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2010 Million Meal Event challenge

Staff Reports

Due to low donations for the ECU Million Meal Event, organizers are issuing a challenge.

ECU's Volunteer and Service-Learning Center wishes to raise \$10,000 by Aug. 6.

Fundraising this year has suffered because of the economy and ECU's event only has enough money to buy supplies to package 50,000 meals. This is half the intended donation.

Money donated to the ECU Million Meal Event will go toward meals that contain rice, dehydrated vegetables, protein powder, chicken flavoring and essential vitamins and minerals.

Donors can give online at https://secure3.convio.net/shn1/site/Donation2?idb=0&df_id=1701&1701.donation=form1&JServSessionIdr004=ffk044chv4.app304a.

Those interested in volunteering may contact Mike Loeffelman in the Volunteer and Service-Learning Center at loeffelmanm@ecu.edu.

Officials discuss high-speed rail linking NC, VA

Staff Reports

Officials are beginning public hearings about a high-speed rail segment that will stretch from North Carolina's capital into Virginia.

The North Carolina Department of Transportation has scheduled an information session and public meeting for Tuesday night in Norlina near the Virginia state line. Officials will discuss a proposed impact statement for the rail section.

This will be the first meetings in both North Carolina and Virginia for the section that will go from Raleigh to Richmond, Va. It's a section of a Southeast corridor that will eventually connect Charlotte to Washington with trains traveling at top speeds of 110 miles per hour.



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Ham's Restaurant and Brewhouse abruptly closed its doors last week due to "changing economic factors."

Student hangout abruptly closes

Samantha Hughes
NEWS EDITOR

Greenville's Ham's Restaurant and Brewhouse abruptly closed last week, with no warning to its employees or customers.

Customers hoping to dine at the downtown restaurant were greeted with a sign in the doors stating, "Due to unforeseen circumstances, Ham's Restaurant and Brewhouse is closed for business. We greatly appreciate your patronage throughout the years. You will be missed."

Staff members at the restaurant did not discover the closure until they showed up for work.

Jessica Deniken, a server employed at Ham's for a year and a half, found out the morning she was supposed to work.

"I got a text message at 10 in the morning that Ham's had closed down," she said.

Ham's corporate owner Chelda Inc. of Greensboro said in an e-mailed press release that the sudden closure was "due to changing economic factors."

Ham's filed bankruptcy in late 2009 and has closed five of its restaurants since then, including its original location that opened in 1935.

"We had been notified that Ham's went bankrupt... but we



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Sign outside Ham's restaurant declaring its closure.



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A moving truck prepares to haul away kitchen items.

Summer study abroad to Kenya gets second chance

Hannah Jackson
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Summer study abroad is a popular choice for many students looking to learn while in a new and different country. These trips are usually very popular; however, a particular trip to Kenya for this summer was canceled because not enough students signed up, so it was not economically feasible.

This study abroad trip to Kenya was slated to be "a 25-day study directed toward ensuring that participants experience religious and cultural life experiences of Kenya," said Mary Wangila, the lead faculty member organizing the trip.

The course offered is RELI 2500, which satisfies a humanities credit and expands on what is taught in the Religious Studies program such as Indigenous Religions, Classical Islam and Religions of Africa.

The program is formed to meet the needs best of students in the Religious Studies program but it is open to participants from other departments. Participants will get to visit many locations, including Mount Kenya, Kogelo villages where President Obama is descended from, Lake Bogoria and the Masai Mara ecological sites, all of which expose the students to witness religious practices and participate in some of the rituals as well.

The trip coordinators are hoping to gain more attention and attract more students this upcoming year.

"We already have a Facebook for the trip and we are exploring possibilities for fundraising in order to ensure that those interested can participate in the program," Wangila states.

Publicity, Wangila believes, is important because many students may not even be aware that summer study abroad programs exist, visiting many countries and cultures.

