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An aerial view of the Republican National Convention where Donald Trump was announced the Republican nominee.

INSIDE THE 2016 RNC

Student's concern rises amid convention

Melissa Glen
TEC STAFF

Sitting in the middle of what he called an “I-Love-Trump-Fest,” East Carolina University student Corey Goss found himself worried for the future of the United States at the 2016 Republican National Convention.

Sophomore political science and security studies major, Goss, was one of two ECU students present at the convention, along with Joseph Knox, North Carolina's youngest elected delegate. The RNC was held from July 18 to July 21 at the Quicken Loans Arena in Cleveland, Ohio.

Goss came with his father who was a delegate at the convention. Goss said he has been interested in politics ever since he was a kid, and this passion was even an influence for his father's own political ties.

“I remember watching the debates in 2008, and that was eight years ago,” said Goss.

Goss said he came into the convention hoping the RNC rules

committee would free the delegates, which would allow the delegates to vote differently than how their states voted in the primaries.

“Since the primaries, we've seen that 70 percent of the Republican Party wants a new nominee,” said Goss. “I really would have liked to see the delegates been able to vote their conscience, so we could have chosen a nominee who actually represents the party and who can actually beat Hillary Clinton in November.”

However, the rules committee restricted the delegates from voting freely and Donald J. Trump was voted the official 2016 Republican Presidential Nominee.

Goss said being at the convention was unlike anything he could have imagined.

“It was crazy. The atmosphere was pretty electric,” said Goss. “It was basically an I-Love-Donald-Trump-Fest, and for someone like myself who is Never Trump that was kind of like wow.”

Goss is part of a movement of conservatives who are against Trump for President labeling themselves with the hashtag #NeverTrump. Goss said he does not support Trump, because his ideas do not show those of true conservatism.

“Trump proposes policies that require more government intervention in the lives of Americans,” said Goss. “Donald Trump's proposed ban on Muslims is atrocious, as it displays his incompetence in the beauty of America's diversity.”

Goss said that overall Trump's policies reject the very ideas of federalism.

“If you listen to him speak, he proposes policies from the federal level that should, under the Tenth Amendment, be left up to the states,” said Goss.

Regardless of his disappointment

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ECU PD takes steps to prevent overdoses

Emily Harvey
TEC STAFF

East Carolina University's Police Department has begun taking steps toward combatting drug overdoses on campus.

Almost 50 percent of the incidents reported in the ECU PD crime logs in the 2015-16 school year were drug or alcohol related.

Just this month alone, there have been four incidents logged concerning selling and delivering heroin.

Lt. Chris Sutton, public information officer for ECU PD, said officers were equipped with Narcan last year, in case of heroin overdoses on campus.

“To date, we have not used that on our campus. Unfortunately, we know it is a matter of when, not if,” Sutton said.

Sutton said overdoses are a growing concern at ECU.

“We know that students are at risk for overdose incidents,” Sutton said. “We want students to be aware of the dangers associated with drug use.”

Sam Tyson, manager for the Pitt County 911 Communications Center, said from Jan. 1 to July 21, there have been roughly 168 overdoses in the Pitt County area, with some calls possibly from surrounding counties.

The Communications Center dispatches all fire and medical emergencies in Pitt County, as well as transfers law enforcement calls to the correct agency, according to its website.

Tyson said Beaufort, Craven and Martin County only recently began Emergency Medical Dispatch (EMD), so Pitt County 911 still gets some calls regarding cases in those counties.

Overdoses are not limited to the result of someone doing drugs, Tyson said.

“It could be considered an overdose when it's accidental,” Tyson said. “An elderly person takes too much medication, you're looking at a child accidentally seeing pills and taking

them; that can still be an overdose.”

Suicides are a different situation for statistical consideration.

“Most of the time suicides will go under suicide instead of overdose, unless you don't know it was a suicide attempt and you just report they had taken an overdose,” Tyson said. “And then there's the ones that use drugs on what people normally consider overdoses.”

One of the only things Tyson said he can tell students, is not to experiment with drugs.

“You never know what somebody has done to a drug,” Tyson said. “If you don't buy it over the counter from a reputable firm, you don't know what you're getting.”

When calls come in, Tyson said the telecommunicators try and find out what they can about the situation.

“My people answer the phone; they don't leave the building,” Tyson said. “They talk to you on the phone and they ask you questions so that we know what's going on and we can inform EMS while they're in route to the call so they'll know something about it when they get there.”

Before communicators know what direction to take, Tyson said the communicators ask certain questions such as: was it accidental or intentional? Are they violent? Are they breathing normally? Do you know what they took? How old are they?

“Do we help you tell them how to breathe for the patient, do we tell you how to do CPR,” Tyson said. “Or do we tell you, okay, rescue's on the way, watch out for them, flag them down.”

With the presence of drugs on campus, Sutton warns students to be smart.

“Please don't use drugs, you're smarter than that,” Sutton said.

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Fit For Life 24 launches fresh food meal plan



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Tony Timms, a chef from Village Point Market, prepares a meal at the fresh food luncheon.

