual Breakfast of Champions.

The conferences will next select two nominees to represent the conferences, meaning there is a chance that Spang and Frey could both move on in the award process.

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TAKEAWAYS

- Lacrosse**
East Carolina hires Amanda Barnes as the first lacrosse coach in program's history.
- Baseball**
Dwanya Williams-Sutton was named to Baseball America's Freshman All-American Team.
- Baseball**
Junior pitcher Evan Kruczynski is a Perfect Game Honorable Mention All-American.
- Women's Basketball**
Women's basketball hires ECU athletics Hall of Famer Gaynor O'Donnell-Hammond to take over as Director of Operations.
- Track and Field**
Sophomore sprinter Courtney Warner will attempt to qualify for the IAAF World Junior Championships.
- Softball**
Head coach Courtney Oliver signed five new players in recruiting.

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Compher reviews season

Kai Jones
TEC STAFF

With the athletic year for East Carolina over, there is a small time to reflect, and time to prepare for the next athletic year.

Athletic director Jeff Compher is entering his fourth year at the helm of Pirate athletics. The 2015-16 athletic year began rough, but finished strong with Swimming and Diving men's team finishing off its back-to-back conference tournament championship, baseball won the program's first super regional game and track and field sent two athletes to the national champions.

"It's pretty special whenever you can be relevant in June on a national level, like we were with baseball," Compher said. "It's very important, not only just baseball, but our whole university."

Compher is also proud of the progress his athletes have made in the classroom. Compher's goal in the future is to have a 3.0 grade point average throughout the student athletes. The athletes as a whole finished at a 2.97 GPA this past year.

"I'm very pleased," said Compher. "We continue to make progress in many areas, individual sports as well as academically. And I couldn't be prouder of the progress we made academically. I believe that this next year, we will hit our mark of 3.0. So I'm very excited about our progress there."

Among the rough start was the football team finishing 5-7 and firing its head coach Ruffin McNeil. The men's basketball team finished ninth in the American Athletic Conference, and the women's basketball team finished a disappointing 13-19.

But with this new year, ECU begins the three-stripe era as the Pirates have signed on with adidas for 10 years.

"Every one of our teams is going to be outfitted in adidas gear, head to toe, and that takes awhile. So right now we're beginning to get some of that gear in, so we're in that transition stage right now," said Compher. "Adidas is a wonderful partner, they believe in who we are as Pirates and they want to be a big part in what we do. Not just what we wear, but how we market ourselves and how we brand ourselves."



East Carolina's fourth-year Athletic Director Jeff Compher speaks at a press conference this year.

Compher says as the adidas gear arrives, people will get a look at it. The first team people will see in uniform will be the soccer team as it plays the first game of the 2016-17 athletic year.

In his four years at ECU, Compher has hired four coaches. The biggest coach of course being Scottie Montgomery, the new head football coach. And Monday he hired Amanda Barnes to head the new women's lacrosse team, the program will begin in spring of 2018.

With the new year comes new goals. On the field, Compher just wants to see improvement and for the teams to better compete at the national level. Compher

said that starts at the conference level. He believes if the teams compete in the conference, they will be relevant nationally.

Off the field, Compher looks to continue raising funds for the athletic department's \$55 million project to expand facilities. As well as to continue raise money for the athletic department for the full cost of attendance scholarships that the school now offers. He's also excited about the first concert at Dowdy-Ficklen in a long time. If the concert goes well, more artists could be coming to Greenville.

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