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FAREWELL STATON



Chancellor Cecil Staton at his first press conference where he was introduced (left) and Staton at the opening of the Main Campus Student Center.

Chancellor to resign from post

Jenna Price
TEC STAFF

East Carolina University Chancellor Cecil Staton paraphrased "Les Miserable" as a way to describe his upcoming departure from ECU yesterday morning during a press conference.

Staton, while paraphrasing a line from a song from the musical "Les Miserable," said, "there are some storms you cannot weather."

In his situation, Staton said

he had to look at the situation as a whole and do what he felt was best for him and the university.

"It's tough to reach these decisions, but in the words of that song, 'There are some dreams that don't get fulfilled and there are some storms you cannot weather.' And so we made the decision that we think is in our best interest and in the best interest of ECU," Staton said.

Staton is the 11th chancellor

of ECU and began his tenure in 2016. He was the first chancellor appointed by former University of North Carolina Board of Governors (BOG) President, Margaret Spellings.

Staton said during the press conference he had signed a non-disparagement agreement regarding the terms of his departure. Conversations regarding the non-disparagement agreement happened "candidly"

between BOG Interim President Bill Roper and Staton and the attorney for the BOG and Staton's attorney, and the agreement was signed some time last week.

According to Jason Tyson, director of media relations for the BOG, Staton's annual salary was \$450,000, and he will receive his regular administrative salary and

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BOG to evaluate new BOT nominees

Trajan Warren
TEC STAFF

The governance committee of the University of North Carolina Board of Governors will vote on four nominees to become or to continue being members of the East Carolina University Board of Trustees (BOT) on Thursday followed by a meeting on Friday which will include the entirety of BOG to either confirm or deny the nominations.

According to current BOT member Jason Poole, the four people nominated are Mark Copeland, who will be seeking reappointment, and three potential first-time trustees; Troy Dreyfus, Thomas Furr and Phillip Lewis.

"On Thursday, the governance committee will vote on it and then on Friday the full Board of Governors will vote on it. And they're doing all the universities at the same time. So they'll be voting on a ton of different people," Poole said.

Poole said of the 13 people who make up the members of BOT, one is the current ECU student body president, eight members are appointed by the BOG and four are appointed from the North Carolina legislature, with two coming from the house and two coming from the senate.

According to Poole, the governor of North Carolina alone was responsible for selecting the trustee appointments until about three years ago when it was changed to the legislature.

Kieran Shanahan, current chairman of the BOT, is in the last year of his second term. He said he will not be seeking reappointment to the BOT. Shanahan said his term is one of six current BOT members' terms that will be expiring this year.

The other five terms which are set to expire this year are Mark Copeland, Edwin Clark, Deborah Davis, Leigh Fanning and



Jason Poole

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Community reacts to departure

Jennifer Flippin
TEC STAFF

As the news of Chancellor Cecil Staton's departure from East Carolina University hit campus yesterday, many have been reacting and reflecting on the chancellor's time at ECU.

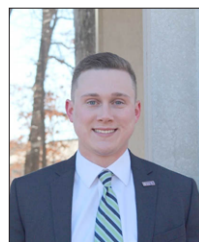
Jordan Koonts, the current Student Government Association president and a Board of Trustees member, said it is important to note Staton's core intentions were to do what was best for ECU as a whole.

"It's a sad day, it really is, not only for our school, for our system, for our state, because we've lost a visionary leader who unfortunately came in at a tumultuous time and faced some problems that weren't of his own," Koonts said.

Koonts said Staton had support shown for him and his administration through various letters, votes and voicing of opinions, even though the negativity may have seemed louder than the positive support

Staton had received.

According to Koonts, students need to remember Staton only wanted what was best for ECU, alongside the Board of Trustees, and he would like to believe the Board of Governors have the same goal.



Jordan Koonts

"I want the students to know that there are countless people working behind the scenes to ensure their success, and ensure the success of the system," Koonts said.

Koonts advised Colin Johnson, the next SGA president and future BOT member, to remember why the SGA president is there, which is to serve the students and do whatever they feel is right as long as it is done

Baseball sweeps Maryland on the road

Jess Sabin
TEC STAFF

History was made for the No. 20 ranked East Carolina University baseball team last weekend when sophomore pitcher Jake Kuchmaner threw ECU's first-ever perfect game in a 3-0 victory against the University of Maryland on Sunday. The Pirates are now 15-6 on the season after the 3-0 weekend sweep, while Maryland falls to 10-8 overall.

The historic day for ECU started when the Pirates broke a scoreless tie in the sixth inning with an RBI double by freshman infielder Thomas

Francisco, 2-0. The Pirates added to their lead in the ninth when sophomore catcher Seth Caddell hit a solo home run to left field for the last run of the game, 3-0.

Kuchmaner retired all 27 batters he faced and recorded eight strikeouts, 10 fly outs and nine ground outs in his perfect game.

On Saturday ECU pulled off the win 2-1 against Maryland when junior right-handed pitcher Tyler Smith allowed only one run over six innings. ECU scored two runs in the second inning taking an early 2-0 lead.

Senior infielder Brady Lloyd ran

in left handed pitcher/first baseman Junior Alec Bursleson and also later scored for ECU. The Terrapins also finally got on the board in the fourth, 2-1.

Maryland had a chance to tie the game at two, but failed to do so. ECU only got five hits the

entire game and Maryland struggled even more with only three.

Starting the weekend on



Jake Kuchmaner

Friday, ECU was able to open the game with one run, going 1-0 into the third inning. ECU then erupted for five runs to take a 6-0 lead. Junior outfielder Bryant Packard hit a double to start the inning. After moving to third on a sacrifice bunt, junior first baseman Spencer Brickhouse was hit by a pitch to put runners on the corners.

Bursleson drove in his second run of the night, scoring Packard for a 2-0 advantage. Junior catcher Jake Washer cleared the bases with a three-run shot

to right center for a six-run lead.

ECU extended its lead to 9-0 in the eighth inning. The Pirates were able to get 13 hits in the game which made this the 10th game so far this season that the pirates recorded double-digit hits.

ECU will take the field again on Wednesday when it hosts in-state rival University of North Carolina Wilmington. First pitch at Lewis Field inside Clark-LeClair Stadium is set for 6:30 p.m.

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»Sports: Track and field competed in the 49er Classic this past weekend

»Sports: Lacrosse went 0-2 this weekend, adding to its losing streak

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BRIEFS

Joyner to host interview secrets information session

There will be an informational meeting today to help students gain interview skills. The session will take place from 2 to 3:30 p.m. in Joyner Library, room 1008.