Rebecca Sefter
TEC STAFF

Local fitness center Fit for Life 24 launched its fresh food initiative yesterday in an effort to provide healthy options for its members. By partnering with Village Point Market, the Fit Fresh program presents pre-packaged gourmet meals to busy gym-goers.

“With client testimonies we've seen that change in diet gives them the best results,” said Head Club Director Brandon Luther. “So [the Fit Fresh program] gives us the opportunity to provide that to our customers.”

Members will have the option of purchasing individual meals as well as a meal program with Fit Fresh. Those choosing the meal plan option can take home six to 12 meals at a time for the week.

“They'll get their order in by a certain time, and we will have those available on Monday to pick up for the rest of the week,” Luther said.

Meal packages will include vegetarian options as well as pork, chicken, steak and seafood options. Macronutrients such as carbohydrates and protein content will be displayed on each container.

The Fit Fresh concept was created by FFL 24 owner Tim Evans along with Village Point Market owners Tony and Ginger.

“Partnering with these gourmet chefs at Village Point Market allows Fit for Life 24 to provide fresh frozen meals at the fingertips of the customers as they come into the gym,” Luther said.

Meals will be prepared the night before and given to FFL 24 to be placed in a customer-accessible

freezer. Chefs from Village Point Market are working with Fit for Life 24 employees to ensure optimal freshness for the meals.

“We want to make sure that these customers aren't just getting pre-made meals and processed meals,” said Luther. “Village Point Market comes in with [its] freshly prepared gourmet meals that allow [customers] to have the opportunity to have the freshest and most healthy options.”

Fit for Life 24 is open 24 hours, 7 days a week and offers a variety of programs such as group fitness classes, personal training and yoga classes.

“One of our newest programs is our Smart Fit 360 program,” said Luther. “We've always been a personal training facility with one-on-one and semi-private [training]

but Smart Fit 360 allows a person to get in a group of 10-12 and be coached by one of our personal trainers. It allows them another avenue that is not as expensive as today's personal training.”

The FFL 24 team said proper nutrition is an essential part of maintaining a fitness regimen.

“Being health professionals, [we know] that nutrition plays a huge, significant part in whether it's a weight loss journey...living a healthier lifestyle or whether you're just trying to drop your cholesterol or blood pressure,” said Luther.

Fit for Life 24 has two locations in Greenville, with the Fit Fresh program available daily at the Dunhagan Road location off Evans Street.

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BRIEFS

Arrest made in Uptown 'Pokemon Go' incident

The suspect in the downtown incident from last week where someone was stabbed was released from a medical facility and subsequently served with an arrest warrant on Tuesday.

Harry Ford of Burlington, North Carolina has been charged with one count assault with a deadly weapon, and two counts of simple assault. He was given a \$2,850 bond.

72 PLUS

JULY 30
Harry Potter countdown to midnight party
Barnes & Noble
8 p.m.

JULY 31
Sunday in the Park-Molasses Creek
Greenville Town Common
7 p.m.

Gallant and Gutsy in Baroque Sweden
The Music House
5 p.m.

The Bees Trees
Christy's Euro Pub
9 p.m.

AUG. 2
'National Night Out' Street Food Festival
Fifth Street Plaza
5 p.m.- 8 p.m.

AUG. 6
LuLaPalooza Shopping Spree
Greenville Convention Center
10 a.m.- 6 p.m.

The Bluegrass Sweethearts
The Music House
5 p.m.

AUG. 7
Sunday in the Park-Dauntless
Greenville Town Common
7 p.m.

AUG. 13
Aquaventure Grand Opening
214 Beacon Drive, Winterville, NC
9 a.m.- 5 p.m.

AUG. 14
Sunday in the Park-TrainWreck
Greenville Town Common
7 p.m.

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'National Night Out' to encourage police, community camaraderie

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TEC STAFF

In a time where tensions are running high across the country, Greenville's Police Department (GPD) has partnered with 24 local neighborhoods to host 'National Night Out' events across the community.

'National Night Out' is an annual nationwide event that happens the first Tuesday of August. The day is meant to help shed light on positive partnerships between law enforcement and the community as well as promoting better neighborhood bonds in effort to make cities a better place to live.

"The whole purpose of it and our mission with all of this is to promote better police and community relationships and also neighborhood camaraderie," said Kristen Hunter, GPD's public information officer. "It's really important for the people living in our community to get to know their neighbors because they're one of the best defenses against crime. The whole goal is to make neighborhoods a safer, better place to live."

Among the 24 participat-

ing neighborhoods, Uptown Greenville will be hosting its third annual Street Food Festival in honor of 'National Night Out'.

According to Sydney Darden, Uptown Greenville's Street Food Festival coordinator, the popular event brought in over 4,000 attendees last year and demand was so high for the 15 food trucks involved that surrounding restaurants also drew in significant crowds.

"Every single truck sold out and every nearby restaurant in the Uptown district was on an hour and a half wait," Darden said.

