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Staton begins tenure

Chancellor speaks on ECU's future

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As Cecil Staton takes the reigns as 11th chancellor of East Carolina University, he said his eyes are set on expanding its capital, its reputation and telling its story.

On the first day of his new position, Staton sat down with The East Carolinian and laid out some of his goals and plans for his first few years as chancellor of this institution.

Staton said one thing he is really going to be focused on is "raising the profile" of ECU outside this region. He added that to a "large degree" ECU's "story is untold."

"This institution is on the cusp of becoming, I think, the next great national university in this country," said Staton. "We have the ability to do that. We've just got to focus a little bit, again be innovative, but one of the things I'm

going to be out there doing is telling the ECU story."

Staton said that are some challenges ECU faces that he plans to address during his first few years, citing changes in legislation, academia culture and a changing educational landscape.

"You know these are tough times for public higher education," said Staton. "We are all dealing with constrained public financing and disruptive nature of technology and changing workforce issues, just many challenges but when you look at institutions and how they are poised to handle those changes and not only survive but thrive in those changes. I feel like ECU had both the commitments and the resources to do that."

Staton added he thinks ECU needs to focus on and pay more attention to is the university's research portfolio in order to expand the reputation of ECU as an academic center in not only the region, but the nation as a whole.

"We are a national research university but there are lots of ways, I believe we can utilize our assets and increase our research portfolio and footprint," said Staton. "We are a university where we have to be about discovering the next generation of solutions for our culture, for our society, for our nation, for business, for industry, for healthcare."

Staton added during his tenure at ECU he wants to work on increasing the university's research portfolio and focus on fundraising and

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COURTESY OF ECU MEDIA RELATIONS

Cecil Staton addresses the public during a press conference. Staton became the 11th chancellor of East Carolina University on July 1.

Ballard calls for release of assault tape

Emily Harvey
TEC STAFF

The video from the St. Patrick's Day assault is public record and will eventually be released, according to Lt. Chris Sutton, East Carolina University Police Department's public information officer.

Sutton's remarks come after former chancellor, Steve Ballard, said the video should be released and is a public record in an interview last week.

Patrick Myrick, 26, allegedly struck Amber Best, 23, in the face outside of Club 519 on March 17. Myrick was then confronted and assaulted by friends of Best downtown. Myrick got up and attempted to fight back, eventually running to ECU's campus, where additional individuals assaulted him, according to police.

ECU Police Department's Public Information Officer Lt. Chris Sutton said the assault video will eventually be released because it is public record.

"Because it is a public record, at some point it will be released," Sutton said. "If the district attorney is able to keep it from being released until the trial goes to a courtroom, then once it is shown in the courtroom and potentially after a judgment is rendered, it will get released. So at some point, it's not going to be suppressed forever, it will be released at some point."

However, Sutton said the district attorney, Kimberly Robb, asked that it not be released.

"The district attorney requested that it not be released, so in being good partners, law enforcement normally works off of the recommendation or request from a district attorney's office," Sutton said.

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ECU PD earns dual accreditation

Emily Harvey
TEC STAFF

The East Carolina University Police Department (ECU PD) was recently accredited by a second nationally recognized law enforcement agency, meaning they have now earned dual accreditation.

ECU PD has been reaccredited by the Commission for Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) every three years since 2007. The International Association of Campus Law Enforcement Administrators (IACLEA) awarded ECU PD with its accreditation for the first time on June 25, 2016.

North Carolina State University has the only other UNC system police department to earn dual accreditation.

"The dual accreditations mean that we are in strict adherence with the best practices on police policies and procedures," Chief of Police Gerald Lewis, Jr. said. "The IACLEA accreditation signifies that we are one of the finest university law enforcement agencies in the country. We are one of two university police agencies in the UNC System to hold the distinction of dual accreditation."

ECU PD Public Information Officer Lt. Chris Sutton said being accredited is a way to give proof that the department is following policy.

"Across the country, anytime that you can be accredited, you want to be able to be an agency that one, is doing the best practices the best way and that an agency is able to self evaluate, and so, having

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A worker tends to the wiring of the Copper Beech intersection stoplight. The long-awaited stoplight is set to be functional by Friday.

Copper Beech stoplight to function by end of week

Emily Harvey
TEC STAFF

The stoplight students have been waiting for between Copper Beech Townhomes and 33 East should be operational by the end of the week.

After Greenville's City Council approved the installation of the light, the North Carolina Department of Transportation began working to get it up and running.

"The game plan is to have it operational by Friday, July 8," Division Traffic Engineer Steve Hamilton said.

The Tenth Street intersection has not only worried drivers, but also taken the

lives of some. Junior finance major Molly Kube said it is past time for a stoplight.

