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BRIEFS

ECU organizes event to help senior drivers stay safe



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Students and faculty from the ECU Occupational Therapy department helped local seniors become safer drivers through a car safety program.

On Saturday, May 22, more than a dozen seniors came out to the CarFit program held at Eastern Pines Church of Christ on Portertown Road in Greenville to learn car safety and comfort pointers. CarFit is a nationwide program that is held by the AARP, AAA and the American Occupational Therapy Association that walks senior drivers through a 12-point safety checklist, which ranges from making sure the driver could see and understand the gauges to proper mirror adjustment.

This comes only two months after a 93-year-old Greenville woman collided with an ECU office building. Edna Moye was cited for losing control of her Lincoln after colliding head-on with a vehicle and then driving into ECU's budget office on the corner of East Third Street and Cotanche Street. The accident significantly damaged the building, but fortunately, no one was significantly injured. An employee, whose desk was damaged, was not at work that day.

According to the CarFit website, 37 percent of partici

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Buses in front of Spate dropping off students

Pirate Express buses shut down during summer months

Jennifer Soares
STAFF WRITER

The Pirate Express service, operated by the ECU's transit system, will not be offered during summer school this year. During the regular fall and spring semesters, the Pirate Express is usually offered during overnight hours from the popular apartment complexes to downtown. This summer, however, the ECU Student Transit Authority (ECUSTA) decided to cut services due to the lack of student riders during the over-

night hours of operation.

According to Wood Davidson, the director of transit at ECU, "When it comes down to it, we want to provide transportation to large numbers of people and make sure that we are not running buses that do not have people on it while raising fees."



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Summer school is generally less active, and there are not any issues of large crowds and lack of parking like what is seen during the fall and spring semesters. There are still several alternatives students can take as far as getting downtown.

Davidson claims, "The determination was based on the budget and student fees and that the money would be better spent toward bus rides during the day, when ridership was more common."

During the spring semester, ECUSTA announced that it wanted to possibly end the Pirate Express services altogether because of the on-going issues of violence and excessive drunken behavior occurring on the bus routes.

"The buses are there to get

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Bus schedule reduced for summer session

Chris Thomas
STAFF WRITER

With the new summer session under way, the ECUSTA has implemented new routes for its off-campus services. The changes have cut down on both the locations buses used to pick up and drop off students and reduced the frequency in which they arrive.

Throughout both summer sessions, which run from May 18 to July 30, most buses depart from their destinations every half hour throughout the day. Instead of the two-bus rotation that normally runs during "peak hours," only one bus will go on each route. The changes are due to low ridership, according to the ECUSTA website. ECUSTA will also use Safe Ride vans for a few routes instead of actual buses.

This, though, has led to some discontent among transit patrons. Cramped morning buses and infrequent services have been cited by some, including freshman and North Campus Crossing resident Janki Patel.

"I've gotten used to it, but it's really cramped," said Patel. "I don't like the time frame either. It's really annoying. I kind of wish they'd use two buses per route instead of one."

Transit director Wood Davidson, though, reassures students that there is a reason for all the changes, and it's all based on cold, hard facts.

"We try to be as economical and efficient as possible with the buses," said Davidson. "According to the data we collect from our buses, there's really only one cramped round, and that's at 9 a.m."

Patel usually rides the bus during said round.

Still, the bus's infrequency can be a hassle and very unforgiving, according to Pirates Cove resident David Davis.

"I ride the 11:10 bus to campus," said Davis. "Pirates Cove's bus is fairly cramped, since it goes to two other apartment complexes. It kind of sucks, especially going back because you have to wait another 30 minutes."

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Finalist for Honors College eager for decision

Emily Cunningham
STAFF REPORTS

Last Thursday, Dr. Robert L. Spurrier, one of three finalists for the Dean of ECU's new Honors College, gave a presentation to inform the ECU faculty of his plans for the Honors College, should he be selected as the new dean. Spurrier is the current director of the Honors College at Oklahoma State University.

Spurrier started his presentation by telling a few inspirational stories about students who have made outstanding achievements in their lives after participating in university honors programs.

"Why do I start with stories about students? Because that's what honors is all about," Spurrier explained.

During his presentation, Spurrier mentioned the importance of people, place and purpose in the Honors College. He stated that not only are the students an essential element of the Honors College, but that the Honors College faculty plays an equally important role as well.

"We want to engage some of our best faculty on campus in the Honors College," said Spurrier.

Spurrier also cited the importance of the physical placement of the Honors College on campus. ECU's new Honors College will be located in the Mamie Jenkins building, a location which is fairly central on ECU's campus.

As for the purpose of the Honors College, Spurrier listed helping students to achieve their dreams as one of the central functions of any honors college. "We want to help students aspire, perhaps far beyond what they ever thought they could do," he explained.

At the conclusion of his presentation, Spurrier took questions from the faculty who were present. Among the questions that were posed to the candidate were, "What is your leadership philosophy?"

Dr. Spurrier replied, "Students come first. Their legitimate interests come first." He also stated that the Honors College should strive to hire the best people possible and let them use their skills to make the Honors College an effective institute on ECU's campus.

Spurrier also added, "I never take myself too seriously," as an important aspect of his leadership

philosophy. A man of many words and little hair, he joked about what he explained to be his campaign promise, "With my hairstyle, I can promise to be a shining example."