With the success of last year's event and the addition of new vendors, Uptown also has plans to expand the festival even more in years to come.

"Last year's event was very compact, so we have opened up more of the Five Points Plaza parking lot to give the trucks and attendees more room to enjoy the event," Darden said. "Hopefully, with our event growing each year, we plan to eventually move to the Town Commons."

Among the vendors, DJ B. Paiz of Pirate Radio will be



A Villa Verde truck in Uptown Greenville. Over 15 trucks will be in attendance at this year's food festival.

serving as the evening entertainment. The festival will also have information tables promoting this year's focus of pedestrian safety as well as giveaways from the police department including free t-shirts, bicycle lights, balloons and reflective wristbands.

"Along with the GPD, our focus this year is on pedestrian safety," Darden said. "With the surge in traffic related fatalities and injuries, we thought it would be appropriate to push this theme of pedestrian safety.

We have a special guest named 'Walkador' this year, who is a community super-hero who wears a cape and helps pedestrians safely cross the street at our event."

The Street Food Festival is set to begin on Aug. 2 at 5 p.m. and end at 8 p.m. in Five Points Plaza. Though food truck items will vary in price, general entry is free for all ages.

Other community 'National Night Out' events are set to take place between

6 p.m. and 8 p.m. in participating neighborhoods.

"It starts in the neighborhood," Hunter said. "We're always happy to have these community events. The fact that we have 24 participating neighborhoods really says a lot about our community. It's refreshing and it's great to see that kind of support, not just for law enforcement but for making our neighborhoods as safe as they can be."

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Student creating app to help combat world hunger

Melissa Glen
TEC STAFF

For one East Carolina University student, there is no limit to which dreams are worth pursuing if one has passion for something.

Mona Amin, a senior biology major, has recently developed a driving passion to help fight world hunger. In an effort to make this dream become a local reality, Amin's biggest steps toward reaching this goal have come by way of smartphones.

Amin is part of a team who is creating a mobile application called "Freshpire". The application lets customers see local discounts which have recently been given to perishable food items at stores, as a way to help people eat healthy at a lower cost.

"It really bothers me that global food producers yield enough to feed the world, yet people still go hungry everyday," said Amin. "Overall, we want to provide people with access to nutritious foods at affordable prices

and reduce the amount of food waste that grocery stores create."

The young businesswoman was one of 19 students chosen across the country to participate in the Women's Business Enterprise National Council Student Entrepreneurship Program for her upcoming app. The program was held in Orlando from June 19 to 24.

After seeing these other women and listening to their plans for the future, Amin had a newfound inspiration for her own goals.

"I got to hear from many successful women business owners, and met 19 other young females who were pursuing their own start ups," said Amin. "I learned new ways on how to keep Freshpire organized, and new opportunities for investment when we want to scale further."

For Amin, supporting each other's dreams and goals is an important value which hits hard to home. It was not always easy for Amin to be con-



Mona Amin

fident in her own vision as a woman, which has led her to this greater sense of female empowerment.

"Oftentimes we may get discouraged because we don't see people like us pursuing similar dreams and aspirations," Amin said. "And that's why I think it's so important to always provide support, encouragement, and mentorship to other women"

After graduating in May 2017, Amin plans on continuing her work with the Freshpire app, while applying for various fellowship opportunities throughout the year. Amin plans on keeping her ties with ECU as well and hopes to come back to the university to attend medical school.

Amin wanted to share her own advice to upcoming ambitious entrepreneurs who desire to leave their individual mark on the world. She

stressed while the process may not be easy, it is doable.

"I'm not going to lie, balancing schoolwork and joining a startup can be challenging at times," said Amin. "My best piece of advice is to learn how to prioritize and always be thinking of ways to keep your startup moving forward but most importantly find something you're truly passionate about and run with it."

Amin said as long as there are no technical problems, the app should be finished around the beginning of August. However, the app will only be released in beta versions to stores who her team has already formed partnerships with.

Amin encouraged anyone interested in the app to sign up at www.getfreshpired.com to know when the product will be available in their area.

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with the results of the convention, Goss said he still enjoyed the experience and the opportunity to meet many influential conservative leaders, naming a few individually such as Governor Scott Walker of Wisconsin, Former United States Representative and political commentator Allen West and Senator Mike Lee of Utah.

Goss said when he first got

involved in politics, he was surprised how few people were actually taking part in the issues at hand.

"Even in the local level like my individual county, there were like ten members and that's crazy in a county that has like 10,000 citizens," said Goss.

Goss said he encourages other youth to get involved with politics like he has, because these are ultimately their issues too.

"These are your issues facing your country, and you're the next

generation," said Goss. "You're the next generation of congressmen and women, you're the next generation of governors, you're the next generation of senators and representatives."

Goss added, "these are issues that shape your world and you can say you are not interested in politics, but the truth is we are deciding what kind of America we want to live in so the pawn needs to be passed to a new generation."