"When I found out that Copper was getting a stoplight, my first thought was 'What took them so long?'" Kube said. "In the past year, two lives have been taken at that very intersection, if that isn't reason enough to get a stoplight."

Kube said drivers have two choices when turning out of Copper Beech.

"They can either turn right instead of left and add at least five minutes onto their route, or they can dangerously turn into the turning lane and wait there until there's an opening on the road," Kube said. "I think it's a very sad thing that lives had

to be lost in order for someone to realize that we needed one. There definitely hasn't been a lack of trying."

East Carolina University's Student Government Association, Mayor Allen Thomas and others in the Greenville community have rallied for a stoplight to be installed.

Many have been worried about drivers at the intersection, but junior human development and family science major Ashtyn Clark said she is also nervous for anyone trying walk across Tenth street while avoiding cars.

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Pop-Culture celebration comes to Greenville Barner and Noble

Barnes and Noble is hosting its third annual pop-culture celebration, which includes special events, author appearances and giveaways. This summer's lineup features Finding Dory, Star Wars, Pokémon, tokidoki, Manga, DC, Marvel, Comic Convention Collectibles and Harry Potter. In addition, Barnes and Noble Greenville will be holding fundraisers benefiting local art and literacy organizations including Greenville museum of Art and Martin Pitt Partnership for children. The event is running from July 6 through August 7.

Small Business & Technology development Center hosts workshop

Tonight, the Small Business & Technology Development Center is offering a free workshop focused on teaching participants the basics of business ownership. Registration is open online and free to those wanting to attend. Participants can register at <http://www.sbtcd.org/business-events/how-to-start-a-business-44/>. The workshop will take place from 3-5 p.m. ECU's Willis Building's conference room, which is located at 300 E. 1st St. in Uptown Greenville.

Greenville returns to construction of new segement on Greenway

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.

Street Food Festival seeks local vendors

Uptown Greenville and the Greenville Police Department are working together this year to coordinate the 3rd annual National Night Out Street Food Festival which will return August 2. National Night Out Food Festival is a campaign that promotes community partnerships and works together to make cities better for residents. Uptown Greenville seeks food trucks, tents and pushcarts for the festival to help satisfy the thousands people they are expecting to show at the festival. Vendors must submit an application to Uptown by July 20

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A selection of acoustic guitars hang inside McFadyen Music. East Carolina University's Guitar Festival enters its 20th anniversary today, beginning at 4 p.m.

Guitar Fest returns to ECU

Rebecca Seftor
TEC STAFF

East Carolina University's annual Summer Guitar Festival begins today at the School of Music, celebrating 21 years of guitar instruction. Elliot Frank, ECU guitar professor, began this event over two decades ago and continues to serve as program director. "I had been to other [similar] events and found them to be very inspirational," said Frank. "I wanted to give a similar event to students around here and in the region." Over the span of four days, students of all ages and levels of experience will come together to learn techniques involved in classical guitar-playing. According to Frank, students range from the age of 10 all the way to 73 for this year's program. "Over the years, [this event] has become known as a place that's particularly welcome to adult amature guitarists, as well as real serious younger students who are looking to do some professional music," said Frank. Upon arrival, students will be split into small

groups based on interests, age and experience. They will be attending multiple "master classes" throughout the day lead by expert instructors with worldwide concert experience. "The biggest star of this [event], his name is Jason Vieaux," said Frank. "He is a concert artist who plays all over the world and has won a grammy." Vieaux won the 2015 Grammy award for Best Classical Instrumental Solo and currently serves as a faculty member for both the Cleveland Institute of Music and The Curtis Institute of Music. At the end of each day, the A.J. Fletcher Recital Hall will be open to the public for afternoon and evening concerts featuring professional guitarists such as Vieaux. A popular component of the festival involves a competition for college students and graduates to earn a paid performance at next year's festival, in addition to a \$1200 cash prize. "The guy who won last year and is playing this year is someone who, when he first came, he was 10 or 11 and now he's finished his masters and is

in his 20's," said Frank. Frank has seen many repeat students over the years, some even having earned the title of instructor after years of participation. "I have enjoyed seeing students that come to this festival progress and become artists and colleagues," said Frank. "I have made great friendships with the people that come." Students from all over the eastern United States attend this event each year, including a former student from Taiwan. "It's the one week that I get to really see that everything that matters to me, matters to a whole bunch of people, every minute of the day," said Frank. "The students don't have to go off to other classes and other things, everybody's here for the one thing that we all love." Afternoon concerts will cost \$10 for adults and will be held at 4 p.m. today and tomorrow. Evening concerts will cost \$20 for adults and be held at 7:30 p.m. today through Friday. This writer can be contacted at arts@theeastcarolinian.com.