Students can register for this event through East Carolina University's website.

Graduate and Professional Student Senate offers coffee

The Graduate and Professional Student Senate will be at Starbucks today in the Main Campus Student Center from 8 to 9 a.m. to buy students one free drink. Students can also talk with representatives about graduate or professional experiences and seek advice.

A GPSS member will be holding a blue sign to help students locate them.

Hike through Croatan National Forest

Members of the East Carolina University Student Recreation and Wellness center are invited to hike with the ECU Adventure Program through the Croatan National Forest this Wednesday between 6 to 9 p.m.

Members are asked to sign up for this event through OrgSync.

CORRECTIONS & CLARIFICATIONS

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STATON'S TIME AT ECU

THOMAS WEYBRECHT | THE EAST CAROLINIAN
Chancellor Cecil Staton addresses the ECU football team. Staton will officially leave his position on May 3.



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Chancellor Cecil Staton poses with PeeDee the Pirate at Rock the Mall 2017.



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Chancellor Staton addresses fall 2018 graduates at commencement.

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benefits through June 30. By July 15, ECU will have paid \$589,700, payable from non-state funds.

One question Staton received during the press conference involved rumors of Roper requesting Staton to leave his position. Staton said he was not the one to initiate the beginning process of his resignation.

Multiple members of both the ECU Board of Trustees and the BOG have alluded to the involvement of BOG on various

UNC school system campuses. Staton said governance is "messy," and sometimes it is very easy for governance to overstep into the management of universities.

"We need healthy governance. We need governance that is, frankly, fulfilling the policy making role the governance is supposed to play, and we need governance that has proper oversight," Staton said.

Kieran Shanahan, chairman of the ECU BOT, said the criticism from the chairman of the BOG, Harry Smith, have been "meritless."

Shanahan said he is hopeful Staton's departure will lead to the

end of the negativity surrounding the university and it will allow ECU to continue to thrive.

Steven Long, a UNC BOG member, said in a statement obtained by *The East Carolinian*, despite Staton's record, which he said would usually be "cause for applause," Staton was asked to step down by Roper. He said this decision was made to satisfy Smith's issues with Staton's leadership. Long said the attacks from Smith have been an issue since Spelling's time with the BOG.

The East Carolinian reached out to Smith through multiple

emails and phone calls, but have yet to receive a response from him. Smith was on campus yesterday.

Long said in his statement, Smith poses a threat to the UNC system as long as he continues to be a member of the BOG.

"Harry Smith has done damage to the University of North Carolina system and particularly to East Carolina University. Until he is gone, Harry Smith will continue to do damage to our state's greatest asset," Long said in his statement.

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Kel Normann. According to Shanahan, Davis is not eligible for reappointment, while Copeland and Fanning are eligible for reappointment. However, Fanning was not on the nominee list from the BOG.

Shanahan said the BOT was asked by the BOG to compile a list of board members they would like to have kept and nominees they felt would meet the identified needs of the university. Shanahan said, however, the BOG didn't follow these guidelines and named a slate of nominees regardless of the recommendation from the BOT.

During his resignation speech yesterday, Chancellor Cecil Staton said he is fortunate to have worked with a group of trustees that "love their university and support it." Staton said no matter who the future trustees or chancellor may be, it is important to have people who sacrifice their time and talents to the university.

"I've been fortunate enough to work with a number of trustees who truly sacrifice

their time, their talent and their treasure in support of the university," Staton said. "That's going to be very important going forward no matter who the trustees are or who the chancellor might be."

Normann, a current BOT member, said he will not be seeking reappointment as long as Harry Smith, chairman of the BOG, is involved in the BOG.

Normann said he couldn't confirm Smith's motives, but he speculated it may be to create a clean slate.

Normann said he doesn't know what the reason for this decision is, but believes it will be a tough for the future BOT. Normann said if the next chancellor will have to follow the agenda of the BOG then they will have a difficult time.

Normann said the BOT should be allowed to give its opinions on matters related to ECU.

The *East Carolinian* attempted to reach out to BOG chairman Harry Smith, but have yet to receive a response.

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as it is done for the right reasons.

Jeff Popke, chair of the Faculty Senate, described Staton's leaving as unfortunate since he said some of the negativity surrounding Staton leading to this point didn't align with the core academic mission of ECU.

Popke believes that Staton may feel he can no longer be an effective leader nor advocate for ECU.

"My own spin is that he is still committed to the institution and would prefer to stay. In fact, he said, as you probably have seen in his statement, that he did not initiate this, but I think he feels that it's in the best interest of him personally and the institution that we have a fresh start and so a lot of this has to do with the relationship between ECU and our Board of Trustees and the (University of North Carolina) Board of Governors," Popke said.

Popke said he feels Staton is leaving ECU with "unfinished business." Popke, speaking from a faculty perspective said he believes Staton was an advocate for the interest and importance of the faculty and the university's core mission of serving students and doing research to make an impact on Eastern North Carolina.

According to Popke, Staton aspired

to a vision of bigger and better things for the institution and his vision was just becoming realized by others. Some of the examples Popke gave were the increases in the amount of funded research and the various campaigns to increase donorship therefore helping ECU to be not so reliant on the legislative appropriations.

Kieran Shanahan, the chairman of the Board of Trustees, said Staton helped greatly in gaining funding for the university and what he has done for the university will be remembered in him and his wife, Catherine's efforts toward ECU.