On Monday, America

transitioned into watching the Democratic National Convention, which takes place in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Several ECU students are in Philadelphia as well for the College Democrats of America Convention, where they will hear from numerous speakers. As of Tuesday, Hillary Clinton is the official 2016 Democratic Party presidential nominee.

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PIRATE RANTS

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Once again, new freshmen will be in for a surprise when they find out how bad the internet service is.

Kai Jones thinks he's profound but he's just an internet comment come to life.

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

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Our view

‘Pokemon Go’ reveals many societal issues

Take a step outside and you’re likely to see masses of people glued to their phones chasing after Pokemon. Take a look at news sources across the country and you’re also likely to see numerous stories regarding attacks made against “Pokemon Go” players.

Finding an escape from all that is wrong in this world is not wrong or unsafe, but regardless of the approach we take, the ugly truth will always make its way back out.

Reports have made national news of gamers being robbed, shot, racially profiled by law enforcement and even one Greenville local was stabbed while playing. It’s enough negativity to make someone want to quit the game altogether.

But if you take the game out of the equation, we still end up facing the problems we wanted so badly to escape.

We as an editorial staff believe that instead of blaming the game for these incidents, the nation should take the time to reflect on the societal problems that sparked these incidents. Stand behind those who are trying to enjoy something in a time where it’s hard to find joy, instead of victim blaming when they’re caught in the wrong place at the wrong time.

A game isn’t going to change the world, but if it’s a step in the right direction for unity then it’s certainly something to stand behind.

Life through the camera lens

Michael Seegars
TEC STAFF

1. This was my first breaking news story that I covered during my time at TEC , which carried an unforgettable emotional message. Protesters lined up on the main walkway through campus, they held their hands up chanting “Hands up, don’t shoot,” grasped their throats proclaiming “We can’t breathe.” The photos I took that day personified the social climate at that point in time, and remains relevant today.

2. Typically the sports most experienced photographers in Greenville have the pleasure of taking photographs of fast-paced D-I athletics. It’s a great opportunity and it’s one that I deeply appreciated. However, I also admire the unappreciated sports that don’t always receive the spotlight. Somehow I ended up in a student’s backyard that put together a makeshift skate park full of loose boards and screws. But this skate spot had a notable amount of character. Every skater there respected what was put together. The people there were more than welcoming and showed their appreciation for what they had by consistently throwing out impressive aerials and tricks. This was truly a unique place, such a special spot I was sworn to secrecy and can never disclose its location.

3. Like most young boys, I was a big fan of wrestling when I was younger, looking up to legends like Stone Cold Steve Austin, The Rock and Eddie Guerro. Just like others who live in the past, I was moderately disappointed when covering this WWE event I failed to recognize one name when the wrestlers were introduced. The event, filled with more theatrics than ever, observing with some objectivity you can’t help but wonder why men, twice the age of the athletes, scream at the top of their lungs for staged acrobatics. But after staying for a while and taking photos of the athleticism necessary to perform, you can almost understand the cult-like obsession associated with the WWE. Some of the photos I captured that night still bring a smile because of the egregious moments I witnessed. However, I know that the wrestling community of Greenville appreciated a great display of strenuous activities and unforgettable characters.

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Being Muslim in America today

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GUEST COLUMNIST

America is the land of the free the land of opportunity, safety and tolerance. But there’s a problem in being a minority in America, especially a Muslim minority.

In America the word Muslim strikes a lot of controversy. Muslims seem to only be relevant when something blows up or someone gets attacked. So how do you fit into a society that is not always accepting of you? Most of the stigma towards Muslims in America, from what I’ve seen, is largely due to the countless misconceptions and misunderstandings surrounding the Muslim society.

Now, it would be unjust to downplay the various individual acts that are occurring at the moment, but to say that the average American hates Muslims is prejudiced in every sense. And it would also be unfair to say that that the American Muslims are not more cautious about their daily doings without being judged or even worse.

When people see young Muslims praying, fasting or reciting the Quran, they involuntarily assume the person is extreme or is a fanatic. This has sadly left many Muslims in America to choose between performing their faith to the best of their ability and just being able to live a life without being a victim to labels and bigotry. I’ve seen men who are trying to be careful about how they keep the length of their beards and garments so as to not be taken as extremists and women refusing to dress in the Islamic manner for similar reasons.

There is definitely no downplaying the colossal role media has played in how the average American views Muslims. The media depicts stories in a way that it feels their audience will listen to. Because the more controversial a story, the more viewers you’ll have. Whenever there is a crime or an act of violence, if the suspect happens to be Muslim or of a Muslim background, the motive is automatically pointed at Islam. And most of the time they will portray these people as being “deeply religious” praying five times daily and reading the Quran, which by the way are things that an average Muslim does. What they fail to understand is that if a person is “deeply religious” in the Islamic faith, he/she has nothing to do with violence or extremism which a frowned upon in Islam.