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"I always see pedestrians trying to cross on their own and I'm scared for them," Clark said. "I know it will finally put a lot of people at ease who have been pushing for a stoplight for awhile." Rumble strips have been placed around the intersection as a temporary precaution, since the light will not be operational until the end of the week. Senior sports studies major Emily Rodden lived in Copper Beech for two years. "Iabsolutely hated turning out of there, especially left; it was a nightmare at all hours of the day," Rodden said. "I'm super excited about them putting the light there because it will make people safer." Like Rodden and other drivers, Clark did not like or feel comfortable turning left onto Tenth Street from Copper Beech. "I was really scared to turn left out of there when I first moved in; sometimes I would just turn right and then turn around somewhere," Clark said. "Eventually I got more comfortable with the left turn but there's still always some nervousness about it." Over the years, social media has hosted a plethora of posts from student drivers calling for a stoplight. Now students are praising the installation of the light, on and offline. "Hopefully the stoplight will help slow things down in that area and make it safer," Clark said.

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your policies in place that demonstrate that you do what you're saying you're going to do, is a way to validate that," Sutton said. "And then when you go through an accreditation cycle, or reaccreditation cycle, that gives the proof that you're an agency that does as you say you're doing, your policies aren't just complete policies, but they're policies that are followed through, and it keeps you in that elite company." According to Sutton there are around 60 full-time sworn officers and 16 non-sworn officers. Sutton also said the dual accreditation would not have been possible without the cooperation of everyone involved. "You have to have your policies, and then you have to have proof of your policies and your standards that you're meeting on your day to day operations, but it really comes down to your staff and your entire organization that has to push you forward so that you maintain that standard or level that's required to be an accredited agency," Sutton said. "I hope for the individual, it gives them a sense of pride, knowing that they played a role in this accreditation process." Lewis also said the force earned the two accreditations via team effort. "I am extremely proud to lead an agency that is dually accredited, but the credit goes to the men and women of the department," Lewis said. "Our officers, telecommunications and support staff made this a reality. Dual accreditation is a goal that we set and we have accomplished that goal as a team."

According to ECU News Services, two assessors from outside North Carolina visited Greenville for an on-site review. They also interviewed police personnel, among others. Sutton said officers were involved with the assessors and in the accreditation process throughout the entire cycle. "Some of it is demonstrated by the depth in their report writing, and by ensuring that information is in their paperwork; that allows us to provide proof to an assessment cycle," Sutton said. "But then it also, when assessors are here, different officers based off of their schedule, has the opportunity to interview with assessors at different times, and assessors may ride with different officers to get an idea of what day-to-day activities may look like for officers." The accreditation manager for ECU PD, Annette Parker, handles the paperwork involved in the accreditation processes, according to ECU News Services. Parker had additional work to do when applying for the accreditation from IACLEA since this was the first year ECU PD received the award. Sutton said after being consistently accredited by the CALEA, the department were ready to apply for accreditation through IACLEA. "For numerous years we went out and received their gold standard, which is their highest standard of assessment," Sutton said. "And having the confidence in being able to be duly accredited means that you have confidence in your staff, that they're doing and performing as what is required on a consistent daily basis."

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**Universal Sigh
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Crossbones Tavern
9 p.m. - 11 p.m.

SATURDAY

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7 p.m. - 12 a.m.

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Common
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Students seeking alternative housing amid foreclosure

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Once known as one of the most promising and largest student living communities in Greenville, Captain's Quarters' future has come into question.

According to Pitt County Courthouse's records, the complex, previously known as North Campus Crossing, filed for foreclosure on June 17 and was sold to a limited liability company for \$24.6 million.

Following the acquisition, RAM Partners, LLC. was appointed as the receiver for Phase 2 of the property.

Residents were notified, via letter, that "since the acquisition is only for Phase 2, [residents] will no longer have access to amenities located in Phase 1." The letter closed with the option for residents to opt out of their lease within 60 days as a result.

Several residents have expressed concern amid the foreclosure and with how the acquisition was handled by the property.

Brittney Olsen, a senior nursing major, has lived at Captain's Quarters since 2014 when it was still known as North Campus Crossing and is among the many students who have begun their search for last minute housing as a result of the foreclosure.

"There was never a sign to us residents about the foreclosure," said Olsen. "They put a letter on each of our doors letting us know they no longer owned our building or my lease. I was sent to another random company called RAM Partners to cancel my lease."

When Olsen attempted to contact RAM Partners and Captain's Quarters' staff regarding her lease, she said she received little help from either party.

"[RAM Partners] didn't have nearly any time to talk to us, let alone help us transition," said Olsen. "Whenever I questioned Captain's Quarters, the staff told me they wouldn't even give me RAM Partners' number. So all of the sudden my entire living situation was out of everyone's hands."

