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BRIEFS

Pirate Express bus service will resume

Staff Reports

After shutting down in lieu of what ECUSTA considers "abusive behavior" toward the service, the Pirate Express bus will be running once again, beginning in late August.

ECUSTA said in a press release that while the majority of riders used the bus without any issue, onboard problems and safety concerns arose including fighting, possession of alcohol, threats to ECUSTA employees and vomiting and urination on the buses.

ECU administrators and Student Transit Authority staff plan to continue to monitor and document the negative behavior in the upcoming months.

The Pirate Express buses run on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights for ECU students only. Rules for proper travel are displayed on each bus as well as online at www.ecu.edu/transit.

Schedules for the fall are being developed.

ECU offers special football season tickets

Staff Reports

Pirate fans can buy budget-priced season tickets for this fall up until Aug. 8.

These tickets, priced at \$120, will be available for 500 north-side upper deck seats located in section 214. These tickets guarantee seats for all six home games in 2010.

In addition the Conference USA games, non-conference games against N.C. State and Navy are included in the season ticket package.

Active Pirate Club members may still purchase season tickets in the lower level areas for prices beginning at \$200 per ticket.

Tickets may be purchased online at www.ECUPirates.com or by calling the ECU Athletics Ticket Office at 252-737-4500.

Tickets for single games will go on sale beginning Monday, Aug. 9.



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Nick Logan regularly comes to Jaycee Park, spending hours perfecting his riding. He plans to participate in the Gatorade Free Flow Tour when it comes to Greenville in August.

New BMX half-pipe gets riders ramped up

Pierce Roth

STAFF WRITER

After its previous half-pipe was deemed unsafe for riders last year, Jaycee Extreme Park has built a new half-pipe with help from professional BMX riders and the city of Greenville.

The new half-pipe was built with a steel frame and is considered to be more durable and safe than the previous one, which had rotting wood and an unstable frame. The park unveiled its feature last Monday, hoping it would keep the loyal BMX enthusiasts it already has, while drawing new fresh faces to the park as well.

At a city council meeting shortly after the original pipe was torn down, some of the professional BMX bikers who live in Greenville rallied for the city to help support the project financially. Their arguments suggested that without the park or half-pipe, Greenville could lose its luster as "Protown USA," Greenville's nickname inspired by the number of professional BMX bikers living in the town.

Pro BMX rider Mike Laird, who was in attendance at the city council meeting and who was an influential force

Outstanding support to military gains recognition

Aaron Gold

FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

ECU, along with 14 other employers, will be presented with the 2010 Secretary of Defense Employer Support Freedom Award, the highest honor the United States government gives to employers for their outstanding support to their employees who are in the National Guard or Reserve.

"When they deploy, the university protects their benefits, their job and they do not lose their seniority," said Dr. Steve Duncan, the assistant vice chair for administration and finance and military programs.

ECU was nominated by Lt. Col. P.J. Schenarts, an assistant professor of surgery with the Brody School of Medicine and a recipient of the Bronze Star, as one of 2,500 applications. The award recipients were selected among a board of business leaders and senior Defense officials. ECU will receive the Freedom Award on Thursday, Sept. 23, 2010 at the Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center in Washington, D.C.

The Freedom Award was instituted in 1996 by the National Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR), a Department of Defense agency dedicated to gaining and maintaining support for the Guard and Reserve among employers. ESGR is also tasked with ensuring that servicemen receive equal treatment when they return from deployments. Federal law requires that returning servicemen receive the same job, or a similar position, and with the same pay, seniority and benefits.

"One of my main goals was to become a military-friendly university," Dr. Duncan said, speaking about his arrival to ECU. Now, his goal is a reality.

As the third largest university in North Carolina, ECU was named a 2010 Military-Friendly School by

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behind the construction of the half-pipe, told the Daily Reflector, "I've lived here in Greenville for over 13 years ... I'd rather not be any other place to ride my bike." The city of Greenville donated nearly \$42,000 for the project.

Local BMX biker Todd Meyn said, "It is good to see kids out at the park riding; the new half-pipe has people excited about the sport."

Meyn is excited about the new structure as well.

"The new half-pipe is amazing. Out of all the spine mini ramps I have ridden in my life, I would have to say this is definitely top three, and I ride a lot of spine mini ramps all over the world," he said.

ECU students expressed how they had been following the progress of the half-pipe and were excited to see it finished.

Andrew Boswell, a Management Information Systems major at ECU and skate park enthusiast, expressed his opinion about the half-pipe. "I am excited for all the people that will get to experience the new attraction."