"I have always told my students that experience is the best teacher," said Wangila. Those interested can contact Mary Wangila at wangilam@ecu.edu for more details on the program.

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Annual guitar festival to be held

Pierce Roth
STAFF WRITER

Summers in Greenville typically stay pretty quiet. The sun is usually out and the humidity is high. People enjoy staying close to the water and in the shade. Each year, however, a special event takes place in the A.J. Fletcher Recital Hall on campus: The Guitar Festival.

The festival started with Dr. Elliot Frank, a professor in the School of Music at ECU. Fifteen years ago, Dr. Elliot coordinated a guitar workshop for those students who wanted to further their knowledge in classical guitar. After the first year, it was immediately apparent that this could potentially be something unique and different from the typical classical piano recital.

Since that first year, seeing those students excel so much, Frank dedicated himself to furthering the idea of giving every individual a chance to play beautiful music. Elliot expressed

how the only requirement he keeps for his students is, "You must be interested in learning."

Such a simple and elegant motto has kept his program a pure success. Because of this realistic standard to learn, kids and adults from 11 to 70 will be performing in this year's festival from July 23-26.

Classical pieces by Mozart, Beethoven and many more will all be performed on the guitar, and according to Elliot, "This year we have exceptionally talented players."

One act Elliot said to look out for was the world-famous "Solo Duo." They come from Italian roots and perform all throughout the globe.

Everyone has the opportunity to become a performing guitarist as long as they stick to the simple guideline of being "interested in learning."

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NC council looks for artists for 2 trail projects

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The North Carolina Arts Council is looking for artists to create works for two public arts projects that will be centerpieces of cultural tourism trails.

One commission is public art for the African-American Music trail in All-America City Park in Kinston. The other is for the Historic Happy Valley project and the Yadkin River Greenway Trail in Patterson.

Happy Valley is the setting of the ballad "Hang Down Your Head Tom Dooley," which recounts the murder of Laura Foster in 1867 and the hanging of her fiance, Tom Dula.

The deadline for applications is 5 p.m. Sept. 7.

NC officials capture escaped inmate in Raleigh

Staff Reports

Police say they have caught an inmate who escaped last month from a prison in western North Carolina.

The state Corrections Department said 45-year-old Xavier Hosea Shaw was arrested Saturday in Raleigh.

Xavier Shaw had been serving a six-year sentence at Alexander Correctional Institution after being convicted of kidnapping and robbery. He was on a work-assignment to build a minimum-security facility at the prison when he went missing June 30.

Shaw's sentence would have ended Aug. 30, but he has charges pending in Wake County in a January bank robbery. Authorities said Shaw will be taken to Central Prison in Raleigh and could face additional charges related to his escape.

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figured that we would be open for a while, because we had the Brewhouse," Deniken said.

Greenville's Ham's location was the only restaurant location with a brew house.

"There were approximately 50 people employed at this location; all were offered transfers to any of the remaining locations," said Ham's Mar-

keting Coordinator Amanda Jones to the Daily Reflector. Jones was unavailable for comment at press time. "It is unclear at this time if any have accepted."

"We can transfer, but who wants to transfer and commute 45 minutes to an hour away?" Deniken said. The closest Ham's location from Greenville is in New Bern.

Drew Price, a senior at ECU, is upset about no longer being able to attend karaoke night. "I was planning on taking a girl to karaoke night. I'm missing out on that," Price said.

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Your car has "turn singles"? What are those??

If one of my friends ever gives me a Silly Band, we would then have a conversation about growing up.

To the person who ranted last week about the stairs in front of Christianbury: THEY DO NOT LOOK THE SAME! THEY LOOK WAAAYYYY BETTER!!!!

I hate how teasing the weather can be sometimes. It was nice a breezy, not hot and humid for a few days...then we go back to blistering hot!