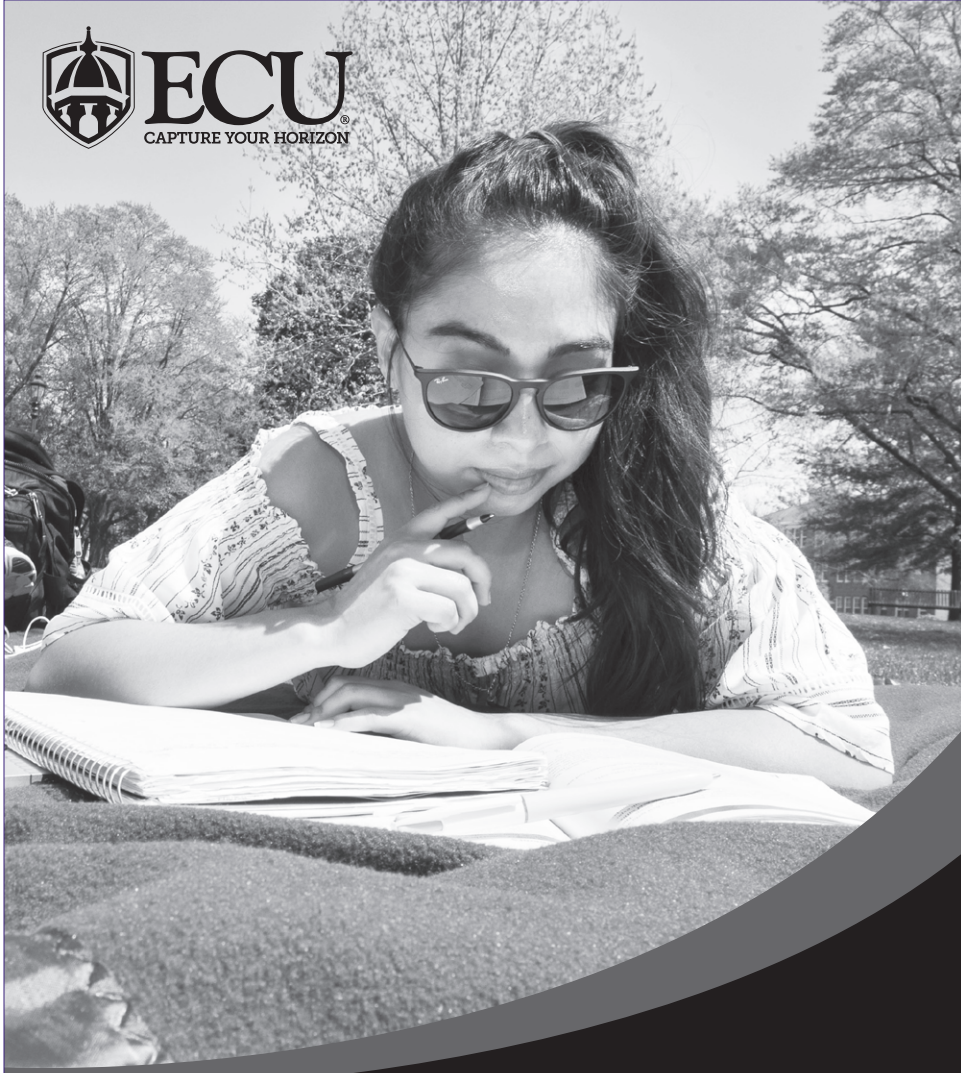
"What's amazing, and I think history will remember, what he did in such a short period of time. In terms of rural initiatives, the international outreach, the \$200 million plus he's secured in funding for the university going forward and really a host of initiatives he put in place," Shanahan said.

Shanahan said Staton was a great example of a chancellor who was able to connect to students on campus and alongside his wife, Catherine, they were both tireless advocates for ECU.

Shanahan said Staton is leaving during a troubling time and the Board of Governors have sent a terrible message to students about fairness and despite this, ECU will survive and prosper in the future.

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OUR VIEW

Naming should recognize hard work

The Main Campus Student Center still remains nameless after its opening in January more than two months ago. The student center is awaiting a "sizeable donation" for its naming rights. In order to name the student center, a donor will have to donate at least \$10 million.

According to Will Williams, director of Development/Parent and Family Program at ECU, the price is so high because of the square footage the center takes up. To name an individual room in the student center it costs \$150,000 alone.

We, the editorial staff of The East Carolinian, believe the name of a room should be an honor and in recognition of an alumni or faculty member that dedicated their time and hard work to ECU. People who have made a significant difference on the university should be remembered and recognized for their hard work.

The Board of Trustees specifically said that it wants to name the student center after a large monetary donor, but what does this say about ECU's accomplishments? For example, associate professor of physiology, Dr. Jitka Virag won a nationwide contest for her heart tissue research in April and communication professor Glenn Hubbard created an entire album recreating his father's 1950s orchestra arrangements.

This \$10 million request should not supersede dedicated and passionate faculty members who have made their mark on this university.

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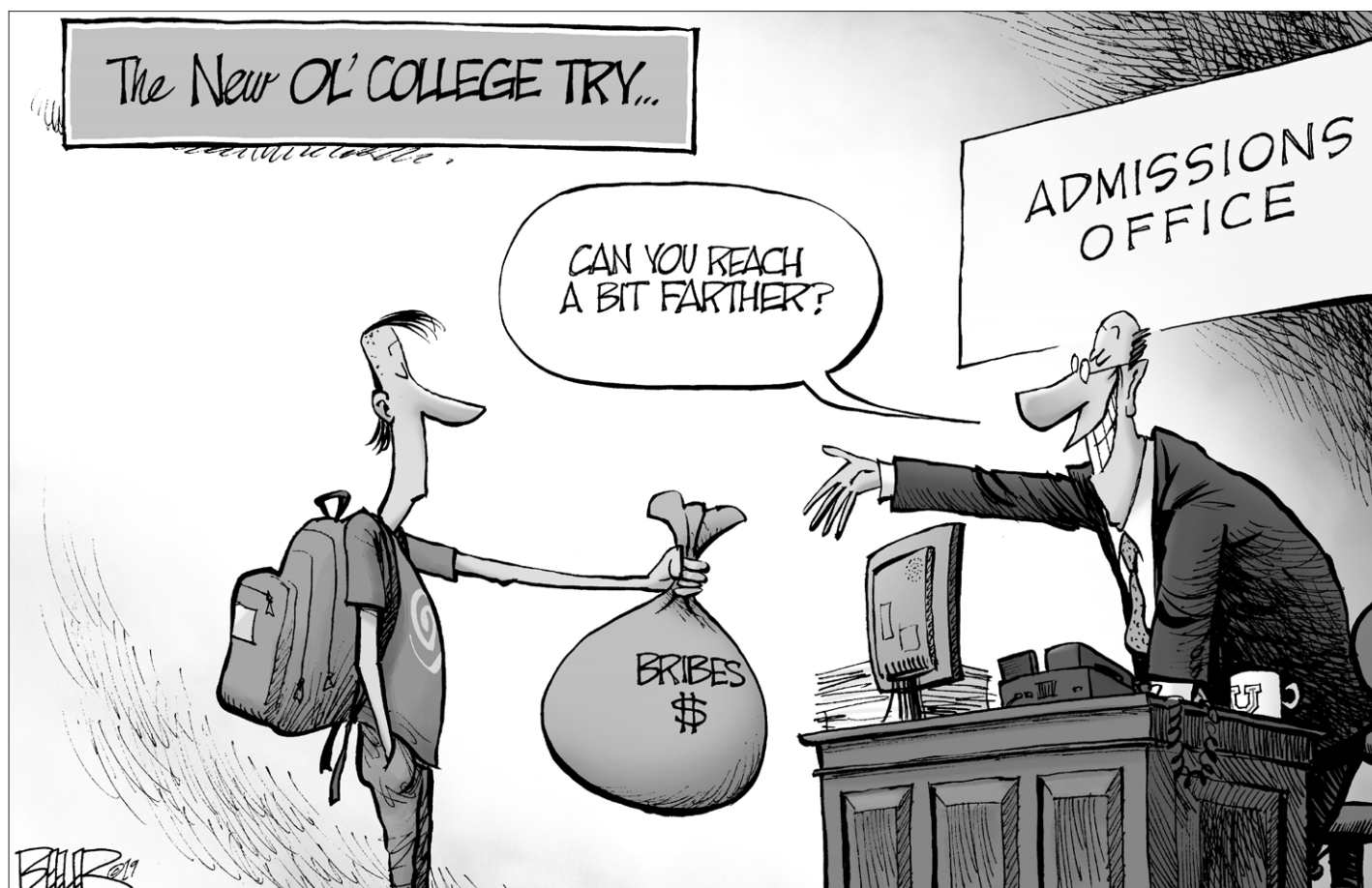
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Advice to community

