



East Carolina University | Board of Trustees Athletics & Advancement Committee Meeting | November 19, 2015 Agenda

- I. Approval of September 24, 2015 Minutes Action

- II. Naming Proposals Action
 - A. Trophy case in lobby of Smith Williams Center
 - B. Head track coach office in Olympic Sports Building

- III. Advancement Update
 - A. Fundraising totals
 - B. Introductions of Associate Vice Chancellor for Alumni and Campaign Manager
 - C. MATCH program

- IV. Student Successes

- V. Athletics Informational Items

East Carolina University
Board of Trustees
Athletics and Advancement Committee
November 19, 2015

Session	Athletics and Advancement Committee
Responsible Person	Edwin Clark, Chair
Agenda Item	I.
Item Description	Approval of minutes – September 24, 2015
Comments	
Action Requested	Approval
Disposition	
Notes	

**Board of Trustees
Athletics & Advancement Committee
September 24, 2015
Murphy Center, ECU
MINUTES**

The Athletics and Advancement Committee met on Thursday, September 24, 2015. Members present included Vern Davenport, Deborah Davis, Mark Matulewicz, Kel Normann, Kieran Shanahan, Edwin Clark as chair.

Chairman Clark read the conflict of interest statement and asked for a motion to approve the minutes from April 23, 2015. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Athletics

Jamie Johnson, Director of Athletic Compliance, gave a compliance update.

Jeff Compher, Director of ECU Athletics presented the 2015-16 annual goals for ECU Athletics. The are:

1. Increase single year GPA (combined fall/spring GPA) by a minimum of 10 teams.
2. Implement an efficient process to enhance counseling services for student-athletes.
3. Design and initiate a capital campaign for south side renovation of Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium.
4. Complete the athletics facilities master plan.
5. Negotiate new Nike apparel contract or change to another vendor.
6. Increase season tickets sold for all sports.
7. Expand brand knowledge and awareness of ECU on regional and national levels.
8. Emphasize and improve customer service in all areas.
9. Win at least three American Athletic Conference Championships with all teams finishing in top half of conference standing.

Nick Floyd, Senior Associate Director of Athletics, presented the Athletics financial report, the NCAA Presidential Dashboard for board review and the season ticket sales. No action was required for these items. In addition, Jeff Compher gave an update regarding athletic facilities.

University Advancement

Vice Chancellor Dyba gave a fundraising update. Highlights include ending the 2014-15 FY with fundraising totals over 39M with a breakdown of 19M from the ECU Foundation, 7M from the Medical Foundation and 13M from Athletics. He explained that the total encompasses cash and commitments. Comparatively: 2 years ago (2012-13) the fundraising total was 25M and last fiscal year (2013-14) was 33M.

Vice Chancellor Dyba also gave an update on campaign feasibility. University Advancement recently worked with Target Analytics to begin the process of campaign readiness, evaluate previous trends, review alumnae geographics and determine best prospects based on our current data. They returned data stating ECU has:

- 500 prospects for gifts over 250K
- 2K prospects for gifts of 2K to 250K
- 22K prospects with gift capacity of less than 1K
- Over 12K prospects for potential planned gifts

VC Dyba said this data will help Advancement begin to make a systematic and concerted effort as the University moves forward with its next campaign. He shared that at this time a campaign goal has not been established. It was noted that our last campaign goal was set at 200M and 220M was raised. It was noted that this goal was set based on some scientific data but not as in-depth as what Advancement will be using for the next campaign.

He did remind the committee that if the goal is set at 500M that would require 60M annually for 8 years. He also shared that by the time our campaign is announced publically we should have reached about half of our goal.