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HOMES FOR RENT




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GI Jobs Magazine. ECU supports its employees who are in the National Guard or Reserve in many ways. To help supervisors understand the needs of their deployed employees, ECU's Human Resource office provides on-demand training and support. In addition, ECU maintains an office at Fort Bragg to educate servicemen about the university's academic programs and ECU sends care packages to employees who are deployed.

ECU has also established a workshop called "Essential Life Skills for Military Families" (ELSMF) to help employees and their families prepare and cope with deployments. The one-day workshops provided for by a grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Healthy Marriage Initiative provided information to couples on communication, finances and legal issues.

"We work with the Guard and Reserve units to educate them about important family-readiness issues, and it's been so rewarding for them and for us," says Dr. Elizabeth Carroll, ECU family and community services faculty member and ELSMF operations director. "The program continues to grow as more Guard and Reserve members hear about it, and we feel like we're making a difference for them and for their families as they serve."

Recognition for its outstanding support to its military employees is nothing new to ECU. Last year, ECU was awarded the Patriot Award for outstanding service to Guard and Reservist employees. They gave away thousands of free tickets to area military bases and half-price tickets to veterans, Guard and Reservists for football games. In addition, ECU also made a difference by working with the Wounded Warrior program at Camp Lejeune, a program that helps severely injured servicemen.

But ECU's support for the military does not only extend to its Guard and

Reservist employees. To help faculty understand the needs of their deployed students, ECU's Military Education Committee acts as a liaison between the two, helping professors understand the need for flexibility.

The university's commitment to the military is also evident by the tremendous support they give to the ROTC programs. The program's Engagement Skills Trainer, an indoor shooting range and their 65-foot repelling tower, are just two examples of the huge financial support the university provides toward the university's military programs.

"It's a morale thing. The entire university has it. They take soldiering seriously," 2nd Lt. Samantha Birchenough, a 2010 ECU alumna, said.

ECU also takes pride in recognizing the achievement of its employees and students in school organizations. For example, it was reported that Lt. Col. Steve Delvaux, professor of military science and the battalion commander of ECU's Army ROTC program, raised \$12,000, more money than any other individual nationally for the Azalea Charity Aid for Wounded Soldiers when he ran in the 32nd Annual Marine Corps Marathon in 2007.

Another example of ECU support for the military was the Second Annual Wounded Warrior Run, a five-mile race the Army ROTC cadets organized to raise money for Fort Bragg's Warrior Transition Battalion and Soldier & Family Assistance Center. Over 200 people from the Greenville community attended and the Pirate Battalion raised \$7,000 this year and over \$10,000 in two years.

"Cadets handed out food and worked the finish line," said 2nd Lt. Ted Brennis, a 2010 ECU alumnus.

"It was a blast!" Lt. Birchenough exclaimed.

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To whoever was complaining about Visa not being accepted anymore, maybe you should learn the facts. Visa ITSELF does not allow charging customers convenience fees for face-to-face transactions, while the others credit card companies do. ECU is beginning to charge these "convenience fees" because the fees cost ECU almost 2 million dollars alone last year. It's still accepted everywhere else on campus, just not at the cashier's office. By the way, you can still use any Visa debit cards at the cashier's office.

I wonder if there will ever be a logical way to find a DVD in Joyner.

Dear campus employers who post jobs on the student employment page: DON'T POST IT IF YOU'VE ALREADY FILLED THE POSITION. I'm sick of applying, just to receive an email saying, "This position has already been filled. Good luck though!"

To whoever bought the classroom furniture: NOT EVERYONE IS SKINNY! BUY SOME BIGGER DESKS FOR US HEFTY PEOPLE!

Least favorite question ever: Are you going out tonight?

Dear roommate: I hope you have fun with my sloppy seconds and enjoy being a worthless person with no friends.

Is anyone else excited that for us summer school students...summer officially starts Friday!!!

ECU > Pitt. Face it. Accept it. Deal with it.

I'm excited to come back to ECU, so I can see my favorite lady in the dining hall!

Have I been talking to WALLS?! Look, I'm asking nicely. Please fix the drink machine at the gym. This is getting ridiculous.

Three of my friends (on Facebook) recently got engaged. Now, those "friends" are unengaged and I'm laughing so hard at them!

Please don't be hot and humid when I go on vacation up north this weekend!!!!

I wish Downtown Greenville would have more classy places to go out!

OPINION

Embrace the change



Leila Falls
OPINION COLUMNIST

"Ch-ch-ch-changes, turn and face the strange." Thanks to David Bowie, that hook line will be stuck in your head for at least 20 minutes.