When asked what methods he would use to run the Honors College, Spurrier explained, "The biggest mistake an honors person can make is to come from the outside and use his or her own methods."

For example, when it comes to deciding a set curriculum for ECU's Honor College, Spurrier stated that there isn't one set model that he plans to use. He explained that he would be open to any proposed curriculum model. As for honors classes for each major, he stated, "Honors in the major is very much determined by the Academic Department of each major."

Spurrier was also asked how he plans to select the students who would be eligible for admissions into the Honors College. He listed predetermined SAT scores and GPAs as set by the university as potential requirements.

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Older drivers and crash risk

A study of older drivers and their health found that certain illnesses increase the chances of the older person causing a

Diseases that increase risk of

Stroke 90% higher risk
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Medications that increase or decrease risk

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LOWER RISK
Calcium channel blockers (for hypertension) -50%
Vasodilators (for heart conditions) -70%

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pants had at least one critical safety issue. Participation in the event will hopefully reduce these issues, which would mean fewer accidents for the elderly. A 2005 Insurance Institute for Highway Safety study found that drivers 65 and older were involved in more fatal crashes per mile driven than drivers aged 16 to 25.

The U.S. Census Bureau projects that by 2030, there will be 9.6 million people over the age of 85, more than a 70 percent increase from today. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration predicts by 2030, elderly drivers will be responsible for more than 25 percent of all fatal crashes, up from the 11 percent recorded in 2005.

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The infrequency of the buses can also be connected to summer admission, according to Davidson.

"There's been a large increase in admission this summer, but for distance education," said Davidson. "Ridership has declined slightly ... it mirrors on campus courses."

The morning commute seems to say otherwise, even to drivers like Conner Macrae. Macrae, a recent ECU graduate, has been driving buses for ECU for the past two and a half years. He also drives during the early morning hours, a time he calls "controlled chaos."

"You just have to pack in as many people in there as possible while still adhering to the

rules," said Macrae. "It's unfortunate since it only seems to happen between 8 and 9:30 ... the university seems to want things cheap."

Davidson claims that the university's recent budget cuts have little to do with the summer routes and that the buses are set up to transport large quantities of students from their places of living to campus.

"Our buses are set to hold 80 students at a time, 40 sitting and 40 standing," said Davidson. "The vehicle of use, whether it's a van or a bus, for our routes is also determined by ridership."

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[students] safely from their complexes to downtown, and they should be able to ride without any issues," stated Davidson.

Senior Brittany Williams is completely against the removal of the Pirate Express during the summer school sessions. "I think it was a bad idea to stop running the buses because there still are quite a few students here taking summer school and some are also here because of their jobs," said Williams, "I believe that by removing these buses, some students are going to put themselves and others in danger by getting behind the wheel drunk."

Apartment complexes such as The Landing and North Campus Crossing were just as unhappy as the students were about the removal of the Pirate Express.

Sarah Brock, property manager of North Campus, stated, "We were told the

Pirate Express was not running because ECU had to cut costs and we were never given any choices or options to pay the school our usual fees for the summer."

Courtney Urlingame, property manager of The Landing, was also informed of the same news as Brock. "As far as I know, it was not an option for us and it was not like we did not want to shell out the money. We want to keep our kids safe no matter what the cost."

The issues about student behavior and operation of the Pirate Express for the fall semester are still ongoing, but for right now, the bus system is still planned to operate the same as it did during the previous years.

"We need to educate our students about how to act, because it is not at the level it should be," said Davidson.

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The faculty was also interested in why Dr. Spurrier chose to apply to the position at ECU in the first place. He replied, "I was really encouraged by what I saw on the ECU Honors website." He also explained that he is attracted to ECU because he feels that he is someone who can help ECU's Honors College get on the map in the next four to five years.

Dr. David White, the search committee chair for the Honors College dean, stated that Spurrier is a very qualified candidate with exceptional experience. "He comes to us with a wealth of experience in honors. He's really developed the Honors Program at Oklahoma State," said White.

While the faculty will be allowed to give feedback about each candidate, White explained that the ultimate selection of the

new dean will be up to the Provost, Dr. Marilyn Sheerer. White stated that they hope to make a decision about the position within the next month.

The two other finalists for the position will be coming to ECU to give presentations about their ideas for the new Honors College as well.

On June 7, Dr. Sarah-Jane Murray from Baylor University will be presenting in the Science and Technology Building C309 at 1:30 p.m.

Dr. Jesse Peters from UNC-Pembroke will also be presenting on June 16 in the Science and Technology Building C309 at 1:30 p.m.

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Seriously, why do people even come to summer classes if they are just going to play on their phone the whole time?

Life is a movie, except in my case, where it's just a non-stop blooper reel.

Dear friend: it gets a little boring having to listen to you go on and on about all the guys you have a crush on. Please make up your mind on what you want and relieve me from this agonizing pain.

I think this blonde girl in my chemistry class is dumber than doornails...

You're just another statistic in my mind...

Guys who have short hair all look the same. Sorry for utilizing my great head of hair!

Dear friend: I know when you hang out with your friends you like to kiss a**, but when I am with you, don't even think I am kissing yours. Be yourself and stop letting them make all the decisions for you!