There were no other items presented to the committee. The meeting adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Megan Ayers

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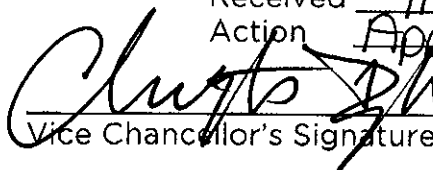
Session	Athletics and Advancement Committee
Responsible Person	Chris Dyba, Vice Chancellor for University Advancement
Agenda Item	II.
Item Description	Naming Proposals
Comments	
Action Requested	Approval
Disposition	
Notes	A. Trophy case in lobby of Smith Williams Center B. Head track coach office in Olympic Sports Building

Proposed Name(s) to Honor: Howard Swain

PROPOSAL TO EAST CAROLINA UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
TO NAME A FACILITY OR ACTIVITY

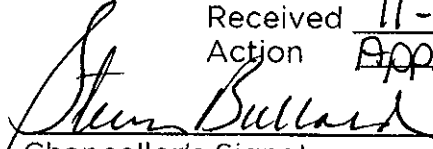
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Chancellor's Office:

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STATEMENT OF INTENT

STEP UP TO THE HIGHEST LEVEL Campaign
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Naming Opportunity(ies) Trophy Case in Lobby/Hall of Fame

To assist in attaining the goals set forth by the Department of Athletics under the STEP UP TO THE HIGHEST LEVEL Campaign for East Carolina University, I/we will commit a gift to the East Carolina Educational Foundation, Inc., in the sum of \$ 25,000 to be paid in either cash, securities or other property of equivalent market value.

I/we desire to have this financial support distributed in the following manner:

- \$ 5,000 in 20 11(Year)
- \$ 5,000 in 20 12(Year)
- \$ 5,000 in 20 13(Year)
- \$ 5,000 in 20 14(Year)
- \$ 5,000 in 20 15(Year)

Annually () Semi-Annually () Quarterly

In making this Statement of Intent, it is understood that this document constitutes a declaration of intent only, and shall not legally bind me/us or my/our estate.

Signature [Handwritten Signature]

Signature _____

Date 4/21/11

**NAMING PROPOSAL TO EAST CAROLINA UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

J. Batt

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Department/Division

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Home

Business

Relationship to the University: **Donor**

Proposed Object for Naming: **Head Track Coach Office in Olympic Sports Building**

Purpose for recommendation:

Honorary (Attach background materials as appropriate to justify the recommendation)

Gift (Attach background materials as appropriate to justify the recommendation and complete the section below)

Purpose of Gift: Annual Capital Endowment

Date of Original Commitment: **4/30/2012**

Amount of the Total Commitment: **\$50,000**

Amount Paid: **\$35,000**

Current Pledge Balance: **\$15,000**

Status of Payments: **Current**


Was the gift part of a campaign: Yes No Define: _____

Was the project pre-approved: Yes No

Directed to: ECU Foundation Educational Foundation
 Medical Foundation Other

If the Gift was more than \$25,000:

1. Attach a copy of the signed Letter of Intent.
2. Define in detail any special arrangements or expectations the donor may have resulting from this Gift.
3. If the Gift is other than cash or cash equivalent, explain the method of valuation, and the plan for liquidation.


Signature of Originator

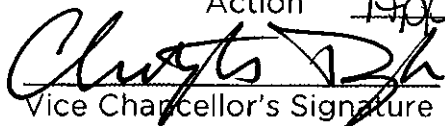
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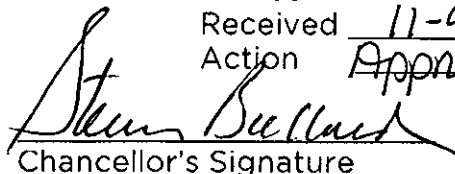
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Increased Commitment

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- \$ 10,000 in 20 15 (Year)
- \$ 10,000 in 20 16 (Year)
- \$ 10,000 in 20 17 (Year)

Annually () Semi-Annually () Quarterly

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Date 4/30/12



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Responsible Person	Edwin Clark, committee chair
Agenda Item	V.
Item Description	Athletics informational items
Comments	
Action Requested	None – information only
Disposition	
Notes	AD Compher is traveling with the football team in FL and will not be able to attend the committee meeting. These items are for information only from the Athletics staff.



EAST CAROLINA

DEPARTMENT OF ATHLETICS

MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Trustees
Athletics & Advancement Committee

FROM: Nick Floyd
Executive Associate Director of Athletics

DATE: November 4, 2015

RE: Athletics Financial Report

The attached financial report contains information for the current fiscal year through October 28, 2015.

