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Mixed reactions to new stadium student section

Jennifer Soares
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

The new student section of Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium received criticism after several rows of bleachers collapsed during Sunday's game.

Almost a dozen fans sustained minor injuries, including cuts and bruises, when the bolts holding down the bleachers came undone.

"I was watching the game and all of a sudden they started carrying rows of bleachers down the stairs," said senior Chanay Smith, who was sitting in the student section.

The construction company T.A. Loving, ECU contractors and a structural engineer met with ECU officials on Monday to determine what happened at the game and what can be done to fix it. They will now look into different ways of attaching the stands to the concrete instead of the vertical risers.

The new end zone construction was completed over the summer, adding almost 7,000 more seats to the stadium to give it a horseshoe pattern. A new state-of-the-art High Definition scoreboard that is 84 feet wide and 28 feet tall was also added to the stadium, sitting right above the student section entitled "The Boneyard."

During the game, the announcer had asked all fans in the student section not to jump on the bleachers because they could not take the weight. During games, students tend to stand on top of the bleachers to maximize what they can see. Because the new section is structured a little differently than the rest of the stadium, the new stands could not withstand the weight of students standing and jumping.

"I think the new student section looks really nice," said junior Robert Whitfield. "The only problem I had was that everyone was standing so it was hard to see unless you stood too."

The university will have the Boneyard section open for this Saturday's game against Memphis. However, if some sections are not done, students will just have to either stand or sit on the concrete where the bleachers would have been. All the seats in the new section will undergo a repair to ensure that nothing like this will happen again.

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Muslim Student Union connects with students for Ramadan

Shivani Vyas
STAFF WRITER

What is Assalamu alaikum? This potent yet simple statement signifies a formal and common Islamic greeting used among Muslim communities all around the world, translating to "may peace be with you."

Although this term is universally known to many Muslim populations, its exposure may have been uncovered to some ECU students for the first time this past Friday. ECU's Muslim Student Association held its fourth Annual Fast-a-thon on Sept. 3.

All ECU members were welcome regardless of their religious background to participate in this event, which included multiple speakers, free food, raffle tickets and prizes. This assembly gave members of MSA a chance to introduce their religion and culture to others unfamiliar with Islam. Continuing members also reconnected with one another at this momentous time of year known as Ramadan.

Ramadan falls on the ninth month of the Islamic calendar and is known as the month of fasting. It is considered to be one of the most vital and holiest periods for the Islamic faith. The fast is held from sunrise to sunset and is carried out for duration of about 30 days, following a lunar calendar.

An active member of MSA, Durkhanai Khan explains the significance of Ramadan in her life.

"Fasting is a time where I can get close to God and take part in kind and charitable deeds. It also gives me a time to feel for the hungry and become even more thankful for what I have. It honestly makes me appreciate my life so much more," Khan said.

Ramadan is believed to be a time of righteousness and sincere worship, where Muslims are able to gain medical and spiritual benefits, but most importantly show gratitude for their creator, Allah. At this time, Muslims must strictly restrain themselves from eating or drinking anything during the day, smoking and taking part in sexual relations. Fasting is also believed to detoxify every organ in the body, which is why it is also medically prescribed.

Secretary of MSA Filza Faiz shares her beliefs and ideals not

only about Ramadan but Islam as well.

"Fasting is always an exciting time of the year. When I fast, it makes me feel grateful for the food and resources I have. It also makes me more aware and sympathetic toward those that are less fortunate in other countries," Faiz tells us.

The event was held at night, giving members a chance to break their fast with the Maghrib Prayer and a meal called the Iftar. Students and members of MSA unified during prayer, all moving in conjunction to one another and facing the same direction toward Mecca. Mecca is located in western Saudi Arabia and is the birthplace of Muhammad, making it the holiest city of Islam.

An active member within the North Carolina community and a well-respected speaker, Fiaz Fareed joined MSA at the night of the event. Fareed is often called to different schools and colleges as a guest speaker to educate students about the basics of Islam. He is also a member of the Outreach Program of Raleigh, which also serves to expand knowledge about Islam.

"The public is not educated

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Amid NYC mosque argument, students voice own opinions

Aaron Gold
STAFF WRITER

Recent controversy over the planned Islamic center and Mosque near the World Trade Center site has spread nationwide. ECU's own Muslim Student Union recently held their Fourth Annual Fast-a-Thon as a way to introduce the religion of Islam to the general student population and open their minds away from the negative media.

What do ECU students think of the mosque?

"There are three arguments to be made here regarding the mosque," said Nabeel Arastu, a member of the ECU Muslim Student Association and an ECU alumnus.

"The first is a legal one. From a legal perspective, the building of the Mosque is undeniably protected by the First Amendment. The second point is that it is neither just a mosque nor is it at Ground Zero. It is in fact a community center where people of all faiths can come and enjoy, located two blocks away. It will even have a memorial to the victims of 9/11."

"The third argument is regarding if it is offensive to build the mosque so close to Ground Zero. If you are truly offended about building a mosque, a place of worship, then you must believe that all Muslims are responsible for 9/11," Nabeel continued. "This is called collective guilt and that is a very scary thing; to tie the actions of a few to close to the two billion people in this world who are Muslim."

The Pew Research survey found that those who are 65 and older, as well as those 50 to 64, agree more with the opponents of cultural center and mosque by wide margins. Those younger than 30 agree more with those who say it should be built, by 50 percent to 36 percent.

The ECU College Republicans disagree with building the mosque near Ground Zero. They see the issue of the mosque as primarily a moral issue.

Caroline Cox, the vice chairwoman of the ECU College Republicans, agrees with Newt Gingrich's argument. "They ignore the fact that more than 100 mosques already exist in New York City," Gingrich

said. "Meanwhile, there are no churches or synagogues in all of Saudi Arabia. In fact no Christian or Jew can even enter Mecca."

The anniversary of Sept. 11 takes place this year on Eid, the end of Ramadan, which usually lasts three days. Most Muslims will begin celebrating Eid on Sept. 10. Eid is a very joyful occasion that has normally taken place during the summer. However, because it takes place on 9/11, many Muslims are worried about the perception of them celebrating on the anniversary. Several major Muslim organizations have urged mosques to use the day to participate in commemoration events and community service, said a New York Times article last week.

"We were just as affected by Sept. 11 as our Jewish and Christian neighbors. Muslims died on 9/11, too," said Faraheen Faiz, a sophomore and president of the ECU Muslim Student Association.

The controversy over the mosque is perhaps the latest in a struggle for Islam and the West to understand each other. In Florida, a preacher has declared he is going to burn the Quran to commemorate the anniversary of 9/11.

"There are people who claim to be Muslim who are doing absolutely horrible things, things even in the name of Islam. These people who use Islam to justify blowing up a bus full of children or crashing airplanes into buildings are completely wrong and totally misguided," said Nabeel. "To say that the actions of a few represent the actions of over a billion people is wrong. Islam is very clear that it condemns violence, especially in terms of innocent civilians."

There are numerous Islamic organizations that have helped lead the fight against terrorism. The Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR), a major American Muslim organization, is one of them. According to their website, they have organized fatwas (religious rulings), petition drives, placed advertisements in national and local newspapers, ran public service announcements on television and radio stations, helped local Mosques across the United

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What you think about the proposed Islamic center near Ground Zero?



Chloe Taylor

"I think there are other ways to say we're OK with [Islam]."



Jarred Taunton

"As of right now, I just don't think I know enough about it to make a decision."



Jessie Ailstock

"I don't think it's wrong that they're building it. I just think where they're building it is wrong?"



Paul Nissenbaum

"I think it should be built. It will help unify the community of downtown Manhattan."

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Students pick up local fresh food at ECU Farmers Market

Hannah Jackson
STAFF WRITER

On Tuesday, residents of Greenville and students of ECU came together at the bottom of College Hill for the Second Annual ECU Farmers Market.

It gave the community a chance to purchase produce and other food items that were locally grown.

The Farmers Market drew people in with its attractions such as the "Got to Be NC Big Cart" from the North Carolina Department of Agriculture; a giant motorized shopping cart, as well as a performing local entertainer, Nolan Smock of The Charming Youngsters.

