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Student fees increase for 2014-15

Micah Malinas
TEC STAFF

Beginning in the fall of 2015, East Carolina University will be raising the amount of money that each student will need to pay in fees.

Student fees will be raised \$150 for the first year, which a number that Vice Chancellor for Administration and Finance, Rick Niswander, says will decrease to approximately \$142 for the 2016-2017 school year.

The increases will be used to pay back the \$156 million that ECU borrowed from the state in the form of a self-liquidating bill that Gov. Pat McCrory signed into effect on July 8.

"It permitted all of the

universities that are listed there to construct a project with the maximum cost that is indicated and then borrow the money in order to pay for it," said Niswander, comparing the bill to a mortgage.

The university will be using the

money awarded to them through the bill to construct new facilities for students on main campus and the Health Sciences Campus.

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Anne Carroll will be the yoga instructor at this Saturday's Yoga and Sea Kayak trip at Bear Island. She will be working with Campus Recreation and Wellness.

Rec and Wellness fuses hobbies

Amanda Adkins
TEC STAFF

Campus Recreation and Wellness will be hosting their most popular paddle trip combined with yoga this Saturday. The trip will take place at Bear Island, which is known for its large sand dunes and it has the largest stretches of unspoiled beaches in the area.

The yoga instructor for the trip is Anne Carroll, a doctoral student at ECU. Carroll has been a yoga instructor for over four years and holds three different teaching certifications. She is also an experienced paddler.

"We want to introduce people to a new way to experience yoga, the beach and kayaking. Most people only think of doing one

of those activities but they work rather well together," said Brad Beggs, assistant director for Adventure Programs.

The trip is open to students and their friends and family and also to the general public.

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Hardy placed on watch list

Josh Graham
TEC STAFF

ECU senior receiver Justin Hardy was named to the Biletnikoff Award Watch List for the second consecutive year Tuesday, according to an announcement by the Tallahassee Quarterback Club (TOC) Foundation.

The Biletnikoff is annually awarded to the country's most outstanding wide receiver.

The two-time First-Team All-Conference USA receiver is the fourth Pirate to garner preseason accolades and he has collected five nominations himself. Among all the awards that feature ECU players, the Biletnikoff seems to be the most realistic for a Pirate to win.

Hardy, who amassed an ECU record and league-best 114 passes for 1,284 yards in 2013 to go along with his eight touchdowns, is 84 receptions away from breaking the Football Bowl Subdivision record for career receptions held by Oklahoma's Ryan Broyles (349).

He also set school career marks for receiving yards (3,047) and touchdowns (25) last season, and will begin the '14 campaign just three receptions away from breaking Dwayne Harris' record of 268 catches.

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Turning up the heat on careless parents

ReAnn Melaga
TEC STAFF

On Wednesday, July 9, Safe Kids Pitt County and Target joined together for the Never Leave Your Child Alone Demonstration to teach the dangers of leaving children and pets in vehicles.

According to Safe Kids Pitt County, in 2013, 43 children died in the U.S. from heat stroke due to being left in a hot car. This year alone, 16 deaths have been the result of children being left in a vehicle unattended. These statistics, along with prevention methods and demonstrations were

shared with those who attended.

"We were really targeting caregivers and parents just to remind them the things to do in order to, even though their schedules are busy and their mind is overwhelmed, to be able to remind themselves that a priceless possession is in the car with them," said Christy Wallace, Pitt County Sheriff's Office public information officer.

One demonstration that took place acted as a visual aid to help visitors see how quickly cars can heat up. A tray of s'mores was placed on the dashboard of a car while a thermometer read the inside and

the outside temperature as the treats were cooking. With the outside temperature reaching 98 degrees, the inside of the car heated up to 148 degrees in less than 20 minutes.

"We used a visual with the s'mores because people think you have to have a fire to cook them, but we cooked them on the dash of a car," said Ellen Walston, Injury Prevention Coordinator and Safe Kids Pitt County Coordinator. "We show that because people think 'I know it gets hot in a car, I can crack



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In Pitt County, 43 children died as a result of being stuck in a hot car in 2013.

BRIEFS

Gun and narcotics found in Greenville gutter

A Greenville police K-9 Unit assisted a case that resulted in the discovery of a gun and narcotics seven and a half feet in the air on Saturday night. A loaded .32 caliber semi-automatic pistol along with a small amount of marijuana and digital scales were found on top of a carport on Nash Street. The illegal items were found during a proactive foot patrol.

WWII Medal of Honor recipient speaks at church

The last living recipient of the Medal of Honor in WWII spoke at People's Baptist Church in Greenville. President Truman awarded Hershel "Woody" Williams with the Medal of Honor in 1945 after fighting during the Battle of Iwo Jima. Williams spoke with the church to share its story and to honor God and servicemen who do not return from war.