Dear ECU: Did you not have a better use of the summer than to create new e-mail accounts to annoy and confuse the crap out of me?! My new e-mail address takes forever to type and write and now I have to inform a million people of my new, extremely long email. AND my contacts weren't transferred, so I have to spend FOREVER re-entering them! :(

As I was taking my walk of shame this morning, church was letting out. The parents all looked horrified.

Last year when I graduated I felt like I had the whole world in my hand. But after working for a year I realized how much I miss school.

There's nothing funnier than hitting the bathroom before your morning class and hearing snores in the next stall.

Apparently, the correct reply to "Where've you been it's 3 a.m., you're drunk and have lipstick on your collar" is not "You're next, fatty!"

I probably shouldn't boast, but, no matter what city I'm in, the banner ads say the same three hot chicks are dying to meet me.

I love waking up at 5 a.m. with an imprint of a toilet seat on my chest...

Bring back the old e-mail system; the new one sucks.

It's a little weird talking to someone with messed up teeth, but it's impossible to take an adult with braces seriously.

In an interview, Lady Gaga said she actually liked the rumors about her having a penis. In fact, she said they make her laugh so hard that her balls hurt.

So heels the deal



Leila Falls
OPINION COLUMNIST

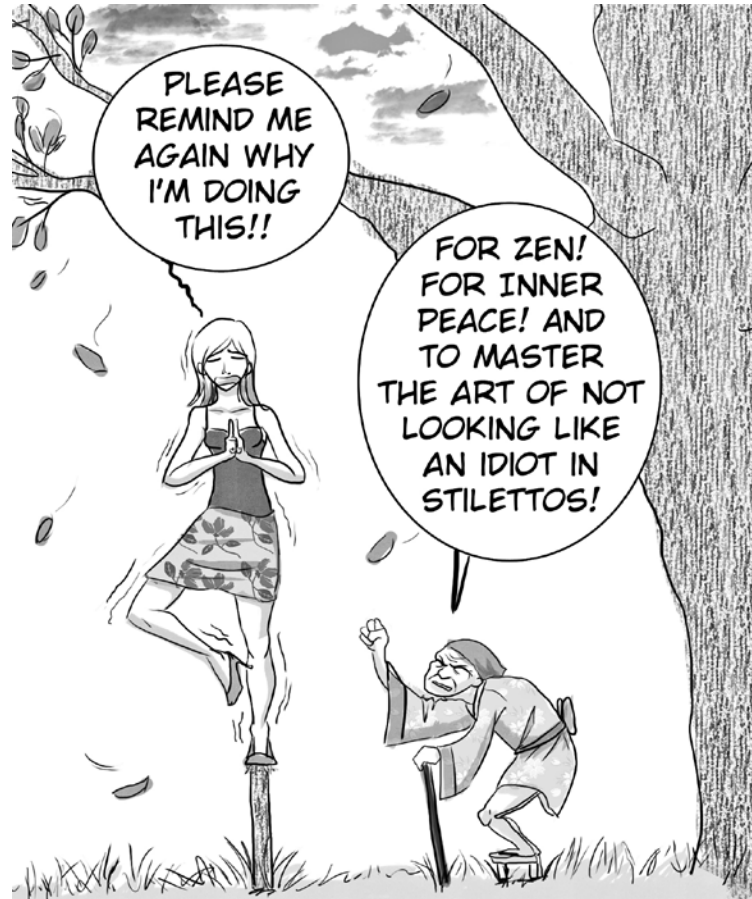
A few nights ago, my friend and I switched our heels to flip-flops, only to be unexpectedly hit with commentary. This gnarly-looking frat guy made a comment along the lines of, "Oh, can't handle the heels, doesn't look that hard"

He scoffed and gave the "I'm-stereotyping-you" glare. Really? It was one of those statements that, even though said by a dufus, was irritating and provokes you to get on a soap-box.

Heels are difficult to master, even for the most poised of girls or fiercest of drag queens. It takes a few wobbles, a couple shuffle strides and constant awkward prancing just to create the illusion of walking in heels. It's harder to stay strong when you've been wearing a pair of heels for a long period of time. Even if you can overcome the uneasiness and are able to numb the soreness, sometimes a burst of discomfort takes over. Everyone has witnessed the "tired wobble," "ouch wobble" and the "ouch-tired wobble" hybrid.

The worst types of heels are the ones that bind at the ankle, which make it difficult to free your feet for even a moment. Quick escapes or running are impossible because of the horse-hove clopping sound followed by the lack of balance and one of the token wobbles.

If heels are so complicated, why even bother? The excitement created by the colors and styles that fit the owner's personality or their outfit is blissful. The endless varieties are intoxicating.



ILLUSTRATED BY ADRIAN PARHAMOVICH

Take Disney's Cinderella for example: When she put on that glass slipper, not only did she get to prove her evil stepfamily wrong and have the man of her dreams, she got a hot pair of heels.

Heels can be the equivalent of a new HD TV – aka a retail therapy success. Heels give length to legs and promote good posture since it's very hard to not feel upright when wearing them. Sometimes wearing heels can make you feel empowering and feminine.

What makes me so qualified to go on this tirade? I was the girl who refused to wear anything but Chuck Taylors and flip-flops in

high school. If I wore heels, it was for a special occasion, which was even more traumatizing to watch. One day I encountered a pair of fabulous silver strappy heels; it was an instant connection and the first purchase where there was not even a hint of buyer's remorse. Once you do heels, nothing else appeals... beyond cheesy, but true.