Being here in America, I have seen people go from loving Muhammad Ali (legendary Muslim boxer and activist) to hating the whole Muslim population in an instant. But here’s a suggestion; instead of slamming and denigrating, an opportunity for proper dialogue has to be created to further the understanding and cooperation within the diverse communities America, because there is great strength in diversity and not discrimination.

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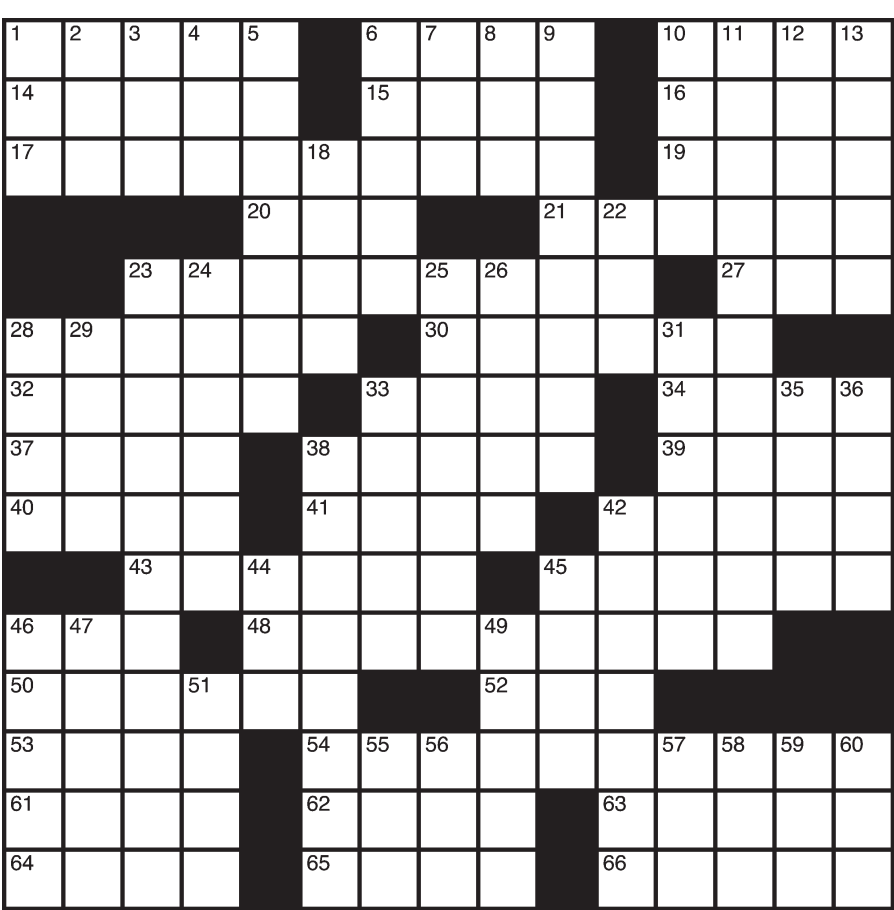
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- 1 Fast-arriving letter
 - 6 Leaping parasite
 - 10 Verne protagonist
 - 14 "It Happened One Night" director
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 - 17 Butterfingers' comment
 - 19 See 22-Down
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 - 23 Comet-filled region of space
 - 27 Have more birthdays
 - 28 Circuit components
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 - 32 Needed Advil, say
 - 33 Investor's concern
 - 34 Little bit
 - 37 Interfere (with)
 - 38 Soda purchases
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 - 46 Imogene's comedy partner
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By Jeffrey Wechsler

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Thursday's Puzzle Solved

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Aries

Harmony requires effort today. Solo melodies slide softly by. Hide away and enjoy peaceful productivity. Avoid idle chatter and gossip. Discover a clever way to save resources.

Taurus

Take action on a personal project. Practice what you preach. A friend has a valuable suggestion. Have patience with outbursts and surprises.

Gemini

Unexpected news can catch you off guard. Get your brilliant

thoughts on paper. Speak up to support your cause. Follow a strong recommendation.

Cancer

Get motivated by a fascinating conversation. Someone's idea rouses an old dream for you. Any change in your direction might seem abrupt to others.

Leo

A professional challenge has your attention. The action is behind the scenes. Fix something before it breaks. Don't gamble with the rent.

Virgo

Study, plan and take a trip to explore your subject more intimately. Listen to a storyteller. Attend classes or seminars.

Libra

Handle financial paperwork and administration. Review budgets and discuss priorities with your family. Use what you learn to cut costs. Practical focus leads to a new revenue source.

Scorpio

Collaborate to advance. Let others know what you want, and ideas flow freely. A loved one's bizarre

suggestion could actually work. Confer with family.

Sagittarius

Stick to tested routines and methods, as the energy level rises. Chaos and distractions could frustrate new tricks. Use your power responsibly.

Capricorn

Relax and enjoy yourself. Share some fun with family and friends. Discuss esoteric or frivolous subjects. Go ahead and get silly. Abandon trying to impress someone, and romance flowers naturally.

Aquarius

Your home is your castle. Inexpensive upgrades can make a big difference. It's incredible what a coat of paint or new textiles will do. Find clever ways to use something again.