To the guy who drives the Sunchase bus everyday: I would love to take you on a ride. ;)

We've been hanging out for a month, you've yet to kiss me, and your psycho ex won't get a clue. Seriously I must REALLY like you.

Is it me or do the new freshman babies at orientation look too young to be away from mommy and daddy?

Why does orientation get five buses taking them to Wright in the morning and summer school students, who are paying tuition already, get one bus every 15 minutes?

If you are going up or down one floor...DON'T use the elevator. Enough said!

I like how UNCG's theatre department is doing two of our shows in the same season next year. Way to be jealous, Spartans.

Let's go to Ham's tonight! ...Oh wait...

I enjoy the quiet bus rides from Minges to campus...Boy, fall semester is going to suck again!!!

I wish I could tell you how gorgeous you are. Too bad I stalked you to find it out...

Any chance Joyner could install some cots or hammocks?

Whoever wrote, "Tis better to have loved and lost," must never have had a relationship turn sour.

I wish the fall and spring semesters were like summer semesters. I can't take six classes and a job, plus whatever homework I have to do. I'd much rather have three classes and my job and take class year round, thank you.

Who else is bored with the choices in dining near campus? Downtown is all pizza and Mexican food! :(

I cannot wait for you to transfer to ECU next year! It'll make all this school craziness a little easier having you with me. Love you!

OPINION



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"I HAVEN'T ALWAYS DONE A GOOD JOB, AND I HAVEN'T ALWAYS BEEN SUCCESSFUL – BUT I KNOW THAT I HAVE TRIED."
 GEORGE STEINBRENNER

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FYI: C whut textin duz



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 OPINION COLUMNIST

The other day I got an e-mail from a former professor that said "lol" in it. We weren't buddy-buddy so this was kind of awkward. Now professors do the text-talk thing in the real world?

At times, it seems like texting is taking over our language. Last week, my 10-year-old cousin told my grandma "I'll brb." It was even stranger than seeing the kid text faster than me on his new phone! Speaking in the language of text is now a part of every age range.

There are websites dedicated to improve texting like www.lingo2word.com. According to the website, "Lingo2Word is devoted to demystifying the new Internet shorthand language of text messaging, chat rooms and e-mails. We are devoted to the fun of text messaging in all forms, there is a whole new fun language out there just waiting for you!"

Text lingo is referred to as a new language? New technologies have always brought new discoveries, but now they are making new languages? I'm more creeped out from the language of text than the "let's learn Elvish" fad that came from the "Lord of the Rings!"

Isn't progression supposed to be an improvement? I feel like it is a regression, simply because the language of text crosses over into other parts of life. Have you ever been writing an essay and written a word taken from the language of text? Whenever I do, I feel illiterate, especially when I accidentally translate the word "your" to "ur."

We've all endured the lectures or read the pamphlets on the Do's and Don'ts of writing anything. "Now don't write the way that you would text – it's not correct." Or the professor's tirade focusing on: "I'm not going to reveal to you this student's identity but this an example of writing-like-you-text contamination."

The philosopher Socrates's new

ideas brought forth accusations that he was "corrupting the youth." In reality, he was just changing the thinking that people were used to. Are people freaking out from the language of text mixing in because it is different and possibly sparking change?

Old English used to be clear and understandable to everyone, but now people are confused by it. Old English evolved into Modern English, where spelling and meanings have changed significantly. If I was fluent in Old English and was shown Modern English, I would say that the language regressed. When I recently read Beowulf, part of me enjoyed reading the interesting text but I was also glad to be fluent in the less confusing and watered down Modern English.

Who knows what the future holds – maybe the language of text will be the standard. It took a long time for Modern English to develop into what it is now and I'm sure at some point somebody from the past said the same thing.

Keep the separation between the language of text and English, but be open-minded. After all, Facebook was created for college students to share pictures and now businesses use it to advertise. Things may seem weird at first, but then after a while those same things sometimes become socially acceptable. Thankfully, that was never the case for pet rocks.