It has become evident that along with the shortage in football season ticket sales noted in the most recent report of approximately \$155,000, there will also be a shortfall in single game football ticket revenue in an estimated amount of \$345,000 for a combined total of \$500,000. The plan at this time is to utilize surplus revenues from different areas that are already identified to make up this shortfall, such as Licensing and Student Fees, as well as to manage the expense side of the equation as the year progresses when opportunities present themselves.

Additional revenue may also accrue through the American Athletic Conference (AAC) from the College Football Playoff and bowl system. With the success of the conference teams to date, there is a distinct possibility that the AAC will be the highest ranked Group of Five conference and may also have a participant in a New Year's Six Access Bowl. Both of these items would produce surplus revenue that would flow through the conference to the individual institutions, and we will provide more information on this issue if it is relevant at the next meeting.

Looking ahead, the announcement of the new partnership with adidas will be very beneficial to the program over the next ten years. The incremental annual value to the department is over \$500,000 and this will enable us to more appropriately budget the apparel needs for each of our nineteen sports programs. In addition, we also project that it will allow us to re-appropriate almost \$300,000 to other areas of the program (i.e. cost of attendance as an example), so the overall impact is truly significant.

As always, thank you for your support and please let us know if you would like to discuss this report in greater detail.

NICK FLOYD

EXECUTIVE ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS

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EAST CAROLINA UNIVERSITY ATHLETIC FUND
FINANCIAL REPORT FY 2015 - 16

<u>REVENUE</u>	Budgeted <u>7/1/2015</u>	Actual <u>10/28/2015</u>	Projected <u>6/30/2016</u>	Projected Over/(Under) <u>Budget</u>
Student Fees	\$ 14,145,400	7,064,969	14,345,400	200,000
Football Ticket Revenue	6,575,000	5,727,249	6,075,000	(500,000)
Men's Basketball Ticket Revenue	525,500	315,012	525,500	0
Women's Basketball Ticket Revenue	44,500	16,014	44,500	0
Baseball Ticket Revenue	300,000	22,505	300,000	0
Pirate Club Scholarship Pledge	6,367,800	0	6,367,800	0
NCAA / AAC Distributions	3,800,000	43,595	3,800,000	0
Concessions and Licensing	1,075,000	94,497	1,175,000	100,000
Athletic Guarantees	1,602,000	250,000	1,602,000	0
Sports Marketing	1,625,000	2,159	1,625,000	0
Gifts In Kind	947,050	0	947,050	0
Other Sports Fundraising / NCAA SAF	387,000	409,562	387,000	0
Other (Bowl game, Other Sports tickets, Football parking, Processing fees, Non Athletic events, Transfers, Miscellaneous)	<u>\$ 834,000</u>	<u>331,521</u>	<u>834,000</u>	<u>0</u>
	<u>\$ 38,228,250</u>	<u>14,277,083</u>	<u>38,028,250</u>	<u>(200,000)</u>
EXPENDITURES				
	Budgeted <u>7/1/2015</u>	Actual <u>10/28/2015</u>	Projected <u>6/30/2016</u>	Projected Under/(Over) <u>Budget</u>
Administration	\$ 5,020,450	1,926,647	5,020,450	0
Repairs / Replacements	318,300	277,145	318,300	0
Facilities	919,500	356,073	919,500	0
Home Game Operations	1,421,100	244,888	1,421,100	0
Conference Championship Travel	634,700	19,767	634,700	0
Spirit Groups	310,000	132,284	310,000	0
Other Support Services	6,360,883	2,472,255	6,360,883	0
Football	9,418,800	3,851,814	9,418,800	0
Men's Basketball	2,903,084	888,185	2,903,084	0
Other Men's Sports	3,263,522	1,187,814	3,263,522	0
Women's Basketball	2,203,205	790,450	2,203,205	0
Other Women's Sports	5,067,706	2,029,709	5,067,706	0
Other Sports Fundraising / NCAA SAF	<u>387,000</u>	<u>191,789</u>	<u>387,000</u>	<u>0</u>
Total	<u>38,228,250</u>	<u>14,368,820</u>	<u>38,228,250</u>	<u>0</u>
Net Operating Income / (Loss)	0	(91,737)	(200,000)	(200,000)
Fund Balance Increase/(Decrease)	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>(91,737)</u>	<u>(200,000)</u>	<u>(200,000)</u>
Beginning Fund Balance	(795,568)		(795,568)	
Ending Fund Balance	<u>\$ (795,568)</u>		<u>(995,568)</u>	