Use *The East Carolinian* to voice opinions



Letter from the Editor

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EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

The announcement of the resignation of East Carolina University Chancellor Cecil Staton has drawn mixed emotions from various parts of Pirate nation. Some Pirates love Staton, while others don't.

Either way, the best place to express your opinions on the resignation and the cloud surrounding Staton is right here.

The East Carolinian has served as the voice of Pirate nation and recorded its history for 94 years. Through 11 chancellors, *The East Carolinian* has been there to cover the administration and tell the people of Pirate nation what is happening at its top leadership position.

From the first issue of the first volume on Dec. 19, 1925, *The East Carolinian* has been focused on being the primary news gatherers and recorders of history for ECU.

This time is no different. While my staff is working hard to report on Staton's resignation, what led to it and the future of ECU after he leaves, I'd like to extend an opportunity to ECU's community to make their thoughts known.

While those with authority give their interviews and issue statements, it's important for those in the community to express their thoughts. The position of chancellor at ECU affects tens of thousands of students and many more parents, faculty, staff and proud alumni. A chancellor has the power to change the course of ECU for years to come.

With that in mind, it's important for community members to let those in power at ECU and the University of North Carolina Board of Governors know what Pirate nation thinks. Students, parents, faculty, staff and alumni are all welcome to voice their thoughts on Staton's resignation,



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ECU Chancellor Cecil Staton has announced his resignation from East Carolina University.

the governance of the UNC System or the management of ECU.

Whether it's positive, negative, a note of appreciation or a scathing criticism of our 11th chancellor, all opinions are accepted. To submit a column to *The East Carolinian* or learn more about this opportunity, you can email me at editor@theeastcarolinian.com or my Opinion Editor Chase Carroll at opinion@theeastcarolinian.com.

Given Staton's controversial tenure, it's all the more important members of Pirate nation use *The East Carolinian's* opinion section to express their views both in support or opposition of Staton.

As an editor and reporter in Greenville for all three years Staton has been chancellor, I've met and spoken with many passionate Pirate fans. Some Pirates have praised Staton for his fundraising, leadership and ability to weather a storm as chancellor. Others have pointed to the controversies, both earned and otherwise, hanging over the chancellor like a low-lying rain cloud.

It's normal for a chancellor at any university to have both supporters

and critics. However, at ECU, Staton's supporters have been just as passionate as his critics. Neither side seems willing to change their minds or give in to the other.

Add to that mix, the alleged interference from the UNC System and its chairman Harry Smith and suddenly the controversy surrounding Staton grows.

Now, as Staton is working toward his last official day on May 3, it's an important time to have your thoughts be published in a newspaper focused on ECU.

Any letters to the editor or guest columns can be submitted to opinion@theeastcarolinian.com or editor@theeastcarolinian.com.

The UNC System and ECU are institutions built and focused on educating the people of North Carolina. Don't let the men and women in power do all the talking. Make your opinions known through *The East Carolinian*.

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'Egg Boy' is a surprising hero



Chase Carroll
TEC STAFF

Chase'n the Truth

The Internet was taken back by 17 year old Will Connolly, who has been dubbed the nickname 'Egg Boy' by many on social media. He is doing a great thing for Christchurch following the awful events that took place, where more than 50 people were killed and another 50 injured in a hate-filled terror attack targeting two mosques in New Zealand.

Many may know 'Egg Boy' from his video gone viral after the young protester hilariously cracked an egg on the back of the head of Australian Senator Fraser Anning on live television on Saturday following Anning's disgusting comments where he placed blame on Muslim immigration for the terror attack, rather than placing the blame on the disgusting actions of the real terrorist in the situation.

An Australian man by the name of Brenton Harrison Tarrant has been arrested in connection with the shootings and charged with murder. Anning responded

by swatting Connolly in the face and Connolly was apprehended before being arrested.

Anning is on record saying "whilst this kind of violent vigilantism can never be justified, what it highlights is the growing fear within our community, both in Australia and New Zealand of the increasing muslim presence." He also went on to add that "the real cause of bloodshed on New Zealand streets today (was the immigration policy that enabled) Muslim fanatics to migrate to New Zealand in the first place."

These offensive, hateful comments toward the real victims who were doing no harm to anyone required action. While egging the senator may not have been the best way to go about it, Connolly brought attention worldwide to the awful comments by Anning. Connolly received so much support following the incident that a GoFundMe was created for his legal fees, although he was released with no charges.

With over \$52,000 being raised for him as of Wednesday afternoon, he has won over the public even more after he vowed he will donate the majority of the funds toward the family members of the

Christchurch shooting victims.

Along with a GoFundMe, there is a petition circulating that is demanding the removal of Anning from public office which, as of Wednesday afternoon, has the support of over 1.2 million signatures.

With added discussion and funds being donated to the families of the victims, 'Egg Boy' is a true modern day hero. He did something that many would have never thought to do, not in an attempt to give himself fame, but in an attempt to defame a gross individual in Anning. Australian Prime Minister Scott Morrison has even sided with 'Egg Boy' saying "the full force of the law should be applied to Sen. Anning," and that he should be charged for retaliating by hitting the teenager.

Connolly was honored with his actions as an artist by the name of Van T. Rudd took to Melbourne, Australia's famed Hosier Lane, which is known for street art and graffiti, to create a mural of 'Egg Boy' cracking the egg on Anning's head. Well deserved 'Egg Boy.'

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EVENTS

TODAY

Drink Local Bottle Opener AR Workshop
Pitt Street Brewing Company
6:30 p.m.