Olsen felt, overall, that one of Captain's Quarters' biggest downfalls came through the increased amounts of criminal activity and incidents within the complex and said more should've been done to rebuild its reputation instead of trying "to push that all aside by giving away free cruises," which was a promotion pushed by the complex earlier in the leasing season as a way to bring in new residents.

"There's nothing like coming back from a clinical at the hospital to find several armored trucks sealing off your apartment," said Olsen



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The front of Captain's Quarters' office, which was previously known as North Campus Crossing. The student-housing option is currently undergoing foreclosure which has left residents to find other housing by the end of the summer.

in reference to an armed robbery that occurred at the property in August of 2015.

Fellow residents shared similar sentiments to Olsen's. Lyndsey Odom and Lexy Bryant, both junior nursing majors, also signed at the complex back when it was still referred to as North Campus Crossing. They were originally drawn to the property for the extensive amount of amenities offered to residents.

"I mean their amenities were some of the best," said Odom.

Bryant added, "We were like 'oh two pools and a tanning bed. I loved that, it was exciting.'"

Gradually, the roommates began to notice a change in how issues on the property were handled.

"At the end of the first year we were here, it started to go downhill right before it became Captain's Quarters," said Bryant. "Our air condition broke and we would have other work orders and it would stay broken for weeks and nobody would come to fix it and then the pools haven't been open for months."

The issues began to build and reached a peak after the roommates encountered a severe issue with their air conditioning unit.

"Our air conditioner like blew up, there was a small fire and it smoked out everything and they just made us move apartments instead of fixing it," said Odom.

The pair included they were only given three days to relocate and during that time, RAM Partners took over management of their old building.

"We went up there on the third day and the door was locked," said Bryant. "We still had a few things in there and we called [Captain's Quarters] and they were like, 'Oh

we don't own that building anymore so you're going to have to call the new management.'"

Shortly after, the roommates received the official letter stating that RAM Partners had become the new management of Captain's Quarters and that their Phase 2 amenities, such as pool and tanning bed access, would no longer be available to them.

"It's all been very unorganized," said Odom. "We're moving out at the end of July."

And while current residents are on the search for alternative housing, alumni of East Carolina University who've heard the news are taking the time to reflect on the community they once knew.

"When I went to ECU, [Captain's Quarters] was one of the best places to live and one of the coolest spots," said Jessica Edwards. "Some of my friends lived there and we used to go to their killer pool parties."

Edwards, who is a Greenville native, maintained her ties with the area after graduation and says she watched, disappointingly, as the complex began its downfall.

"From what I've seen recently, clearly the former management team or company let the facilities go all [downhill] and clearly didn't have effective ways of keeping [Captain's Quarters] up and running like it use to be," said Edwards.

Edwards added, "Not to mention the bad publicity and reputation it has now because of all the shootings and crazy things that have happened out there."

Edwards went on to include she felt more could've been done by the management than just a name change in order to help rebuild their reputation.

Fellow alum, Harris Lue weighed in on the foreclosure and

his memories of the complex as well.

"It was always packed," Lue said. "Some of the best pool parties I ever attended took place at the main pool there and it was always the place to hang out in the summer."

According to a market survey of local student housing, Captain's Quarters currently sits at a mere 13.7 percent leased whereas other complexes stand at 80 to 100 percent leased. The numbers show a far cry from the lively atmosphere Lue once enjoyed.

"I remember the parking lot being so full sometimes residents had to park in the visitor lot from time to time," said Lue. "It was well priced, always fun, and the ECU transit buses kept the location from being isolated and inconvenient"

Lue said he spent a lot of time at the complex between 2011 and 2013, accounting for a considerable amount of his college years.

"I hate to see it in such bad shape, because I have so many fond memories, from the Sammy Adams concert to 'family dinners' with friends," said Lue. "I really hope it can be saved because even though it was out of the way it was always a great place to get away from the hustle and bustle of campus and enjoy yourself."

Captain's Quarters' main office was unable to comment on the situation. Efforts were also made to contact RAM Partners LLC. through its on-site representative; no statement was received prior to time of production.

"It's a pretty disappointing to see it under foreclosure," said Lue. "It's amazing how quickly a place can lose its popularity and suffer such a rapid decline."

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VIDEO TAPE

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Ballard told local news station WITN in a recent interview that the video should be released. "I understand that the district attorney has issues like jury selection, but in Steve Ballard's view, those do not overcome the fact that that's a public record. It's absolutely a public record. It's almost July, it's time for that that record to be released and the people can see what happened," Ballard said to WITN on June 30. "That's not fair to the larger public good of understanding what happened there."

Sutton said a successful outcome from withholding the video for now would be for those responsible to be convicted, but he understands why individuals are calling for the video to be made public.

"We want to be supportive in the process, and a successful outcome from the process will be convictions

for anyone who is found responsible for any of the crimes or charges that were levied," Sutton said. "As an individual, I understand the community's desire to see the video so they can maybe understand what happened, but I guess you have to weigh what's most important. Is a strong conviction important, or is releasing the information so the mass can see it the most important thing?"