Each new semester brings new changes. You start new classes, live in a new place, get a new job and your honey goes abroad. These changes are far different from the weird things that were involved in your adolescence years, but they can be just as frightening because they are after all "grown-up" changes.

It seems like everyone went through the counting-down-the-days until they reached adulthood. Everyone has said at least one time, "I can't wait until I'm 18 so I don't have to listen to you!"

It seems like everyone wanted to rush right into that change. Usually the changes that you want because you are unsatisfied end up being a lot different than you expected. I remember getting to college and thinking that I was free in every aspect. But then, the rent was due and I had to live off of cereal for a while.

The worst kinds of changes are when you are used to something and are forced to adjust. You just got used to figuring out the testing method of a certain professor, your old room had more closet space, your new job requires more time, and you don't get to fall asleep in your honey's arms. You really don't have a choice, which makes you feel helpless and think, "Why does this have to happen to me?"

Lamenting over it is not going to do any good, and the sooner you adjust, the less stressed out you will be.

Change is always for the best, because at the very least you can learn from the experience. Screaming in your pillow or venting to your friends about things is very therapeutic, but

complaining every second is just a waste of energy.

When you look back on things, you'll realize that the change was no big deal. You'll definitely be more appreciative of things you took for granted before everything changed.

My friend likes to say, "I survived swine flu; I can handle anything."

That's the type of attitude that you need to have. Being sick was a bummer, but she overcame it. Change can be a bummer, but you can overcome it.

Surviving sour changes, like your best friend is now hard to deal with and your perfect-fit jeans don't fit anymore, can be annoying. Whenever you come to that realization about things, the change is less dramatic. So your best friend is no fun anymore, so you don't get those matching tattoos. Those jeans are now your awkward pair of pants that don't fit, so give them away.

As dramatic or difficult as all changes may be, you will get through them and be okay. Life can seem like you are in a Lifetime movie or "Degrassi" episode, but even most of those situations end up fine. Dramatic changes are everywhere but you can't let them bring you down. You will survive.

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"IT MEANS A LOT IN THAT I ALWAYS FELT INVISIBLE AND I WAS LOUDER IN MY OWN HEAD THAN I WAS VERBALLY ... I WAS TORTURING MYSELF, WANTING TO SAY THINGS AND NOT KNOWING HOW TO BE. THE STAND-UP WAS A WAY OUT BUT IT NEVER CAME EASY."
GEORGE LOPEZ

Scribbles to the Captain

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Dear Editor,

I'm glad that the ECU Student Activities Board is bringing critically acclaimed hip-hop artist Ludacris to perform for Homecoming. But his performance clearly comes at a loss. That \$75,000 has to come from somewhere.

SAB has sponsored the Youth Arts Festival for the past six years. Last year, however, its budget was cut in half, and this year it is being cut from the budget completely.

This festival brings artists from all over the state to make art with children. Local children will have the opportunity to visit with artists demonstrating activities, such as wheel thrown ceramics, traditional watercolor painting, weaving, felting, paper-making, printmaking, portraiture and a myriad of other visual art media.

This festival is more than just an art show; it benefits the community and its youth. It is proven that art education helps children in school.

But why is the SAB cutting this fun and educational festival on the ECU campus?

Because it involves the "non-stu-

dent" community.

Not only is this a heartless response, but I'm an ECU student who participated in the Youth Arts Festival. Not only was I there, but when I looked around the festival grounds, I saw hundreds of other ECU students helping community children learn about art.

ECU is a part of the Greenville community; it is here for students and non-students alike, and cutting this festival is ludicrous.

Sincerely,
Andy Denton
Visual Arts Chair
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The many sights that represent the Chinese city of Beijing were built by foreigners: the Forbidden city was built by the Mongols, the Temple of Heaven by the Manchurians.

Three Mile Island is only 2.5 miles long.

All the dirt from the foundation to build the World Trade Center in New York City was dumped into the Hudson River to form the community now known as Battery City Park.

The amusement park Coney Island has had three of its rides designated as New York City historical landmarks.

Central Park opened in 1876. It is nearly twice the size of the entire country of Monaco.

The 102-story Empire State Building, completed in 1931, is made up of more than 10 million bricks and has 6,500 windows. It was built at a cost of 40,948,900.

Since the 1930s, the town of Corona, California, has lost all seventeen of the time capsules they originally buried.

The San Diego Zoo has the largest collection of animals in the world.

The San Francisco cable cars are the only mobile national monuments.

The largest object ever found in the Los Angeles sewer system was a motorcycle.

If you bring a raccoon's head to the Henniker, New Hampshire, a town hall, you are entitled to receive ten dollars from the town.

In 1980, a Las Vegas hospital suspended workers for betting on when patients would die.