Some of the booths included Shore to Door Seafood, Nooherooka Natural, Chandler and Sons Honey and Warren Brothers Farms, most of which are located in Greenville.

Each booth featured fresh produce or products such as sunflowers, hormone-free beef, honey, tomatoes, collard greens, homemade soaps and more.

Janie Owens, ARAMARK nutrition director, explains the overall goal of the event was "to educate the Greenville community and minimize our environmental impact in order to protect, preserve and even enhance our environment community." Spreading environmental awareness is a big goal of many ECU organizations such as the Student Recreation Center, Student Health Center and the Nutrition Department.

This event also aligns with The Chancellor's View regarding Engagement and ECU Tomorrow as well as the Sustainability Initiative led by the Office of Environmental Health and Safety because it benefits

both the campus and community.

"Foods typically travel about 1,300 miles before reaching our grocery stores, but foods found at the Farmers Market are grown locally and have not been transported across several states before being purchased," Owens stated.

The event also was a Wellness Passport opportunity for students that are currently enrolled in Health 1000 and they were taught about the difference between organic and non-organic foods. Students who attended learned where their food comes from and it gave everyone an opportunity to put a face, not a brand or logo, on the food they were buying and ultimately eating.

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well enough. I go to classrooms and I ask children to name a famous figure that is Muslim and they all say Osama. I say, what about Muhammad Ali?"

"According to research, 1.8 billion people in the world (about one out of every four people) are Muslim. People think the largest Muslim population consists of Arabs, but in fact only about 15 to 18 percent of the Muslim population exists in Arabia. There are Chinese, Indian and Indonesian Muslims; Indonesia alone accounting for a 95-percent Muslim population," Fareed alleges.

Fareed is also an active volunteer and council of The Central Prison in Raleigh and spends time speaking to inmates that are currently facing the death penalty. Fareed wants to send a powerful message to communities everywhere by strongly encouraging people to give Islam a chance. And most importantly, stop trusting falsified information they may hear from others.

"I completely ignore negative media because I have enough posi-

tive feelings about my religion and I know people who feel the same way. Just recently, seven people I know converted by their own choice. It is a common misconception that people believe Muslims try go around knocking on people's doors asking them to convert."

"I want to educate people about Islam and send an important message that tells them what Islam is, not spend hours trying to convince them to convert. I do not feel the need to do that. There is no compulsion in our religion and converting to Islamic beliefs is strictly up to the individual and his or her creator."

"I would really encourage people to start being fair to Islam, just like they are to any religion. We need to remove the fear of the unknown and can only do so by educating the public," Fareed suggests.

During the event, new and continuing members were able to hear the recitation of the Quran by Dr. Aamir Siddiqui. The Quran is the Islamic sacred book, believed to be the word of God as dictated to Muhammad by the archangel

Gabriel and written down in Arabic. Students at the end of the event were also able to share their experiences and feelings about fasting and Islam.

"The beauty of religion is that no matter where you come from, what your status is, everyone can just come together," Khan said.

Islam's linguistic meaning denotes peace. The Quran is a way for Muslims to ask Allah for blessings, block out sins and give them protection.

"As a kid growing up, I was not very religious, but coming closer to religion is what helped me improve the most as a person and a student. I never felt that my religion restricted me from living life, but in fact was what kept me away from bad habits and distractions," Faiz said.

MSA encourages and welcomes all ECU students interested in learning about Islam. They plan on continuing their tradition of the Fast-a-thon and will be holding one for the 2011 school year.

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Seats available:

- 11 Seats Discretionary Seat for Student Organizations
- 7 Seats Undecided General College Majors
- 3 Seats College of Business
- 2 Seats Fine Arts & Communication
- 2 Seats College of Technology and Computer Science
- 1 Seats College of Allied Health Sciences
- 1 Seat Honors College*
- 1 Seat Junior Class Officer

*Students enrolled in the Honors College may only file to run for one seat, either for Honors or the College of their major.

Please email Student Body Vice President/ President of the Undergraduate Student Senate Josh Martinkovic for further questions at SGAVicePresident@ecu.edu

SGA Executive Cabinet:

- Purpose of the Cabinet is to advise the Executive Council (Student Body President, Student Body Vice President, Student Body Treasurer, Student Body Secretary, & Student Body Chief of Staff) on matters relating to the duties of their respective offices. Members of the Cabinet are the chief facilitators of the administration's policies and agendas.

Positions available:

- Academic & Student Affairs
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- Environmental & Safety Affairs
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- Special Projects Affairs

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Organization Funding Workshops:

Dates:

There will be 4 workshops. ALL workshops will be in the Student Activities & Organization Conference Room

1. September 7th 2010 at 1:00 pm
2. September 14th 2010 at 1:30 pm
3. November 22nd 2010 at 5:00pm

For further questions please email Student Body Treasurer Justin Davis at SGATreasurer@ecu.edu

Weekend Calendar Events

Thursday, September 9

ECU Ambassadors Recruitment Event

5:30-7:30 at the Taylor-Slaughter Alumni Center
The ECU Ambassadors purpose is promoting ECU through voluntary service.

Dancing in the Streets

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Bring a blanket to sit out on the lawn and listen to live music, enjoy the dancing, play games, win prizes and more!

Voyages of Discovery Lecture Series: Dr. Eve M. Troutt Powell

7 p.m. at Wright Auditorium
Dr. Powell, will lecture about "The Language of Slavery, the Diction of Freedom: Voices from the Nile Valley and Ottoman Empire." Complementary

tickets are available to ECU students, faculty and staff and are \$10 for the general public. Tickets are available through the Central Ticket Office by calling 252-328-4788.

Rockers for Knockers

6-11 p.m. at Topsy Teapot
The event is being held to raise money for breast cancer research. All proceeds go to the fund the Susan G. Komen Foundation via the 3-Day Walk for a Cure, a 60-mile event held in Washington, D.C. this October.

Friday, September 10

Sights and Sounds of the Arts!

6 p.m. in the Jenkins Building
The School of Art and Design hosts "Print Summit: A Survey of Contemporary Printmaking" in the Wellington B. Gray Gallery.

Drive-In Theatre

8 p.m. at the parking lot at the bottom of College Hill Drive

We will be showing Alice in Wonderland (2010). Show time is at 8pm and the lot opens at 6:30 p.m. Refreshments will be available.

Women's Soccer vs N.C. State

7 p.m.

Saturday, September 11

Pregame Pirate Buffett

9 a.m. at Todd Dining Hall

University administrators, faculty, and staff, along with ECU Parents Council members, will be hosting various tables. Students with a meal plan do not need a ticket for the Pregame Pirate

Buffet.

ECU vs Memphis Football Game

Family Football Game Weekend
12 p.m. game at Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium.

SAB presents "Sex and the City 2"

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States in holding open houses, published Op-Eds in local and national newspapers, conducted inter-faith meetings and worked with scholars to disseminate the peaceful teachings of Islam.

The ECU College Republicans strongly agree that not all Muslims are terrorists. But they also believe that the mosque located so near to Ground Zero is offensive to the victims of 9/11.

"We acknowledge that Islam is a peaceful religion, but I think it is just an unfortunate spot to put the mosque. I see it as a moral issue. It is just very disrespectful to the victims of 9/11," said Mary Turner, the chairwoman of the ECU College Republicans.

"Not all Muslims are terrorists and there are radical elements in every group," said Zach Stahr, an ECU College Republican. "There are also hundreds of mosques in New York. We are not against

mosques in New York. We just hope that they would move it to a different location that is not so close to Ground Zero out of respect for the victims of 9/11."

Despite the differences in opinion, ECU students have shown that they can have a civil debate and respect each other's opinions.

"This is not a you-versus-me issue. We might come from many different backgrounds and viewpoints, but that is what makes the United States so special. This is a really special country. At the end of the day we are all Americans, we are all patriotic and we all love our country," said Nabeel.

"I respect those who disagree with me. I have my opinion and they have their opinions and I think that we can agree to disagree. This is one of those issues," Turner said.

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Troutt Powell is an associate professor of history at the University of Pennsylvania.