Sutton said most agencies choose to follow the lead of the district attorney.

"There's a lot of opinion that goes into that: when something should be released and when something shouldn't be released," Sutton said. "So as trying to be helpful in the judicial proceedings, that's why a lot of agencies take that type of stand, because that's what the district attorney feels like helps them make their best case to go out and get convictions."

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external affairs. He said one thing the ECU community can expect to see over the next few years, is "[ECU] preparing and moving as quickly and practically as possible into a major capital campaign." Staton said he plans on working and meeting with staff, faculty and students in order to achieve these financial and reputational gains.

As he works on acclimating the the university system and begin working towards his goal, Staton said he will be working just as hard to become adjusted to ECU's culture and its community. He said he and his wife are optimistic about settling into Greenville and experiencing what it has to offer.

"I think it will be an exciting place to work and we're very excited to be a part of this university community," said Staton.

Staton added, "I like that [Greenville] feels like a college town...yet has all the other stuff. It really is the type of town my wife and I are comfortable with. When we were here for the visit, as you can imagine is very important, we looked at each other and said it sort of feels like home."

Staton, who comes to ECU after

most recently serving as interim president of Valdosta State University, said he was drawn to ECU because of the opportunities provided.

"I think it's the unique range of assets at this institution," said Staton. "You know these are tough times for public higher education. We are all dealing with constrained public financing and disruptive nature of technology and changing workforce issues, just many challenges but when you look at institutions and how they are poised to handle those changes and not only survive but thrive in those changes. I feel like ECU had both the commitments and the resources to do that."

Staton said while change is hard and many people don't like it very much, ECU needs to be an innovative institution while continuing to focus on students and putting students first.

"I think if we do that we've got the commitments, the real asset of this university are the people who are on the faculty and staff and our students and community supporters, I think if all those pull together, this university has a really, really great future," said Staton. "It's trajectory is very positive and that's what drew me here."

Staton said one thing he's noticed based on the students, faculty and staff he has talked to in the past few weeks

during his transition process is how ECU feels like a community.

"I think one of the great strengths and assets is the fact that people really like being here," said Staton. "It's a good place. People are appropriately focused on the mission of the institution and the students."

Staton said he thinks ECU has "just the right" range of assets to address some of the most pressing issues facing North Carolina, the region and the nation.

He added, "When you look at the health care, the schools that we have in the health sciences, this is going to be a major issue with the aging of the population in our country, with the changes going on health care in our nation, we are just in a very fortunate position to have those kinds of assets at our disposal to address what are some of the great issues of our day."

Staton said when you look at the university as a whole, ECU has "the largest business school in the state, we have a wonderful education school that put teachers in the classrooms all over the state and is very highly regarded and then we have the things you want at a university, the heart and soul, a great college of liberal arts, these are all wonderful assets."

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PIRATE RANTS

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

How come EVERY girl I've met on Tinder has serious issues? It's time to look elsewhere.

PSA: Two of my friends have had things stolen from inside their cars within the last 24 hours! LOCK YOUR DOORS PEOPLE, even if you're only gone for a second, even if you've hidden your valuables. Criminals are creeping.

True summertime sadness is when you've only got \$25 in your bank account and your next pay day isn't until next Friday...plz stop asking me to go places friends :(#FOMO

Some of the 'staff favorite' rants were from the future. I think I'll submit that rant on that day to ensure it will be published.

If I had a dime for every time the gates at The Landing didn't work I could pay my rent for the month.

Dear Chancellor, Someone should have mentioned we have STEM disciplines here at ECU.

Sorry summer Pirates are so lame. PICK UP ON PIRATE RANTS EVERYONE. IT IS YOUR DUTY.

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Our view

Orientation assistants deserve recognition

In the time of our lives where influence is crucial, we often throw our hats off in appreciation to the obvious: parents, professors and friends who've helped along the way. However, there's a group of East Carolina University's community that often slips through the cracks of recognition. Memories of trudging through blistering summer weather and being bombarded with information, class schedules and an overwhelming itinerary of events, most freshmen feel as though they've been thrown to the sharks. If not for the saving optimism of these tireless student guides. Without orientation assistants, most students would have let the masses and the moments pass us by, without taking the proper time to acclimate to the student's new-found home. Orientation assistants play an instrumental role in the adjustment of every incoming freshman, whether freshman notice it or not. Through the awkward group ice-breakers and long, hot hours spent shuffling new Pirates around campus, orientation assistants keep a fool-proof smile on their face from early morning to the late hours of the evening. Through chants, dances and songs, they heroically endure discomfort in hopes that freshmen won't have to. Serving as a critical buffer between "helicopter parents" and the chaotic wasteland of a student's first college experience, orientation assistants create a familiar atmosphere that most freshmen won't admit they desire. Acting as mentors, guides and friends, they become the first addition to a Pirate's family. If it weren't for orientation assistants, students would've probably found out the hard way that the cupola isn't meant to be walked under or that it's no joke when people say that ECU stands for "everyone carries umbrellas". So as an editorial staff, we'd like to take a moment to say hats off to you, and encourage our fellow pirates to never take for granted these khaki-clad heroes.