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5 Five things we're obsessed with this month

1. Silly Bandz

These colorful silicone bracelets are quite the craze on campuses everywhere, including Pirate Nation. But we're wondering, is this fad here to stay or will it vanish as quickly as it appeared?

2. Crystal Light On the Go Packets

The scorching temperatures make it almost unbearable to drink anything but water, but this healthy option can be so dull. Instead, we're choosing to spice this hydrating beverage up using Crystal Light On the Go packets, which makes H2O not quite so bland. These healthy packets are available in 20 delicious sugar-free flavors.

3. True Blood

One of the most intense and addicting summer series on HBO to date, True Blood was a first in the line of vampire mania and is a sinfully delicious treat to watch on Sundays at 9 p.m.

4. Cookout Milkshakes

Summer is undoubtedly the season to delight in cold, sweet treats. At \$2.39 a pop, Cookout offers 46 delicious flavors that will certainly quench the craving for a chilly summer delight.

5. Blow's Beach Blow

This lightweight texturizing mist creates a beachy, naturally tousled look, which is perfect for the summer! This wonderful product also nourishes and strengthens blow-dried hair.

Xbox's Kinect takes gaming to a new level

New Xbox feature presents control-free play

Marlana Sifter
STAFF WRITER

Allowing the user controller free gaming, the sleek and black motion sensor device 'Kinect' introduces the next step in virtual play for the Xbox.

On June 13th, Microsoft officially announced its newest gaming device as being a horizontal bar attached to a motorized pivot, which can be positioned just below the television. The Kinect will use its camera, depth sensor and microphone to feed players' movements into the screen, successfully turning players into their own avatar.

Rather than being partnered with an entirely new control system, Kinect was made as an add-on that can be used with older Xbox 360 models, as well as the improved model that will be released along with the Kinect on November 4th.

Because older models do not have sufficient power to run the new feature, they will require a power supply cable with an accompanying sensor. This will allow the connection to be split from the current USB and instead provide power from the separate AC adapter. On the other hand, the redesigned 'Xbox 360 S' includes AUX ports specifically for adding the additional power source.

Aimed at broadening the Xbox 360 to both loyal and casual gamers, the Kinect will launch worldwide this holiday season, and will provide competition to its rivals the Wii and Sony's PlayStation Move.

A few of the Kinect's main attractions are its sight range of eleven feet, a sensor that can tilt as much as twenty-seven degrees and its headset-



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Xbox's new motion sensor device will take gaming to a new level.

free party chat on Xbox Live. It also has a video frame rate of 30 Hz and an RGB video stream at 32-bit color, as well as a preorder price of \$150 by most retailers.

Up to six people can be followed at any one time, and motion analysis is available for at least two players at once, each recognized on twenty individual points of motion. Gestures, spoken

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'America's Next Top Model' comes to Greenville

Popular show searches the Greenville area for the next top model

Lynsey Horn
STAFF WRITER

Casting calls for cycle 16 of "America's Next Top Model" began July 8 and will continue until July 18. Over that time, casting calls will be hosted in cities all over the country and one of those cities is Greenville.

The Greenville Mall will hold auditions to be America's next top model on July 17 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Any females 18-27 years old who are taller than 5 feet 7 inches and have a valid passport are invited to attend the call. Those selected must be willing to live in a house with nine to 14 other females while being filmed 24 hours a day, seven days a week for a month and a half sometime in October to December of 2010.

The winner of this cycle will receive the grand prize (which changes from year to year) and a modeling contract. Krista White won cycle 14 and received a prize package that included work with Wilhelmina Models, a Seventeen magazine spread and a CoverGirl contract. It is rumored that the winner of cycle 15, which is scheduled to premiere September 8, will be featured on the cover of Italian Vogue instead of Seventeen.