ECU School of Music graduate wins contest

Joshua Tomlinson has been announced the winner of the Down East Journal competition. As the winner, Tomlinson was able to compose a new theme song for the Down East Journal, a show on Public Radio East. Tomlinson recently graduated with a master's degree in music theory and composition and will start a doctoral program at the University of Oklahoma.

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McCrory backing fracking

Sue Book
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North Carolina's governor hopes to move the state forward with help from natural gas energy from offshore drilling, fracking and a pipeline from Pennsylvania.

Just back from the National Governors Association meeting where he was named to the organization's nine-member executive board, Pat McCrory was welcomed to Morehead City Monday by Mayor Jerry Jones and introduced by Carteret County Sheriff Asa Buck. The governor was candid and direct in his comments and responses to questions from business leaders about tax reform, education, job creation, insurance, transportation and environmental concerns.

"We have got to get lower cost energy to industry," McCrory said. "We want to get natural gas exploration. There haven't been tests in 25 years. Now tests exist to give readings."

New seismic technology can now be used to determine whether there is anything under the earth and sea to warrant fracking and offshore drilling here, the governor said.

"We want to make it safe and sound and participate," he said. "We may find out we don't have any, but we've been sitting on the sidelines far too long inland and offshore. Then we can make the deals with the feds, business and environmental concerns, including beach re-nourishment."

McCrory said information now being circulated about the recent state law limiting the disclosure of information about the chemicals used in fracking "is an exaggeration of the law that is stirring up emotions."

"We came up with a common sense law that restricts disclosure of the fracking chemical formula to anyone except DENR (Department of Environment and Natural Resources) and other officials," he said. "There are patents to protect. It is a good compromise for public safety and industry investment."

"These individuals who are probably using natural gas in their homes and spreading this misinformation are very hypocritical. It's a NIMBY (not in my back yard) concept I don't agree with."

As a potential shorter term solution to natural



WEB PHOTO
Governor McCrory believes natural gases could be a key in lowering energy and industry costs.

"We have got to lower cost energy to industry." -Pat McCrory

gas needs, McCrory said a pipeline could be an answer.

"Piedmont and Duke are looking at a new pipeline that would give more access to natural gas in eastern and middle areas of North Carolina," he said.

U.S. 70 Corridor Commission concerns also were raised. A recent study concluded that the highway corridor offers the No. 1 potential for economic growth in the state if construction of a four-lane, limited access road is done expeditiously.

One participant spoke of his fears of that happening under the N.C. Department of Transportation's new scoring system. McCrory said the new scoring system ensures the best highways go where they are needed rather than in the most powerful politician's district.

"We want to take the politics out of it, but we do want to get people to you," McCrory said, adding that travel and tourism and the Morehead City port make U.S. 70 a viable project that should score well.

That and concerns about inadequate state transportation funding for general maintenance -- which is currently one half what it has traditionally been -- should be addressed in a 25-year transportation plan for the state that Transportation Secretary Tony Tata will have completed before the end of the year, the governor said.

McCrory said that transportation plan will include innovative ideas for the Global TransPark in Kinston, which he considers "an inland port," and refrigeration capacity

for the port at Morehead City. The port at Wilmington just got it.

Already for the GTP, he said, "We have streamlined the board to make it a better part of DOT, and Commerce Secretary Sharon Decker is working to stay in constant touch with Spirit Air, the major customer" while working to recruit some key aviation manufacturing.

Asked about the disparity in funding for universities vs. community colleges, which get about 25 percent of the state's higher education money for the same number of students, McCrory said: "I am more interested in measuring the success of schools in how many students get jobs, not just student debt. But I don't want to pit one against the other."

He said he is rewarding community colleges for programs that teach technology, which is in demand and results in jobs. He also had high praise for N.C. Community College System President Scott Ralls for moving those institutions further in that direction.

Lawmakers in Raleigh continue to debate a new state budget for the 2014-15 fiscal year. McCrory has said he would veto any state budget that raised teacher pay more than 6 percent. He said Monday that he does feel public school teachers need pay hikes, but is firm in his position to keep those raises from taking too much money away from other needs.

As for Common Core concerns, he said he has opinions but, other than funding, he has no control over anything except Pre-Kindergarten. Asked whether his budget director, wealthy

businessman Art Pope, would be the deciding factor on a budget veto, McCrory said, "No."

Dispelling the often-voiced idea from critics that he is "Art Pope's man," the governor said: "He knows his numbers and where the skeletons are and where money has been hidden in the past and it's very helpful. I make final decisions and my secretaries and budget director will go along."

"We have healthy debate every Tuesday morning," McCrory continued. "I consider him part of my cabinet. He respects the office of governor and my authority to make the final decision, and one of the reasons is his loyalty. He takes direction extremely well even when he differs."

"He knows numbers. I need a numbers wonk -- I used to say 'nerd,' but now I say wonk and I say that as a compliment. More governors need wonks who can actually count the money and be accurate about it. Art Pope is an important part of my team."