Fourth celebrates poor history



Kai Jones
TEC COMLUMNIST

Everybody Hate's Kai

Ahhh, the Fourth of July. A day where most of us get a day off to celebrate how our country violently rebelled against our mother country Britain, so that wealthy white American men could carry out genocide against the indigenous, build a country on black people's backs, and force women to be eye candy and servants. Gotta love America! On Monday, America celebrated its 240th blood drenched birthday. And most of us celebrated with fireworks and consuming all sorts of meat products. We celebrate a day when America proclaimed it's freedom, as it called an entire group of people "property." And not much has changed. Muslims are terrorist, Mexicans are "wetbacks", illegals, blacks are criminals, women are equal yet paid less, and if you have sex with anyone that's not conventional you don't deserve rights. But "Land of the Free, Home of the Brave" right? Wrong. The only people free are wealthy white men, because everyone else faces some sort of oppression. Hardly anyone in America is actually brave, because they don't want to fight for what's right. Everyone in America is perfectly fine with what happens, and when someone calls for change, people get afraid and call for them to be knocked off their podium. Take Jesse Williams for instance. He stands up, calls for equality and accountability, and then someone feels the need to make a petition to call for him to be fired. A half-African-American man calls out the bigoted racist system that oppresses so many black people and he's the racist. But as Jesse Williams said, "If you have a critique for the resistance, for our resistance, then you better have an established record of critique of our oppression." Moving forward, my beef is not with the Fourth of July, as I enjoy the day off and spending time with my family, and fireworks and food. But plain and simple I have a problem with the attitude of the people who celebrate the Fourth with this patriotic, fake "I love America" attitude. I understand that this attitude is mainly contributed by the people with white privilege, but celebrating a country that oppresses multiple sections of people is wrong. It's like celebrating a serial rapist's birthday. Because America did rape the Native Americans and the African continent and it's people. America is a great country...for some. But for people like me, it is a failing country that could use vast improvements. Kai Jones is a rising senior majoring in communication. To contact him, email Opinion@theeastcarolinian.com.

Baseball connects U.S. past, present



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"I enjoy the game because it's a beautifully designed game. It's a beautiful game to watch; but principally because it makes me feel American. It makes me feel connected with this culture and I think there are only three things that America will be known for 2,000 years from now when they study this civilization; the Constitution, jazz music and baseball. They're the three most beautifully designed things this culture has every produced." Gerald Early asserted this in the first episode of Ken Burns' documentary series *Baseball*, and how right he is. The game is America's pastime, the most at its core American thing left in our society. The game has consistently brought the nation together in the most trying of times. During the Civil War, soldiers from New York spread the game to fellow Union soldiers and eventually spread the game into the south during the war. The game was even played on the frontlines of the war during quiet days. Fast forward some 140 years. On September 21, 2001, the New York Mets played the first game back in the Big Apple after the attacks of September 11. Mets catcher and fan-favorite Mike Piazza came to bat in the 8th inning with his team trailing, 2-1. The city was hurt and needed hope. Piazza delivered and belted a two-run home run to give life to the Mets and the city. About a month and a half later, the New York Yankees were hosting Game 3 of the World Series. President George W. Bush, the former Texas Rangers' owner, delivered a perfect strike when throwing out the first pitch. Under his jacket, he was wearing a kevlar vest for protection from another potential attack in the city. A tattered flag from the World Trade Center flew in center field of Yankee Stadium for the rest of season following the attacks. The moment was coursing with pride, strength and resiliency for the nation. This past week, North Carolina hosted its first ever regular season Major League Baseball game at Fort Bragg. The experience was overwhelming for most players, whether American-born or not. The four-helicopter flyover before the game was filmed by Cuban-born Miami Marlins' pitcher Jose Fernandez while the teams lined up on the base lines for the National Anthem. Uniformed military members held the flag in center field during the opening ceremonies while more than 12,000 people, largely military members, looked on. The game was played between the Marlins, the third-place team in the National League East, and the Atlanta Braves, who own the second-worst record in the MLB. That part didn't matter, though. It wasn't about the game or the outcome. It was about America's pastime being celebrated the day before Independence Day with our nation's favorite game and our nation's greatest heroes. Anyone who watched the game could feel the patriotism of the sweeping event. It connected our country's past with its current. You can see it on the faces of players who hail from any where from small southern towns, big cities or even an island country where defection and risking life and future is the only way to experience a future in the United States. Baseball is uniting, it's a symbol of our nation. It's progressive, sometimes more than the country it inhibits. Baseball is beautifully constructed, as Early said, and it will be remembered as one of America's greatest productions. It makes you feel connected to the past of our country. It's our pastoral game, started in the open fields of Cooperstown, New York (as the story goes, that is) and it can still vaguely be seen in today's mammoth MLB ballparks, even when the hot dogs are \$10 and a small beer pushes \$12. Corey Keenan is a rising senior majoring in communication. To contact him, email Opinion@theeastcarolinian.com.

