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Student centers approved

Dan Hunt
TEC STAFF

On Monday, Governor Pat McCrory signed the bill to allow East Carolina University to move forward with the erection of two new student centers.

“There will be a student center on the east campus with a parking garage and the west campus will also have a student center but not a parking garage,” said Vice

Chancellor of Student Affairs, Virginia Hardy.

“We are extremely excited,” said Hardy. “I mean this when I say it. It’s going to change the feel of this campus. It’s the largest project we’ve done. Our Mendenhall – We love it; we’re glad we have it, but it’s not a contemporary student center. A student center should be the living room of campus. This new center will be where students hang out.”

The site in the west campus will feature all the elements of a student center including dining options. It will have a satellite student recreation center, a satellite student health center and a satellite office for the career center.

All students are welcome to the west location, but it will be especially catered towards students on the health science campus.

“We should be able to begin that

project in January or February. It will take approximately 18 months.”

The east site will feature a large ballroom for dances, balls, etc. and a black box theatre. Hendrix, which is a traditional theatre, will remain in Mendenhall.

Hardy added, “We’ll also keep in Mendenhall the bowling alley and

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Suspect attempts robbery

Staff Report

At approximately 10:45 a.m. Greenville Police responded to an attempted strong-armed robbery on 10th Street in front of the Wells Fargo ATM near ECU’s Campus.

The suspect attempted to snatch a female victim’s purse. When the victim resisted, the suspect ran in the direction of the McDonalds on the corner Cotanche and 10th Street. Nothing was taken and no one was hurt. No weapons were displayed in the robbery attempt.

The suspect was described as a white male in his 30s, approximately 5-foot-8, wearing a white T-Shirt, white board shorts and flip-flops.

University students were informed immediately via the ECU Alert system in which texts and emails are sent.

There is currently an active search for the suspect. Anyone with information on the whereabouts of the individual is asked to call the Greenville Police Department at 252-329-4300.

The aforementioned ECU Alert cautions students to not walk alone at night, to be aware of their surroundings and to report suspicious or criminal activity as soon as possible.

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University alters billing process

Byron Goodwin
TEC STAFF

This August, the university will change its process of billing for tuition and fees. The procedure for payment deadlines relating to schedule cancellation dates will also be different.

Previously, tuition was billed separately for on-campus classes and for distance education classes. Additionally, a full-time on-campus student would owe additional tuition charges if he or she took a distance education class.

When students take one or more campus-based classes, then all classes for that student will be billed on the new stair-step method. Students who take all campus classes or who take a mixture of campus and distance education classes will all fall into this category. Said students will also be classified as campus students for purposes of fees. Students living on-campus will be billed as campus students in all cases.

Undergraduate campus students taking one to five hours will pay 25 percent of total tuition, for six to eight semester hours 50 percent of total tuition will have to be paid. Nine to 11 hours requires that 75 percent of total tuition be paid and 12 or more hours is full tuition.

Graduate campus students will pay 25 percent of total tuition for one to two hours, 50 percent for three to five hours, 75 percent of tuition for six to eight hours and 100% of the cost of tuition for any classes amounting to nine hours or more.

Students taking all distance education classes will be billed on a per-credit hour basis for all hours taken.



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Students will experience new tuition billing procedures starting this August.

Fees will be billed on the stair-step method as well. Campus students taking all on-campus classes or a mixture of classes will pay 50 percent of fees for one to five hours and all fees for six or more hours. Graduate campus students will pay 50 percent of fees for one to four hours and full fees for five or more hours.

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Summer Guitar Festival returns to town

Destiny Edwards
TEC STAFF

This weekend, guitarists from around the country will come to campus to improve their craft and to compete for money and a new instrument. The 18th annual ECU Summer Guitar Festival starts Saturday with a variety of classes and recitals for all skill levels.

According to Elliot Frank, director of the festival, the event usually attracts between 40 and 50 musicians from around the country.

“Another couple of hundred come to the concerts from the town,” said Frank.

While the competitions and recitals are a big part of the festival, the workshops are the most important part.

According to Frank, the purpose of the festival is to “advance knowledge of the guitar” and to “stimulate the development of young, professional guitarists.”

Frank consulted with colleagues when he chose the faculty for the teaching side of the festival. In



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Campus will host the 18th annual Summer Guitar Festival. The winner of the solo competition will earn a new guitar.

addition to Frank, the teaching staff includes Jason Vieaux, Robert Sharpe, Andrew Zohn and Silviu Ciulei.

Vieaux is a classical guitarist who has performed with more than 50 orchestras as a concert soloist, including cities like Charlotte,

Toronto and Houston. He was the youngest winner of the Guitar Foundation of America International Competition. His 12th album

“PLAY” was released in January and features selections from his tours.

Sharpe and Zohn started out as a teacher-student relationship, with Sharpe taking lessons from Zohn at the age of 12 and again in college. When Sharpe joined the faculty of Columbus State’s Schwob School of Music, they formed a concert guitar duo. Last year, they commissioned and premiered a piece by Brazilian composer and classical guitarist Sergio Assad entitled “Asphalt Jungle.”

Romanian-born Silviu Ciulei was last year’s winner of the Summer Guitar Festival solo competition. In addition to being an accomplished classical guitarist, he is a well-known flamenco musician. His bands, Tequila Flamenco Group and Maharajah Flamenco Trio, have played all over the United States.

Throughout the festival, which ends Tuesday, members of the workshop faculty will perform.

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BRIEFS

Body of missing Pitt County swimmer recovered

The body of 51-year-old Kenneth Skaggs was recovered around noon this past Saturday. Skaggs was reported missing on Friday when he did not return to the surface while swimming near a Falkland Dock. Rescuers from three area fire departments searched for Skaggs until 9:30 p.m. Friday and early Saturday morning. Skaggs was with family when the incident occurred.