Pisces

Gather information and lay it out clearly. You're especially persuasive now; get your message out. Find the underlying truth of the matter. Allow emotion to underscore your point.

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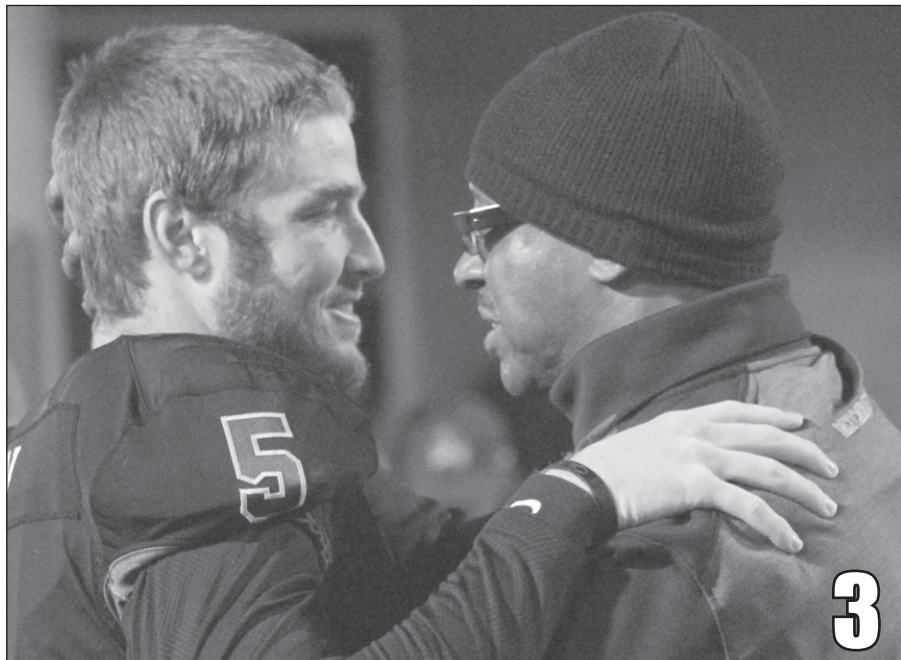
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STUDENT MEDIA

Where Arrgh They Now?

Part 4 of a 4 part series following football players after their graduations from ECU



1. Former East Carolina quarterback Shane Carden hands the ball off to former ECU running back Breon Allen. The two players started in the backfield together during the 2014 football season.
2. Shane Carden celebrates a touchdown during a 2014 game against North Carolina that ended in a 70-41 rout. Carden finished the game 30-for-48 with 438 yards and four touchdowns.
3. Shane Carden and Ruffin McNeil have an embrace during the 2014 season. The quarterback-head coach duo finished with a 26-13 record with Carden starting, including ECU's second 10-win season.
4. Shane Carden releases a pass against Florida in the Birmingham Bowl. The Pirates fell 28-20 to the Gators. The bowl game would be the last game Carden ever played at ECU.

European Pirate

Former ECU QB Shane Carden enjoys playing in NFL Europe

Gerin Honeycutt
TEC STAFF

Not long ago, in the Ruffin McNeill era to be exact if fans can't remember, East Carolina football posted its first 10 win season since 1991.

If there was anything to remember about that team, it was the National Collegiate Athletic Association's all-time leader in catches and freak-of-nature Justin Hardy and quarterback Shane Carden that made up the duo, "Cardy." The former Pirate



Shane Carden Hardy, turned Atlanta Falcon, now plays for a pro team boasting a great duo of receivers and is expecting the second-year player to turn the tandem into a trio.

On the other end of Hardy's passes was his counterpart, Carden who deliv-

ered on over 80 percent of his catches and another Pirate-legend and record holder of his own.

Carden, the 2013 Conference USA Player of the Year and the 2014 American Athletic Conference Offensive Player of the Year set the school record for passing yards and touchdowns amassing 11,991 passing yards and 86 touchdowns in three years. He was every bit of the dominant quarterback on the field as he was on paper.

A proper example would be him jumping over a defender and "Mossing" him in ECU's Beef O'Brady's St. Petersburg Bowl win his junior season against Ohio University. Those unfamiliar with the word "Moss," should try to remember old NFL great Randy Moss, after doing it so often players eventually used his name as a verb for when one player caught a pass at its highest point over another. What first looked like a screen pass to Cam Worthy ended up being a pass in the corner of the end zone in which Carden "Mossed" two Bobcat defenders.

Many in the area assumed Carden would be drafted or at least signed after leaving Greenville and training and mentoring under NFL Hall-of-Famer Vinny Testaverde. Carden went undrafted but signed immediately with the Chicago Bears.

However, his opportunities were limited just like his time in the windy city.