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Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

ACROSS

1 Stock or bond

6 Hendrix dos

11 Gullible one

14 Prophet swallowed by a big fish

15 Party treat

16 Show on TV

17 Just eat up

18 Hairless rodent used in lab experiments

20 Musclemen's display

22 In the worst way

23 "I don't have all day!"

24 Online trackers

26 "The Descent of Man" author

30 Chicken or turkey

31 Panhandle state

32 Hassan Rouhani's country

33 Maker of HEMNES furniture

37 Basic needs

40 Fish-eating duck

41 NERF missile

42 Concert sites

43 Unoccupied

44 Site of the first "Occupy" protest: Abbr.

45 Moral

49 Trending

50 Oldest actor to play Bond

51 Unaided vision

56 In a pure and unembellished state, and a hint to the beginnings of 18-, 20-, 37- and 51-Across

59 "The Easter Parade" author Richard

60 Fury

61 Rub off

62 Ready to draw

63 "Dropped" drug

64 On pins and needles

65 Scheme of high interest?

5 Satirical publication that claims to be "America's Finest News Source"

6 '60s-'70s veep

7 Calling birds count, in song

8 Curtain holder

9 Wordsworth work

10 It's just one thing instead of another

11 Medina native

12 Basilica part

13 Victimizes, with "on"

19 Winery wood

21 Came out on top

24 Proceed effortlessly

25 Completely dominates

26 "Mine!"

27 Father of Seth

28 Steak order

29 "I was nervous there!"

30 " Jacques"

32 Poker declaration

33 Romance lang.

34 While away, as time

35 Slithery fish

36 Deputy: Abbr.

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Aries (March 21-April 19) -- Today is an 8 -- Romance and passion are the name of the game now. Take action for love, with Venus trine Mars. Words can get muddled or misunderstood. Secrets are revealed. Listen more than you speak.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) -- Today is a 7 -- Home and family have your attention. Act on a romantic impulse. Beautify your surroundings and dig in your garden. Friends have good advice. Enjoy home-cooked feasts by candlelight.

Gemini (May 21-June 20) -- Today is an 8 -- Words come easily. Express your love with action as well as pretty promises.

Put passion into your writing and artistic expression. Creativity gushes through your moves. Your ideas flower.

Cancer (June 21-July 22) -- Today is a 9 -- Estimate expenses and income. Inspire passion into your work and increase its value. A romantic interlude falls like musical notes on a sunset. Get something you've always wanted.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Today is a 9 -- Pamper yourself with peaceful moments. Follow your bliss today, with Venus trine Mars. Do what you love, and good things come: recognition, status and money. Shine like a star.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Today is a 7 -- Dreams bear hidden messages. Look back for insight on the road ahead. Finish old projects to clear space for what's next. Discuss long-range goals. Use brains, not brawn, to get results.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) -- Today is an 8 -- Keep your objective in mind, and remind others. Strategize with teammates. Encourage each other to make your moves. Work and play well together. Parties and group events thrive with passionate action.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) -- Today is a 9 -- Jump on an opportunity to advance your career. Move fast to catch a hot chance. Let your passion guide you. Put your heart and your back into it. Create a work of art.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) -- Today is an 8 -- Dive into an adventure. Follow a passionate call. Get out and make something happen. Make a long-contemplated positive change. Get carried away by your current obsession. Learn from the source.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Today is an 8 -- Collaboration is profitable today. Work together for increased value through shared resources and talents. Balance accounts and work out budgets. Give financial priority to a passion project.

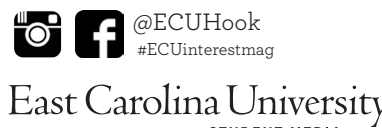
Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) -- Today is a 9 -- Collaborating on a topic of shared passion produces beautiful results today. It could get romantic; put physical energy into expressing your love. Show it with deeds rather than words.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) -- Today is a 9 -- Enthusiastic work produces gorgeous results today. Focus on building passion, and profits are a natural byproduct. Pour energy into realizing a dream. Lovingly craft a masterpiece.