Salsa Lesson
The Keynote Dance Studio
7:30 p.m.

TOMORROW

Spazz Fest X: Official Pre-Party
Trollingwood Taproom and Brewery
6 p.m.

Pub Run
Fleet Feet
6:15 p.m.

College Karaoke Wednesdays
5th Street Distillery and Annex
10 p.m.

ECU to celebrate dance

Chloe Easton
TEC STAFF

East Carolina University's School of Dance will present its 2019 Spring Dance concert with performances starting tonight at 8 in the McGinnis Theatre.

The performances will include a combination of original student and faculty lead works with dancers performing from all levels in the ECU dance program.

The stage manager of the performance, Dalia Maya, said she has been working diligently along with many other members of the crew to make sure the performances run smoothly.

"My job is basically to be the main source of communication, so I'm kind of like a glue that holds the show together. I communicate with all the departments, the designers and choreographers, and I am here to kind of oversee that their vision gets put on stage," Maya, a junior stage management major, said.

The dance will begin tonight and continue to run with performances until Sunday, with the last performance starting at 2 p.m.

The performance will feature work from both faculty member Teal Darkenwald and senior dance performance and choreography major, Megan Crotty.

In the past, Crotty has been a part of the Fall and Spring Dance of 2018 and multiple senior choreography shows presented by the School of Dance at ECU.

"Spring Dance is always, for our program, the most exciting time of year, so we can put on the most

full, enriching show and it varies from tap to jazz to even modern contemporary to ballet. It's our biggest production of the year, so we put everything into it and it always turns out amazing," Crotty said.

Crotty will have her original work "Brevity" performed and said she based her choreography around the definition of the term, "concise and exact use of words in writing and speech."

"I really want my dancers to be as human as possible, to be their regular self, I want them to endure the simplicity, have strength and be very vulnerable and my work will be mostly modern with a little bit of musical theatre," Crotty said.

Darkenwald said she took a different route when co-choreographing her original piece with faculty member John Dixon for the performance by highlighting the use of her scientific background.

Darkenwald said the piece will be performed along with work by an interactive electroacoustic software device, "The Machine is Neither" and from select artists, Ben Southerland and Emma Hospelhorn, as part the NewMusic Initiative at ECU, with

a performance in both styles of dance and music.

"This is a premiere of a piece composed by this group, and this was kind of an interesting work because we will have them performing live on stage with (us) as well as students from the School of Music,"

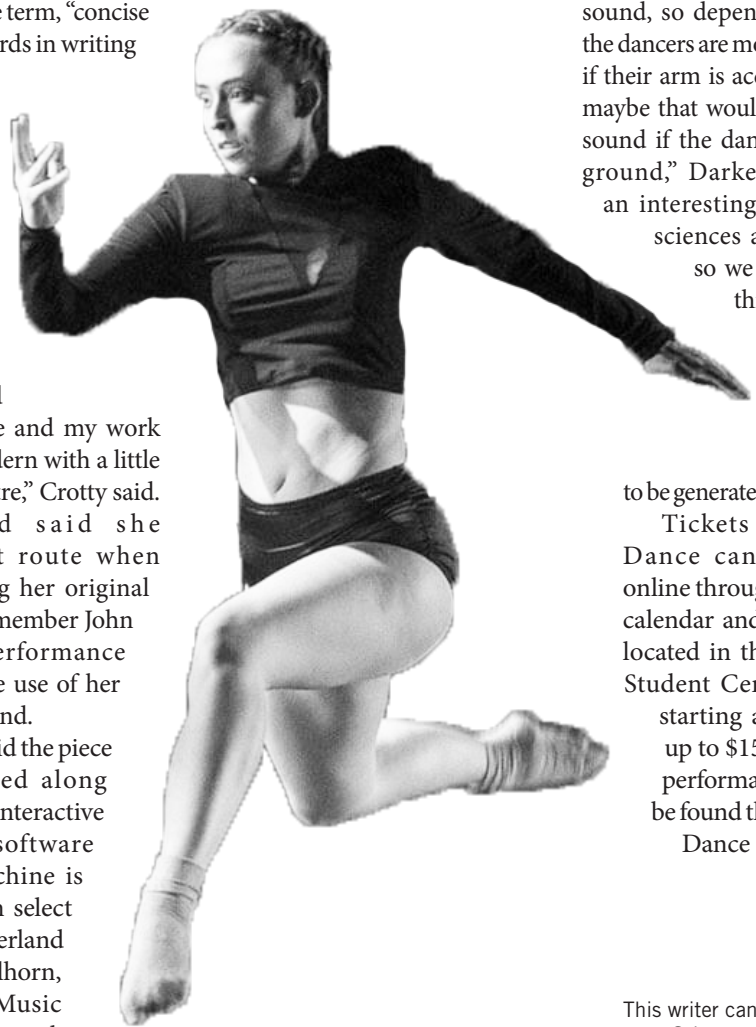
Darkenwald said.

Darkenwald has also received a grant through the Research and Creative Activity Award to use two motion capture suits which will allow the performers to create avatars.

"Based on the positional data, we are actually able to generate sound, so depending on how fast the dancers are moving, for example, if their arm is accelerating quickly, maybe that would have a different sound if the dancer rolled on the ground," Darkenwald said. "It's an interesting way to fuse the sciences and the arts, and so we are excited about this because it is not

only a world premiere, but it's pretty weird for a sound source to be generated with movement."

Tickets for the Spring Dance can be purchased online through the ECU event calendar and the ticket office located in the Main Campus Student Center, with prices starting at \$10 and range up to \$15. Information on performance dates can also be found through the Spring Dance event page.



ECU dance performance and choreography senior Casey Fitzsimmonds dancing from last year's Spring Dance.

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Women fight for respect in film industry

Taylor Mumma
TEC STAFF

Whether it be an expensive blockbuster film or a low-expense independent short, in Hollywood or at East Carolina University, filmmakers say women in the film industry continue to struggle for respect and recognition.

Recent movies such as "Captain Marvel," starring Brie Larson, which came out March 8, have put women and feminism on the big screen. These progressions of women becoming more prominent in the film industry are just what the world needs in order for professional women to get the recognition and opportunities they rightly deserve, according to junior video production major Charlee Moss.

"I think if we get more females as directors and producers then I feel it will really put a stamp on our status," Moss said. "People don't realize that without a producer, you don't have a film, so if we showcase women in these important roles in the filmmaking process, then we show them that



Actress Brie Larson starring as Captain Marvel, which was released March 8.

women are capable of doing this."