Thursday, September 9, 7:00 p.m., Wright Auditorium

Complimentary tickets are available to ECU students, faculty, and staff and are \$10 for the general public. Tickets are available through the Central Ticket Office by calling 252-328-4788, 1-800-ECU-ARTS, or 252-328-4736 (voice/TTY). For more information, contact Dr. John Tucker at 252-328-1028 or tuckerjo@ecu.edu, or visit www.ecu.edu/voyages.

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Hurricane Earl and the Tulsa Golden Hurricanes were weak. Anybody else want some, COME GET IT!

On the contrary, to all the freshmen girls out there still dressing up for class, thank you! You make class quite tolerable.

Urgent Message from a recent ECU grad: Stay in college forever! The real world sucks!

What broke the bleachers at the ECU vs. Tulsa game? Pirate Booty.

To my suite mate that passed out naked on the toilet: thanks for making the first night of college that much more memorable.

Yes, it was a long night. I'm not 100% sure what class it was that I stumbled into, but I am positive that it's not one of the classes I'm paying tuition for.

If I hear one more freshman taking about how wasted she was last night when she went to Rumors and grinded up on a Guido, I'm going to lose it!

I'm furious that I was told that I couldn't go back to the game. Out of nowhere, some guy says "We're pirates! Maul them over!" It was awesome.

To the guy in my history class that clicked his pen the entire time: WHY?!

Dear roommate: you don't have to come to the living room to talk to us. We would rather you just stay in your room and watch your anime.

WOOOOOOOOOO!!!! WE ARE THE PIRATES OF E.C.U.!!!! :)

The freshmen guys have no ambition this year! Call a woman sometime!

I'm already slacking off...crap.

Thanks ECU for the awesome new student section! I twisted my ankle and can't walk on it for a week.

I think we figured out why the new student section is named The Boneyard: all those bleachers breaking are gonna start to take their toll on us.

Underclassmen: stop being loud when we are offense... learn football.

To the three random drunk chicks who jumped in my truck the other night: the one who was wearing blue is feel free to get back in anytime!

Why would you leave a football game with 80 seconds on the clock when it is a one score game? Just to let you know you missed the play of the week. How does that make you feel?

I'm so indie, I listen to bands that don't exist yet.

Make room on a crowded bus for other people! OTHER STUDENTS PAY TO USE THE SAME BUS THAT YOU DO.

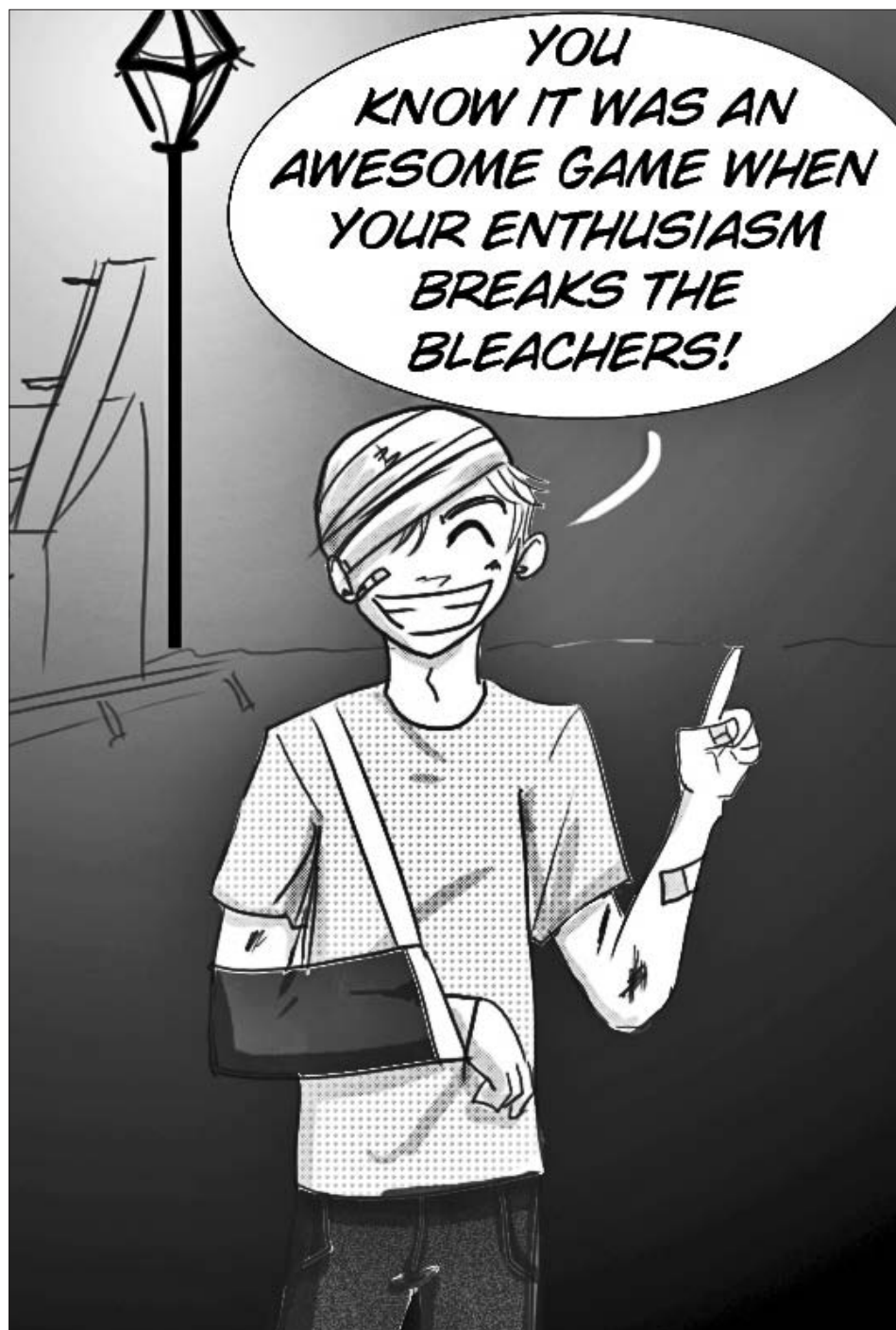
I'm sorry that you think so highly of yourself, but I came out on Sunday to watch the Pirates play, not to "stalk" you.

To my neighbors at U Suites: it's great you're getting laid but seriously it doesn't need to sound like a boxing match. Some of us who aren't so lucky need sleep. Love, your neighbor.

Let's face it, this is Greenville: drivers suck, pedestrians suck, and this city was never designed to cope with people on bicycles.

#1 Play on ESPN's Top Plays of the Weekend. How 'bout them Pirates! Arrrggghhh!

My friend goes to hook up with this girl while I sit in the library and study. Pirates supporting Pirates. No bros before hoes!



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E.S.P.N.: Everyone supports Pirate Nation



Michael Perry
SPORTS EDITOR

Any way you frame it, Sunday's win was big.

The win was big first and foremost for the ECU football team.

In general, "getting the W" is always good for a new program, but to gain the victory by beating out a conference opponent in the final seconds with an all-or-nothing end zone pass speaks volumes.

Other than the last five seconds, the previous four touch-down passes showed the Pirates have the potential to master the passing game.

The new mindset of the football team could be easily summed up as "no guts, no glory," and that attitude made for one of the most memorable ECU football games ever.

Establishing a 1-0 record for Head Coach Ruffin McNeill and his young coaching staff allowed this game to be a moral victory for the football team, something he emotionally expressed during the post-game press conference.

"I'm proud of the kids and the way they kept fighting," said McNeill. "We were able to win one and get out of there."

Aside from the first win of his tenure as ECU head coach,

it was personally special for McNeill to return home to Greenville. To lead the team he once played for and to earn it the win in such dramatic fashion, I think any sports fan could understand how special that would be.

The thrilling victory was also big for the university as the video clip of the 6-foot-8 Justin Jones coming down with the ball garnered national television attention.

The game got a 10-minute spot on SportsCenter, was viewed on CNN, made the ESPN top play of the day and the top play of the week for college football.