As for the common "they look whorish" glares or direct attacks on heels, it all depends on the way you wear them. I have seen a girl make pajama pants look trampy. Heels can be classy, sexy, fun and unique. I know where the haters are coming from. I kind of feel like



"Thank you for showing me that sometimes you have to forgo what's popular to do what's right. And baby, you are so right."

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Sandra Bullock in "Miss Congeniality" when she says, "Well, I would have to say that I used to be one of them. And then I came here and I realized that these women are smart, terrific people who are trying to make a difference in the world." Take a walk in someone's shoes, if you're going to judge before you understand them. In this case, literally.

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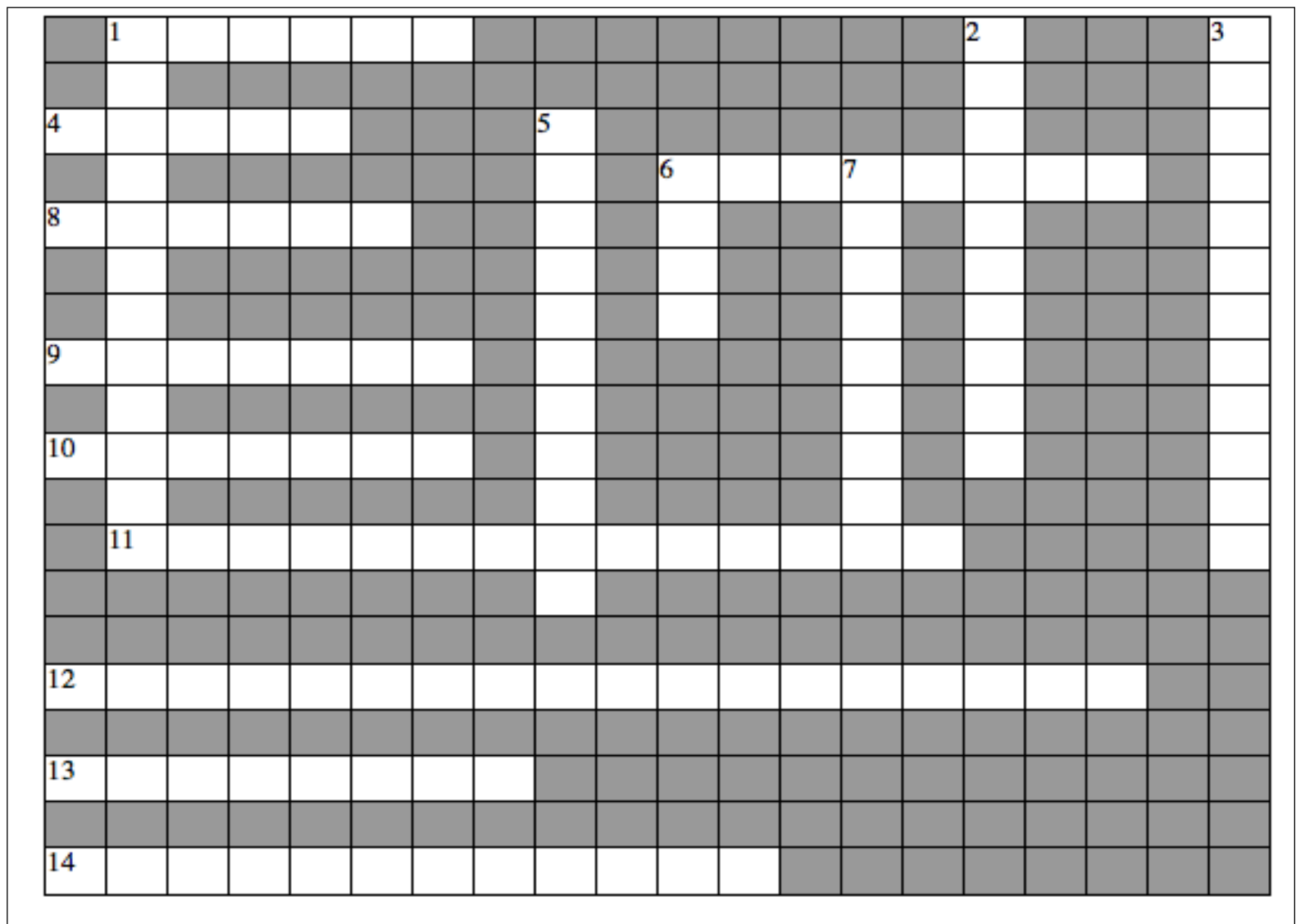
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10. Typical pirate plunder was _____ and silk.
11. Popular pirate book written by Robert Louis Stevenson.
12. What did the rapper pirate say? (3 words)
13. Captain Hook was given his nickname because he had a _____. (2 words)
14. Black Beard decorated his beard with braids and _____. (2 words)

DOWN

1. What do you call a pirate who can't conduct a good raid? (2 words)
2. Name of black flag with skull and crossbones. (2 words)
3. "Seabeggars"
5. Average age of pirates.
6. Steven Spielberg pirate movie.
7. Buccaneer was the name for pirates specifically from the _____.