As for funding for New Bern's Tryon Palace and the North Carolina History Center -- for which McCrory's budget included more than the House budget and for which the Senate budget included nothing -- McCrory said: "I'm fighting for it as we speak. It is important that we keep Tryon Palace up to date and improve it, both for its value in our state's history and for travel and tourism."

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a window' but it doesn't make a difference."

Walston says that a main cause of children and pets being left in cars is forgetfulness.

"The other message that we are trying to help people see is it can happen to anyone. We're all distracted and you can forget," Walston said.

In an effort to reduce the chances of forgetfulness, visitors were given tips on how to avoid deaths or injury from occurring. Parents and caregivers are asked to place something that will be needed upon exiting the car in the backseat where the child is sitting. It is also suggested that a phone reminder is set as well.

Walston says events like this are important, "mainly to prevent tragedies because these are preventable deaths and injuries and it's just to make people aware and to really realize that it could happen to them."

Walston and Wallace both strongly recommend immediately calling 9-1-1 or animal control if a child or animal is seen unattended in a vehicle. If immediate action is not taken, serious injury or death can occur.

"We need to remember that a child in a car, a dog in our car, needs to be treated as we would want to be treated," said Wallace.

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Dogs are the most common victims of careless summer drivers.

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"This fee change is going to provide students the type of facility that they want and they've been telling us that they want," said Niswander.

According to Niswander, a new student center and parking garage are projected to begin serving main campus in early 2017, phasing out many of the services provided by Mendenhall Student Center. At the time of its construction in 1974, Mendenhall served approximately 11,000 students and 20 student organizations. Forty years later, it now serves about 27,000 students and 400 student organizations.

"Mendenhall is great building and it has done a great service, but it just isn't what we need going forward," said Niswander, who believes that the project will provide many benefits to students.

On top of being beneficial to students' education, the new student

center is expected to serve as a gathering place.

"Right now, the place that students want to hang out is either the Rec Center or the library. This is going to be another place, in fact it will probably be the predominate place that people will want to go and hang out," said Niswander.

Along with the new facility that will provide services on ECU's main campus, the university will also be constructing a facility that will span almost 80,000 square-feet on ECU's Health Sciences Campus. The new building will serve as a student center and will also house a recreational center.

"We've got over 3,000 students out there and there is nothing for them at all," said Niswander, adding that the facility on the Health Sciences Campus will also include food services to those students.

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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.

Muscle shirts and nice pecs always look good on guys.

Nothin' is better than an East Carolina girl.

Man, this summer is flying by. Wish the fall and spring semesters would go by this fast.

I can't help myself but to read the Pirate Rants first thing when I get the paper.

The grab bag sale at Platos Closet was AWESOME! Can't wait for their next one.

Missing the beach right now.

I wish ABC's What Would You Do? TV show would come to Greenville. I want to see how people here really act.

I'm ready to get my refund check! I neeedddd moneyyyy!!!

Trying to lose 10lbs before school starts. Who's with me?

To the big girl who held her head high and strutted her stuff: YOU GO GIRL!

I'm ready for the ECU vs. Carolina football game. They're two teams that I absolutely love.

Some ECU students are so wasteful when it comes to moving out. Practically new or good conditioned items are thrown away.

It amazes me how some parents let their children misbehave in public. If you spare the rod, you spoil the child.

I'm always behind on the current fads. I'm assuming it's fashionable now to act stuck up since you all won't greet your co-workers, even when spoken to.

That's the thing about bear attacks, they happen when you least expect it

Bears, beats, battle star galactica

I still can't believe I saw that Scott Hall RA document a girl for sitting by a door.

I'd rather stub my toe than listen to that stupid RA.

Can't wait for zombie apocalypse. Vegans and vegetarians will eat meat, haha.

Calvin and Hobbes Read On-Air by Darius Homes: Great radio segment or The Greatest radio segment?

If her neck still has that new lanyard smell she's too young for you, bro.

That awkward moment you realize you have a summer crush on the bus driver but you're too embarrassed to ask him out in front of everyone.

So ready for Sharknado 2 coming out on July 30. House party anyone?

Feminism is the belief that women are equal to men not better than men. Relax.

If your dog takes a sh*t on the sidewalk please clean it up. I don't want to have to play hop-scotch on my way to class.

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Our view

Some awards devalue others

ECU had four football players named to national-award watch lists over the past week; most notably, quarterback Shane Carden and wide receiver Justin Hardy.

Both players were included on the Maxwell Award Watch List for college player of the year, while Hardy was also named to the watch lists for the Biletnikoff (most outstanding receiver) and Hornung (most versatile player) awards.

However, outside of college football's highest individual honor — the Hesiman trophy, which is annually awarded to the country's most outstanding player — and a few more of the position-exclusive honors, the value of many of the awards has depreciated.