ECU to host Summer Guitar Festival

From Saturday to Tuesday, ECU will be hosting a Summer Guitar Festival in the A. J. Fletcher Music Building. The festival will include workshops for those looking to improve or acquire classical guitar skills along with various performances. Concerts and classes will feature Jason Vieaux, the Sharpe-Zohn duo, workshop director Elliot Frank, 2013 solo competition winner Silviu Ciulei, Joseph Ikner, and David Asbury.

Federal Judge hears North Carolina voting law arguments

Monday, a federal judge heard arguments from civil rights groups who want to prevent the enforcement of certain elements of North Carolina’s new voting law. Participating groups are trying to eliminate a shortened early voting period as well as other elements of the new law. The NAACP, the League of Women Voters and the American Civil Liberties Union all participated.

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Pitt offers new course

Mental illness aid comes to community

Micah Molinas
TEC STAFF

The Pitt Community College Department of Human Resources is now offering Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) training in an attempt to increase awareness of mental illnesses.

At the conclusion of training, students will have the knowledge necessary to identify those that are suffering from mental illness and the skills to intervene.

"If we can work with individuals who are beginning to get unwell and we can work on it then, it will keep a person from digressing to becoming very unwell," said Ray Taylor, chair of Human Resources.

In order to develop these skills, the students participating in the eight-hour course will take part in role-playing that will go through a five-step method. According to Taylor, the method teaches students how to approach the individuals, listen to individuals, give information to the individuals and encourage the individuals who are showing signs of mental illness.

Taylor hopes that the course will lead to the elimination of stigmas related to mental illness, including the thought that those suffering from mental illness are a threat to others.

"The majority of people do not commit any kind of crimes," said Taylor. "A



Pitt Community College hopes to raise mental health awareness by offering a new first aid course.

very small, tiny percentage of a percentage actually

commits any kind of criminal acts."

In order to get rid of these stigmas, Taylor believes the mystery surrounding mental health and how many people suffer from mental health issues must be removed.

According to Taylor, about one of every five adults in America will experience some area of mental problems this year and due to this prevalence, he says the course is designed to increase awareness.

Taylor says he has received a lot of interest from first responders and the religious community and he feels the program could be very beneficial to people in fields such as education, psychology and social work.

"The evaluations that we typically see is that it is a highly desirable course and people are very satisfied with what they are getting," said Taylor.

With a maximum of 30 students in each

session, the course is offered through a single eight-hour session. The course can also be offered in two four-hour sessions, but Taylor says the sessions would need to occur during the same week because the skills that are being taught build upon each other.

The National Council for Behavioral Health (NCBH) originally introduced the course to the United States in 2008. Through controlled trials, evaluations and a quantitative study, the program has been proven to be effective in improving the students' knowledge, increasing the amount of help being provided and reducing associated stigma.

Contact the Department of Human Resources for more information on MHFA. The department can be contacted by email at rtaylor@email.pittcc.edu or by phone at 252-493-7263 or visit www.mentalhealthfirstaid.org.

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Nursing school remains on top

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According to a data report prepared for the UNC Board of Governors, East Carolina University's College of Nursing is continuing to produce the most registered nurses in North Carolina.

The report, received June 20, says that 95 percent of ECU's 273 bachelor of science in nursing graduates passed the state exam in 2013. The average passing rate in all 12 UNC system campuses with nursing programs was 90 percent.

"While we are a very big program, I feel like we have a very caring faculty that is really interested in the success of our students," said Sylvia Brown, dean of the ECU College of Nursing.

Along with having excellent faculty members, Brown also gives credit to the state-of-the-art facilities for the continued success of ECU's nursing students.

In July of 2006, the ECU College of Nursing made its move to the Health Sciences Campus, which includes 40 computer workstations, a Learning Resource Center and a variety of simulation labs for students to work in.

"Being here on the Health Sciences campus, they actually work with medical students, dental students and allied health students. Learning to work together as a medical team has been another added advantage," said Brown. "We have very advanced technology here... Another unique thing is the simulation activities that we

do and every course beginning with the very first course that a nursing student takes. They work in a simulation lab as well to learn the skills that they are going to need to apply in a health care setting."

Another change the ECU College of Nursing has seen is growth in the number of students in many of the graduate programs.

"It has grown tremendously over the last seven or eight years. A few years ago we had 80 or 90 students, and now we have about 500 graduate students," said Brown. "There's more technology now, patients are sicker, they're living longer. So nurses are seeing the need to go back to school to enhance their knowledge and to become more specialized."

The ECU College of Nursing works to provide the best programs and opportunities possible for students.

The most recent addition to the curriculum is that of the doctor of nursing practice degree (DNP). The program, entirely online, is for advanced practice nurses who are seeking a clinical doctrine. The program was created in 2013 and ECU is one of five campuses to have it.

Although the ECU College of Nursing continues to grow in size and success, Brown says that its philosophy and attitude has not changed.

"I just say we are a big school with a downhome feeling," said Brown.

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some parts of Destination 360. All other parts of Mendenhall will move to the new student center. The book store and culture center will both have a signature space in the center."

The site will also feature a variety of meeting spaces for several student organizations.

The governor signed off on what was an extremely long process Monday. The idea was formulated over ten years ago.

"Over the last four years we've been trying to move this really aggressively," said Hardy.

Hardy and her fellow administrators had to plan

with everyone from design teams, architects, the Board of Trustees, Board of Governors and the General Assembly most recently.

They even worked with students and parents. It is a center for students, so the project will be paid by students in tuition.