ECU adds to list of notable alumni

ECU grad joins Atlanta Falcons cheerleading squad

Veronica Carrington
STAFF WRITER



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Brittainy Wall (center) was chosen from over 300 auditioning dancers to cheer for the Atlanta Falcons.

ECU is the alma mater to many individuals who have gone on to achieve greatness, including notable names like actresses Sandra Bullock and Emily Procter, as well as Jacksonville Jaguars quarterback David Garrard, among many more. With stringent academic programs, far-reaching community service efforts, high-impact sporting activities and diverse extracurricular programs, it is no surprise that ECU continuously breeds

alumni who excel in the world outside of Greenville's city limits.

Making the move into a field she loves, this is exactly the case for recent communication graduate Brittainy Wall, who was selected from

over 300 auditioning dancers to fill one of the coveted cheerleading spots for the Atlanta Falcons, a well-known NFL team out of Georgia.

"I really wanted to earn a spot on the Falcons cheerleading squad because I ultimately want to work for CNN Espanol, which is produced by Turner Broadcasting, which is located in Atlanta. I figured, 'What better place to audition than somewhere I ultimately want to work?'" said Wall. "To be on the Atlanta Falcons cheerleading squad, you must either be a full-time student or be employed full time. I actually have an interview coming up for a job with the local radio station," she added.

After the candidates performed at the Georgia World Congress Center on Sunday, April 11, for preliminary auditions, the finalists returned on April 15 and competed for 40 spots and to be a part of Falcons Cheerleading history. ECU dance team coach Kristin Jeffries encouraged Wall to audition for the team, stating, "Brittainy approached me about auditioning, and of course I encouraged her to go. Several dancers in the past have danced for pro teams and so we were able to contact them for some advice. Throughout the week-long process, Brittainy and I stayed in touch (especially about the interview). Once she

made it to the final day of auditions, I knew all she had to do was be herself and do what she does best."

"I was really well-prepared for my audition. While I was trained at a dance studio, ECU's dance team helped me to learn to be uniform. A lot of the girls were great dancers, but they weren't uniform. Kristin helped me to dance as a member of a team. Without Kristin, it would have been much more difficult for me to make the team. She had a ton of insight for this audition," claimed Wall.

The 2010 Falcons Cheerleading squad is taking it to a whole new level with a fresh look, new uniforms, revamped logo and a brand new approach to the sport of cheerleading. Their new look consists of searching for ladies who epitomize what they have dubbed "The New South" -- young, hip, glamorous, attractive and intelligent women.

For Wall, this should be an easy fit.

"The Falcons cheerleaders will be completely different this year. We are focusing on these words -- spenergy, which is a combination of spirit and energy, and clexy, which is a combination of classy and sexy. We will also have a new logo and a new look," added Wall.

When speaking about the admirable qualities on and off the dance

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'Prince of Persia' excites both moviegoers and gamers

High budget film makes many connections to hit video game series

★★★★☆

Marlana Sifter
STAFF WRITER

Straight out of the Zoroastrian land of ancient Persia, a prince, princess and a dagger of destructive potential fend off assassins and sinkholes in "Prince of Persia: The Sands of Time," which came out Friday, May 28.

This PG-13 action-adventure film brings the fantastical video games of the same name to the big screen in a Disney-Bruckheimer portrayal of epic proportions.

Prince Dastan, played by Jake Gyllenhaal, who sports a not half-bad British accent, is traversing the desert in an effort to keep the sand dagger from his corrupt and power-hungry uncle, Nizam, played by Ben Kingsley.

Dastan is accompanied by the keeper of the dagger, Princess Tamina, who is part of a mystical order destined to protect the sands of time. She is played by newcomer Gemma Arterton.

"Prince of Persia" is a film glistening with cinematic effects and athletic choreography. Dastan, who is the unnamed protagonist of the video games, is a character known for his acrobatic feats, mastery over gravity and highly visible biceps. The prince in the movie is faithful to all of these characteristics, in addition to having a costume accurate to the game's portrayal and worthy of the story's setting in history.

To the great relief of faithful gamers, the film also contains many direct references to its video game roots. The actions of the sands of time are almost perfectly mimicked from one to the other. Like in the games, only the holder of the dagger is initially aware of the

reversal of time.

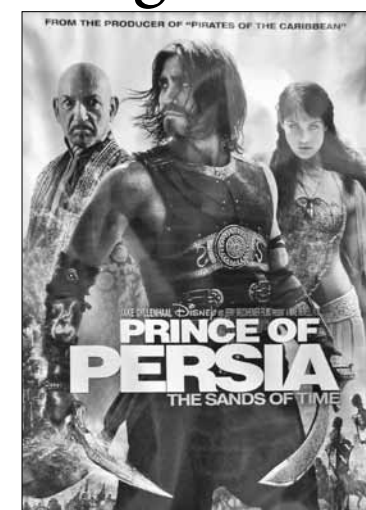
A weapon used by the prince in 2005 game "The Two Thrones" can also be seen -- a chain whip weapon called the "Dagger Tail," which is wielded in the film by a crafty Hassansin.

Yet another direct video game link is visible when the camera whirls in a 360 around the prince's perch on a tower top and pinpoints all of his options and objectives.

The most recent pre-movie game in the Prince of Persia saga, one of well over a dozen, is the 2008 limited edition published by Ubisoft Montreal, which was well-received by critics and ran as the fourth best-selling game on PlayStation 3 that year.