I think I've seen the catch at least 50 times now and I still want to jump for joy and proclaim my Pirate-ness.

Whenever ECU makes national news like that, one can only beam at the thought of millions of people viewing our little school in Greenville making plays that edged out top dogs Boise State, Ohio State, Texas and the lot.

Shootout wins like that boost the reputation of ECU and could even help in recruiting future talent. I'm sure some high school standout saw that play on TV and he will forever associate the Pirates with the Hail Mary catch against Tulsa.

Last but in no way, shape or form least, the win on Sunday was big for Pirate Nation. Students, alumni, fans and all those who follow ECU football witnessed greatness that day.

Ten people short of an

official sellout for the first game of the year proved that Pirate fans are excited for this team to do well, and I believe a lot of people want to see McNeill's program succeed as well.

As I stood in the opposite end zone gazing in disbelief at the catch, what I saw after was the student section erupting into the ecstatic, passionate bunch of 7,000 Pirates I know the student body can be.

Though it will forever be great to look back on the opening game of 2010, the fans and the media, like the football team, have to put this game behind them and be ready for the next game and the next one after that.

It would be unreasonable to think that every game this year will be that action-packed or that ECU will come out on top in every matchup, but sticking by the Pirates and truly bleeding purple and gold no matter the score will say a lot for this team, this university and for the reputation of the Pirate Nation.

If ECU stands by this team, and all the other athletic programs at this school for that matter (instead of pulling for certain overrated ACC schools), that would mean more to ECU than one win, one catch and 15 seconds of fame on ESPN.

To know that Pirate fans and ECU as a whole could offer college sports the most passionate fans around would be something to truly be proud of.

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Gym, tanning, laundry



Abby Brockmeyer
OPINION COLUMNIST

If you live in America or anywhere else in the world, it seems like, you know about the television show phenomenon called "Jersey Shore." Between fist pumping and GTL time (gym, tanning, laundry), it's about the most chaotic television show you could ever watch. Everything that goes on in the second-season Miami house that these seven New Jerseyans live in is drama. From former boyfriend quarrelling to late night drunken plate smashing escapades, there hasn't been one episode yet that doesn't have some sort of crazy hostility between these roommates.

It literally just comes down to hearing their names that it gets ridiculous: Sammi Sweetheart, Mike "The Situation," Vinny, Ronnie, Snooki, Jwoww and Pauly D. Anyone who watches this show or has seen even a clip of it can tell that this isn't even close to an intelligent, forward-thinking show. But after watching the first season and now following the second season, I am actually glad that this show is on MTV. From the beginning, it has sparked haters talking about how it makes America (especially New Jersey) look stupid, ignorant and trashy.

Even here in Greenville, if you see a really dark tan and shapely guy with gelled hair, your immediate thought is, "Hey, there's a Guido." For the most part, though, people love it. There have been parties thrown with the "Jersey Shore" theme and the characters are being begged to come to Greenville nightclubs. Ronnie and Pauly were even about to come to Still Life last semester, but at the last minute decided against it.

Jersey Shore is loved so much because these characters are not trying to be anybody else but themselves. They have a good night, they come home and start yelling, they love to drink, they sometimes cheat on their significant others, and no, they don't have the best vocabulary or even close to a high IQ.

Many times I have seen girls tripping on themselves coming out of our bars here in Greenville

yelling things that only they would ever understand. But honestly, I feel that this "Jersey Shore" cast is being genuine about who they are and making extremely entertaining albeit stupid television in the process.

Watching these Guidos and Guidettes make fools of themselves should help you to not take your own life too seriously and be happy about what you accomplished for the day, because all this colorful cast does is wait for the night and fist pumping to begin. If people are really turning on the television to raise their own IQ, then they should get a hint from the lack of bookshelves in the "Jersey Shore" house and focus on some legit reading material.

These people are judged because they are on television, but I have seen way worse and less-hilarious people walking the Greenville streets late at night. Why judge these people who are just lucky enough to get paid to have their lives taped instead of just laughing at them and loving that your life isn't taped?

I think it's rather therapeutic to watch people screaming and yelling at each other and then look around at my relatively normal, un-stressful life and being content. I think we can all relate to this show because haven't we all once or twice had a Ronnie blackout? "Jersey Shore" is just one of the few newer-generation shows on television nowadays that get a lot of flack for being a "bad example" by parents for their teenagers. Plus, when people get to college, there are a lot nastier encounters that they might run into, especially in the jolly city of Greenville. Nothing that I have examined from watching "Jersey Shore" has damaged me. I have enough common sense to know that I shouldn't act like that in my life.

But in the meantime, "Jersey Shore" is one of my favorite mindless television programs to fall asleep to at night. Just because it's not the most mature show on television doesn't mean that it is not hysterical sometimes, like Snooki's hiccupping drunkenness. I've even seen a lovely Snooki look-a-like hitting her boyfriend with her purse one lovely Thursday night downtown. Stay classy, Greenville!

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"I'm proud of the kids and the way they kept fighting. We were able to win one and get out of there."

RUFFIN MCNEIL

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Five things we're obsessed with

1. Pirate football

Who isn't obsessed with Pirate football? Especially after the epic win over Tulsa this weekend, Pirates are dying to attend the next home game against Memphis this weekend! And with football comes tailgating, which is a favorite tradition among students.

2. Starbucks coffee

Getting back into the swing of early morning classes is hard, but Starbucks coffee makes it a little easier. The new coffee venue is making Wright Place busier than ever by serving up loads of caffeine to keep students moving to those dreaded 8 a.m. classes.

3. Season finales

Fall has begun, and with that, all of the favorite summertime TV series are beginning to vanish off the air. September is filled with all those can't-miss final episodes! Be prepared for cliffhangers!

4. Online Dictionaries

Summer has its way of dumbing down the brain a little. When students can't remember, or simply don't know, the meaning of a word in that 1,000-page textbook, sites like Dictionary.com is a quick fix to "drawing a blank."

5. End-of-summer sales

In North Carolina, it doesn't even begin to get cold for another month or so, but retailers are discounting all their summer merchandise now. It's the perfect time to go out and buy some new shorts, and even if there isn't time to wear them this season, there's always next year!

What are you obsessed with?

Rockers 4 Knockers



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Day promotes her Breast Cancer benefit, Rockers 4 Knockers, outside The Tippy Teapot.

Fun events that help the fight against breast cancer

Lynsey Horn
STAFF WRITER

The pink ribbon is a recognizable symbol for most people. Many recognize it because they have been personally affected by what it stands for: breast cancer.

Kristin Day was one of those who was unfortunately affected by breast cancer. Her great grandmother died of breast

cancer in the 1970s and Day has decided to do something about the disease that kills many.

Day quit smoking about a year ago and began to run to keep herself from smoking. When she saw an advertisement in a fitness magazine for a breast cancer walk, she decided on a whim to participate.

Now she is planning to walk in the Susan G. Komen three-day walk for a cure. All walkers have to raise \$2,300 in addition to their registration fees. To raise her money, Day

has planned two Rockers 4 Knockers events, which provides listeners with live music in hopes of raising money.

Day works for Mixer Magazine, which is put out by the Daily Reflector, and has connections throughout the local music community. She has used her connections to bring together several artists and sponsors for the two events.

"I know a lot of the local musicians personally and they were all very supportive. It was so easy to get these events together," said Day.

The first event is tonight at Acasia's Tippy Teapot at 6 p.m. and will feature Dean Marshall Tuck, Anna Vaughn Creech, Garrett Bissonnette of Irvine, Piercing Silence and Josh Warren and The Revelation. Ken Thompson, a former contestant on Bravo's "Make Me A Supermodel," will also debut his original songs from his upcoming CD. There is a \$5 suggested donation for this event.

At the second event, Jam Nation, Ronnie Run, No Proof, Big Hop & H2OKZ, Last Minute (a side project of Assembly Required) and Irvine will be performing. This event is at 6 p.m. on Sept. 16 at Live in Bells Fork Square. There is a \$7 suggested donation for this event. All performers are donating their time to help raise money for the Susan G. Komen Foundation.