Hardy remarked that most students agreed that the problem with Mendenhall was the fact that it is the type of place where students walk in, take care of what they need to take care of and leave. Hardy believes the new

additions solve that problem.

"We're really impressed with what we've been able to accomplish," she said. "We're very thankful for the students and parents. We've got the two residence halls going up on the hill that are state of the art, and now we've got these two student centers and a parking garage. For recruiting students, for both the main campus and health campus, I firmly believe this is going to be a draw."

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PIRATE RANTS

Want more Pirate Rants? Make sure you submit every week at theeastcarolinian.com You could see your rant in next week's issue.

Pirate Rants are the best!

I wonder who's performing at the ECU Homecoming concert this year. #Anxioustofindout

We came to the club to dance and have fun. Not to stay posted up on the wall the whole time.

I must admit, I have a thing for tall and fat guys. Petite guys look too weak. Plus big guys know the good food places, they are life-sized teddy bears and they have a great sense of humor. Shout out to the big guys!

The Bellamy advertises that they have a good gym. Half of the machines have been broken for at least 3 months. Fix the equipment!

The nursery rhyme never mentioned that Humpty Dumpty was an egg.

I'm so fancy. You already know. I'm in the fast lane, from Greenville to Greensboro!

Summer is going by too fast! But I'm ready for football season.

This is the last time you stick your nose up at my off-brand food. Your ass can starve for now on.

Greenville parking sucks.

I'm so fancy.

To the guy who drives a red jeep with NC State all on it, GET OUT OF GREENVILLE! This is Pirate Nation!

Who is dumb enough to rob a post office? *smh* Criminals are getting dumber.

Shawtyyy got a big ol' butt. Ohhh YEAHHH!!!!

My 25-year-old sister said she didn't know what college was for... I see why she didn't go to college.

I think college education should be free. Then, everyone would want to go to college.

WHY must I take out another student loan?? The hardship is REAL.

Greenville drivers are a lot nicer than drivers in the city where I live.

Freshmen are beginning to look older and older each year they come in.

I learned a lot of stuff at freshman orientation. I'm excited to become a member of Pirate Nation!

Senior year of college is coming up. S*** just got real.

Anyone else see the video of the drone flying through the fireworks? Pretty cool!

I can't wait to start my last year at ECU. #ECUSuperSenior

Your mama doesn't live here! Pick up after yourself!!

If you're a college student, you should already know how to cook. If not, you should start learning how to cook ASAP!

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Our view

Tipsy Teapot needs to have our support

The approaching end of Tippy Teapot will have a large affect on students who have spent many a night listening to bands perform and laughing at the stand up comedians. "Tippy", as it is more often called, has become a part of the campus family and should not be shut down without exhausting every effort to keep it open. The owner has confirmed that the music venue will either be shut down or sold since they are quickly running out of the funds to stay open. Tippy Teapot has always provided students and Greenville residents with weekly entertainment as well as cheap beer specials. It is an ECU tradition to attend a Tippy Teapot event at least once during their college experience. We as an editorial staff believe that students should be supporting small businesses especially a place like Tippy Teapot that provides entertainment, food and a comfortable place to read books (and they do have hundreds of books). Students and citizens should help out by attending the music café's fundraising events. With the right amount of attendance and funds, Tippy Teapot can continue to offer a little slice of culture in a town that boasts seven Bojangles.

Death penalty needs to be abolished



William Franklin
TEC STAFF

Generally speaking we live in a postindustrial society where we don't harbor too many relics of the middle ages or even relics of times before that, but we do still have the death penalty.

This punishment is something that has always been profoundly odd and sinister to me, which raises the question: should we still have the death penalty as a punishment? The simple answer to that question is no.

The death penalty is a punishment that is flawed so deeply that even at its core it doesn't make sense. How can a punishment make logical

sense when the same action that was the crime is also the same action as punishment—it's killing to show that killing is wrong.

It is also important to question what is the role of a sentence when someone commits a crime—is it to penalize, to rehabilitate or a mix of the two? When someone is sentenced to death the state is ignoring half of the role of a sentence by making a judgment that a person is so bad they cannot be helped.

This issue is something that nearly everyone should be in agreement on. Those who are conservatives can support abolishing it because it reduces the role of government and rejects the notion that the state has the authority to kill its own citizens, and those who are liberal can support it because it's a cruel and illogical

punishment that has no valid place in our society. This is an issue that everyone can support, but nearly no one does.

Our justice system is flawed; everyone knows that, there are a record number of people in jails and the recidivism rate is through the roof. But to make real meaningful changes in an effort to fix a flawed system one has to get rid of the death penalty. Maybe when we get rid of such an absurd punishment it will be the time that everything else in the penal system starts to make a little bit more sense.

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Summers in Greenville are hard to forget



Jordan-Marie Smith
GUEST COLUMNIST

Writing this is not an easy feat. I am sitting in a room full of high school students and beleaguered resident assistants as they jump around, Facebook stalk their peers and gorge on the cupcakes that won't reach their hips until 25.

No matter what I always remember Greenville in summer. I moved here in 2005 and have been enchanted by it for all of the reasons a typical middle schooler would. My love for nature was always satisfied in the streams by Green Springs Park and deep in the woods behind St. James Methodist Church. I enjoyed walking around downtown with childhood friends, looking at the houses between Fifth and First Street that have been there for more than half a century. The humidity would weigh heavy on the peaks of our shoulders and keep our feet languid and slow as they shuffled on the hot pavement towards the downtown area before it was ever misnamed "uptown." My friends and I used to grab all of the free publications we could from the Sojourner, Tippy and Moxie (may it rest in peace) because we wanted to keep a piece of whatever Greenville was with us.