Moss said it was the success of her role models that gave her the confidence to become a professional female filmmaker. These include writer and filmmaker Issa Rae, and Ava DuVernay who was the first black and first female to get more than \$100 million for her film "A Wrinkle in Time" with Disney.

ECU video production professor

Ken Wyatt said in film, it is harder for women to establish themselves permanently in the industry.

"In regards to a young female filmmaker like Hannah Robbins, some people may see her and say 'Well, yes maybe she is too delicate to be working on a set,' but no, they are far from mistaken," Wyatt said.

Senior video production major Hannah Robbins said she never

lets her gender define her passion or her skillset. She said it is not the talent that discriminates women, people do.

"I think women can be gentle and embrace their femininity all the while doing their best and kicking butt in the process," Robbins said.

Although the industry still has leaps and bounds to go for women's rights, Wyatt said he has hope for the hardworking women making changes.

In addition to Wyatt, video production professor Michael Tierno said he has seen many filmmakers, a lot of them female, come through the program that were willing to put in the work no matter the circumstances.

"It is a very, very tough field, it is very difficult and it requires a lot of drive and aggression, and I don't know if it's the politics of the world that have made it easier for men," Tierno said. "However, if women want to be filmmakers they have to find their masculine side, be tough and be ready to bring that out on set."

Moss and Robbins have both

expressed their personal experiences with discrimination of being a female filmmaker and said it has taught them what is worth working on, and what is not.

"I had a male friend that was shooting a video for a fraternity on campus, and when I went out and shot a fraternity, they did not take me seriously and I felt it was because I was a female telling a whole bunch of males what to do," Moss said. "They simply don't think women can do it."

Even against these odds, young female filmmakers have the mentors and role models that have established themselves in this industry to drive them to chase their dreams.

"Women have to learn how to be unapologetic for being straightforward, we have to get out there and know exactly what we want and how we want it," Moss said. "If we learn how to do that, we will have no choice but to respect us, and we will build an empire."

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Joyner hosts environmental art from professors

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East Carolina University is now home to a gallery that discusses how humans interact and sometimes take advantage of the land and resources around them.

Charlotte Fitz Daniels, the curator for the Janice Hardison Faulkner art exhibit, said the exhibit "Cyclical" opened on Sunday. There will be an artist's reception on April 4.

Daniels said she decided to host the exhibit after speaking to the creators of the items which are now on display.

Daniels said she and the creators of this exhibit over time learned about the relationship that humans have with the land they are given. "Land provides shelter among many other things. It's where things are grown and through some global agricultural processes it can be depleted of its overall value," Daniels said.

Jim Tisnado, the creator of the ceramics on display and an ECU ceramic professor, said he and Beth Blake have been working on creating

and preparing the exhibit for two years.

Tisnado said the exhibit is based off of his and Blake's experience with responsible gardening.

"We're both gardeners. We do a lot of gardening and we're just trying to be responsible with the gardening that we do," Tisnado said.

Blake, the creator for the art illustrations on display and an ECU painting professor, said the original idea for the exhibit was developed by her and Tisnado owning a piece of property which was not well kept by the previous land owner.

"We have self-imposed on ourselves responsibility for how we manage our piece of property. We think a lot about how we take care of the land and what we grow on the land," Blake said.

Blake said she has a piece on display

that illustrates a piece of land with many trees in it. She said in tending for her own property and her art, she hopes to spread a message that will influence others to care for the piece of Earth they share with others.

Blake said this in turn is a cyclical process in which one person keeps a piece of land for themselves for a certain period of time, then it is passed on to the next person. She said she hopes to leave her property better than when she found it, because she said this is her responsibility.

"The seasons come and go and we try to make decisions that we think are ethical which is a cyclical thing. We try something that might work, and if it doesn't it doesn't and if it does it does. In a way that's what we do to make things better," Blake said.

Tisnado said through the pieces on display

he hopes to express he and Blake are both tedious regarding what they garden. He said he refrains from using herbicides or pesticides unless he absolutely has to.

Tisnado said he and Blake have a piece on display entitled "My Beloved Cotton." For this piece, Tisnado said he has a ceramic bucket on display in addition to Blake's computer generated painting showcasing how cotton can be harmful for agriculture.

"What I've learned is that cotton is grown in large numbers in the South. It does really well because we get enough rain. What I didn't know is that cotton is a water hog. When it's grown in other regions, it actually depletes the water sources," Blake said.

The exhibit is currently on display in the Janice Hardison Faulkner exhibit on the second floor of Joyner Library until May 10.

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-- Today is an 8
-- Unexpected news or actions could impact your health, work and fitness. Choose stability over illusion. Someone brings home a surprise. Stay practical despite distractions.

Taurus (April 20-May 20)
-- Today is an 8 -- Romance blossoms when least expected. Focus on fun with family and friends. Reality may not look like the fantasy version. It could be way better.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)
-- Today is an 8 -- Pay attention to home and family matters. Manage domestic responsibilities. Resolve any discord. Listen for what's needed. Clean and clear out clutter for greater harmony.

Cancer (June 21-July 22)
-- Today is an 8
-- Research, study and write your discoveries. Listen and learn. A brilliant idea is taking shape. Others are interested to hear your story. Get it out.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)
-- Today is a 9 -- The profit potential is higher through tomorrow. Avoid distractions and silly arguments. Keep your eye on the ball, and focus on the task at hand.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
-- Today is a 9 -- Personal matters have your attention. Prepare for an upcoming event or presentation. Take a stand for a cause that moves you. Make a blissful connection.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
-- Today is a 6
-- Lay low, and take it easy. Avoid illness, and keep a low profile. Meditate and exercise your body and mind. Envision what you want next.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
-- Today is an 8 -- Team collaboration flows with greater ease for a few days. Contribute your piece of the puzzle. Together, you're a powerful force. Go for substance over symbolism.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
-- Today is an 8 -- Practice makes perfect. The stakes could seem high. Words can deceive; you don't have the full picture, either. Offer your best performance and wait for developments.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
-- Today is an 8 -- Adjust the schedule for traffic and the news. Abandon expectations, and make an amazing discovery. Things probably won't go as imagined. It could be better.