In addition to live

music, there will also be raffles at each event. Prizes given out during the shows are donated by local sponsors, including Uptown Art (a branch of University Book Exchange) and Colony Tire and Expressions.

Day says she enjoys planning these events and is glad that people can have fun while raising money.

"Live music has always been a part of Greenville and lately it hasn't been doing as well. This is a way for people to support a great cause and see the local musicians," said Day.

For those looking for something fun to do that isn't too pricey and also raises money for a great cause, come support Kristin Day tonight or next week at one of her Rockers 4 Knockers events.

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ECU graduate competes for role on 'Mad Men'



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

ECU graduate Jeff Bowman hopes to score a role on hit TV show "Mad Men."

Jeff Bowman in the top 10 out of 4,000 contestants

Rebecca Blanchette
STAFF WRITER

Jeff Bowman, an ECU alumnus, business owner and family man, is awfully close to snagging a role on AMC's hit television series "Mad Men." He is currently in ninth place in a contest of over 4,000 people, which consists of fans voting online every day for their favorite prospect.

"I just sort of had a feeling about it when I heard about it," said Bowman. The contest began on July 22 and Bowman entered the following day. Within the first 48 hours of his entering, he was already in fourth place. He credits his family, friends and associates for his success. Their faithful voting has kept Bowman at a promising rating.

AMC is offering two walk-on roles, one female and one male, for the fifth season of

the show. The producers of the show will choose who will receive the roles out of the top 10 male contestants and the top 10 female contestants on Sept. 17. The winners will appear on one episode and will be required to spend four days shooting in Los Angeles.

"A lot of the time, I thought this was a bogus contest and maybe I should give up," admits Bowman. He explains that there was a point in the contest where things started to appear a little shady. Contestants started emerging on the website with cheesy photos and were getting more votes than Bowman! "I was like, 'Where did this guy come from, and how long did it take for him to take his picture?'" he said.

AMC eventually investigated the matter and realized that there was a lot of cheating going on. Some contestants had set up computer programs that would submit multiple votes a day. The rules oblige that every-

one can only vote once a day per computer. Those who were caught cheating were immediately eliminated from the contest. AMC took the necessary security measures to be sure that this fault could not be repeated.

Now, Bowman is glad that he had decided to remain in the running. He says that he chose to for three reasons. First was the support he was receiving from his friends, family and colleagues. Second was because of his blog, which is receiving a decent amount of hits and attracting people in advertising. Third, and most importantly, was for Boys to Men, a local chapter mentor group that Bowman founded. He wanted to raise awareness for the organization.

"It's more of a hobby than a profession," says Bowman of acting. He isn't a complete rookie when it comes to the business. He was in a number of plays in high school and also appeared in a few Garner Town Players productions. He also appeared in a few commercials and had a Christian music segment on the TV show "Heart of the Matter." Still, it's been 10 years since he's done any acting.

Bowman is a fan of "Mad Men," which is set in the early 1960s in New York City and depicts business life as well as home life. He actually already had a photo of himself posing "Mad Men" style that he had professionally taken, for work purposes, well before he even heard about the contest.

"I'd say that I'm a cross between Don Draper and Salvatore," said Bowman, referring to two characters on the show. Draper is an advertising success and Salvatore is an art director. Bowman has his own company entitled Bowman Creative, where he specializes in graphic design and creative services for branding. He graduated from ECU in '83, where he majored in graphic design and minored in illustration.

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Seth and Jordan Melvin play corn hole before the first home football game.

Tailgating: ECU's game-day tradition

Matthew McLaughlin
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Football season is always an exciting time of the year here in Pirate Nation, and after ECU's astounding win this past weekend over Tulsa, who can expect anything less? Now, as the new season comes into full swing once again, so has one of ECU's most familiar pregame traditions: that's right, we're talking about tailgating.

When it comes to tailgating at ECU, it does not matter whether you are a hardcore fanatic or just like to catch an occasional football game; all Pirate supporters are welcomed

to the game-day festivities. As kickoff time approaches, the air around Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium becomes thick with anticipation and excitement, while Pirate fans of all ages get ready to enter the stadium.

For some people, the tradition of Pirate tailgating has become an event for the whole family. Walking toward the stadium, you can see people of every age group, from infants to seniors, decked in purple and gold to support their team.

"I think one of the biggest

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differences now in tailgating is that you see more and more families at tailgating," said David Jones, an alumnus of ECU who graduated in '71. A good number of Jones's family members are either ECU alumni, currently enrolled or plan on attending the university when they are old enough. This family involvement has kept the Pirate traditions alive and well across generations.

The truth is that tailgating has become so popular that it is almost an essential part of the Pirate football experience. Streets and parking lots are transformed into tent villages, blazing with purple and gold, as football fans play popular games like cornhole, grill out and relax before the game. No matter where you choose to tailgate, there always seems to be a sense of community and pride among students and fans alike.

However, it hasn't always been this way at ECU. Almost 60 years ago, tailgating at ECU was nothing more than a few small groups of loyal fans who just wanted to celebrate the game.

Virgil Clark, a diehard Pirates fan and an alumnus of ECU who graduated from the university in 1950, recalls his times spent tailgating near the stadium as a student at ECU. According to him, ECU's game-day festivities were not anything like what they are today. During his time as a student at the university, tailgating was nowhere near as popular or as elaborate as it is now. Originally

celebrated by a few small groups of dedicated fans, tailgating has since become the tradition that has taken root and has grown into the massive gathering of Pirate fans that it is known for today.

While preparing for the game, Christi Broadway, a first-time tailgater at ECU and graduate of Campbell University who hopes to soon be attending graduate school at ECU, commented on her feelings about the experience.

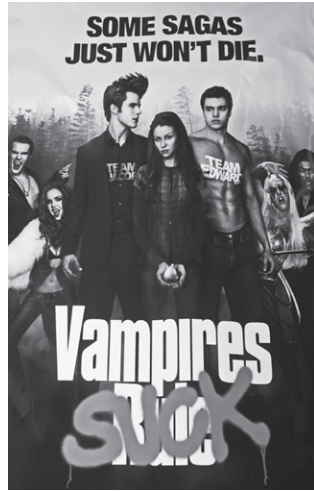
"I've always heard about the tradition here at ECU and I am really excited to be here. All of the people have been very friendly and the atmosphere is great." She explains, "There's a sense of community here that you can't find at any other school."

Today, the game has become a way of bringing together people of all different ages, races and backgrounds to unite as one in Pirate Nation. Thanks to the loyal fans here at ECU, Pirate football is not just another sport, but a lifestyle for many during this time of year.

Army veteran Reco Tucker, who graduated from ECU in 2008, explained the strong sense of community, saying, "As a student, it's like being part of a big family. On game day, there are no colors other than purple and gold. For a few hours, all people care about is the Pirates, and that's one of the best feelings in the world."

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Moviegoers say 'Vampires Suck' sucks



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Vampires suck opened in theaters August 18. Vampire spoof hits theaters, bringing Twilight saga to new audience

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Marlana Sifter
STAFF WRITER

Edward and Jacob fans clash on the big screen in the newly released "Twilight" parody, "Vampires Suck," a PG-13 comedy by Jason Friedberg and Aaron Seltzer.

Following in the vein of their previous projects, such as "Meet the Spartans," "Disaster Movie" and "Date Movie," Friedberg and Seltzer compile a delightful array of vampire, fantasy and romance traditions within the storyline of the first two Twilight saga movies.

The film, which has been in U.S. theaters since Aug. 18, cost production company Regency Enterprises \$20 million to make in their Bossier City, La., studio. It has grossed at least \$10 million more than budgeted and remains in the top 10 movies at theaters.

The plot involves spastic teen Becca Crane and her maturing relationship with vampire Edward Sullen, who Becca mistakenly identifies as a Jonas brother toward the beginning of the movie. She is indecisive as to whether she should date Edward, or his buff rival, were-Chihuahua Jacob White.

The Twilight movies are almost copied in this humorous mimicry, minus character exaggeration and countless adolescent jokes and pop culture references. These include mentions of the Black-Eyed Peas, Lady Gaga, Tiger

Woods and even the Kardashians. Supposed "jokes" include Jacob peeing on trees and chasing after cats and Edward's sparkling exposure via a disco ball.