When we got older, Greenville became more than the downtown area and branched into the Sonic drive-in across from Parker's. Almost every weekend, the sandy volleyball court and the jungle gym we were far too large for brought us back to the times we didn't have cars and relied on the small grid of the neighborhoods close to the river. On prom nights and lazy afternoons, we'd go to a friend's house, climb the roof of his boathouse, throw a large rock to scare away the snakes and jump into the murky brown water.

We soon graduated and for the first couple of year of college still found ourselves retreating to the old habits of a Greenville summer: running at midnight, Krispy Kreme at midnight, small get-togethers lasting far past midnight. For the first two years we were able to keep it up. Then, summer became something else entirely.

A Greenville summer became the time more and more friends got



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Locals enjoy Sunday in the Park by listening to music last Sunday. apartments at their out of State universities. A Greenville summer became trying to "organize" a time for friends to meet.

For me it became a time to rehaul all of my professional ambitions and write for papers in D.C. at home. It became a time where I thought less and less about the people who used to walk beside me around ECU late at night and I began to think more and more about what a summer in D.C. would look like after I graduated.

I'm sitting in this loud lounge waiting for high schoolers to go to sleep and I start to think about what summer means to them. When they grow up the meaning might change but it will never fade from their memories.

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The Humane Society of Eastern North Carolina hosted a dog wash to help spread information about how to adopt and to raise money to continue taking care of the dogs and cats at the shelter.

Animal shelter hosts dog wash as fundraiser

Destiny Edwards
TEC STAFF

The Humane Society of Eastern Carolina held their “Fluff and Puff” dog wash and “Independence From the Shelter Day” adoption drive at East Carolina Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram on Saturday. Dozens of owners brought their dogs out to get them groomed while donating to a good cause.

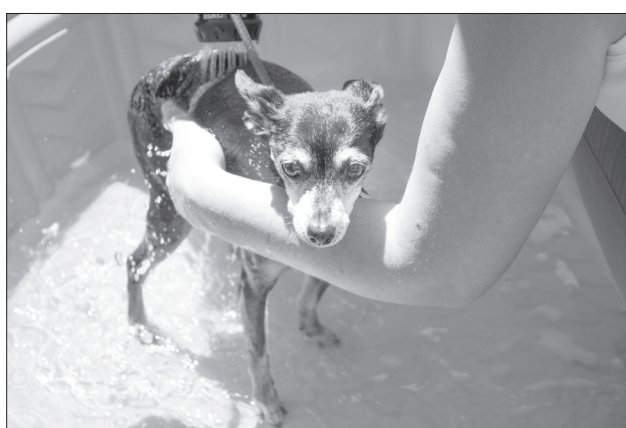
According to Bethann Wilkie, the executive director of the Humane Society, the organization has been doing dog washes for a few years to help offset the traditionally slow summer months.

Fortunately for the Humane Society, they haven’t faced the usual slow summer months when it comes to adoptions. “Our adoptions are still keeping up and we’re having record numbers this year,” said Wilkie.

The shelter set up tents for all the stations, which included brushing, washing and drying, nail clipping and ear cleaning. The washing tents had kiddie pools underneath them to make cleaning easier.

All the groomers were volunteers; including the veterinarian that did nail clippings. The process took about 10 minutes for a dog to go through all the stations.

“Some people will get nails done; some people will skip nails because their dogs hate nails,” said Wilkie. “Some people will say, ‘Oh, just clean their ears.’ And so it just depends on what services they want.”



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Many owners brought their dogs out to get cleaned and groomed.

Wilkie said the dog wash was one of the organization’s most popular events.

“Anywhere from 80 dogs to 100 dogs is average,” said Wilkie. “We had one that had 125 dogs last summer, and our last wash had 84 dogs.”

Wilkie said the shelter has been around since 1978 and its purpose is to “find homes for abused, neglected and homeless pets in our community.”

“We pull 70 percent of from high-kill shelters to avoid euthanasia, and then 30 percent of our animals come from owner surrender,” said Wilkie.

The Humane Society formed a partnership with the Pitt County Animal Shelter and Spay Today in 2012. The partnership brings together three organizations with slightly different missions to help animals find homes in Pitt County.

The Pitt County Animal Shelter provides animal control and takes strays. The Humane Society takes pets from the Animal Shelter to keep them from being euthanized and finds homes for the animals. Spay Today works with both shelters to spay and neuter pets to help curb the pet overpopulation problem.

Wilkie said the Humane Society is a no-kill shelter that is always looking for volunteers. Wilkie said the popular volunteer areas were fostering animals, taking care of dogs and cats at the shelter and doing fundraising.

“We have about 17,000 hours of volunteer service every year,” said Wilkie.

The dog wash also served as an adoption drive for the Humane Society. According to the shelter’s Facebook page, five dogs and six cats were either adopted or put on hold.

In addition to the money raised by grooming, East Carolina Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram donated \$100 to the organization for every car sold on the day of the dog wash.

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MUSIC

Harp brings in summer lovin'

Event features classical music

Antonio Jackson
TEC STAFF

Music will take a more intimate form as The Music House hosts Feiner Musicke during the event entitled “Summer Lovin’” this Friday at 7 p.m.

Feiner Musicke is a duo composed of tenor, Mel Foster and Ellen Heinicke Foster who plays harp. The couple will perform songs that explore the many aspects of love, classical songs, and songs for piano that Ellen has reworked to be played on the harp.

John O’ Brian will be the presenter of the Summer Lovin’ event, and rightfully so. The Music House and his actual house are one in the same.

“I am the second owner,” said O’ Brian. “I spotted it when I moved to Greenville. When I saw a little old lady dart out the front

door and grab the mail, I said to myself ‘that house will come for sale,’ and nine years later it did.”