There's a bathroom in Egypt where it is free to use the toilet, but you have to bring or buy your own toilet paper.

Some hotels in Las Vegas have gambling tables floating in their swimming pools.

As of April 2000, Hong Kong has 392,000 fax lines – one of the highest rates of business fax use in the world.



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Rock musician Lonnie Glass performs a song off of his new album.

Civil War musician plays at Topsy Teapot

Rebecca Blanchette
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

As Americans, we've all learned about the Civil War, but when have you heard anyone sing about it? Or devote a whole album to it for that matter? Lonnie Glass, a 60 year old rock musician from Toronto, has done just that. His new album, entitled "Chapter of Night", includes 17 songs, all of which are relative to the Civil War. Some of the songs relate to slavery, some to specific battles, and others reference individual people, such as generals. Another few are just general thoughts about the war and the struggle.

"Everything that happened, hap-

pened to both sides, and both sides were made up of people," says Glass, who doesn't favor either side of the war. Glass had learned about the Civil War as a child in school, but it really caught his interest later in life when he was traveling with his band. "When the rest of the band was sleeping in because they were hung over I would get up in the morning and wander around cities and learn about the areas," he says.

Since he did a lot of touring on the eastern seaboard, he naturally found himself walking the streets of cities where battles took place. He encour-

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'Chelsea Chelsea Bang Bang' proves to be hilarious

Late night talk show host's book is sure to provide laughs

★★★★★

Lynsey Horn
STAFF WRITER

"Chelsea Chelsea Bang Bang" is a frenzied collection of hilarious excerpts and happenings from the life of comedian and TV show host Chelsea Handler. She starts the book with a shocking



THE EAST CAROLINIAN | REBECCA HARTMAN

Jo Eason enjoys Chelsea Handler's latest novel, "Chelsea Chelsea Bang Bang," at Barnes and Noble. She starts the story about discovering "the feeling" at a childhood sleep over and goes through tales involving drunken debauchery and ridiculous practical jokes to an entire chapter about a weekend she

spent locked in her apartment with movie channels and Lean Pockets.

This book walks a thin line between disgustingly offensive and laugh-out-loud funny. While some may be disgusted by the first paragraph, others say amidst gasps and uproarious laughter, "It's Chelsea Handler. What did you expect?"

"Chelsea Chelsea Bang Bang" paints an interesting picture of everyone in her life, mainly her parents, her boyfriend and her dog named Chunk. Readers will grow to love, hate and laugh at

everyone in

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African-American student is awarded prestigious scholarship

LaDarius McEachin receives Material Handling Education Foundation Honor Scholarship

Veronica Carrington
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Each year, thousands of students apply for scholarships to further supplement their academic endeavors. In the state of North Carolina, students who may require additional financial assistance can apply for grants, subsidized loans and UNC need-based scholarships.

Each year, ECU offers qualified students thousands of dollars in financial assistance in the form of academic, sport and special-need scholarships. LaDarius McEachin was chosen as one of this year's worthy scholarship recipients.

McEachin is a rising senior in the College of Technology and Computer Sciences and is this year's Material Handling Education Foundation Honor Scholarship recipient. The College of



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

LaDarius McEachin is the first African-American student to receive the Material Handling Education Foundation Honor Scholarship.

Technology and Computer Science has only existed under its current title since

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and picked up on stories. As he passed through the east coast states he made it a point to stop at battlegrounds and further his knowledge of the war and the era. "I love all of the things about the era. Such as the architecture and the music," he says.

"The most difficult thing to try to do was to be an observer," stated Glass. "I didn't want to vilify the vanquished or praise the victor. I was trying to look at it from a viewpoint of someone receiving a letter from someone else, telling them what they had gone through," he adds.

Though Glass has been writing lyrics for twenty years, it was a bit more difficult for him to create lyrics for this particular project. Glass had to do a lot of research in order to be historically accurate in his songs. His intention was to place his CD at visitor centers and sites of Civil War battles. In order to do so his lyrics had to be historically correct.

Glass has been performing since the age of 14. Along with singing, he also plays the acoustic guitar and the cello. The songs on "Chapter of Night" have a slow beat, combining Glass' raspy

rock voice with the smooth sound of his acoustic guitar. "A project like this is definitely a new thing," he says. Performing as a solo artist is fairly new for Glass. He had always been in bands up until six or seven years ago.

Though Glass was born in Canada he received most of his schooling in the states. He attended high school in Florida, New York, and then finished up in Michigan. He went on to attend the University of Michigan where he majored in History and minored in English.