Ubisoft also released a 2010 game this month to correlate with the arrival of the film. It continues the original storyline of "The Sands of Time" series begun in 2003.

These one-player platform games,



THE EAST CAROLINIAN | REBECCA HARTMAN

The highly anticipated film 'Prince of Persia: The Sands of Time' was released Friday, May 28th.

based on a series of ground-breaking games developed by Jordan Mechner between 1989 and 1994, are remakes

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floor, Jeffries stated, "I admire a lot of things about Brittiney. The biggest thing is that she is always a team player. It is never about her. She always wants her friends and her teammates to succeed just as much as she wants herself to succeed." This will be an important attribute going into an established team and Jeffries has full confidence in Wall's abilities.

For the upcoming season, the cheerleaders will play a bigger role in the game day experience for Falcons fans. Their increased presence at the Georgia Dome this year will include greeting fans at gates as they enter the stadium, visiting fans in the stands and stadium suites and keeping the energy high and powerful in the arena.

"In the past, there have only been 32 girls on the team, but this year they decided to take 40. The eight additional girls will be known as the appearance team. They will be the ones interacting in the stands with the fans while the other 32 girls are on the field dancing," said Wall.

The "celebrity" judges who helped choose the new Falcons Cheerleaders included: D. Orlando Ledbetter of the Atlanta-Journal Constitution, Ryan Cameron from WVEE radio station V103, Sam Crenshaw of WXIA-TV Channel 11, Anthony Amey of WSB-TV Channel 2 and Matt Chernoff from WCNN radio station 680 The Fan.

For Wall, it has been an incredible journey; however, dance has always played a part in Wall's life from youth to college.

This past year, Wall served as one of the captains of ECU's dance team and helped to lead the team to a notable victory at National Dance Association Nationals, where the team finished third in hip-hop and 12th in dance. Wall was a part of the dance team for four years and had a tremendous impact on the

team dynamic and team synergy.

"I am not sure that Brittiney will ever be replaceable. Her impact has helped to make this team what it has become. She sets a good example for all of her teammates and she creates a positive image for the team when she is involved with other activities on campus. As a leader, I could not have asked for a better pair to have as captains this year. Brittiney and Shelly both set the bar high for what it means to be on the team and to put forth 110 percent effort all of the time. She made a point to include all of the new members to make sure that no one felt left out," stated Jeffries.

After graduating, Wall's life was a flurry of packing, moving and training with her new team. Between intense workouts, hip-hop classes and body-tuning exercise routines, Wall has been busier than ever and truly living her dream.

"I'm still finishing up some elective courses through ECU, as well as training and interviewing for jobs. I just moved to Atlanta and I'm actually at practice right now. I will be practicing six hours a week, so it's really intense. We also had a retreat two weekends ago, which was a little dancing, a little bonding and a lot of working out," Wall said.

Many of the ladies selected for the team understand the idea of "New South" image and that being an Atlanta Falcons cheerleader is more than just a Sunday job — it is truly becoming a part of one of the bright, young franchises in the NFL and is an achievement that comes with responsibility.

Wall will undoubtedly embrace her newfound success and become not just an ambassador hailing from ECU, but also an ambassador of spirit and goodwill for a whole city.

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Over the Memorial Day weekend, "Prince of Persia" opened with a four-day total of \$37.8 million, coming in second after "Shrek Forever After."

The plot, while clearly its own, uses the storyline of the games as a jumping point. The character of Princess Tamina is based largely off the game's Princess Farah, a prisoner of the prince's Persian army. The prospective antagonist, Nazim, is a shadow of the 2003 game's vizier of the Maharajah.

The object of the 1989 game was for the protagonist to escape the prison of a corrupt vizier, and overcome all resistance to reach the tower top and release the captive princess. Following this groundbreaking revolution in ani-

mation quality, the games became increasingly more dynamic, providing for such missions as "The Sands of Time" and "Warrior Within." The film itself, though mostly pulling from "The Sands of Time" game, also incorporates "The Two Thrones" as well as "Warrior Within."

"Overall, I was beyond impressed with the film," Das said. "I would definitely see it again, if I could."

At 115 minutes, this Mike Newell voyage into the sixth century is supremely pleasant on the eyes, and is a family-friendly dose of summer entertainment.

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Freshman advances to track and field NCAA Championships

Freshman Tynita Butts is on her way to the NCAA Outdoor Championships after qualifying in the high and long jump events Thursday at the 2010 East Regional at the Irwin Belk Track on the campus of North Carolina A&T.

Each event started out with a field of 48 and was then narrowed down to 16 athletes before a final 12 moved on to Eugene, Ore.

Butts placed 12th in the long jump with a mark of 6.19 meters, edging out Leah Elber of Purdue by one-fourth of a foot. She then reached 1.81 meters in the high jump, taking just two attempts to reach that height and place fifth.

The 2010 indoor and outdoor Conference USA Freshman-of-the-Year will participate in her second and third national meet events of the season after she placed 10th in the high jump at the NCAA Indoor Championships.

Sophomore Nicole Tozzi just missed joining Butts in Oregon, taking 13th in the javelin with a mark of 44.31 meters.

Two Pirate men, Dennis Aliotta and Mario Briscoe, also competed Thursday. Aliotta was 28th in the hammer throw, checking in with a heave of 56.97 meters, while Briscoe finished 43rd in the 400-meter intermediate hurdles, clocking in at 56.20.