O’ Brian now uses the property for more than just residence. While being a music enthusiast and music professor at ECU, O’ Brian has found time to satisfy his own sweet tooth.

“I started having concerts in The Music House about ten years ago,” said O’ Brian. “I have had two Russian groups come in, I have had performers come in from Paris. So it has been interesting to meet these different people.”

With its wide reach and appeal, The Music House still manages to find time for Greenville musicians as well. Local music teachers regularly book the location for

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Rodeo rides into Greenville

Amanda Adkins
TEC STAFF

Pitt County will be celebrating its 2nd annual rodeo this Friday and Saturday. The event will be held at the Pitt County Fairgrounds.

“We have all the major rodeo events coming,” said Aaron Brown, co-event director for the rodeo.

Some of the events include bareback bronc riding, saddle bronc riding, calf roping, cowgirls barrel racing, steer wrestling, team roping, cowgirls break-away roping and wild bull riding.

“This is the second year that we are doing the rodeo and we are going to try and do it once a year at the fair grounds,” said Brown. “We have contestants coming from the Southern Rodeo Association and the International Professional Rodeo Association.”

Dusty Myers will be the rodeo clown featured at this event. He was once named Rodeo Clown of the Year by the International Professional Rodeo Association and is planning to help make this rodeo a success.

Myers’ job will be to entertain the crowd and distract bulls while their fallen rider gets to safety. He was once a bull rider himself and



CONTRIBUTED

This year’s Pitt County rodeo will feature Dusty Myers as the rodeo clown.

has retired to become a rodeo clown. Jeff Wolf will also be attending the event as the rodeo and bull riding announcer and soundman.

A raffle for prizes will be held to fundraise money for Rocking Horse Ranch. The ranch is a non-profit organization that provides equine activities for children and adults with physical, cognitive and psychological disabilities.

This family friendly event is sanctioned by the Southern Rodeo

Association and sponsored by Phelps Chevrolet, Hampton Inn of Greenville, MedX, and Briley’s Tire and Auto Center.

The gates open at 6 p.m. and the show will start at 8 p.m. Tickets can be purchased in advance at Phelps Chevrolet for \$10 or \$12 at the gate. Alcohol is prohibited and will not be allowed on to the fairgrounds.

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These concerts will be open to the public. While most of the pieces performed will be classical guitar literature, there will be a few works from other genres.

"I am playing a program of all South American composers, mostly Brazilian because of the World Cup," said Frank. "Jason Vieaux, who is playing Sunday night, is also playing some pieces from the jazz repertoire, including works from Duke Ellington and Pat Metheny."

Prospective students can sign up until Friday. Tuition is \$400 for commuting students. An additional \$75 is required if the guitarist would like to compete in the collegiate competition.

According to the official Summer Guitar Festival website, the winner of the solo competition receives

\$1200 and a new concert guitar made by local luthier, J. Travis Snyder. The winner will also receive a paid recital at next year's festival.

All concerts will be held in Fletcher Music Center Recital Hall. Performances will be at 4 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, and 7:30 p.m. Monday. Afternoon recitals will be \$5 for students and \$10 for adults, while evening concerts will be \$15 and \$20 for students and general admission, respectively.

A pass for all concerts is \$30 for students and \$50 for the public. Tickets are available in the Mendenhall Student Center Central Ticket Office, as well as at the door.

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Greenville has created its first healthier eating day to teach citizens about the benefits of eating healthier foods on a daily basis.

City creates healthy eating day

Antonio Jackson
TEC STAFF

Mayor Allen M. Thomas has officially proclaimed July 26 as Healthier Eating Day in Greenville.

The Coalition for Healthier Eating will be coordinating the Healthier Eating Day festivities at Tyson Farms Subdivision at 7 p.m. As explained through their mission statement The Coalition for Healthier Eating's goal is to educate consumers on the benefits of eating and drinking organic foods and juices.

"We connect the consumer with the local farmer," said Maxine White, Executive Director of the Coalition for Healthier Eating. "I do applaud some stores for at least trying to help people by offering certified organic food, but the best source is the local grower."

Many well-known local farmers will be contributing to the First Annual Healthier Eating Day. Leggett Farm Organics, Dale's Local Honey, Mac Meadows, and Nature's Touch Farm are but a few of the participating vendors.

"I am a cancer survivor. I went through that many years ago," said

White. "I became very ill and I opted not to allow myself any chemicals anymore."

The Coalition For Healthier Eating will provide consumers with documented sources of research in support of organic foods, assists with understanding the conventional complex food labels, and will serve as a source for information on Genetically Modified Organisms, otherwise known as GMOs.

"I have compiled a list of traditional labels. I have done research on them and gone to some of my friends who are chemists and scientists and said 'Ok, tell me what this really is,'" said White.

Among the education people will receive at the event, The Coalition for Healthier Eating will be providing all organic foods that include gluten-free and vegetarian options. Healthier Eating Day will cater to the youth as well with a Bounce House, a break from the heat with a Slip N' Slide, Ping Pong and more.

"Not to bash any one business, but there is a reason why a company has sold 20 million hamburgers," said White, "When you have children who are stuck in a classroom all day and you

have given them food from these places and pump them up on sweets, they are going to misbehave, because their attention span is very short."

Door prizes will be up for grabs during the event. These include dinner for two at Starlight Café, The Scullery, and other food-related treats. Live music will be provided by The Wright School of Music

"Our entire role is to educate people on what they are eating. People need to learn to eat to live, not live to eat," said White.

Healthier Eating day is sponsored by a various local businesses and farms. These include The Fresh Market, Spring Run Market, Nooherooka Natural, Gray's Garden, Barnette's Bees, Harris Farm, HomeGrown Agriculture, Saun Catering Service, Brothers Farm, LeBleu, The Scullery, and Starlight Café.