"Unfortunately I was only able to play in one preseason game and never able to throw a pass and in the end was not able to make the roster," said Carden. "After Chicago, I was anxiously waiting for a tryout or another chance to prove myself. I got a call shortly after by the Jacksonville Jaguars for a tryout and they called my agent on a Thursday night and wanted to fly me out the next day. The tryout was Saturday with another quarterback and two receivers that I met Saturday morning at 6 a.m. and we did physicals until 8 a.m., after that they informed us the tryout would start at noon. Once we finally got out there after hanging in the locker room, we threw about 12 routes

and called it a day. They gave us lunch and a plane ticket home."

Carden added, "I was pretty down after that experience because I felt a short try out with only a few throws would never allow a team to see what I could do."

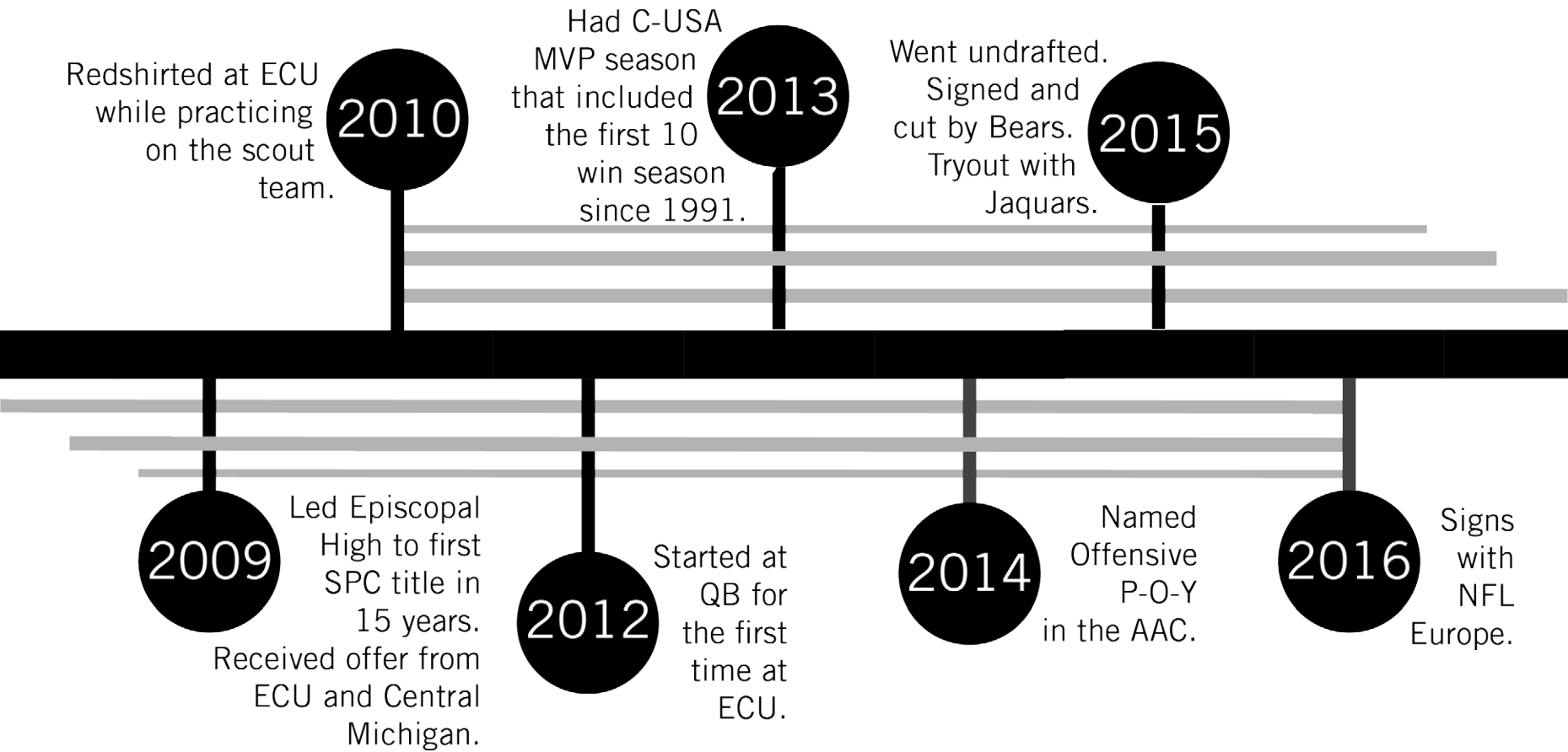
Though Carden would be out of football for the rest of the season, his focus was not. While living with his family most of the football season, he would work out with his dad and do the occasional hunting.

Carden's spirits weren't too high until a former Pirate starting defensive back approached him with an epiphany.

"Rocco Scarfone approached me about possibly going to Europe to play," Carden said. "After talking to a few different teams in different countries, we felt the Stuttgart Scorpions in Germany was the best fit for us."

In a well-thought-out move, Carden took his talents to the National Football

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ECU’s dream of the Big 12: farfetched

Kai Jones
TEC STAFF

East Carolina athletics does not deserve to be in the Big 12. Period.