The very existence of some of the awards might leave you shaking your head. You might remember Florida State quarterback Jameis Winston winning last year's Hesiman. But did you know Alabama quarterback won the Maxwell Award for college player of the year?

Also, the Walter Camp Award is handed out to college football's most outstanding player. Confused? You should be.

We as an editorial staff believe that although having this many awards allows for more players to be recognized and the schools with players in contention to receive positive exposure, they also can devalue the significance of some of the larger awards as well.

Name change, not enough



Kathleen Daniels
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Every August, over 400 students move into Aycock Residence Hall. They grow to call this building home; a place where they build friendships and create memories for years to come. These residents usually leave in May, never to return again, but they will

think back on the memories of their time in this building. They will tell their children about the time they met their best friend, or maybe future spouse, when locked out of their room in a towel, or when they stayed up all night laughing with a roommate. All of these memories are associated with simply the name, Charles B. Aycock.

However, what many of the inhabitants of Aycock don't know is that former Governor Charles B. Aycock has a controversial legacy. Some herald him as a champion of public education in North Carolina, explaining the large number of public education buildings named for him. Others identify him as a white supremacist. Aycock took part in the segregation of schools and the disenfranchisement of black voters. Gov. Aycock's legacy continues to be a flashpoint of controversy, especially around the idea of buildings named after him.

The Duke University Board of Trustee's recently voted to revert Charles B. Aycock Residence Hall back to the building's original name of East Residence Hall. This has prompted ECU to look into the matter as well. Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Virginia Hardy has created a committee to look at the names on all buildings at our university. There are clear merits to changing the name; ECU would no longer be



WEB PHOTO

Aycock Residence Hall's name is being considered for a change after a similar change by Duke University.

memorializing a white supremacist and would clearly show its desire for inclusivity. On the other hand, changing the name would change the foundation of many pirate memories.

The call to change the name of Aycock Residence Hall is a symptom of the hypocrisy of Southern culture at times. While some are calling for a change, others continue to fly Confederate flags and memorialize the civil war. Much like Gov. Aycock, the Civil War is a point of contention. I have been a part of several arguments about the cause of the Civil War, typically about whether the war was caused by slavery or state's rights. Which side is correct though doesn't matter. It matters that many African Americans do see the Civil War as a struggle for their freedom, and any memorials to it symbolize their oppression.

It is unfair to call for a renaming of Aycock Hall without calling for changes across the culture of the South. We cannot force thousands of Aycock residents to revise their memories while we continue to fly Confederate flags and claim "the South will rise again." It is even more important to recognize this hypocrisy in the face of today's large voter suppression efforts in the form of voter ID, and other detriments to African Americans. Now is not the time to worry about the name of a building when we have so much more to fix in our culture.

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Reading: more than a chore



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Something that has become more and more noticeable to me as I've gotten older is the lack of reading that people seem to do. Its like reading has fallen out of fashion, or is viewed as a tedious process that lacks a sufficient satisfaction.

But just because the rewards from reading may not be as immediate as watching Netflix, doesn't mean that those rewards aren't there and can't be discovered. Reading can't be faulted for the difficulty that it presents or the time that it takes. This is because it takes time to develop, to become good at, and to digest fully. Good things can sometimes take time, which is okay—contrary to what many people my age seem to think.

The rewards from reading vary from person to person, but they tend to lead to creating a more self-actualized, well-rounded person. Which is invaluable to the human experience—the reader gets to experience the lives and emotions of other people and understand people in a way other than his or herself.

People our age should stop viewing reading as a chore or as a waste of time, but rather something that they can stand to benefit from. It has to begin with society and the way that society views the benefits of reading. If society valued reading then maybe more people would read a book,

rather than waste away an afternoon watching Netflix or worse yet nothing.

Pick up a book next time you find yourself not doing much. Take the time and read it and more importantly think about what it has to say. The next classics are being written now and we all have the chance to read then before anyone else does—so why wouldn't we?

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Poll results

Did you watch the World Cup?

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Poll question

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Members of the Purple Diamond Divas Social Club participated in the flag football game to raise money for school supplies for underprivileged children.

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Dance swings to town

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Grab a partner and move as David Geiger of USA Dance Greenville teaches West Coast Swing at the Drew Steele Center on Saturday, July 26.

West Coast Swing is a style of ballroom dance originating in Los Angeles, Calif., and resembles the Carolina style of dance called Shag.

"West Coast Swing is a reversed Shag, as far as the steps go," said David Steele, Greenville Chapter president of USA Dance.

Participants can expect an impressive exercise from the lesson, both physical and mental. Major scientific studies indicate that the mental involvement of ballroom dance helps reduce the effects of Alzheimer disease and dementia. Steele got an early start on preventing dementia and never looked back.

"I started dancing when I was in seventh grade. Then I started ballroom dancing in 1981," said Steele. "My wife and I started dancing together in 2007. About six years ago, the previous president of the Greenville Chapter of USA Dance asked me to do the music for the dances. I did that for a couple years. I have been president for four years."