Those hoping to attend may RSVP to the event by purchasing their \$5 meal ticket online at c4healthiereating.org

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student recitals and other performances.

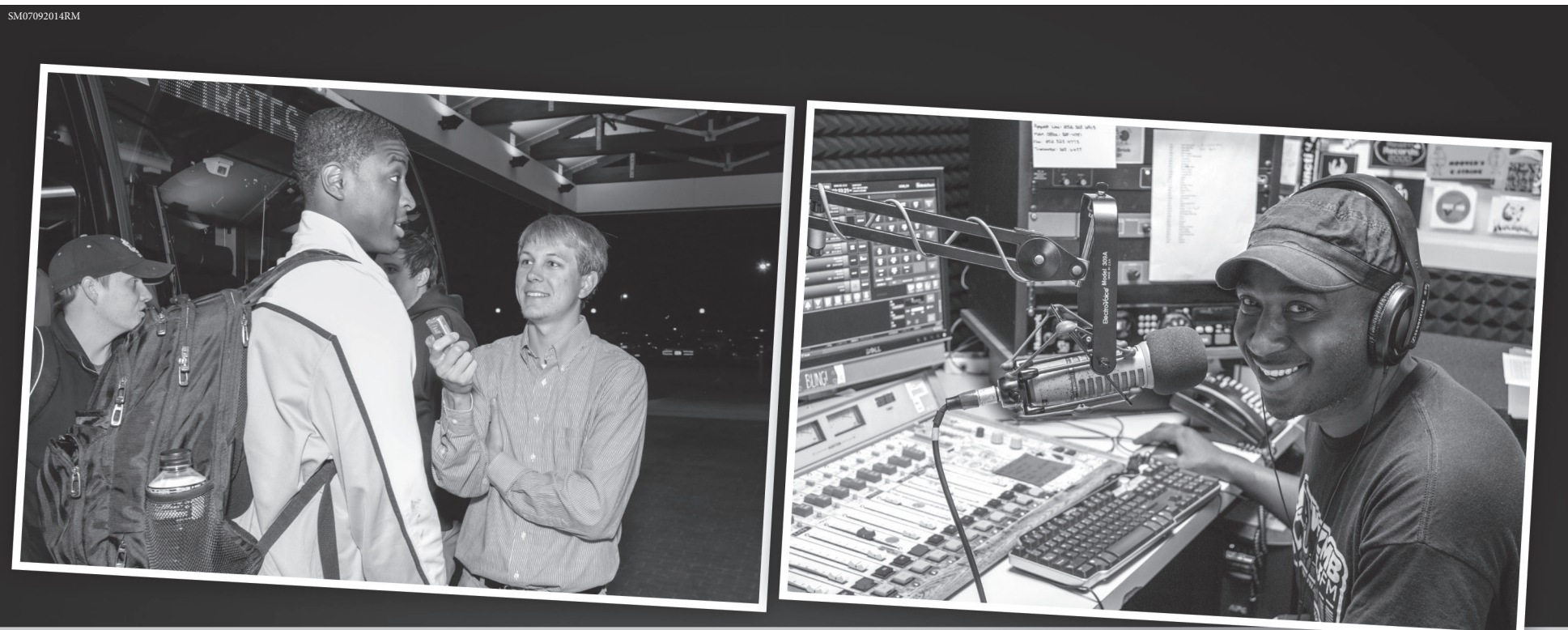
"I host several concerts during the year featuring people from the Greenville area who were in the Eastern Youth Orchestra which I have conducted since 1986," said O'Brian. "And that always makes me proud when I have these young and not-so-young professionals who were once my students."

But this Friday, Feiner Musicke will take the spotlight. Hors d'oeuvre will be served during the event, along with a 20-minute wine

tasting intermission. Coffee and cake will be served post-performance. Asking donations for the event are \$20 for adults, \$15 for seniors, and \$5 for students.

As part of its summer and fall 2014 concert series, The Music House will host various events, including The Music House Benefit Concert on July 18, and the Summer Baroque and Classical Music Festival that runs from July 24-27.

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Magazine

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Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit www.sudoku.org.uk

Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

ACROSS

- Subway map abbr.
- Early fifth-century year
- Dreadlocks wearer
- Bud
- Mechanical recitations
- Singer John
- Transfusion letters
- Stave off
- Nonsense
- Recording industry technician
- Tin Lizzie
- Director Kazan
- Kingston Trio hit with the lyric "Fight the fare increase!"
- Fray, e.g.
- Santa _____: Southwestern mountains
- Obsessed whale hunter
- It's not free of charge
- Hoity-toity types
- One with a busy engagement calendar
- Take in or let out
- Petal puller's pronoun
- Way out there
- Sicilian seaport
- SOS responder
- Prefix with thermal
- Actress Catherine _____ Jones
- Belief in one god
- Kitchen appliance
- Family car
- Turkish titles
- Galadriel in "The Lord of the Rings," e.g.
- Deadly virus
- Ruled perch?
- Ike's 1940s command
- Family car
- With 69-Across, what 20-, 38- and 57-Across do
- See 68-Across

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By Gary J. Whitehead Last Week's Puzzle Solved 7/9/14

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- Forbidden thing
- One way to read
- Nursery need
- Woodworking joint
- Santa Monica-to-Jacksonville rte.
- Threshold
- Run through lines
- Soothing succulent
- Leaves in a huff
- Pump part
- Vague amount
- Circus support
- Ones with much to learn
- German's "never"
- Indian drum
- Nineveh's land: Abbr.
- Hold up
- Brings to a boil
- "Same here"
- Green targets
- Hurricanes and tornadoes, in insurance policies

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- School sweater letters
- Grand Canyon State native
- Calendar abbr.
- Precedent-setting trial
- Outlaw Kelly
- Bond trader's phrase
- Well-developed, in a way
- Shop jargon
- "to recall ..."
- Conductor Sir Georg
- Dahl's "Fantastic" title critter
- "Return of the Jedi" dancing girl
- "This is bad!"
- "Rushmore" director Anderson
- Civil War prez

Pirate duo claims honors



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Quarterback Shane Carden (5) and receiver Justin Hardy were named to the Maxwell Award Watch List, which is awarded to the nation's player of the year.