Eight ECU athletes will attempt to book their places in the national meet tomorrow — Matthew McConaughey and Spencer Barrick in the javelin, Maegan Lewis, Kim Kanala and Donisha Brown in the hammer, Aliotta in the shot put, Drew Kanz O'Shea in the high jump and Randy Bolton in the 110-meter high hurdles.

Maness makes C-USA All-Tournament Team

ECU junior Seth Maness was named to the 2010 Conference USA All-Tournament team after recording his 10th win of the season against Southern Miss last week during tournament play in Houston. Maness, who fanned eight and walked just one against the Golden Eagles, became the 12th Pirate to earn all-tournament honors since the Pirates joined C-USA in 2002.

Maness had a no-hitter going through five innings against the Golden Eagles before giving up a leadoff double to Tyler Koelling to open the sixth. The reigning C-USA Pitcher-of-the-Year shook off the bump in the in the road to remain effective throughout his time toeing the rubber, giving up just one unearned run on five hits and a walk to improve to 10-3. Maness pushed his career record to 18-3 against C-USA teams and picked up his 28th career win, which ranks fourth all-time in ECU history and tied for fourth in the ECU career record book.

The three-time first-team All C-USA performer has logged a league-high 101.3 innings, over 15 starts and has posted a conference second-best 10 wins. He registered 90 strikeouts and walked just 16 batters all season. He had one complete game this year and added a save in one of two relief appearances.

Pirates finish 32-27

Michael Perry
SPORTS EDITOR

"So close, yet so far," perfectly describes ECU's abrupt exit from the Conference USA Tournament on Friday.

The Pirates (32-27) headed into the bottom of the ninth with a 2-1 lead over Memphis. With one runner on and two outs to go, Tyler Huelsing stroked the second pitch over the right field fence for a walk-off 3-2 win.

Huelsing's blast voided ECU's chance at advancing to Saturday's title game, consequently bringing a close to the 2010 season.

In the opening inning, the Pirates plated an early pair of runs as senior Kyle Roller ripped his own two-run shot, to notch his 51st career homer and give ECU a 2-0 lead.

In the bottom of the second, Memphis cut the deficit in half as Trey Wideman plated a runner from third.

Leading up to the fateful ninth frame, pitchers Zach Woods and Brennon Martin (6-6) battled back and forth.

Martin completed the game, holding the Pirates to just two singles after the first. He tied his career high in strikeouts as he



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ECU senior Kyle Roller hit his 51st career home run in the final game of the season. He is now ranked second all-time in home runs.

fanned nine Pirates batters.

"The story of their (Memphis) game was their left-hander, Brennon Martin," ECU head coach Billy Godwin said. "He threw outstanding. It's very rare in college baseball where a pitcher can hold a good offensive team down so well, but he did."

Woods fought on for 6 1/3 innings, striking out eight of his own before he would

be relieved by lefty Kevin Brandt and closer Seth Simmons (2-5).

Simmons suffered the loss in the bottom of the ninth as he surrendered the game-winner for Memphis.

The Pirates finished the C-USA Tournament 1-2, with an 8-1 decision over eventual tournament champion Southern Miss, and losses to Rice and Memphis.

"Our pitching was good today. All our guys threw well," Godwin said. "If you had told me that we would give up three runs and lose, I would take that bet. When you throw like that against another good offensive club, you just have to give them all the credit in the world, and tip your hat to them. They

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NBA Draft Lottery: The real game of chance

Addison Harvey
STAFF WRITER

Every year the time rolls around for professional sports organizations to build the future of their programs through the amateur draft, and in a couple of weeks, this halcyon day will come for NBA organizations.

This year's NBA Draft features a robust group of talented young basketball stars including DeMarcus Cousins, Derrick Favors, Wesley Johnson, Evan Turner and the most coveted player available for NBA executives and coaches to scout, Raleigh's own John Wall. Wall, a talented point guard who spent one year playing for college

basketball powerhouse Kentucky, is the projected top pick in the draft by multiple journalists, analysts and executives.

Instead of Wall potentially going to the team that had the worst 2009-2010 season, like other draft formats in professional sports, the rights to Wall will go to the team whose pinball got picked last in the NBA Draft Lottery, which was held last Tuesday.

The Washington Wizards, though they did not have the worst record or the most pinballs in the lottery, won the draft lottery, therefore giving them the rights to the top pick in the upcoming draft.

This is a unique process to establish who gets the first pick in a draft, considering

almost every other professional sports league decides who has the top pick in a much more simple fashion by giving the number one pick to the team with the worst record.

The NBA Draft Lottery consists of the 14 non-playoff teams entering the lottery and distributing the lottery pinballs to the 14 teams based on their record. In the case of this past season, the New Jersey Nets had the worst record, therefore giving them a higher percentage of pinballs in the lottery. It was not the Nets, who had a 25 percent chance of winning the top pick, who won the first spot for draft selection. It was the Wizards, with only a 10.3 percent chance, that will make the first selection in the 2010 draft.