Despite Steele's personal progress, efforts to increase Greenville's interest in ballroom dancing have not seen much success over the years.

"The older people have become where they can't dance anymore, so they do not renew their memberships," said Steele. "It has been difficult to get younger people to join."

Dawn Clark, who was a dance professor at ECU, is currently a Board Member of the Greenville Chapter. As a professor, she would help recruit dancers from the university as part of their curriculum. Now retired from teaching, these key recruitments do not happen often.

"We are declining right now," said Steele. "We do not get any support from Greenville. It is

Diamond Divas play for charity

Destiny Edwards
TEC STAFF

Fall might not be here yet, but there was football in Greenville this weekend. The Purple Diamond Divas Social Club held its Ultimate Flag Football Game on Sunday to benefit the organization's annual Back to School Extravaganza.

The game was coed, with the teams playing a three-game series. Despite the official team names being the "Purple" and "Black" teams, the flags the players wore were blue and yellow. Some of the Divas provided commentary from underneath the concession tent.

"The club was started a few years ago as a way for its members to stay involved with their community," said Najheri, "Mz. BuzyBody" Brown, president of the Purple Diamond Divas.

"We are a nonprofit organization," said Brown. "We are definitely all about the community and giving back and helping out as much as we can."

Brown said Sunday's game was a party with a purpose. The "Back to School Extravaganza" is a school supplies drive held at the beginning of

August. In addition to asking all participants to donate \$10 and at least one school supply, the club sold concessions to benefit the event.

"We give out book bags, and school supplies to kids that really need them to go back to school," said Brown.

The back to school event isn't the only way the organization gives back. The Divas recently gave a scholarship to a deserving high school student.

"We had a flapjack breakfast at Applebee's to help sponsor that scholarship fund," Brown said. "We gave a \$500 scholarship to Brandon Taylor for him to go to college with."

According to Brown, while the club often works with youth, the Divas are open to working with a variety of people.

"Kids, adults, the elderly...whatever the cause," said Brown.

One of the most popular events the organization hosts is its cancer walk. The walk is held at the Winterville Recreational Park in November.

"We support all the cancers. We actually have

T-shirts that represent all the cancers that we're going to be walking for," Brown said. "If there's anyone in particular that wants to walk for a certain cancer, we do make sure that we have T-shirt for them to represent their color of cancer."

In addition to the shirts for walkers, the club does something special for cancer survivors who attend the event.

"We also give out plaques to any cancer victims and anyone that is battling cancer right now," Brown said.

Brown said the best thing about being a member of the group is knowing that she was able to make someone's day a little brighter by helping out.

"You get the excitement of seeing people's faces when they smile and just making other people happy," said Brown.

The Back to School Extravaganza will take place on Aug. 10 at Andrew Best Freedom Park.

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Metal drums play pop

Antonio Jackson
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Anyone in Greenville this weekend is invited to the festivities as Panyelo performs at Sunday In The Park this weekend at 7 p.m.

Panyelo is a full call steel drum band specializing in Caribbean pop music. The band's origins reach back into the early 90's as the original members formed a band at ECU called Panama Steel.

"Former Director of Percussion at ECU, Mark Ford, owned and operated the steelband Panama Steele," said Andy Wright, manager and a band member of Panyelo. "Mark accepted a position at the University of North Texas. Because he owned all of the steel drums and equipment, the band broke up."

At the turn of the century, the love of the music brought the band back together. Members of

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Authors from around the world come to sign and handout books

Amanda Adkins
TEC STAFF

Authors, models and bloggers will be coming to the Greenville Convention Center this Saturday for the Southern Girls Author Event.

Over 70 indie authors of all genres will be gathered at the event to sell their books along with passing out goodie bags to guests. This is the first time that these groups of authors have gathered at the Convention Center.

"I contacted the Greenville Convention Center about having the event and they agreed. I knew I would need a large venue to host the event," said Chrissy Rhem, the host for the Southern Girls Author Event.

Some of the bloggers that will be in attendance are Nicely Phrased Book Blogger, I'll Be Reading, and Panty Dropping Book Blog.

Some of the book cover models that will be at the event are Assad Shalhoub, Chase Ketrin, Frankie Guerra, Jared Caldwell, Loren Sayyre, Lance Jones and Mike Crowson.

Raffles will be sold for \$5 and all the proceeds collected will go towards the Ronald McDonald House in Greenville. Winners of the raffle will win personal meet and greets with popular authors and cover models after the event ends.

Raffles tickets for \$1 will also be sold and the winner will receive autographed books by MJ Carnal, Stacy Borel and Alexis Alexander.

The winners of the raffle ticket will be posted on the raffle table at 2 p.m. on Saturday, so the guests can pick up their prizes before leaving.

"A lot of authors contacted me wanting to attend once I posted that I was hosting the event. There are several authors from NC that will be attending as well as Canada and England," said Rhem.