Carden and Hardy appear on award watch lists

Josh Graham
TEC STAFF

The preseason accolades continue to pile up for ECU senior quarterback Shane Carden and his fellow classmate, inside receiver Justin Hardy.

Both were named to the Maxwell Award Watch List by the Maxwell Football Club Monday. The award is annually awarded to America's college football player of the year. In addition to the Maxwell Award, Hardy was added to the Paul Hourning Award Watch

List that includes the country's most versatile players.

The quarterback-receiver duo was also listed among the 13 players announced by the Touchdown Club of Columbus in January as players to watch for the 2014 season.

Carden garnered Conference USA Most Valuable Player honors in ECU's final year in the league after passing for a single-season school-record 4,139 yards, accounting for 44 touchdowns and finishing with the nation's second-best completion percentage (70.5).

His favorite target has always been Hardy, who, once upon a time, was nothing more than a preferred walk-on at ECU. However, since his collegiate career began in 2011, the Vanceboro, N.C., native has already rewritten much of ECU's receiving record books and twice been a First Team All-C-USA receiver.

Hardy is the school's all-time leader in receiving yards (3,047) and touchdowns (25) after amassing a single-season school-record

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BASEBALL

Lowery alters his approach

Corey Keenan
TEC STAFF

Luke Lowery represents the lone Pirate left in the Cape Cod Baseball League as he looks to improve his game and develop into a potential draft prospect.

The Cape Cod League was the summer home to five of the six college players drafted in the top 10 selections of this June's MLB draft, which has been an adjustment for the ECU catcher.

"I've played in two other (collegiate) summer leagues... it's a pitcher's league up here," said Lowery before his team's game in Chatham, Mass. "It's just a great opportunity to come out here and play against college baseball's best."



Luke Lowery

Lowery, rising into his draft eligible junior season, recognized that fulfillment of former teammate Jeff Hoffman's

dream is something everyone strives for in the most scouted collegiate summer baseball league in the country.

"Jeff is a great guy... and with a guy like that, it's just God given ability," said Lowery. "That's something we all pride ourselves on

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Butts closes book on ECU career

Wayne Hall
TEC STAFF

After five years at East Carolina one of the mainstays of the Lady Pirate's Track & Field team, Tynita Butts, is moving on to her career as a professional high jumper.

Butts, a six-time All-American, has a lengthy list of accomplishments under her belt. The 2014 C-USA Outdoor Field Athlete of the Year holds the school's all-time records in both the high jump (1.91 meters), and the long jump (6.22 meters), while also having the highest ever finish by a Pirate during the NCAA championships, where her second-place mark of 1.86 meters was just one inch shy of winning the national title.

After placing second in the long jump during the NCAA championships, Butts continued to roll all the way to Sacramento to compete in the USA Track and Field Outdoor National Championships, where

she finished first among student-athletes and fifth overall.

In her five years, Butts has left a massive impact on ECU's Track & Field program, which is why her departure now is all the more heartbreaking.

"Going to a program that has nothing, and being able to be apart of it and to see it grow and progress is the second thing," said Butts, as she listed the most important things that she'll miss about ECU — beginning with her relationship with Jumping Coach Joe Blaney.

Although Butts is sure to miss a few things about being a Pirate, she was adamant in pointing out there are some things she's glad to leave now that her student-athlete days are finished.

"Trying to do homework while traveling on the bus, and trying to focus on a meet, it's very nerve wracking," Butts said. "It's the

professors that don't work with us, that was the hardest."

In college, it may have been hard for Butts to focus her attention on classes while also keeping her mind on track meets, but now track has her undivided attention as Butts recently signed a deal that solidified her status as a professional high jumper.

Even though Butts is moving on from life as a Pirate, she vows to continue staying true to herself, as evidence of her unique hair style, which she wears because she enjoys the pleasures of standing out.

"I think you should go out there and pretty much be yourself," Butts said. "I can pretty much go out there [on the track] and get the job done."

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Tynita Butts just completed her five-year career.

Wednesday 7/9

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4 p.m.

Saturday 7/12

Carolina Railhaws
vs
Indy Eleven
Cary, N.C.
7:30 p.m.

Sunday 7/13

World Cup Final
Germany
vs
Netherlands/Argentina
3 p.m.

Monday 7/14

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Home Run Derby
Durham, N.C.
6:35 p.m.

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until
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CALENDAR

TAKEAWAYS

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Crayton Jones has been named assistant women's basketball coach at ECU, according to an announcement from head coach Heather Macy. Jones was previously at Francis Marion as an assistant men's basketball coach.

BASEBALL

Jeff Palumbo, a nine-year coaching veteran at the Division I level, has been named assistant baseball coach and recruiting coordinator.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

ECU will travel to tropical Grand Bahama Island and compete in the 12th annual Junkanoo Jam. The Lady Pirates will begin the tournament against Syracuse on Thanksgiving day.

BASEBALL

ECU rising junior Garrett Brooks has been named to the 2014 Coastal Plain East All-Star squad, the league announced Friday afternoon.