Many of the winners have lead successful lives in the spotlight after their victories. The winner of the first

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End of season sales happening now

Madonna Messana
STAFF WRITER

As summer winds down to an end, retailers are beginning to discount their summer items for end of season sales. From clothing to cars to furniture and home accessories, retailers discount their older inventory to make room for the newer fall items.

The end of summer is a great time to start shopping for dorm and apartment accessories. Stores like Target and Wal-Mart have specific sections set apart with all sorts of things needed to fill up future living space. Because dorm accessories are only popular during this time of year, these stores are offering steep discounts to make sure they aren't

left with unmovable inventory. Wal-Mart.com is even offering free shipping on all college-living essentials to help sale their college inventory.

J.C. Penny, which is located in the Greenville Mall, is having a clearance on back to school dorm life items also. Bedding accessories are up to 40 percent off, as well as items and accessories for both the bathroom and the kitchen. Taking advantage of sales at J.C. Penny, Target, and Wal-Mart are great ways to get what's needed to head back to school and into a new dorm or apartment without breaking the bank.

Barnes and Noble is also having a clearance sale, which is a great place to look for discounted textbooks

or fun filled reads to occupy time during the last few weeks of summer. This is also a great way to kick the brain into gear before is school gets back into session.

Bath and Body Works, also located in the Greenville Mall, is having a summer sale of up to 75 percent off. So now is the time to stock up on those good smelling lotions, soaps, and body sprays!

However, going back to school is not just about getting ready to move into a new living space, and shopping for those accessories. It is a new year, which means it is time to go shopping for a new wardrobe. There are tons of stores in the Greenville Mall that are having clearance sales to get



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Incoming fall inventory means great sales for students.

rid of their summer selections to make room for the new fall collections.

The Body Shop is currently having a "\$3.99 HOT SALE!" where specific items are only

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commands and objects or images can be presented to and read by the Kinect motion sensor.

With indoor fun and physical activity becoming increasingly advanced with the release of yet another interactive video game, casual gamers and non-players may still not have been won over.

"I don't play video games, but if I did, I might think this is neat," said John Cochran, a junior majoring in nursing. "I don't care how much a game gets you on your feet; it will never be as good as getting outside and living."

Religious players of video games are expected to have a different take on the release of the Kinect. Once the aggressive marketing campaign begins along with the release of officially published pricing details, consumers may be more likely to consider adding the Xbox add-on to their collection.

Purchase of the Xbox Kinect includes a compatible game, which will be one of sixteen games currently set to be released.

One of the currently available games is Dance Central by Harmonix, created by the developers of Rock Band.

This game includes full-body dance steps tracked point by point.

Another game is Kinect Sports, a full body play that allows players to compete against personal scores or as part of a team. Sports include soccer, volleyball, track and field, bowling, table tennis, and boxing.

Kinect Adventures is also a hot choice available, which is set in multiple exotic locations that require jumping, dodging and kicking in order to navigate through roaring rapids and underwater caves, and many more virtual wonders.

These three games are among eight which are already available, while a further eight will be released in November.

Upcoming Kinect compatible games that fans can preorder now include Adrenalin Misfits, The Biggest Loser, Child of Eden, DanceMasters, and DECA Sports.

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cycle, Adrienne Curry, starred on the reality show "My Fair Brady" with her husband Christopher Knight, better known as Peter Brady of "The Brady Bunch." Cycle three winner, Eva Pigford, starred in a Jamie Foxx music video and the soap opera "The Young and The Restless." For those auditioning, there are several items that are necessary to be considered for a spot on the show. First, picture identification and a copy of that picture identification are required. A completed and signed application is also required, which can be downloaded at www.cwtv.com. Three photographs, not necessarily professional photos, including a close-up face shot, a full-length clothed shot and a full-length shot in a bathing suit, are also required. It is optional to bring one black and white photo and an extra video with an application.

For those interested in a modeling career, this is a great opportunity that should be taken advantage of. Lines will probably be long to audition, so get there early!