"I went to see it with a friend. It was horrible. Really vulgar," said Patricia Musilek, a senior, double majoring in German and psychology with a minor in business.

"It was at an immature level and not worth the time."

Critics overwhelmingly rate "Vampires Suck" badly, citing a lack of moments that made them laugh, as well as a pitifully nonexistent original story. They do praise the film for being at least an improvement on Friedberg and Seltzer spoofs, which disappointed them in the past, as well as a canvas of highly accurate and fanciful sets that seemed straight from the Twilight movies.

"Vampire Sucks" manages to attract both "Twilight" supporters and dissidents.

"I'm one of those people who went to see 'Twilight' to laugh at all of the obsessed people," said Alix Style, a sophomore pre-nursing major. Style had planned on seeing "Vampires Sucks" in theaters but decided that instead she would see it "when it comes out."

The film opened at number one on its first night, earning a total of \$4 million domestically. The next day its number one spot fell to number three behind "The Expendables" and "Eat Pray Love," earning an additional \$2.3 million and by the first weekend had popped up to number two just behind "The Expendables." It remains number six at the box office, while making an average of only \$500 per movie theater. Gross revenue equals about \$33 million.

Among the stars are newcomer Jenn Proske as Becca, Matt Latner as Edward, Diedrich Bader as Frank Crane and Christopher N. Rigg as Jacob. The film is rated PG-13 for its crude sexual content, comic violence, language and teen partying.

Geared more specifically for the younger adolescent, "Vampires Suck" may bring a laugh to the fans of such flicks as "Scary Movie." With a tale that echoes the Twilight movies so closely, it appeals to many "Twilight" lovers as well.

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Update outdated outfits by adding costume jewelry.

Fall into fashion

A look at a few new styles this upcoming season

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School has just begun and fall is just around the corner, which means it's time to freshen up those wardrobes with the season's newest trends.

This year's styles are a lot of new spins on old looks. The September issue of Elle Magazine has a few styles that the Pirates already sport on a regular basis, but it's also got plenty of new ideas for fall wardrobes.

One item Elle is pushing as one of this season's biggest must-haves is loafers, and not the kind Dad wears with his slacks. Add some fun to a same old boring style that has been around for years and get some loafers with some color or maybe even a heel. A pair of blue loafers with an everyday outfit can add some fun to a laidback look for class. For students who may have an internship or a job that requires business attire, a loafer with a heel is a professional and comfortable alternative to regular pumps. A fun pair of loafers is a good look for guys and girls.

Speaking of dressing up a casual look with shoes, ballet flats are another versatile fashion piece that every girl should have in her wardrobe. Flats are great in black, white, colored, patterned, you name it and it will most likely work. But ladies, beware -- ballet flats are known for blisters. Some pairs will rub huge blisters, which can be more than uncomfortable when you're stuck on campus.

Enough about shoes... what about the clothes to wear them with? Mini skirts are a Greenville favorite that can be and

are worn day and night. Pairing them with the right tops and shoes can be crucial to an outfit. Loafers and flats can both go with the right mini.

As the weather starts to get cooler, sweaters can be paired with a mini or even that old pair of jeans that seem to work every season. "Sweaters in light hues function perfectly as between-season buffers," says Stephanie Winston Wolkoff, the Lincoln Center's director of fashion, in an article about her own style.

Finding a decent-looking bag to haul the \$400 worth of books recently purchased for classes is something some students have been dealing with since high school. One style that magazines are talking about to solve this problem is one that ECU students already practice. Fun, patterned back packs like the JanSport bags seen worn by many students on this campus are needed fashion accessories. It's a functional bag that can complete an outfit. For guys and girls who feel too much like middle schoolers carrying a book bag, a leather messenger bag is great for carrying books and making a fashion statement.

This season, when trying to keep up with the latest fashion trends, look at the trends you already have and try them with fun, colored and patterned accessories. Or throw out that old pair of shoes or bag and replace it with the newest version. For those days when there is truly nothing to wear, follow this advice from Stacy London from "What Not to Wear." "A quick fashion fix: a pair of great heels, a good shade of lipstick and a stiff drink."

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Bowman grew up on a tobacco farm in Madison, N.C. He graduated from Madison-Mayodan High School and went on to study at ECU. He later met his wife in Raleigh and resided there for a number of years before deciding to move to the suburb of

Garner to raise a family.

Vote for Bowman and help keep him in the top 10 at <http://bit.ly/DapperDon>.

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Baseball names new volunteer coach

Jesse Lancaster has been named the volunteer baseball coach at ECU according to an announcement from Head Coach Billy Godwin Wednesday.

Lancaster, who will work directly with outfielders and coach first base, was a four-year letter winner at Mount Olive College and helped the Trojans capture the 2008 NCAA Division II Baseball National Championship where he was named to the all-tournament team after batting .457 in the National Finals. The three-time captain and all-conference performer was also a member of four Conference Carolina Championship squads.

A preseason All-America selection by the National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association (NCBWA) as a senior, Lancaster batted .358 (72-for-201) with five home runs, 46 RBI and 64 runs scored, helping Mount Olive to a 41-11 overall record and its fourth Conference Carolina's crown in the last five seasons. He was also named the league's Most Valuable Player and 2010 America Baseball Coaches Association (ABCA) all-region performer.

During the Trojans' national championship season, Lancaster took home all-conference accolades and in the title game was 2-for-4 with a walk and a run scored. Lancaster, the 2006 Conference Carolina Freshman-of-the-Year, helped his dad (Carl) record his 600th career win after tossing his first collegiate complete game against Erskine, and four years later, he was part of the senior Lancaster's 800th win, also against Erskine.

Lancaster was a dual major at Mount Olive, earning his bachelor's degree in recreation/leisure studies and physical education/sport management in 2010.

Soccer edges out Niagara 2-1 in overtime

Amanda Windsor netted her first career goal in the 93rd minute of play to lift ECU to a 2-1 win over Niagara Monday afternoon at the North Campus Recreation Complex. With the win the Pirates improve to 3-2 on the young season, while Purple Eagles suffer their first loss and drop to 2-1-1.

Less than three minutes into the overtime period Windsor, who sprinted 40-yards down field, re-cieved a pass from Amanda Malkiewicz in the box and placed the game-winning goal in the upper left corner for the Pirates second-straight win.

Jessica Woodward put ECU up early 1-0 in the fifth minute of play when she fired a shot from 25 yards out that hit the upper left corner for her first goal of the season and fifth of her career. Junior Kimmy Cummings was credited with her first assist with a center pass.

Niagara, who out shot ECU 15-12 on the day, scored the equalizer in the 77th minute when Jamie Raepple blasted a shot just inside the box from 18 yards out.

The Pirates will be back on the pitch Friday, Sept. 10 when they play host to instate rival N.C. State with a 7 p.m. (EST) start scheduled.

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Up... Memphis

Adam Bunn
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

ECU opened the Ruffin McNeill era Sunday with a heart-stopping last-second win over Tulsa 51-49 on a 33-yard touchdown pass from Dominique Davis to Justin Jones as time expired.

Tulsa took the lead with just over a minute remaining on a G.J. Kinne 3-yard touchdown pass to Charles Clay. The Pirates took over on their own 33, and after two complete passes and a defensive holding penalty, Davis launched a high spiral toward the end zone that fell into the hands of 6-foot-8, 250-pound true freshman Justin Jones for the win, giving ECU a leg up in Conference USA.

The Pirates don't get a break from conference opponents in week two as the Pirates welcome the Memphis Tigers to Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium for their second-straight conference matchup. The Pirates have gotten the best of the Tigers over the last four years, going 4-0 in that span.

The Tigers are coming off a terrible performance in their opener, losing to SEC foe Mississippi State 49-7.

First year Head Coach Larry Porter inherited a team that last year went 2-10, averaging a respectable 373 yards a game while giving up a monstrous

458 yards a game on defense. Returning for the Tigers this year are seven starters on offense and six on the defensive side of the ball, but gone is leading rusher Curtis Steele, who rushed for over 1,000 yards in each of the last two seasons.