HOCKEY

The Carolina Hurricanes re-signed 31-year defenseman Tim Gleason to a one-year contract worth \$1.2 million.

BASEBALL

Pete Buscaino has been named Director of Baseball Operations at ECU according to an announcement from head coach Cliff Godwin.

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Pursuit of continued excellence

Lady Pirates set sights on the NCAA Tournament

Brian Wudkwyh
TEC STAFF

After back-to-back 22-win seasons and consecutive trips to the Women's NIT, Head Coach Heather Macy and her Lady Pirates' have reached a level of sustained success they hope can continue in the foreseeable future.

Macy, who is in her fifth season as the team's head coach, has recorded a 72-53 record during her time at ECU and has earned a C-USA Coach-of-the-Year award in 2012.

This season, however, may be the best chance for the program to take the next step towards making it into the NCAA tournament for the first time since 2007. The team is returning all five starters from last season and has added new faces by way of transfers and new hires.

"We're working every day to keep building on the chemistry and getting some of the new people more acclimated with how we play and getting right into the system," said last year's leading scorer, Jada Payne.

However, what makes the Lady Pirates more impressive is that their chemistry

isn't hasn't been building for several year. In fact, last year's team lost three of their top scorers from their first 22-win season, which opened the door for new players.

"We had to turn around and win another 22-games with these kids," said Macy. "All of them were brand new to our program and jumped into our starting lineup and to have them in year two with some experience under their belt is a luxury."

It isn't all the same for the team though. Some major changes have come that will surely affect the outcome of the team this season. Two new assistants and a move to the American Athletic Conference — headed by perennial powerhouse and defending national champion, Connecticut — make this upcoming season a far more difficult challenge.

Crayton Jones and Dilia Eshe were ushered in this off-season to serve as Macy's new assistant coaches. Both coaches have a basketball pedigree with Eshe serving as Loyola University's Director of Basketball Operations and Jones as then men's basketball assistant

coach at Francis Marion, where Macy spent her previous four years prior to coming to ECU.

"(The new assistants) are super and I think that there going to be tremendous recruiters," said Macy. "They also have done a nice job with skill development so I'm really looking forward to seeing these kids that we have recruited just continue to get better on an individual basis."

It's no secret that if the team wants instant affirmation that they belong in the new league, they won't need to look much further than their matchups with Connecticut.

"They set the standard for sure," said Macy. "They are the best team in the country and they set the bar incredibly high and were looking forward to working hard and doing the right things to compete at the highest level."

Macy noted that making the NCAA tournament is the team's ultimate goal and that task is one that will require the same improvement that has been made in her first four seasons.

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ECU Head Coach Heather Macy enters her fifth season with ECU.

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when we come up here. Just try to have a good summer like he did and get drafted."

Lowery's Brewster Whitecaps currently sit at the bottom of their East Division with an 8-14 record and Lowery himself has struggled; hitting just .211 with 13 strikeouts in 13 games. The 6-foot-2 backstop said he has been working closely with Brewster coaches to iron out his swing and approach at the plate.

"I've been working with the coaches on cutting down my leg kick a little bit," said Lowery. "It's just timing, getting a feel back on the pitchers. Everyone is throwing a little bit harder, everyone's slider and off-speed stuff is getting a little bit better, so it's just an everyday adjustment just like any other league."

Despite playing catcher for his summer team, Lowery will likely play more first base and designated hitter for the Pirates, depending on the health of starter Travis Watkins.

"Going back down there this year with Travis being

healthy, I'm sure I'll get a lot of time at first and DH," said Lowery. "But going (behind the plate) at the end of the year, it requires a lot more focus... I think I did well down the stretch... but I think we'll have a good core group of catchers going into next year."

Back in Greenville, there has already been plenty of offseason turnover and transition since the end of the season and there is likely more to come.

The Diamond Bucs will enter next season with a new skipper in the form of Cliff Godwin, an ECU alum and former hitting coach from Ole Miss. Lowery said he has yet to have any contact with Cliff Godwin, but expects to talk to him shortly.

"Coach (Billy) Godwin, he taught me a lot in the past two years, he was a great guy and I'm sorry that he lost his job," said Lowery. "But it's a new opportunity for us. I'm excited to see what Cliff Godwin can do. It's an opportunity for guys that didn't play as much last year or had a bad year to prove

themselves to a new coach."

Lowery expressed his own excitement about moving into the American Athletic Conference for next season.

"I think it's just a great opportunity to move into a bigger conference," said Lowery. "Definitely some of the (teams) we've already played before like Houston, I've got a couple guys on (Brewster) that I could be playing against next year. So it'll be exciting to go into a new conference and see what we can do."

Lowery hopes to find the same sense of camaraderie that he's found in the Cape Cod League when he rejoins the Pirates.

"It's what we've been doing up here, we just camaraderie between the guys," said Lowery. "We all have a common goal up here — to win."

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Justin Hardy enters his senior season at ECU.

1,284 yards in 2013. His league-best 114 receptions also places him three catches shy of breaking Dwayne Harris' career mark at ECU (286).

Outside linebacker Montese Overton

was the last of the three Pirates that were named onto a watch list Monday.

The junior from nearby South Central High School was listed as one of the 40 players on the College Football Performance Awards (CFPA) Linebacker Trophy Watch List.

The watch lists from each of college football's 17 national awards will continue to be announced over the next two weeks and as ECU's two most prominent players, Carden and Hardy are expected to be featured on a few more of them.

The Biletnikoff Award Watch List (most outstanding receiver) is scheduled to be announced July 17 and a day later, the Davey O'Brien Award Watch List (best quarterback).

The last award announcement is July 19 for the Walter Camp Award, which is awarded to college football's most outstanding player.

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