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\$3.99. Express is having a jean sale, "Buy one jean get another pair 50 percent off." Pac Sun is also having a jean sale of their own, offering two pairs of jeans for \$55—a great deal on great jeans! Pac Sun is also offering a sale of up to 50 percent off select inventory, including clothing and accessories.

In addition, Aeropostale is having a clearance sale of up to 70 percent off, and American Eagle is offering an additional 30 percent off already marked down items, as well as a shorts sale to get

rid of their summer inventory!

Stores that are signature to the Greenville area, such as Che Bella Boutique and Fusion Surf and Skate Shop offer end of summer sales as well—typically towards the end of July. A sales associate at Che Bella stated, "We usually have a 'Back to School Sale' but I'm not sure when exactly when it will take place." Next door at Fusion Skate and Surf Shop an associate claimed, "our end of summer sale is usually at the end of July."

Scott Harris, an associate at Fusion Surf and Skate Shop explained, "We usually start our sale at the end of July with buy one get one half off deals, and then in early August we start 30 percent off sales, eventually getting up to clearance racks of 40-50 percent off." With the mandatory school uniforms for K-12 grade students the summer sales have changed. "We've had to push sales back, because of the school uniforms policy," stated Harris. "There isn't as big of a back to school rush, which is

hurting our business."

So whether there is a need for clothing, dorm room accessories, or apartment furnishings, there is sure to be a summer sale to fit every need. Don't spend all of those summer savings on high priced items - shop around because the deals are readily available this summer!

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ECU junior golfer garners All-American honors

Warren Straub has been named a 2009-2010 Cleveland Golf/Srixon All-America Scholar by the Golf Coaches Association.

To be eligible for Cleveland Golf/Srixon All-America Scholar status, an individual must be a junior or senior academically, compete in at least two full years at the collegiate level, participate in 70 percent of his team's competitive rounds or compete in the NCAA Championships, have a stroke-average under 76.0 in Division I and maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.2 in Division I. A recipient must also be of high moral character and be in good standing at his college or university.

Straub was named to the Conference USA Commissioner's Honor Roll for a third consecutive year in 2010. He participated in nine events during the season and posted three top-20 finishes.

Associate Athletics Director named NAADD Vice President

The National Association of Athletic Development Directors (NAADD) has selected ECU associate athletics director for Major Giving Dennis Young to serve as first vice president for the 2010-2011 academic year, according to an announcement by the organization Friday.

NAADD is the first organization of its kind to provide educational and networking opportunities, enhancement of acceptable operating standards and ethics and establishment of the overall prestige and understanding of the profession of athletics development and fundraising. NAADD is administered by the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics, which is in its 46th year.

After serving as executive director of the East Carolina Educational Foundation (Pirate Club) since 1991, Young was moved to Associate Athletics Director for Major Giving in March 2006. He is responsible for the planning and execution of all major fundraising efforts to meet the department's future capital and endowment needs.

Under Young's leadership, the Pirate Club raised more than \$50 million in capital gifts to fund the expansion of Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium, build the Murphy Center and construct the state-of-the-art Clark-LeClair Baseball Stadium. During his 15 years as executive director, the Pirate Club's annual fund experienced a significant rise from \$500,000 to nearly \$4 million in support of student-athlete scholarships.

SPORTS

ECU well represented in summer leagues

Several Pirates compete in the Cape Cod Baseball League

Addison Harvey
STAFF WRITER

When the college baseball season comes to an end, baseball players from all over the nation spend the summer enhancing their skills in wood bat summer leagues.

Over the years, a wide range of summer leagues for college baseball players have been formed, from the prestigious Cape Cod and New England Collegiate Baseball League to summer leagues based in North Carolina, South Carolina and Virginia, like the Coastal Plains.

With so many leagues to choose from, it is hard for a player not to find a home for a summer.