Glass will be performing a number of shows in the south through out the month of August. He makes his stop in Greenville on August 5th at The Tippy Teapot. "This project has been a passion of mine for quite awhile," he says. "I'm really just going to try to bring that whole story in to a different focus."

For additional information on Lonnie Glass, or to listen to his music, visit LonnieGlass.com.

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her life.

Chelsea's father is portrayed as completely delusional about every aspect of his life and the world in general, especially the sad shape of his summerhouse, which he tries to rent for much more than it's worth.

"Chelsea, that squid I left for them as a welcoming gift," her father is quoted as saying in reference to an unidentifiable runny mess of seafood left to spoil and run all over the kitchen of his summer home for renters to find.

Chelsea's boyfriend is Ted Harbert, president and CEO of Comcast Entertainment, owner of E! Network, which is home of Handler's hit TV show "Chelsea Lately." However, audiences might find that hard to believe based on the pathetic depiction of him in the novel, which is rumored to have led to their breakup soon after the book's release.

Harbert is extremely gullible and is always trying to take care of Chelsea. Instead of being the damsel in distress Harbert needs, Chelsea preys on his

caring, trusting nature and constantly lies to him and plays outlandish tricks on him.

The chapter dedicated to Chelsea's dog, Chunk, will make audiences believe that soul mates do exist. Chunk is a huge, furry creature that got his name from the nickname "chunk" that Chelsea gives "to anyone I love who I also want to squeeze." The dog shows his great affection for Chelsea by following her everywhere and not taking a "shadoobie" in front of her; however, he doesn't show the same decency to Chelsea's boyfriend. Chelsea even chooses to feature Chunk on the cover of the book, further marking his importance.

The part of the book when Chelsea tells her boyfriend that the dog's name is Chunk shows just how much Chelsea has confused and emasculated him.

"I thought I was Chunk?" Ted asked. "That's going to confuse both of us. How am I going to know which one of us you're talking to?"

Chelsea describes another important character, her mother, as being

somewhat absent throughout her childhood. Chelsea claims her mother slept through most of her childhood; however, she was the least delusional of the two parents.

The "Chelsea Chelsea Bang Bang" tour is going on now and will be making a stop in Raleigh on Friday. Handler is holding a book signing during the day at Quail Ridge Books and Music and the show is Friday night at the Raleigh Amphitheatre and Festival Site.

"Everything about Chelsea Handler is inappropriate. She's obnoxious, loud, rude, blunt, violent, vulgar and I swear if I didn't love her so much, I'd absolutely hate her," said one fan in a review of the tour.

So for those looking for a few wholesome chuckles, opt to read the Sunday comics instead. But for those looking to laugh so hard you might just pee your pants, pick up a copy of "Chelsea Chelsea Bang Bang."

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2003. Nevertheless, the College and its programs have a history that dates back to 1935 when the first courses were offered under an alternate title. Housed in the multi-million dollar Science and Technology Building that was constructed and opened in August of 2003, the college strives to create graduates that are in high demand in business and industry as well as drastically impact the economic development of Eastern North Carolina.

The Material Handling Education Foundation Honor Scholarship has been awarded to more than 700 students since its origin in 1976. The scholarship has been awarded to students of all ethnic groups, nationalities, gender and ages. However, within the Industrial Distribution and Logistics, McEachin is the first African-American recipient.

The Material Handling Industry of America, whose members provide financial support to the Foundation, is an international trade association of manufacturers, systems integrators, consultants, publishers and software developers of goods and services that make the supply chain work.

For McEachin, hard work and determination have paid off in assisting his academic success; however, a strong family support system has guided him along his path toward the ultimate success -- graduation. McEachin credits his mother, who started but was not able to finish college, and his grandmother for instilling a strong sense of education and high achievement. His hope

is to complete what his mother started: finish college and to be an inspiration to other young African-Americans.

"My mother and grandmother are the reasons I value a good education, and I thank them, too," stated McEachin. For the College, awarding McEachin the scholarship was an obvious decision.

"We honor LaDarius and all students like him who want to make a difference. Our college will continue our commitment to diversity and providing our students what they need to succeed; a supportive environment and committed faculty," stated Dr. David White, the dean of the College of Technology and Computer Science.

Dr. Leslie Pagliari, associate dean and professor, concurs. "LaDarius is a great student and we want to see him use his skills to obtain a position within the supply chain and logistics market."

McEachin is excited to see how the resources the college provides and his major can guide him in the future. "I really like my program in Industrial Distribution and Logistics. My teachers and advisers really want to see the students succeed," McEachin stated. The \$3,000 scholarship will be used toward the continuation of his academic journey.