The Tigers struggled offensively without an experienced quarterback under center as last year's quarterback Will Hudgens graduated and Tyler Bass did not factor into the game at all.

Memphis rushed for just 41 yards with true freshman Jerrell Rhodes leading the way with just 26 yards. The passing game wasn't much better as quarterback Cannon Smith completed 10-of-15 passes for 111 yards with one passing score, while backup quarterback Ryan Williams completed 10-of-17 passes for 85 yards and two interceptions.

While the quarterback position had its issues, Coach McNeill spoke highly of Coach Porter's abilities.

"I think a lot of Larry. He's a good football coach with a good staff that understands the game," McNeill said. "I know he'll have his team well prepared."

The Memphis starting core of receivers returns just 18 receptions as a whole and sophomore Marcus Rucker caught all of those.

Miami transfer Jermaine McKenzie and Rucker combined for 10 receptions for 90 yards and a touchdown catch against Mississippi State.

"Jermaine McKenzie is a wide receiver who is a really good athlete," Coach McNeill said. "He's 6 foot 2, 185 pounds. He's a guy we have to make sure we have our eyes on defensively."

While the Memphis offense struggled from start to finish, the Tigers' defense showed heart and poise throughout the first half before an exhausted unit gave up a late second-quarter touchdown to allow the Bulldogs to take a 21 to 0 halftime lead. The Tigers' defense ran out of gas in the second half, allowing 28 points, 569 yards of offense on 372 yards passing and 197 yards rushing.

Memphis returns two of its top three tacklers, including preseason third team All-Conference USA Jamon Hughes and Winston Bowers.

Despite the high numbers,

this is a talented defensive unit.

"Defensively, Marcus Ball, a senior, is strong. I like Jamon Hughes, too. He's a senior linebacker; he's a really good football player," Coach McNeill said. "Inside, Dontari Poe and Frank Trotter are huge and do a great job. We'll have to be concerned with them inside, especially with the run game."

While the Memphis offense and defense have issues to resolve coming into their second game of the young season, the Pirates found answers on offense as well as discovered questions on defense against Tulsa over the weekend.

The new spread system brought from Texas Tech by McNeill worked to perfection to the tune of 51 points and 538 yards. Quarterback Dominique Davis completed 27-of-46 passes for 383 yards and five touchdowns as well as one interception in his first college start since transferring from Boston College after the 2008 season. Davis beat out sophomore Brad Wornick for the starting job in fall camp, and with his performance on Sunday, he won't be giving it up anytime soon.

Davis was aided by receivers Lance Lewis and Dwayne Harris, who each had over 100 yards and two scores, as well as running back Jon Williams, who carried the ball 15 times for 92 yards and a 37-yard rushing touchdown.

Despite the good offensive numbers, there is room for improvement.

"Offensively, we talked about consistency. [Offensive coordinator] Lincoln Riley and I agree we could capitalize more on turnovers," Coach McNeill said. "Our third down percentage needs to improve. We were 6-of-16 on third down and we want to be better than that."

Defensively, the Pirates have to go back to the drawing board. ECU gave up 579 yards with 399 yards of that through the air and 180 yards on the ground, while also giving up 49 points.

Everything started out good for the Pirate defense against the Golden Hurricane. On Tulsa's opening possession, defensive back Emanuel Davis forced a fumble, setting up a first-quarter ECU touchdown. From there,

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Lebo looks to right the ship for the men's basketball program

Lorianna Whitford
STAFF WRITER

There is a soft whisper of sound that holds a great power. It resonates in the ear as a sweet brush of air. It holds the alluring ability to ignite a crowd in an instant. You've heard it before, swift and light yet incredibly mighty. As the shot is taken, a victory within grasp, you hear it. Swoosh.

We live in a state where collegiate basketball is a way of life. It has its own culture and identity. Raging rivals practice

and train for months, even years to be prepared for the jump ball and devoted fans were born and raised, painting their faces and defending whoever they think is the best.

What about ECU? When will it be ECU's turn to show that the Pirates can be a part of that basketball culture?

After all, we're the third-largest university in North Carolina. Our football and baseball programs are doing well; it's time for basketball to emerge. Imagine in the future that ECU's

basketball program is as big as UNC, Duke or N.C. State. Imagine the enjoyment as a fan, or the pride as an alumnus. The Cameron crazies couldn't hold a candle to the fans of the Pirate Nation.

Tomorrow starts here, Pirates.

This is the dawning of a new season. With a new coach and skilled returning athletes, the ECU basketball program is working hard to take a step forward, but the basketball team cannot do it without the fans.

For 14 seasons now, the Pirate basketball ship has seemed to be lost at sea. Is Head Coach Jeff Lebo the man to steer the ship back on course? Only time will tell for sure, but Lebo's record is certainly promising. Coach Lebo is known as the man who resurrected three different college teams from the depths of basketball depression. The word guru means from the darkness to light. One could think of Coach Lebo as our basketball guru; intending to lead us from the dark days of games with low attendance and many losses, to the light of a thriving ECU basketball program.

He shed some light on his strategy to turn our team around. "When you try to rebuild a program, you've got to change the attitude, you've got to change the work habits, you've got to get them to believe in what you're doing. There is a culture here of not doing well and that's something that we have to change and there is no reason why we can't do it."

Coach Lebo talked about some of our returning players to look out for this season on the court. "We've got a good nucleus of kids; we've got some seniors that have been through the wars of this league who want to win, who want to do what is necessary to win. Brock Young, Jamar Abrams, if we can keep Chad Wynn healthy then we've got some size. And Jontae Sher-

rod. Those four seniors have been here and it's been tough for them but I think they're really excited about trying to make this year their best."

Lebo gave some perspective on why it is important to work hard in academics.

"You're going to spend very little time playing this game," Lebo said. "You've got the rest of your life to try to make a living. The difference between getting a degree and not having a degree is about a million dollars over the course of your working life, so that's something we reinforce all of the time. As far as academics are concerned, we're 100 percent behind getting that degree."

With great basketball comes great passion; from the athletes and the fans. Fans are a big part of basketball at the collegiate level. They provide support for the athletes and increase the energy of the game.

"We need the fans' help," Lebo said. "We've got to create an environment at home that's very difficult on our opponents. We can do that in Minges. If we get our student section coming consistently and get our fans in the city excited about basketball. We just need everybody to jump on ship so to speak, and join in and try to help this program try to dig out of a ditch."

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Men's basketball coach Jeff Lebo addressing the media at his inaugural press conference. Lebo has high hopes for the Pirate program, despite its subpar history.

Ranking the Carolinas

OPINION



Tyrone Spencer
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

While the rest of the country was watching Michigan break the football game attendance record and Alabama's Julio Jones snag a crazy touchdown pass, North and South Carolinians were cheering for their home teams. During what may have been the most exciting opening weekend in quite some time, my top five football programs of the Carolinas held steady.

Although I received a few complaints about the absence of Wake Forest and the low ranking of East Carolina, the list should remain unchanged. I realize that UNC lost and USC blew away its opponent, but both teams stay put at the top of the list.