Current ECU players have hit the road for the summer. Some players, like Michael Wright, Kevin Brandt, John Wooten and Zach Wright, have joined Cape Cod teams for the summer.

The Cape Cod is the most prestigious of all the summer leagues. Only the best players in the nation get invited to join one of the 10 teams in the Cape, where some of the best players in Major League Baseball have spent their collegiate summers.

Last season, former ECU Pirate and current member of the New York Yankees organization Kyle Roller led the Bourne Braves, of the CCBL, to their

first league championship. Along with leading the team to a title, Roller won Most Valuable Player honors, batting .342 with 10 home runs.

This summer, Brandt enters the Cape Cod league for the second season with the Hyannis Harbor Hawks. Wooten, Michael Wright and Zach Wright are all getting their first experience in the CCBL.

Brandt, the talented Pirate lefthander, has tossed 17 innings in the CCBL with a 2.12 ERA.

Aside from continuing to play and getting more repetitions, summer leagues have many advantages for both pitchers and hitters. All of the summer leagues are wooden bat leagues, which is a big adjustment from the aluminum bats used in the college game.

This is crucial for players who want to pursue a career in professional baseball, as scouts come out in high numbers for summer league games. Pitchers must learn the differences of throwing to a hitter with a wood bat, and batters must learn how to hit with a wood bat and make up for the loss of pop from not having an aluminum bat.

One of the more popular leagues for ECU baseball players to take their talents to during the summer is the Coastal Plains League. The CPL features teams across the states of North Carolina, South Carolina and Virginia. Local cities such as Wilson, Wilming



Rising junior Kevin Brandt is one of several athletes representing ECU in the prestigious Cape Cod Baseball League. The lefthander was a top starter for the Pirates during the 2010 season.

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World Cup ignites global obsession



Spanish fans in Hollywood, Fla., rejoice as Spain defeated the Netherlands, 1-0, to clinch their first-ever World Cup on Sunday.

Lorianna Whitford
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On Sunday, the long anticipated 2010 FIFA World Cup kicked off, sparking the interest of billions around the globe. Dating back to 1863, when the first written rules of the game were established, soccer has since been a sport that has unified many countries and cultures surrounding one passion: the love of the game.

Thirty-two teams were selected to participate through a worldwide qualification tournament that began in August 2007. South Africa played host to the 2010 World Cup, attracting over 400,000 soccer-crazed fans from all over the earth. The matches were played in 10 stadiums in several South African cities.

Representing our nation, team USA fought for their spot in the final 16. After working for a tie against rival England, the Americans pulled themselves past Slovenia's two-goal

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half-time lead and pushed it to the limit for another draw.

The third matchup of Algeria and the USA was a Hollywood-worthy battle of aggression and defense. Neither team was able to wrinkle the net until the 91st minute, when the USA's hero, Landon Donovan, came through for the game-winning goal.

Although they lost in the knockout round against Ghana, critics worldwide agree the US team proved themselves worthy of winning their group based on their hard effort and ability to play catch-up in almost every game.

The hype of the World Cup has attracted the attention of many Americans who may not have sympathized with the game of soccer before.

According to the American soccer company Sports Endeavors, during the 2006 World Cup, they couldn't sell 3,000 soccer jerseys. During the 2010 World Cup, they sold out of 15,000 jerseys. Thus begins America's obsession with soccer.

Coach Rob Donnenwirth of the ECU women's soccer team explains that the World Cup not only inspires his team, but players of all ages. "Kids like to play, but the World Cup gets them watching the games, so they see things in the games and then start attempting them on the field."

One month after the opening day, the 2010 World Cup boiled down to a stunning finish. Both contenders in the final game, the Netherlands and Spain, had never won the World Cup.

After 117 minutes of heart-thumping anticipation and not a single goal, Spain's Andres Iniesta skillfully booted a challenging ball into the net, securing the victory of the 2010 World Cup Championship, 1-0.