EAST CAROLINA ATHLETICS

2015-2016 Informational Recaps – Fall Update

BASEBALL

- The Pirates opened fall practice on Sept. 30 by welcoming 17 newcomers to the club - five infielders (Turner Brown, Kendall Ford, Brady Lloyd, Wes Phillips and Drew Piscorik), three outfielders (Justin Dirden, Ryan Littlefield and Dwanya Williams-Sutton), one catcher (Jake Washer), six pitchers (Matt Bridges, Cam Colmore, West Covington, Chris Holba, Sam Lanier and Shelton Perkins, Jr.) and two two-way players (Denny Brady and Zack Mazingo).
- ECU returns 17 letterwinners, including Coral Gables All-Regional selection Garrett Brooks, 2015 Freshman All-America and All-AAC Tournament member Joe Ingle, three-time Johnny Bench Award Watch List Travis Watkins and 2014 all-conference performers Bryce Harman and Charlie Yorgen.
- The Pirates' 2016 schedule includes 32 home games and the 13th Annual Keith LeClair Classic (March 4-6). ECU will play 17 games against seven teams that earned a bid to the 2015 NCAA Regionals, 37 against squads with 30-plus wins (27 with 35-plus wins, 10 with 40-plus wins) and 12 that finished ranked in the national polls. It will also play 21 of their first 28 games at Clark-LeClair Stadium, including its first American Athletic Conference series against 2015 regular season champion and NCAA Regional participant Houston (April 1-3).
- ECU Alum Chad Tracy (1999-2001) became the 33rd member of the program to be inducted into the ECU Athletics Hall of Fame this fall.
- Former Pirate reliever Seth Simmons (2008-11) was named to the USA Baseball Premier12 Roster and will compete with Team USA in the WBSC Premier12 Tournament in Taipei, Taiwan (with semifinals and finals to be held in Tokyo, Japan), Nov. 9-21.
- For the first time in program history, the Pirates had four former players playing in the Major Leagues in the same season: Shawn Armstrong (Cleveland Indians), Chris Heston (San Francisco Giants), Seth Maness (St. Louis Cardinals) and Mike Wright (Baltimore Orioles). Wright made his debut on May 17, 2015, while Armstrong appeared in his first MLB contest on Aug. 8, 2015. Heston became the first Pirate in the pros to toss a no-hitter when he blanked the New York Mets 5-0 on June 9.
- The Pirates will close out its fall practice schedule with their annual Purple-Gold World Series, which is slated for Oct. 30, Oct. 31 and Nov. 1 (2 p.m.) at Lewis Field inside Clark-LeClair Stadium.

BASKETBALL (MEN)

- East Carolina enters its sixth season under head coach Jeff Lebo. Lebo starts the 2015-16 campaign just two wins shy of 300 career victories and 13 short of becoming only the third Pirate coach to win 100 games.
- The 2015-16 schedule features 16 home games, 13 versus teams that participated in the 2015 postseason and two games against preseason Top 25 opponents (Cal and UConn). A total of 27 contests will be televised.
- The Pirates welcome four scholarship newcomers to the team: Kentrell Barkley (Durham), Charles Foster (Louisville, Ky.), Deng Riak (Melbourne Australia) and Clarence Williams (Tallahassee, Fla.).
- Three starters (Caleb White, Michel Nzege, Marshall Guilmette) return this season along with seven additional lettermen (Grant Bryant, Prince Williams, Lance Tejada, B.J. Tyson, Peyton Robbins, Michael Zangari, Kanu Aja).
- East Carolina will be among nine teams to compete in the 15th annual Continental Tires Las Vegas Invitational at the Orleans Arena in Las Vegas during the Thanksgiving Holiday, Nov. 26-27.
- ECU will make its first-ever trip to California with first-time matchups against Cal (Nov. 20) and San Diego State (Nov. 23).
- The Pirates host Grambling State in their season opener on Nov. 13.