The Southern Girls Author Event Facebook page will post a layout of where the authors will be on Wednesday so that guests can easily find the author's table that they are looking for.



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The Southern Girls Author Event will be coming to Greenville for the first time.

Nametags will also be available at the main doors so that authors can easily autograph books for the guests who purchase them.

The event will take place from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and tickets will be sold at the door for \$20. VIP tickets can also be purchased for \$35 and that includes the event and after party.

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According to Beggs, the trip allows participants to explore a new location, which has been shown to have lasting impacts on creativity, balancing emotions and focusing attention.

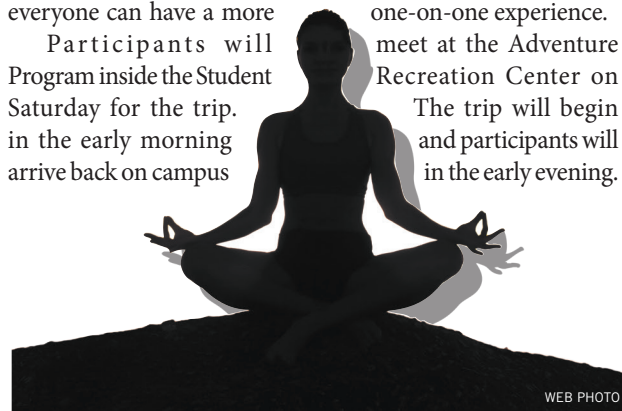
Both activities will increase core strength and flexibility along with developing a sunflow since the class is outside.

"Participants can expect to share an experience with friends or loved ones, an experience that they will revisit time and again," said Beggs. "Some will realize that we live in a paddling mecca, with over 200 places to actually visit via a kayak. All can expect to be relaxed and excited to live here in Eastern North Carolina."

The only experience requirement for the trip is one kayak pool session and a mandatory pre-trip meeting will be held.

The cost is \$35 for students or members and \$45 for guests. The price includes equipment, transportation and the yoga class. There are only limited spots available so that everyone can have a more one-on-one experience.

Participants will meet at the Adventure Program inside the Student Recreation Center on Saturday for the trip. The trip will begin in the early morning and participants will arrive back on campus in the early evening.



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DANCE continued from A5

difficult when there are no ballroom dance studios in Greenville. It seems like there is no ballroom dance interest here in Greenville."

The lack of success in Greenville seems strange as many surrounding areas have a thriving culture of ballroom dancing. North Carolina is second only to Florida for most USA Dance chapters in the nation, which include cities such as Raleigh, Rocky Mount, Wilmington, Elizabeth City and Charlotte.

"Back in February, we had eleven new people go to Raleigh and compete in the Triangle Open Ballroom Dance Competition. Several of them won ribbons," said Steele.

With this, there still seems to be some fight left in the Greenville Chapter of USA Dance. They hope the July 26 event will be the harbinger of change.

The dancing begins at 7 p.m. with one-hour lesson in West Coast Swing, followed by a two-hour general ballroom dance session. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Participants are encouraged to bring snacks to share. For those wanting to try their foot at the Carolina-style Shag dance, City Hotel and Bistro hosts lessons on Sundays at 5 p.m.

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MUSIC continued from A5



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Panyelo will come back to perform at this weekends Sunday in the Park.

the band include Andy Wright who also vocals for the band, Mike Davis, lead vocals and guitarist, Scotty Sells, on lead pan and triple guitar pans, Timmie Raynor, on bass, and Will Goodyear, on drums and vocals.

"We still play many of the traditional Panama Steel calypso tunes but we play many other genres of music," said Wright. "This gives us more appeal to an audience who may not be familiar with the traditional calypso tunes."

Panyelo finds their influences in artists such as Bob Marley, Jason Mraz, Bill Withers, and Elvis

Costello. Their song set reflects the bands eclectic taste, covering songs like "Sally Brown" by Ska, "Margaritaville" by Jimmy Buffet, and traditional reggae dance songs such as "Bump and Wine."

The energy this weekend may seem familiar to some as Panyelo celebrates their thirteenth year performing at Sunday In The Park.

"Ironically, the largest audience we play for each year is Greenville's very own Sunday in the Park," said Wright. "It is always great to come back to Greenville, each year and play for the best people around."

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S. Rudolph Alexander releases fall schedule

Destiny Edwards
TEC STAFF

World-renowned musicians, actors and dancers will be visiting campus soon, as part of the S. Rudolph Alexander Performing Arts Series (SRAPAS). The series recently announced the schedule for its latest season.

This year's line-up includes musicians Roomful of Teeth, Canadian Brass, Red Priest, Mark O'Connor and Nina Kotova; dance troupes Mummenschanz and the Koresh Dance Company and actor John Lithgow.

"Last year, we got a Van Cliburn medalist to perform with the orchestra; it was the first time we'd made that pairing," said Crane. "So instead of doing an all-solo recital, they came in and worked with students."