"The best team won," Donnenwirth said about Spain bringing home their first FIFA World Cup trophy.

Though the World Cup proved once again to be a thrilling world-wide event, soccer fans and analysts around the globe agree on one needed

improvement: It is time for FIFA to utilize the technology of the modern age and institute goal line technologies for future World Cups to come. After debatable calls made throughout the 2010 World Cup, several officials may never be invited to officiate in World Cup play again.

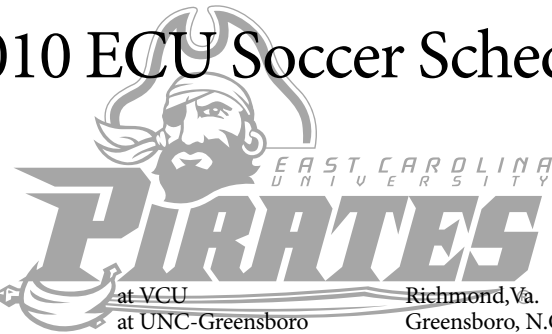
The 2010 World Cup has done all but disappoint, by dazzling its fans with athleticism, competition and determination.

The 2014 FIFA World Cup will be held in Brazil. New and old soccer fans worldwide will keep their hopes high that their country will be one of the qualifying teams to battle for the World Cup once again.

Until then, the ECU women's soccer team can curve your soccer appetite, as they open up the 2010 season on Aug. 13 against VCU.

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2010 ECU Soccer Schedule



8/13/10	at VCU	Richmond, Va.	7 p.m.
8/20/10	at UNC-Greensboro	Greensboro, N.C.	7 p.m.
8/22/10	vs. Francis Marion	Greenville, N.C.	2 p.m.
8/27/10	vs. Wake Forest	Greenville, N.C.	4 p.m.
9/3/10	at Old Dominion	Norfolk, Va.	7 p.m.
9/6/10	vs. Niagara	Greenville, N.C.	12 p.m.
9/10/10	vs. N.C. State	Greenville, N.C.	4 p.m.
9/16/10	at UNC-Wilmington	Wilmington, N.C.	7 p.m.
9/19/10	at William & Mary	Williamsburg, Va.	2 p.m.
9/24/10	at UCF	Orlando, Fla.	7 p.m.
9/26/10	at Southern Miss	Hattiesburg, Miss.	2 p.m.
10/1/10	vs. SMU	Greenville, N.C.	4 p.m.
10/3/10	vs. Tulsa	Greenville, N.C.	1 p.m.
10/8/10	at Memphis	Memphis, Tenn.	8 p.m.
10/10/10	at UAB	Birmingham, Ala.	3 p.m.
10/15/10	at Houston	Houston, Texas	8 p.m.
10/17/10	at Rice	Houston, Texas	2 p.m.
10/22/10	vs. UTEP	Greenville, N.C.	4 p.m.
10/24/10	vs. Colorado College	Greenville, N.C.	12 p.m.
10/28/10	at Marshall	Huntington, W.Va.	7 p.m.

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ton, Edenton and Morehead City host summer league teams.

Of those listed on the 2010 ECU roster at the end of the season, 24 of the 31 players on the roster were from Virginia or North Carolina.

This is one reason that makes the CPL so attractive to Pirate players, as it gives them a chance to stay near their hometowns while also improving their baseball skills.

Shawn Armstrong, Phillip Clark and Joseph Hughes are just a few of the current Diamond Bucs that are spending their summers in the CPL.

Hughes is having a productive summer, posting a 3-2 record with a 2.25 ERA in 40 innings pitched, while Armstrong posts a 2.79 ERA in 42 innings pitched in Morehead City.

While most ECU students are enjoying the sun and beach during

the summer, ECU baseball players are in cities and towns from Hyannis, Mass., to Morehead City, N.C., working through their summer to become better baseball players and working toward improving their record in the 2011 season.

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