BASKETBALL (WOMEN)

- The Pirates unveiled their 2015-16 schedule in September, as they prepare to begin their sixth season under head coach Heather Mc...
- East Carolina's combined broadcast total sits at 13 regular-season contests across ESPNU, ESPN3, CBS Sports Network and The American Digital Network.
- Macy, along with seniors Jada Pavne and I'Tiana Taylor, attended the American Athletic Conference's Women's Basketball Media Day at the Grand Bohemian Hotel in Orlando, Fla. on Monday, Oct. 26.
- East Carolina received 75 points and was picked to finish fourth in the American Conference according to a vote by the league's head coaches, just one point behind Temple (76). Connecticut was chosen first in the poll, while UTEP was second.
- Jada Pavne and I'Tiana Taylor were each chosen as Preseason All-American Athletic Conference Second Team selections.
- ECU begins the season Nov. 13-14 at the Islanders Classic in Corpus Christi, Texas. The Pirates will take on the University of Texas-Rio Grande Valley in the opener before challenging host Texas A&M-Corpus Christi. East Carolina will face Alcorn State in its home opener on Tuesday, Nov. 17 at 7 p.m., at Williams Arena in Mingos Coliseum.

CROSS COUNTRY

- The women's team finished fourth and the men's team placed seventh at the season-opening Covered Bridge Invitational in Boone, N.C., on Sept. 4.
- East Carolina hosted the ECU Pirates Invitational at Overton's Lake Kristi on Sept. 18, where the women took first place and the men finished second. Caroline Reiser finished third with a personal-best time of 18:05.26 in the 5K race, while Grace Sullivan, Shewit Weldense, Caitlyn Sheva and Sydney Teague also recorded top-10 finishes. Jorge Montes placed second for the men's team, while Brather Cline, Nick Ciaccia and Corbin Boyles were also among the first 10 runners to cross the finish line.
- Thirteen runners recorded personal-bests at Lehigh's Paul Short Invitational in Bethlehem, Pa., on Oct. 2.
- ECU will host the 2015 American Athletic Conference Championships on Oct. 31 at Overton's Lake Kristi, with the first race scheduled to begin at 10 a.m.

FOOTBALL

- East Carolina, which currently owns an overall record of 4-4 heading into the Connecticut game (Oct. 30), needs just two more wins (in remaining four games) to earn bowl eligibility status for the ninth time in the last 10 years. In all, the Pirates are in search of their 11th bowl appearance since 2000.
- In its second year of American Athletic Conference membership, ECU currently is third in the league's East Division (trailing Temple and USF). The Pirates fell to the Owls 24-14 on Oct. 22 and will meet the Bulls on Nov. 7.
- ECU's four losses this season have been against teams that currently sport a combined record of 24-4 (Florida/6-1, Navy/5-1, BYU/6-2 and Temple/7-0).
- The win over Virginia Tech on Sept. 26 marked the Pirates' fifth victory over a "Power 5" opponent in the last three years.
- For the fourth-straight year, ECU is among the top three in attendance for all Group of Five conference members (formerly non-AQ BCS). Overall, East Carolina ranks 56th nationally in average attendance (43,427) and 57th in capacity percentage (86.85) so far in 2015.
- The Pirates rank among the nation's top 30 programs in the following statistical categories – third-down conversion percentage (12th/48.0), first down offense (21st/182), pass offense (24th/286.3 ypg), punt return defense (26th/4.6 ypr) and sacks (30th/2.6 spg).
- Individually, OLB Yiannis Bowden is 3rd in punt return TDs; DB Trevian Hicks is 2nd in blocked kicks; IR Isaiah Jones is 10th in receptions per game, 18th in receiving yards; PR/KOR Quay Johnson is 7th in combined kick return yardage; QB Blake Kemp is 6th in completion percentage, 16th in completions per game; DL Demetri McGill is 7th in fumbles recovered; OLB Montese Overton is 10th sacks.
- A school-record six Pirates were named to a combined (program-high) 13 preseason watch lists in 2015. ECU's 13 selections topped all American Athletic Conference programs (Cincinnati and Houston each had nine) and ranked third nationally among all Group of Five teams (Boise State/17, Western Michigan/14).