1. North Carolina



In what was scheduled as a home game but played on a neutral field, a depleted UNC squad faced SEC powerhouse LSU. Although they came up two plays or one catch short of winning the game and possibly improving their No. 18 ranking, the Tar Heels still sit atop the Carolinas. Without superb return-man Patrick Peterson, the Tigers may not have been able to stop UNC, who lost the game 30-24. Stepping up in the place of suspended receiver Greg Little, Jheranie Boyd caught six passes for 221 yards, including a 97-yard touchdown strike early in the fourth quarter. Quarterback T.J. Yates passed for over 400 yards, which is a career high. If his play stays consistent, expect for the Tar Heels to have a special year. **Next game: Sept. 18 versus Georgia Tech**

2. South Carolina



South Carolina remains in the second position even though Conference USA's Southern Miss proved to be no match for the Gamecocks during Thursday night's college kickoff opener. A balanced offensive attack was the key to the Gamecocks' victory over the Golden Eagles. They totaled 225 passing yards and 224 on the ground. The 41-13 victory earned USC Head Coach Steve Spurrier his 18th-straight season opening win. While morale may be riding high in Columbia, S.C., the blow-out victory served as a tune-up to prepare for the Georgia Bulldogs this upcoming Saturday. The Gamecock defense will need another stellar performance if they plan to slow down the nation's seventh-ranked scoring offense. Expect to see quarterback Stephen Garcia less than comfortable in the pocket against a blitzing Georgia defense. **Next game: Sept. 11 versus Georgia**

3. Clemson



Facing North Texas in week one and hosting the Presbyterian Blue Hose in week two, Clemson fans can breathe easy and expect a 2-0 beginning to the "post-Spiller Era." Running back duo Andre Ellington and Jamie Harper each scored twice and were the focus of the Tiger offense. The two combined for 224 yards and left fans thinking, "C.J. who?" Although the offense bullied an underachieving Mean Green team, their defense looked shaky. They allowed NT running back Lance Dunbar to gain 96 yards in the first 30 minutes of play. The Tiger defense will get a chance at redemption this Saturday when they play the Blue Hose, which is fresh off of a shellacking at the hands of Wake Forest. **Next game: Sept. 11 versus Presbyterian**

4. East Carolina



The new bleachers were not the only things breaking down in Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium this past Saturday. In a game where defense seemed to be non-existent, the purple and gold Pirates outlasted the Tulsa Golden Hurricane. Transfer quarterback Dominique Davis passed for five touchdowns on the day, but none were more important than his game-winning heave to Georgia native and freshman Justin Jones. Even with a victory coming in heart-thumping fashion, the Pirates must do much more to climb these rankings. Although Davis sits at third in the nation in passing yards, Tulsa signal caller G.J. Kinne ranks directly above him, and that poses a problem for a young, inexperienced ECU defense. The Pirates look to improve against a Memphis team that is in early season turmoil. **Next game: Sept. 11 versus Memphis**

5. North Carolina State



After two season openers where the Wolfpack scored a combined three points, Russell Wilson led his team in a bombardment over the Western Carolina Catamounts. Scoring four of the team's six touchdowns, Wilson kept his potential Heisman hopes alive. N.C. State trailed 7-0 early in the game, but after a 26-yard touchdown catch from T.J. Graham, the 'Pack never looked back. The defensive front seven will have to buckle down this Saturday when they visit the Knights of UCF. Another solid week from N.C. State may have them moving up the rankings. **Next game: Sept. 11 at UCF**

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Men's basketball schedule released

Staff Reports

The ECU men's basketball team will begin its first-year of competition under new coach Jeff Lebo Friday, Nov. 12 against Erskine College inside Williams Arena at Minges Coliseum. Six

days later the Pirates will travel south to participate in the third-annual Charleston Classic at the Carolina First Center in Charleston, S.C. with a first round game against N.C. State.

The 2010-11 ECU basketball schedule, which was released

Wednesday by University officials, includes at least 16 games against teams that participated in post-season play last March, including three home games against NCAA Tournament teams: Houston, Old Dominion and UTEP.

"This is a very challenging and demanding schedule that we will be facing this season," Lebo said. "We are playing a lot of extremely talented teams this year both in Conference USA and during the non-conference season."

"The non-conference schedule gives us the opportunity to test ourselves and prepare for the rigors of conference play."

In addition to Houston, ODU and UTEP, the Pirates' 14-game home also consists of visits from NIT participants UAB and Memphis to Williams Arena at Minges Coliseum. After a Nov. 5 exhibition game against Montreat, the home line up will see in-state foes Campbell, Charlotte and UNC Greensboro before the close of the fall semester as well as visits from Fayetteville State and Lenoir-Rhyne.

ECU will play N.C. State in the opening round of the Charleston Classic on Thursday, Nov. 18 and then will face either Charlotte or George Mason on Friday, Nov. 19. On Sunday, Nov. 21, the Pirates will play either 2010 NCAA Tournament participant Georgetown, 2010 Southern Conference champion Wofford, NIT team Coastal Carolina or USC Upstate, led by former Pirate coach Eddie Payne.

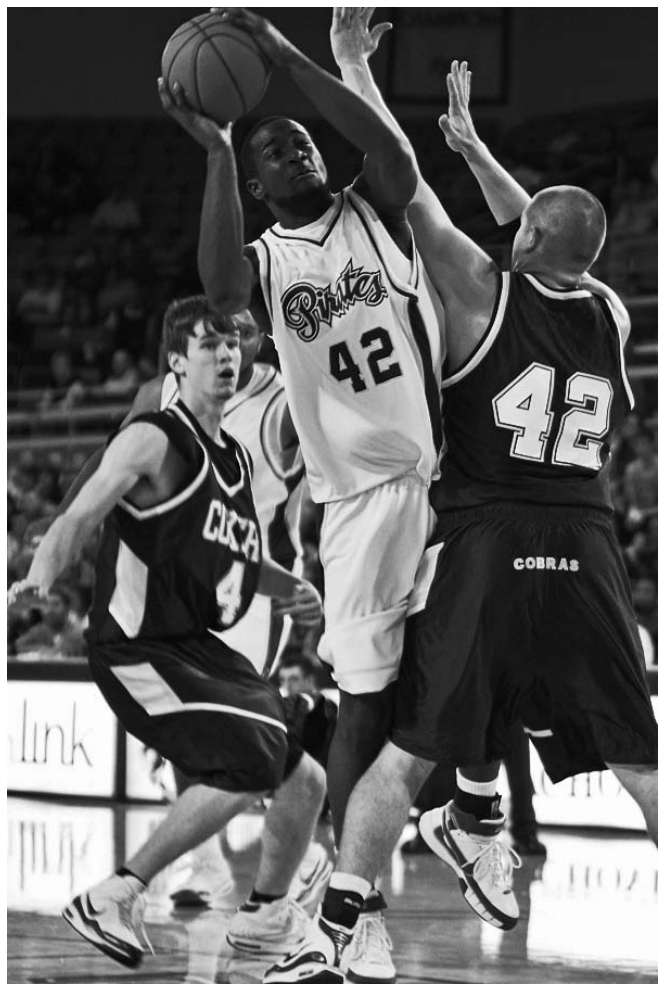
The Pirates will conclude non-conference play with four consecutive road games. ECU will face Coastal Carolina at the

Myrtle Beach Convention Center and George Washington in Washington, D.C. following the exam break. Once returning from the Christmas break, the Pirates venture to Clemson (Dec. 29) to face the Tigers for fifth time in the last seven seasons. Non-conference play concludes at N.C. Central on Jan. 3.

The Pirates' begin their 10th season in Conference USA on Jan. 8 at five-time champion Memphis. The Tigers are one of five teams that ECU will play home-and-home with in 2010-11, joining Marshall, Southern Miss, UAB and UCF.

Along with Houston and UTEP, the Pirates will also welcome Tulane to Williams Arena at Minges Coliseum. ECU will be on the road for conference games against Rice, SMU and Tulsa.

The 2011 Conference USA Championship will be held March 9-12 at the Don Haskins Center in El Paso, Texas.



DaQuan Joyner in action against Coker last season. The junior forward will help the Pirates through the 2010-2011 schedule

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the Golden Hurricane was able to carve up the Pirates' defense.

ECU allowed Tulsa to convert 11-of-15 third down opportunities, resulting in scoring chances that were cashed in.

A defense returning just two starters made mistake after mistake with most being mental, but according to Coach McNeill, when you have a young team, those things are expected. "Being the first game, the speed was hard to adjust to. We tackle every day

and go live as much as we can. The mental errors, being a first game with new guys, I knew they were going to happen."

The defensive mistakes may not hurt the Pirates this coming weekend, but with Virginia Tech and North Carolina on the horizon, they need to be fixed soon.

Memphis and ECU will kick off Saturday, Sept. 11, at 12 p.m.

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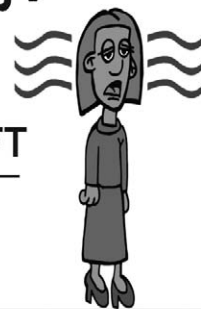
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