McEachin is currently working at an internship with the Sensus Meter Corporation in Raleigh, N.C., a company that develops electrical meters.

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Pirate golfer eligible for 2010 U.S. Amateur

ECU's Adam Stephenson shot a three-under-par 141 in U.S. Amateur Sectional Qualifying Tournament at the Old Chatham Golf Club in Durham to become one of six golfers in the field to qualify from the site for the 2010 U.S. Amateur Championship.

The rising junior carded a first round total of two-under 70, followed by a second round tally of one-under 71 and finished tied for second place.

The 2010 U.S. Amateur Championship will be held at Chambers Bay in University Place, Wash., Aug. 23-29. This will be the first championship for Chambers Bay, which will also host the 2015 U.S. Open.

Qualifying players will participate in 36 holes of stroke-play qualifying Aug. 23-24. The 64 lowest scorers will begin match play on Aug. 25. The 36-hole championship final match will be played Sunday, Aug. 29.

Meet the Pirates set for Aug. 21

The 16th annual Meet the Pirates Night, ECU's preseason football fan fest, is scheduled for Saturday, Aug. 21, at Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium from 6-8 p.m. This year's event will once again be open to the public, family friendly and free for all in attendance.

Pirate football fans and their families are invited to see the newly expanded stadium. First-year head coach Ruffin McNeill, his staff and the 2010 team will also be on hand to sign autographs. Additional activities for fans include inflatable rides and games, photo taking stations, ECU Cheerleaders, ARAMARK concessions and a Dowdy Student Stores souvenir booth. Jeff Diamond, the radio host of the Pirates' flagship station, 107.9 WNCT, will provide music and MC throughout the evening.

The event will be held on the field at the Murphy Center end; fans are asked to enter through Gate 6 on the north side of the stadium.

Addison Harvey

STAFF WRITER

As the yards to the upcoming Pirate football season shorten with every passing day, it is a great time to take a minute to breakdown the Pirates' upcoming slate.

Ruffin McNeill's first year at the helm will feature a rigorous non-conference schedule with a few cross-country trips in conference.

The most intriguing stretches of the 2010-2011 schedule is a streak of four games versus Virginia Tech, UNC, N.C. State and Southern Miss.

Tulsa: The first game of every season is always full of intensity and excitement. This year, unlike previous openers, the Pirates open with a conference foe in Tulsa. While Tulsa is in the Conference USA-West, The Golden Hurricane will pose an intriguing threat to the Pirates. The season opener is sure to light up the new scoreboard in Dowdy-Ficklen as both teams will "air" it out on offense.

Memphis: Memphis is entering a rebuilding stage under first-year head coach Larry Porter. The Tigers are sure to travel to Greenville with a new intensity and eagerness to try and dethrone the reigning two-time conference champions. Picking up a win at home versus Memphis will be crucial for ECU, as after this game they will enter into the toughest four-game stretch in recent years for Pirate football.

Virginia Tech: Virginia Tech has become a staple on the Pirates' football schedule over the past few years. Even with the win in Charlotte in 2008, the Hokies have dominated this series this decade. This year's Virginia Tech team looks to be as powerful as ever with running back duo Darren Evans and Ryan Williams. If the Pirates are going to pull a huge upset on the road at Blacksburg, defensive coordinator Brian Mitchell is going to have to find out a way to slow down the Hokies' run game.

UNC: The Pirates in-state rival has found itself in hot water lately with the NCAA going to Chapel Hill to investigate player relationships with agents. If UNC loses one or a few players due to the allegations, it would give their opponents an edge as the Tar Heels had one of the best defenses on paper coming into the season. The Pirates' "air raid" offense could cause huge problems for a UNC defense that is not used to seeing a heavy passing attack. If the Pirates can score early and often, they may be able to pick up their second win in three years versus their rival.



Defensive back Emmanuel Davis tracks UCF wide receiver Kamar Aiken in a 2009 contest. Davis will be a top contributor to the Pirates' defense in the 2010 season.

Southern Miss: The Golden Eagles have been a thorn in the Pirates' side for decades. Southern Miss almost ended the Pirates' bid at a conference championship last season, putting up a valiant fight on the road. Previous to the Pirates' win versus their C-USA rival last season, Southern Miss had beaten the Pirates in back-to-back years. This game will feature one of the best wide receivers in the league in DeAndre Brown and the Pirates' talented duo of defensive backs in Emmanuel Davis and Travis Simmons facing off. Whichever team wins this battle will be in the C-USA-East driver seat.