GOLF (MEN)

- ECU has competed in four tournaments during the fall, finishing first at the Elon Phoenix Invitational and second at the VCU Shootout.
- The Pirates shot a school-record 269 in the final round of the Elon Phoenix Invitational.
- Senior Al Dickens posted three top-10 finishes, Jacob Hicks had two, with brothers Wes and Tim Conover registering one each.
- The Pirates finished the fall season ranked 33rd by *Golfstat.com*.
- East Carolina will compete in seven tournaments during the spring, beginning Feb. 26 at the John Hayt Invitational in Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla. The Pirates will host the East Carolina Intercollegiate April 4-5.

GOLF (WOMEN)

- ECU wrapped up its fall schedule posting a 51-7 record and a No. 37 ranking by *GolfStat.com*.
- The Pirates claimed tournament titles at The Lady Pirate Intercollegiate and the Pinehurst Challenge. The home tournament win (LPI) was the first for ECU since 2002, while the Pirates set a new 54-hole school record score (857) at the Pinehurst Challenge.
- ECU also took second at the Minnesota Invitational and finished seventh at the Cardinal Cup.
- Senior Frida Gustafsson Spang led the squad with a 73.33 stroke average, recording a pair of 214 (2-under par) outings at the Minnesota Invitational (second place) and the Pinehurst Challenge.
- Sophomore Lisa Pettersson posted a 73.58 average for the fall which included three top 11 placements and a career-best second place finish at the Lady Pirate Intercollegiate.
- The freshman duo of Catherine Ashworth and Kate Law each participated in all four events. Ashworth posted a pair of top 15 finishes which included a career-best share of ninth place at the Cardinal Cup. Law recorded a career-low score of 211 (5-under) at the Pinehurst Challenge for a personal-best finish of fifth place.

•Senior Nicoline Engstroem Skaug notched a pair of top 20 finishes, including a share of second place at the Lady Pirate Intercollegiate with a score of 220.

SOCCER

•The Pirates concluded their regular season with an 8-9-2 overall record and a 3-5-1 mark in American Athletic Conference matches.

•Redshirt senior goalkeeper Sandra Baron was named The American's Goalkeeper-of-the-Week twice during the year (Aug. 24 and Oct. 26). She concluded the regular season with a conference-leading nine shutouts, while her 84 saves and 4.42 stops per game were tops in the league among goalkeepers.

•Freshman forward Courtney Cash was named the American Conference Rookie-of-the-Week after scoring her first collegiate goal in the 107th minute of the Pirates' 1-0 double overtime victory over Western Carolina on Sept. 13.

•Senior Kendall Frey and junior Lana Spitler led the team in goals with six each, while Frey topped all Pirates in assists (5) and game-winning goals (4) on the year.

•The Pirates closed out their conference slate in a "must-win" game with a 3-0 victory over Memphis on Oct. 25, clinching the No. 8 seed in the 2015 American Athletic Conference Championship.

•East Carolina will face regular-season champion Connecticut in the first round of the tournament on Nov. 3 in Dallas, Texas.

SOFTBALL

•Head Coach Courtney Oliver, who was appointed to the position June 12, completed her coaching staff with the hiring of assistant coaches Jessica Hirschbuhl and Matt Nandin. Hirschbul was an all-conference performer at Colonial Athletic Association powerhouse Hofstra, graduating in 2012, while Nandin spent three years as an assistant softball coach at Syracuse and played baseball at Le Moyne College from 2006-09.

•ECU competed in six games during its fall schedule, taking on Longwood, Pitt Community College and Elon. The Pirates went 3-3 in those contests.

•East Carolina welcomes four newcomers to the squad for the 2016 campaign, including 2015 Gatorade North Carolina Player of the Year Mary Williams who attended Cape Fear High School.

SWIMMING & DIVING

•Both teams have posted a 2-1 dual meet record heading into the month of November.

•The men's and women's teams each finished second at the All-N.C. Invitational. It was the ladies fourth consecutive runner-up finish at the event and third-straight second-place finish for the men.

•Both the ECU men (41) and women (42) found themselves among the nation's top 50 teams through the first three weeks of the season according to *CollegeSwimming.com's* Division I rankings.

•Junior Ashley Sams was selected The American Athletic Conference Female Diver-of-the-Week for the third time in her career.

•Sophomore Scottie Kent has qualified for the NCAA Regional Zone Championships on the 1 and 3-meter springboard.