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From football to finances
Former football player chases new dream



Dekota Marshall

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In life, no matter how great an individual might be at what they're doing and how hard they push themselves at it, often things end up not panning out the way they are planned.

For Dekota Marshall, a three-year starting defensive back at East Carolina from the 2006-08 seasons, that's what happened, and he remembers exactly when too.

"My leg snapped in half on November 5, 2009 against Virginia Tech on that Thursday night game," Marshall said. "After that I didn't play anymore college ball whatsoever."

A redshirt junior at the time, Marshall would experience the gruesome pain of his tibia and his fibula both snapping in half. Though graduating in three years with a degree in mass communication, Marshall's plan at ECU would be to take his senior season off to rehab, and come back for a sixth season, after obtaining a medical redshirt.

Unfortunately for Marshall, the National Collegiate Athletic Association had other plans.

"I played too many games my junior year so I didn't get my sixth year," said Marshall.

The NCAA's standards had failed Marshall, forcing him to move on from college football. As if college ball isn't hard enough to prove one's self, Marshall would now see himself taking on a profession that already proved so tough to find a home in, this time forced to fend for himself.

"After I broke my leg and couldn't get my sixth year, scouts stopped calling, no agents

wanted me, no one thought I would recover," said Marshall.

Though Marshall was done with college football, his dream of making it to the National Football League were not. Detailing cars in his hometown of Jacksonville, North Carolina, at National Dodge, Marshall pursued training until he was finally picked up by the Arena Football League's Philadelphia Soul for a short two weeks. Though Marshall didn't come in until the last two games, he played victim to a full house clean out, being cut along with coaches and fellow players.

After playing a year with the Indianapolis Rage the next season, and making the most of it while leading the league in interceptions, Marshall went back home to work at National Dodge again. The next season, he played for the Knoxville Nighthawks. That season, Marshall drew attention from the Canadian Football League's Calgary Stampeders and Winnipeg Blue Bombers.

In his "prove it" tryout with the Blue Bombers, Marshall saw times appear on stopwatches right around a 4.32 second 40-yard dash, blowing his original college time of a consistent 4.38 seconds out of the water.

Marshall said he thought it was crazy when his doctor told him his leg would heal to be stronger, but getting back to his old self after rehab and training he realized it was a reality.

"Man, I ran my fastest 40 (yard dash) after I broke my leg," said Marshall.

Eventually, Marshall took a contract with the Blue Bombers, only to discover again, the

raw side of football.

Throughout camp, Marshall showed his talent, even starting and having a huge game for the Blue Bombers in their last preseason game, only once again to find out how politics can rule the world when he was gifted a plane ticket out of Winnipeg at five in the morning the next day. The Blue Bombers had decided to keep a veteran over the younger Marshall.

"You come off a hell of a game and still get cut like that, it makes you not even want to play ball anymore, man," said Marshall.

After going to Newport, Kentucky and playing with the River Monsters and having another successful season, leading the team in tackles, interceptions and kick return yards, Marshall finished the season with a loss in the playoffs. Again, he would move home, however this trip home would end an era.

After deciding to search for a job away from detailing cars in his time off, Marshall met with a friend working with the Modern Woodmen of America. There, Marshall found another talent of his.

"I took a season off and I got into finances," said Marshall. "I just happened to be really good at it"

Marshall went on to play in some smaller local leagues and even worked out in Carolina Panthers' facilities one night, only to be ousted the next morning. He got so into finances, he found his interest for football not pulling him back to the gridiron like it used to. Instead he would set up shop in his office in Jacksonville, North Carolina.

"Man, I did five years of chasing my dream and the fun stopped," said Marshall.

Nowadays, Marshall enjoys a new kind of fun. This type of fun has also been in Marshall's life since he was a kid and it's his new success as a financial advisor that has allowed him the capability of achieving it, finally. If you ever see a dump truck with "First-and-Goal Hauling," on it you're looking at Marshall's new company.

"A touchdown every time," said Marshall.

"The reason I got one (a company) is because I've been in trucks all my life and I wanted to get one."

Marshall credits his father Gordon Marshall Sr. for introducing him to the business, as Marshall Sr. has owned his hauling business his son's whole life.

Marshall will tell you, too, business is booming. However, as the humble person Marshall has always proved to be, he's made use of his well-earned money and has put it into giving back. He's had many stints of giving back, he goes around to recreational centers and schools handing out school supplies to those less fortunate. One place relatively close he's done a service at is Moyewood Recreation Center.

If there is anything Marshall has proved, aside from being a workhorse, it would probably be that perseverance pays off and just because one door shuts, it never means another won't open.

"I can't lie to you, man," Marshall said. "Life's just been great."

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ECU's baseball program finished in the top-16 of five different polls.

Men's Golf

ECU golfer Tim Conover won the 116th North and South Amateur.

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