N.C. State: The Wolfpack and the Pirates always seem to match up well with each other, and this year will be no different. The Wolfpack has no distinct edge on the Pirates in any position. If N.C. State quarterback Russell Wilson is in uniform in the fall, the Pirates have to find a way to slow him down. If the Pirates' defense can create a lot of turnovers and dominate time of possession, they will have a huge edge against their ACC foe.

Marshall: Marshall always poses a threat for the Pirates. The Thundering Herd, like many teams in C-USA, is under new leadership and looking to prove itself. The Pirates' new offense,

led by offensive coordinator Lincoln Riley, creates a matchup problem for Marshall. If the Pirates can score more than 28 points, they should pick up a key home win.

UCF: The UCF Knights have been one of the more successful teams in C-USA other than the Pirates. UCF won the last conference championship game in 2007, prior to the Pirates back-to-back titles. UCF has an experienced team with depth at almost every position. That, coupled with a solid home environment, may prove to be a tough road test for the Pirates.

Navy: The Midshipmen always throw a chink into the schedule of every team they play. Navy brings in a unique offense, using the triple-option and a heavy running attack. With only a few days to prepare for Navy's triple-option attack, this may be a trap game for the Pirates. A rowdy home crowd could play a vital factor for the Pirates getting a non-conference win.

UAB: Birmingham is one of the more intriguing college football atmospheres. The Blazers play their home games in the Iron Bowl, a stadium entrenched in football greatness and history. These days, the Iron Bowl only hosts one bowl game and UAB home

games, which have an average attendance in the single-digit thousands for each game. This year, the Pirates travel to Birmingham on a Thursday night and there is a good chance the ECU faithful that make the trip may match the number of UAB fans in the stadium. Just like the matchup versus Marshall, a high-scoring performance from the offense is vital in this C-USA battle.

Rice: The Owls, like many C-USA-West schools, run a similar offense to the Pirates. In this long road trip for the Pirates, defense is going to be the game breaker. If the Pirates can force turnovers and not allow Rice's passing to get in rhythm, they will have the advantage.

SMU: June Jones's team showed signs of greatness in their bowl game win in the Sheraton Hawaii Bowl. Jones, who resurrected a Hawaii program to greatness, is beginning to do the same in Dallas. The late season showdown between two high-powered offenses is sure to have post-season implications. Time of possession and the fact that it is senior day is going to play a role in this battle. The Pirates are 3-0 in their last three senior day games.

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Travis Simmons bats away an end zone pass from Houston's L.J. Castile in the 2009 C-USA Championship. Simmons and his fellow Pirates are eager to hit the practice field on Aug. 5.

Football prepares for battle

Pirates hit the practice field for pre-season camp Aug. 5

Lorianna Whitford

FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Paint your face and dust off your jersey because Pirate football is back! The 2010 football season will be a time for change in the Pirate Nation. With a new addition to the Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium, a new coaching staff and a new recruiting class, fans can expect nothing but excitement.

As the summer comes to an end, your Pirate football players prepare to report for duty. They spend their summer improving their strength in the classroom and on the field, hoping their hard work will pay off during the season. Their chance to fight for their spot on the depth chart comes in the beginning of August when summer classes are over and camp begins.

During camp, all players move into a dorm with strict rules and regulations designed to foster intense focus on football. This also creates an opportunity for the athletes to form a stronger bond as a team. It is an important part of the preparations for each season.

Pirate quarterback transfer Dominique Davis explains that he's very excited for camp. "It's a matter of actually practic-

ing for the coaches so they can get to see how we work together."

Camp is no joke.

The humidity and heat of an August in Greenville promises for more than exhausting practices for hours at a time, multiple times a day. The players concur that the heat is the worst thing about camp, but cornerback Travis Simmons clarifies that forming the chemistry as a team needed for the season makes up for dealing with the heat. Each player pushes himself to work to the best of his ability in order to earn playing time and grow as a team.

Middle linebacker Steve Spence describes camp as "a time to put final pieces of the puzzle together."

At the end of the camp week, ECU's mighty Pirates are well conditioned, more prepared and highly inspired by their new leader, head coach Ruffin McNeill.

ECU happily welcomes Coach McNeill back to his alma mater, this time playing a new role as head football coach. With nearly 30 years of experience, McNeill is ready to lead the Pirates to victory not only in football, but in life as well. After all, who better to lead the Pirates than a Pirate himself?

Spence lights up when asked about his new leader in command. "Coach Ruffin McNeill has brought in a very aggressive style of play," he said.

Fans have high expectations for McNeill and are eager to see what he has in store for ECU's football program.

This year, about 7,000 more fans will be able to attend the football games at the bustling Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium, thanks to a recent seating addition. Construction began in December 2009 to close the east end of Dowdy-Ficklen. This will allow a total of 50,000 raging Pirate fans to fill the seats in support of ECU.