One may think that the team with the highest percentage chance of winning the top pick not actually winning the lottery is a rarity, but it is not. The last time the team with the worst record in the NBA and the highest percentage of pinballs in the lottery won the top pick was 2004, when the Orlando Magic drafted Dwight Howard. The most outrageous result of the lottery system occurred in 2008, when the Chicago Bulls, with a 1.7 percent chance of winning the lottery, won the number one pick, therefore drafting point guard, and like Wall, another John Calipari student, Derek Rose.

After all of this, the simple question **NBA continued on A11**



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to ask is why does the NBA not adopt the classic draft system that the NFL and MLB have? When a team struggles throughout an entire season and has the worst record in the league, they need the top pick to help rebuild their franchise. Instead of getting the best player in the draft, the Nets are stuck picking third and may not get a player of the same caliber as Wall.

Maybe this is why teams such as the Knicks, LA Clippers, Grizzlies and Nets are stuck in a never-ending cycle of mediocrity.

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did a great job.”

Not being able to advance to the C-USA Championship, ECU lost any stock it had left at receiving a bid to the NCAA Regionals.

Southern Miss went on to win the tourney, cooling off red-hot Rice with supreme pitching. Both the Golden Eagles and the Owls have secured spots in the regionals.

With the season now over, the Pirates will say goodbye to seniors Kyle Roller, Jared Avchen and Mike Miezaneck.

Roller completes his collegiate tenure

with 51 homers, the second most all-time in the ECU program. The designated hitter and first baseman is also ranked as the all-time leader in hit by pitches, as he was plunked 60 times in his career.

Right-hander Woods finished his junior year with the team-high in strikeouts, as he racked up 103 on the season.

The Pirates’ 32-27 record marks the program’s 13th consecutive 30-plus win season, the streak is tied for ninth in the country with Coastal Carolina and Ole Miss.

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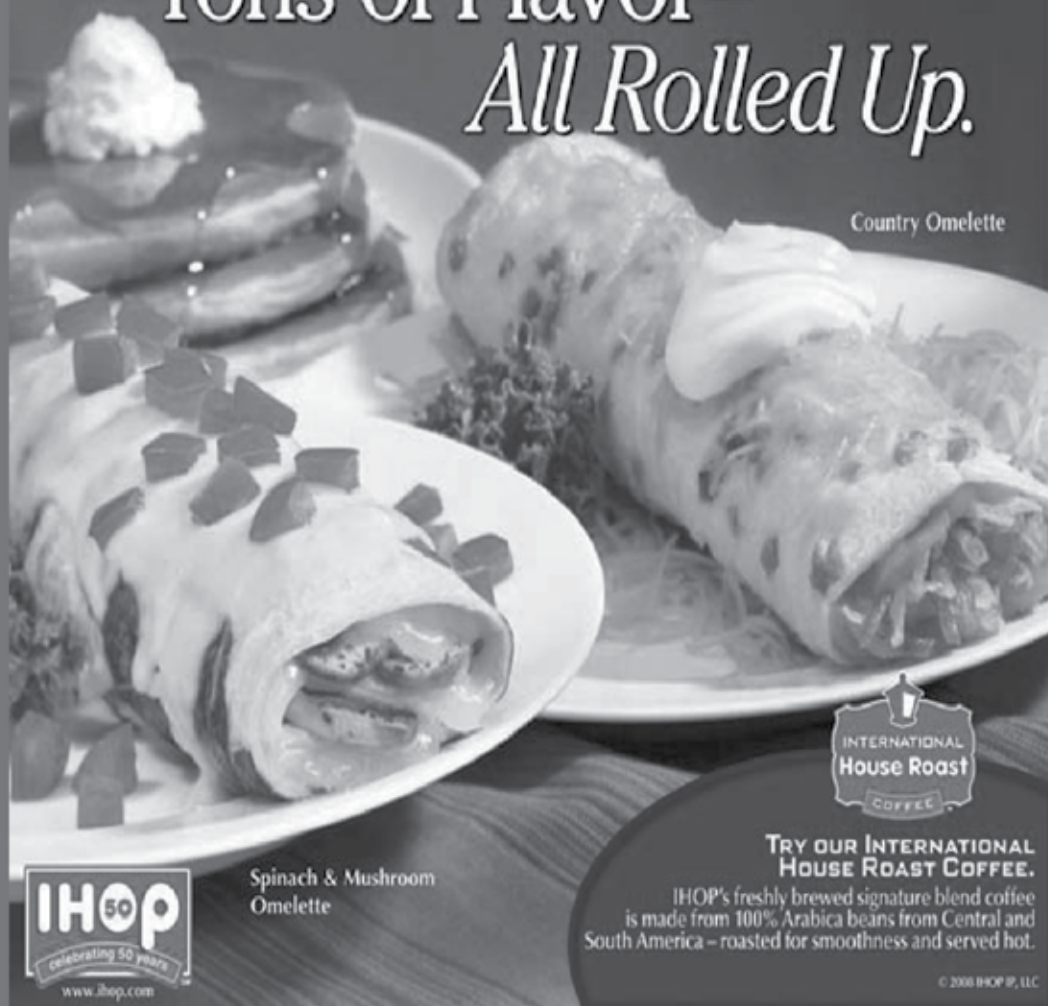
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Look ahead at Pirate Football

Staff Reports

The Pirates and first-year head coach Ruffin McNeill will hit Bagwell Field at newly renovated Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium Sept. 9 against the Tulsa Golden Hurricane to kick off the 2010 football season.

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