According to Crane, the orchestra conductor said that rather than going back to the Van Cliburn pool, they should try a different instrument this year.

The instrument that was ultimately chosen was the

cello and Nina Kotova will play it. In addition to ECU's symphony orchestra, Kotova has performed with the Chinese Philharmonic and the BBC symphony orchestra. She is also the co-founder and artistic director of Italy's Tuscan Sun Festival. She will come to campus on April 23.

Roomful of Teeth was the most recent addition to the schedule. The ensemble is nine-piece *acapella* group and features Greenville native Caroline Shaw. Shaw recently became the youngest Pulitzer Prize for Music winner for her composition "Partita for 8 Voices," which also garnered Roomful of Teeth a Grammy Award.

Canadian Brass is a quintet from Ottawa that was originally put together in 1970. According to the SRAPAS website, Canadian Brass was the first brass ensemble to tour China and play the main stage at Carnegie Hall.

Red Priest is a British Baroque instrumental quartet named after a nickname of composer Antonio Vivaldi.

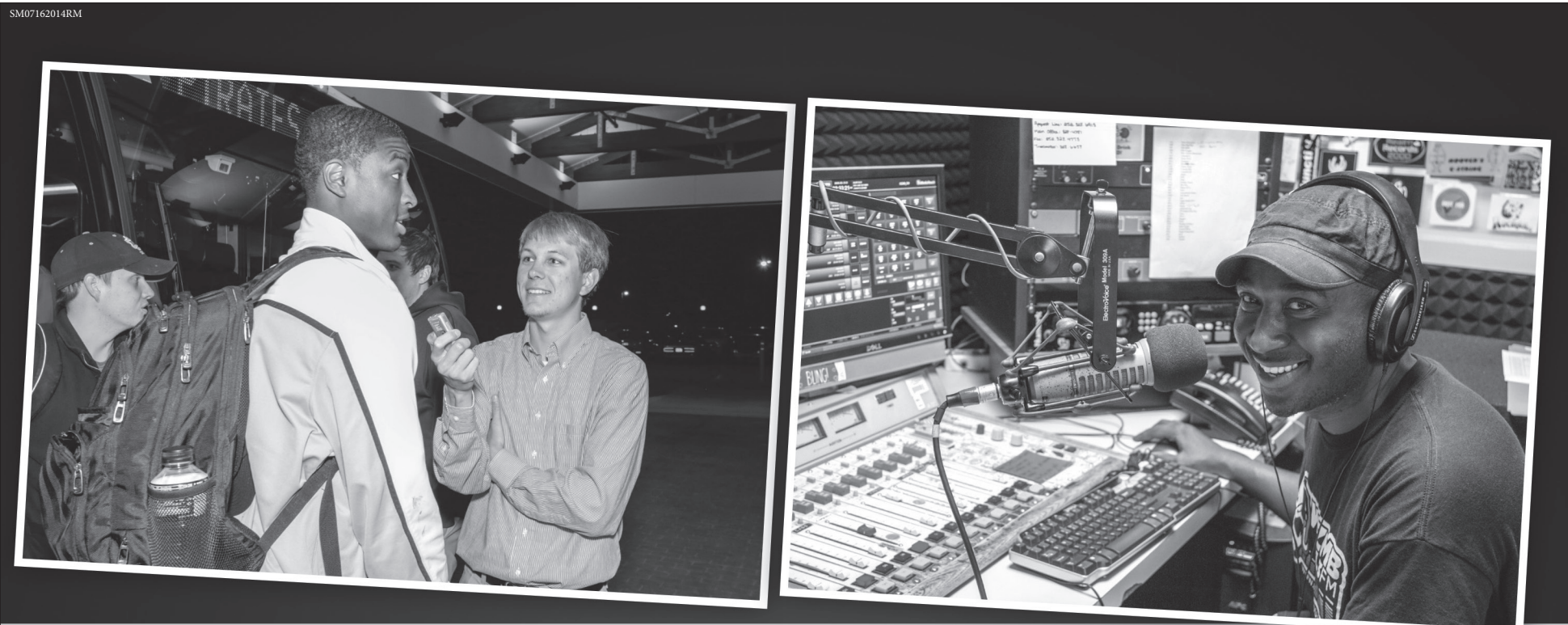
The two visual performance tropes are as different as they

could be. Mummenschanz is a Swiss troupe that performs with a variety of masks and utilizes light and shadow in its work. According to the SRAPAS website, the group heavily influenced modern ensembles like Pilobolus and the Blue Man Group.

The Koresh Dance Company is known more for the dancers' athleticism and mix of Israeli folk dance with contemporary movement. The SRAPAS website said the troupe's performance will open with students from ECU's dance department performing a piece choreographed by Roni Koresh, himself.