Although ECU recently graduated a large number of valuable players, they still have many hidden treasures.

Fifth-year senior defensive tackle Josh Smith explained, "The most important thing I've learned on the field is teamwork. I've been on a lot of teams, but this is one of the closest teams I've been on."

When asked about the role of leadership, Spence voiced, "I've always been the type of player to step up and lead verbally. What I want to do is go out there in every play and lead by example. I can't expect my teammates to put their bodies on the line if I'm not willing to do it first."

The excitement of so many changes for the Pirate football program radiates from the players and staff. Don't miss the kick-off for the first game on Sept. 5 against Tulsa at the upgraded Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium.

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OPINION

The three kings of South Beach



Alex Serkes

STAFF WRITER

Take a moment, switch gears and think back to the year 2003 and the night of the NBA Draft. Reinvent the time in your mind when three young men named LeBron James, Dwayne Wade and Chris Bosh were taken in the top five that night.

James, the first overall pick, was already being dubbed "The Chosen One." The young Ohio native signed a sweet \$90 million shoe deal with Nike.

Bosh was the fourth overall pick. He was a lanky, "wiry," 6-foot-10 big man with extreme raw potential out of Georgia Tech and the ability to play both the paint and the perimeter with ease.

Wade followed as the fifth overall pick; a slashing guard who was the highest taken player in Marquette's history and a surprising pick in the minds of some critics.

Now fast forward to 2008; these three are a few of the center pieces on the U.S. Olympic basketball team which would go on to win the gold medal, the first time the honor had been bestowed upon the States since Jordan, Magic and the

"Dream Team" won in 1992.

Back to present day, and now these three have come together in South Beach, Fla., to be formally known as "The Big Three" in Miami.

As any juggernaut sports fan knows by now, James, Wade and Bosh joined forces and signed multimillion-dollar contracts with the Miami Heat, forming a huge conglomeration of talent down in Miami. Following James's superfluous hour-long primetime interview special that aired on ESPN on July 8th, where he announced he would be joining the Heat, everything seemingly fell into place for the three. Wade and Heat general manager Pat Riley finally got their boys locked up in Miami.

Bosh finally got onto a team with winning potential after spending his first seven years in Toronto, two of which resulted in playoff appearances, and James finally received the supporting cast he so longed for to help him reach the summit of an NBA championship. However, even fairytales have their flaws.

Bosh's decision to leave Toronto really brought no scrutiny upon himself; rather, the direction of attention and hatred was immediately shined on James. After James made his fateful decision, fans in Cleveland were burning his jersey and

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The Miami Heat hosts the HEAT Summer of 2010 Welcome Event to celebrate Dwyane Wade's (3) return to the team, and to introduce its newest acquisitions, Chris Bosh (1) and LeBron James (6), to the South Florida on July 9.

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him, including a 10-story-tall Nike Witness billboard in downtown Cleveland the following day.

Adding further insult to injury, within hours of the decision, Cavaliers owner Dan Gilbert was recklessly gaining the high ground by ripping James, calling him "narcissistic and self promotional" as well as mocking his "King" moniker. Though Gilbert's actions were highly unprofessional and could have been handled much differently, how could you blame him?

James threw away a "storybook situation," as Charles Barkley called it in Cleveland: the opportunity to play in the state that groomed him and to bring hope and promise to a town of which is remembered for such sports blunders as "The Drive" and "The Fumble."

Hall-of-Famers Michael Jordan and Charles Barkley have both made critical claims toward James's decision. "If I was

25, I would try to win it by myself," stated Barkley. "When you are 25, you shouldn't be trying to piggyback on other people." Jordan added, "There's no way, with hindsight, I would've ever called up Larry, called up Magic and said, 'Hey, look, let's get together and play on one team.' In all honesty, I was trying to beat those guys." Even commissioner David Stern chimed in on the ordeal, saying, "The Lakers had Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, James Worthy and Bob McAdoo, but those teams were created over time."

Even if the Miami Heat does end up winning big, the trio will still be accused of cutting corners to their parade.

Time will tell what the future of this new big three in Miami holds. Regardless, anything less than a championship will be considered a failure.

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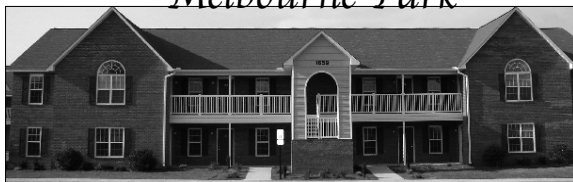
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