TENNIS (MEN)

•The Pirates have played two fall tournaments thus far, hosting the ECU Fall Shootout to begin the season Sept. 1st - 12th

•Senior Tendai Tapfuma and freshman William Himpe each posted unblemished singles records for the tournament as both notched 3-0 marks, while freshmen Will Bissett and James Ling went 2-0 in doubles competition.

•Four players, Kasey Countee, Tapfuma, Fredric Lehfeldt and Himpe, competed Oct. 15-18 at the ITA Carolinas Regional in Cary, N.C.

•Countee reached the third round of the singles draw after a three-set first round win and a straight-set second round victory, while Tapfuma reached the second round. In doubles, the duo of Himpe and Lehfeldt cruised to a 6-4, 6-3 victory over the College of Charleston's Vasily Kichgin and Josh Record in the first round, but suffered a straight-set defeat in round two.

•The Pirates also competed at NC State's Wolfpack Invitational in Raleigh, N.C., where Lehfeldt won the consolation draw in his singles flight. Bissett reached the consolation championship in his singles flight.

•East Carolina's dual match season will begin Jan. 18, 2016 against Longwood at the ECU Tennis Complex.

TENNIS (WOMEN)

•The Pirates had their first fall tournament of the 2015-16 campaign, the ECU Invitational, cancelled because of inclement weather during the first week of September.

•The squad finally opened its season Oct. 9-11 at the Wake Forest Invitational, where junior Michelle Castro posted a 3-1 singles mark and reached the finals of her singles flight. Senior Katie Hoch, junior Betsy Zurawel,

sophomore Sarah Sarjoo and freshmen Celia Ruiz and Annija Veinsteina notched 2-1 singles marks. ECU combined for an 8-4 overall doubles mark, as all four doubles tandems compiled 2-1 records in their respective flights.

- Ruiz and senior Nicole LaDuca competed at the 2015 ITA Carolinas Regional in Chapel Hill, N.C. Both players earned bids into the singles main draw but dropped their first round matches, before reaching the round of 16 as a doubles tandem following a victory over Clemson.

- East Carolina's dual match season will begin Jan. 23, 2016 at Appalachian State.

TRACK & FIELD

- Director of Men's and Women's Track and Field Curt Kraft welcomes 26 newcomers to this year's squad. The class is comprised of 19 women and seven men, while 15 hail from the state of North Carolina.

- High jumper Avion Jones returns for his senior season as the defending American Athletic Conference champion in the event. He also competed in the NCAA Outdoor Championships and posted a top-10 finish at the United States Track and Field Championships.

- A trio of Pirates was named to the 2014-15 United States Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches Association (USTFCCCA) All-Academic Team in junior Janieyah Collins, sophomore Jasmine Johnson and junior Madison Rayfield. To qualify for the USTFCCCA All-Academic Track and Field Team, the student-athlete must have compiled a cumulative grade point average of 3.25 and have finished the regular indoor season ranked in the national top 96 in individual events or ranked in the national top 48 in a relay event or, during the outdoor season, have participated in any round of the NCAA Division I Championships.

VOLLEYBALL

- Head coach Julie Torbett's Pirates currently own a 10-11 overall record and are 3-7 in American Athletic Conference competition, which marks significant improvement over recent campaigns.

- East Carolina turned in a strong non-conference showing, winning seven of 10 matches and its first four of the season.

- ECU won its home tournament, the East Carolina Invitational, for the second time in as many years. The Pirates picked up victories over William and Mary as well as 2014 NCAA Tournament participant Hampton during the event. Ashley McRae was named tournament MVP, while Sabrina Gonzalez and Kierra Lee-Dunson were tabbed to the all-tournament team.

- Senior libero Erika Figueroa surpassed the 1,000-dig mark for her career on Sept. 27 during a four-set American Athletic Conference win at Memphis. She is currently fourth among AAC players in digs per set with a 4.93 average. Figueroa was named the female ECU Student-Athlete of the Month for September and was The American Defensive Player-of-the-Week on Sept. 28

- Sophomore Ashton Mares leads the team with a 3.13 kills per set average, ranking eighth among AAC players. She was named to the AAC Weekly Honor Roll Oct. 12 for her performances in conference wins over Tulane and then-league leader Houston.

- ECU has six home matches remaining on its schedule and is 4-3 inside Minges Coliseum this season.