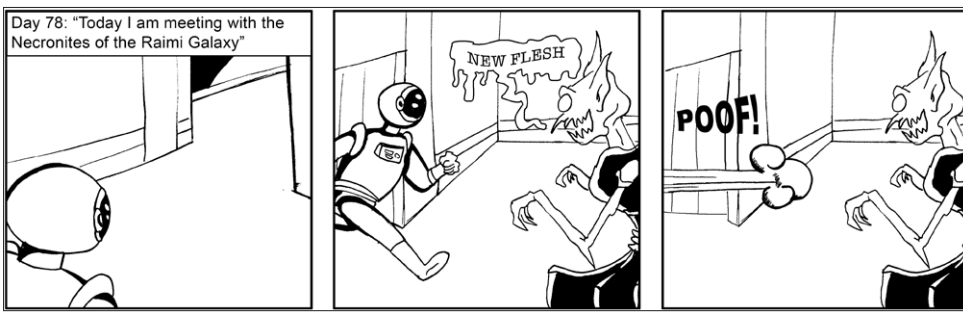
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-- Today is an 8
-- Join forces to fund a common goal. Put your heads together. You get more with honey than with vinegar. Find a win-win solution.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)
-- Today is an 8 -- You get more done together. Work toward a shared dream. Stick to practical aspects and simple details that add up. Coordinate roles and responsibilities.

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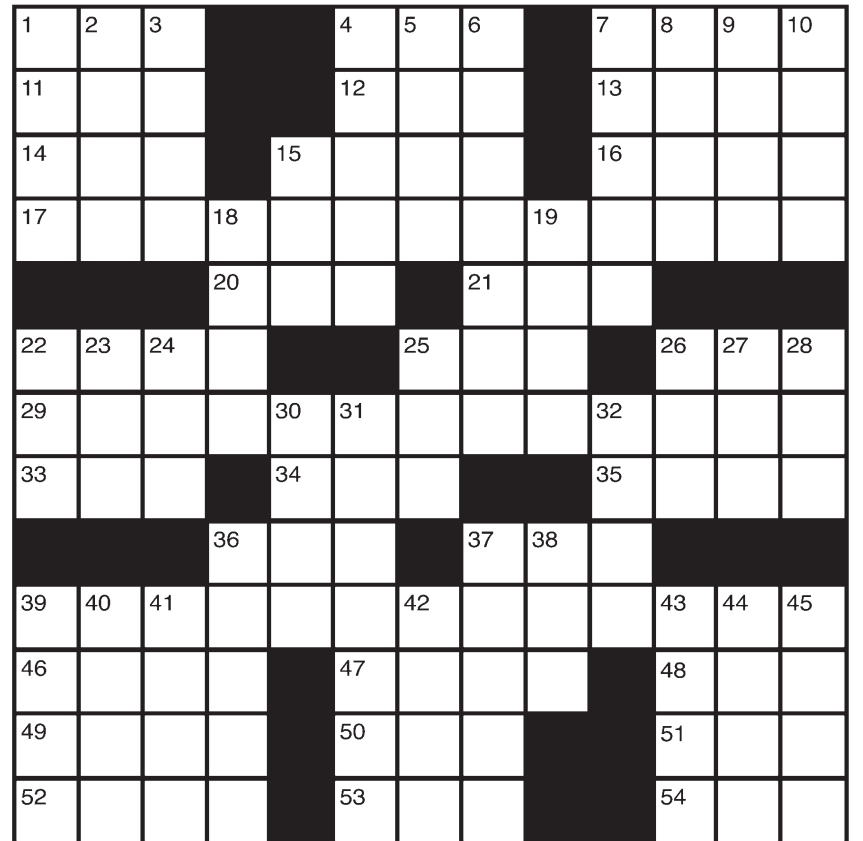
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- 4 Setting for "Evita": abbr.
- 7 "The ___ Guy"; Lee Majors series
- 11 Mr. Onassis, to friends
- 12 Title for Laurence Olivier
- 13 ___ vera; skin lotion ingredient
- 14 "___ Miserables"
- 15 "___ boy!"; encouraging words
- 16 Mexico's ___ San Lucas
- 17 Political interview series
- 20 Bruce or Brandon
- 21 Pacino and Gore
- 22 ___ Rodriguez of "CSI: Miami"
- 25 "___ to Billy Joe"
- 26 ___ Hunter
- 29 Henry Winkler sitcom about a family of doctors
- 33 Actor Nicholas
- 34 Actor ___ G. Carroll
- 35 "The ___"; Gregory Peck thriller
- 36 Poe's monogram
- 37 Danny Glover horror movie
- 39 "Criminal Minds" actor, once
- 46 Dog in "Garfield"
- 47 Like peas in ___

48 Actress MacGraw

- 49 Sean ___
- 50 "The ___ & Stimp Show"
- 51 Light brown shade
- 52 "Sinbad: Legend of the Seven ___"; animated fantasy film
- 53 Eisenhower's initials
- 54 "Mike Hammer, Private ___"

DOWN

- 1 "Two and a ___ Men"
- 2 Region
- 3 "Picket Fences" setting: abbr.
- 4 "___ World Turns"
- 5 Ceremony
- 6 "Hello Muddah, Hello Fadduh. Here I am at Camp ___..."
- 7 "The ___ of Life"
- 8 Jai ___; fast-paced game
- 9 Gray wolf
- 10 Uris or Spinks
- 15 Dined
- 18 "Sesame Street" character
- 19 ___ Guinness
- 22 Internet provider for millions
- 23 ___ to; because of
- 24 "One Day ___ Time"
- 25 Spanish gold
- 26 Conway or Allen
- 27 High card
- 28 Matlock's first name
- 30 Lash violently
- 31 George of "The A-Team"
- 32 "Cougar ___"
- 36 Anthony and Barbara
- 37 TV news journalist Phillips
- 38 Assistance
- 39 Cleans the floor
- 40 "Zip-___-Doo-Dah"
- 41 One of Columbus' three ships
- 42 Ridiculed
- 43 Mother of twins and sextuplets
- 44 "Now ___ me down to sleep..."
- 45 "___ to Five"; Dolly Parton movie

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Senior guard Isaac Fleming drove to the basket for two of his 12 points in the 57-73 loss to Wichita State University in the first round of the American Athletic Conference tournament Thursday night.

ECU ends tough 2019 season

Daniel Roberts
TEC STAFF

After finishing the season under the .500 mark for its sixth straight season, the East Carolina University men's basketball team finished its season with a 57-73 loss to Wichita State University Thursday night.

ECU (10-21, 3-15 AAC) battled hard in the first half against the Shockers as it only trailed by four with five minutes to go in the period, 20-24. Wichita State finished the half on a 15-7 run to lead 39-27 at halftime over the Pirates. The Shockers went up by as much as 27 points in the second half and won 73-57 to end the Pirates' season.

For the second straight season, ECU finished with only 10 wins. The Pirates went 9-9 at home and 1-11 on the road. There was a difference between this year's team and last year's and that difference was shown in how competitive the team was each and every night.