There has been a big buzz in Greenville around possibly moving to the Big 12. The buzz has gotten so big that ECU Athletic Director Jeff Compher released a statement.

“I believe strongly East Carolina deserves to be in the Big 12 as we can deliver the entire state of North Carolina,” said Compher in the statement. “We have been positioning ourself to be the next member for the past 12 months and will continue to do so.”

It’s an ambitious push by an ambitious AD. Compher has made some great moves as the AD at East Carolina, and has a great track record as an AD in general. But if he can get ECU to the Big 12, he can probably part the Red Sea, too.

The idea that delivering the state of North Carolina is great, but why would the Big 12 be interested in the state? ESPN is here, but that’s 200 miles away from Greenville. Also, North Carolina isn’t the best place for business right now, with everything going on with House Bill Two.

North Carolina is also a basketball state, owned by the teams on Tobacco Road. ECU struggles in the American Athletic Conference at basketball, but moving up to Big 12 basketball, arguably the third best basketball conference in the nation, would be a tragedy.

Aside from North Carolina, what does ECU offer the Big 12? Tennis? No AAC championships from either team. Track and field? No AAC championships from either team, with two seniors in the NCAA championship hunt. Soccer? No AAC championships. Volleyball? No AAC championships. Golf? No AAC championships. Lacrosse? Program not started.

Now, Swimming & Diving is a great team. The men’s team took home back-to-back AAC Championships and it’s led by one of the best coaches the sport has ever seen in Rich Kobe.

Furthermore, the best export ECU has to offer the Big 12 is baseball. A team led by a pedigree-rich Cliff Godwin who has an AAC Championship and had the program 90 feet away from going to the College World Series and upsetting the Big 12’s Texas Tech.

Even if the Big 12 does a football only



Fourth-year Athletic Director Jeff Compher speaks at a press conference as former East Carolina Chancellor Steve Ballard looks on.

expansion, ECU doesn’t deserve to go. In the AAC and C-USA, ECU hasn’t won a conference title since 2009. The program struggles to make bowls and barely averages six wins a year. Put that with the Big-12’s talents and Pirate fans will have to pray for five wins.

The AAC alone offers much better athletic programs and football teams. Houston, Memphis, Connecticut, Cincinnati, and Temple all offer better programs as a whole. When

it comes to football only, Navy could make a better case.

There are too many hurdles that ECU has to jump over to prove it deserves to be a Power Five school.

ECU shouldn’t consider leaving the AAC in the first place. An argument could be made that the AAC as a whole is the best non-Power Five conference. ECU has something good going with the AAC. The AAC is secure and

growing, and if the schools that want to leave, leave, ECU could take a leap as the competition level lowers.

The hypothetical Big 12-ECU marriage sounds fun, but the keyword is hypothetical. It probably won’t happen and ECU fans should not get excited.

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ECU’s baseball team received ABCA Team Academic Excellence Award.

Women’s Golf

ECU’s women golf team garnered WCGA Top-10 GPA Rankings.

ECU Athletics

Jeff Compher issued statement that he believes ECU deserves to be in the Big 12.

Men’s Golf

Three ECU golfers were named All-American Scholars.

Women’s Tennis

Five ECU women’s tennis players earned ITA Scholar-Athlete Honors.

Volleyball

ECU added Lael Cariani to the 2016 team.

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CARDEN continued from A5

League of Europe.

“The idea of going to live in Europe and travel while still playing football sounded like a great plan, and now here I am,” said Carden.

Though Carden’s job is playing football, his heart lies with coaching it and in NFL-Europe, quarterbacks have the fortune to also take over the helm as the offensive coordinator.

Carden even admits to having hung up the cleats before now due to almost closing on a coaching job.

“It will give me good experience if I end up getting into coaching,” said Carden.

Although coaching is what he’d like to pursue as a career, he loves many things about where he is now and is living in the moment.

“Right now, playing in Europe allows us on bye weeks to travel frequently,” Carden said. “So far we have been able to take trips to Rome, London, Amsterdam, Paris, Barcelona and Munich. All of these have been no longer than two hour flights. It has been an amazing experience to see this part of the world I have never seen before.”

The Scorpion quarterback has been up to another hobby as well, to keep fans and his family tuned in on his time overseas.

“Also, I have been able to get into an interest that I have not been able to pursue until now and that is filmmaking,” said Carden.

Taking advantage of what some would call a once-in-a-lifetime trip, Carden has started his own series. The series is a self-documentary that ranges from 20-30 minutes and follows him and his teammates, mostly Scarfone’s, journey and fun times around Europe. The show is called Gridiron Euro Trip and for now it can be found on YouTube.

“Overall, it has been a great experience and I still have two more bye weeks in order to travel and see more of this world,” said Carden.

Carden is doing is showing that Pirates can survive and thrive in all nations. A school built on diversity and strong morals, Carden gives credit to ECU in helping mold him.

“I loved my time there and loved my coaches who helped me grow as a player and as a person,” Carden said. “I would not have traded those coaches or that school for any others.”

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