"We were way more competitive," senior guard Isaac Fleming said. "There were not a lot of egos on the team. We're all fighting for each other and even though we could not really show it with our record, I feel like if you came out and watched us you could see how much harder we

played and how much more passion was put into the game."

The biggest headline entering the 2018-2019 season was seeing how ECU would play with new head coach Joe Dooley. The team was able to handle the transition in the off-season and become a more improved and competitive team than what it was under head coach Jeff Lebo and interim head coach Michael Perry.

"We were a close-knit group so we were there for each other," senior guard Addison Hill said. "When Dooley got here it was pretty smooth with how everyone handled that transition, but it gave us a chance to go through adversity and grow. When he first got here, he instilled that competitiveness in us from the get go."

The Pirates finished the regular season with a 7-5 record during non-conference play. Nine of the 12 games were played at home. Four of the seven wins were by double digits and the other three were decided

by six points or less. ECU lost two games at home in nail-biters during non-conference play.

It lost to James Madison University 72-73 on a buzzer beating floater from JMU redshirt senior guard Stuckey Mosley back on Nov. 9. The other team the Pirates lost to at home before AAC play was High Point University when it took a 52-55 loss at home on Nov. 24.

ECU came into conference play with expectations to surpass the 10-20 overall record and 4-14 record it had in conference during the 2017-2018 season. The Pirates did the unthinkable and pulled out a 73-71 win at home against the 2018 defending AAC tournament champion University of Cincinnati (28-6, 14-4 AAC) on Jan. 5.

ECU made its presence known in the conference after that win, but ended up getting two more wins which both came against the University of Tulane (4-27, 0-18 AAC) 66-65 at home on Jan. 31 and 85-81 on Feb. 23 on the road.

Freshman forward Jayden Gardner was the biggest surprise of the season for Pirate fans and spectators. Gardner was named AAC Freshman-of-the-Week five times during the year and was named

to the American All-Freshman team. Gardner scored more than 20 points seven times this year, and recorded nine double doubles in points and rebounds. Gardner scored at least 30 points three times highlighted by a 35-point, 20-rebound effort in the loss to University of Central Florida on Jan. 13. Gardner averaged 15.9 points and 8.3 rebounds per game for the Pirates.

Sophomore guard Shawn Williams who was the conference freshman-of-the-year in 2018, increased in his scoring average from a year ago to backup Gardner, but dropped in terms of his shooting percentages. Williams had nine games where he knocked down at least four three-pointers. Williams finished the year averaging 12.6 points per game shooting 37 percent from the field and 34 percent from three. Williams averaged 12.4 points as a freshman but shot 40 percent from the field and 36.7 percent from three.

Looking at the losses the team took, it was more competitive than

fans and spectators imagined. There were games where ECU trailed by as much as 20 points but fought back to where it would end up trailing by one before losing in the end. Their record might not show improvement, but each game showed that the Pirates can play well enough to go on big runs.

"I look at the regular season in a bunch of different ways," Dooley said. "I am a statistical type of person so when I looked at Kenpom before the season, stats did not lie. We did not have a lot of returning points or returning guys and I would say that we have gotten better. We are better than what we were in November, now the flipside to that is the teams we are playing are a lot better. I think the guys have gotten a little bit more familiarity."

The men's basketball team moved forward in terms of improving on the court as a team. With Fleming, Hill and senior forward Justice Obasohan leaving, Dooley will have to find pieces that can fill their gaps in the offseason to make the team ready to make a run during the 2019-2020 school year.

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Isaac Fleming



Joe Dooley

Pirates finish with winning record

Mikey Carrillo
TEC STAFF

The East Carolina University women's basketball team finished its 2018-2019 on March 9, when it got eliminated by the University of Connecticut during the second round of the American Athletic Conference quarterfinals 65-92.

The team finished the year with a 16-15 record and a 6-10 record in conference play, ending with the eighth best record in the AAC.

For the Pirates, it was an up and down season both off and on the court. They started the year with their head coach Heather Macy resigning. Assistant coach Chad Killinger took over and led the team as interim head coach until he had to step down due to health issues. He rejoined the team later on during the season as an assistant coach. Acting head coach Nicole Mealing led the team for the remainder of the year.

"It was a great experience, not only for me but for the rest of the staff as well, we had to step up and do things that we normally will not do," Mealing said. "Being in this role has taught me so much about myself and about the players and my staff as well. I'm so proud of everybody for sticking together and putting up a good fight overall."

The team struggled to stay healthy all season long, as it played a huge part in their inability to reach their potential. Despite its injury problems, ECU still played its hearts out, as it would have a great start. The team would

win its first five games of the season, with three of them being double digit wins. In the first 11 games, the Pirates were 9-2, a great position to be in before their Christmas break.

They encountered their first rough patch of the season right after when they lost against Duke University (15-15, 6-10 AAC) on the road 66-83 on Dec. 28 and had their second losing streak of the year, which lasted three games, until they got back on track at home against Wichita State University (12-18, 5-11 AAC) on Jan. 9 with a 22 point win, 78-56.

Right after they were found with their backs against the wall, as they went through a five game losing streak that lasted from Jan. 12-29. ECU bounced back with hard fought fights during its final 11 games of the season, where it went 6-5 during that stretch.

The Pirates finished the regular season with two straight wins against the University of Tulsa (13-18, 6-10 AAC) 64-60 on March 2 and Southern Methodist University (11-19, 5-11 AAC) 67-61 on March 4.

"I'm just so proud of the girls for the fight that they showed, throughout the season. Injuries really did prevent us from doing what we really wanted to do this year, we only had three players that played in all games this year so it took a big hit on us but so proud of the fight they gave and played every single game," Mealing said.

The Pirates entered the AAC tournament as the No. 8 seed, which meant playing SMU again for their first round game, as they went on to win 50-48 in overtime. The second game was played against UConn (31-2, 16-0), a game that was well fought and the team was only down seven points at halftime, but the Huskies got away in the second half, and managed to



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Sophomore guard Lashonda Monk was named to the AAC All-Conference Third Team on Friday.

win 92-65, ending the season for the Pirates. ECU, despite all the adversity, had a very impressive season and will look to accomplish what they wanted to next year. They will lose four seniors, including point guard Alex Frazier and forwards Desiree Corbin, Salita Greene and Campbell.

"We're moving in the right direction, we have Monk coming back, she was our leading scorer this season, top five in the nation in steals," Mealing said. "Raven

Johnson, you have Ariyana Williams coming back, hopefully we can get her back 100 percent healthy, she was our leading scorer last year so that is going to help a lot. Also, Nicole Hope, we're gonna be really fast next year, the girls are eager to get back to the gym and get back to work."

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Nicole Mealing