Often the series has a one-man show by a well-known actor. In past years, that included Bill Cosby and Ben Vereen. This season, SRAPAS is adding John Lithgow to the list. Lithgow, a Tony, Emmy award-winning actor, is most recognizable as Dick Solomon in "3rd Rock from the Sun," Lord Farquaad in "Shrek" and serial killer Arthur Mitchell in "Dexter."

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Magazine

Expressions magazine is a yearly publication that comes out in the fall. Its mission is to provide a voice for ECU's minority populations, and it does so through open submissions and its band of reporters and designers. Expressions accept poems, short stories, opinion pieces and feature stories from students across campus.

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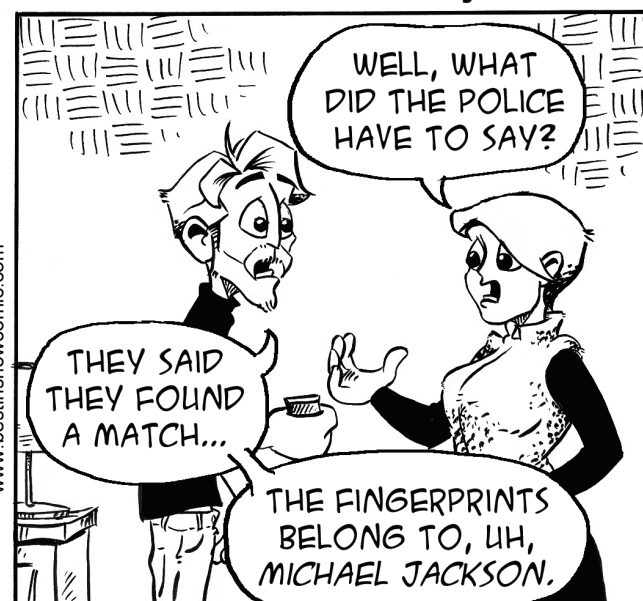
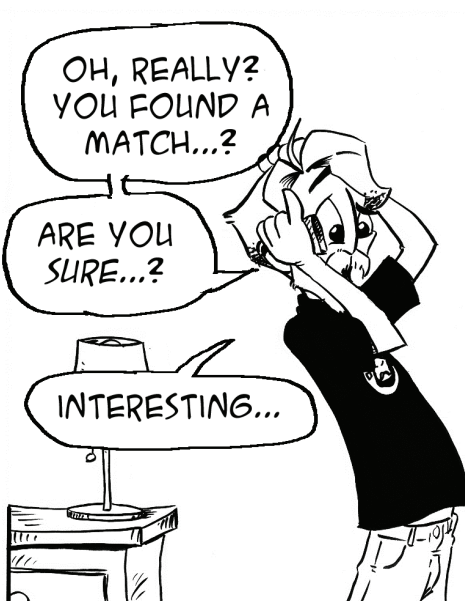
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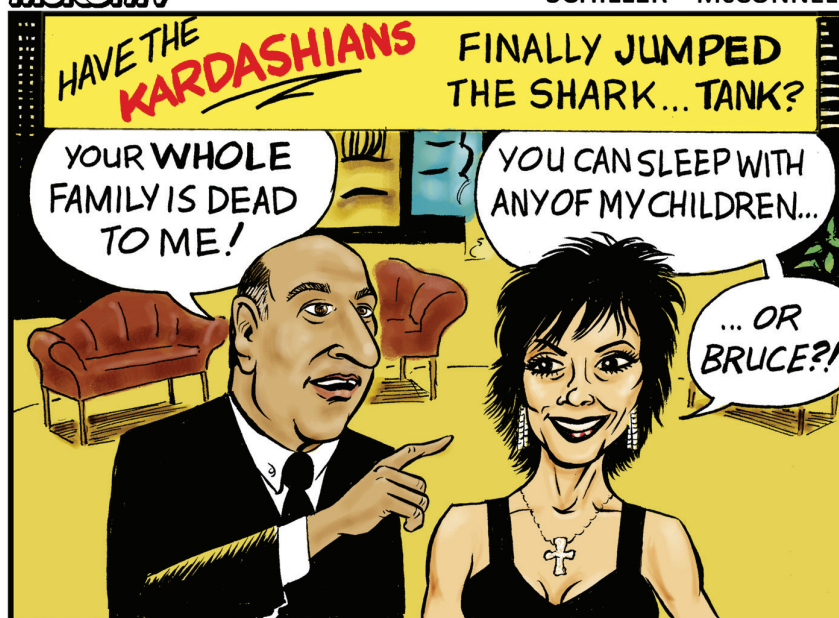


by Phil Juliano



"We have a song, but neither of us can remember it."

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SOLUTION TO TUESDAY'S PUZZLE 7/16/14

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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

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Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

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ACROSS

- 1 Place to wipe your boots
- 4 Vice squad strategies
- 9 "Damn!"
- 14 Sister of Zsa Zsa
- 15 Flynn of film
- 16 Main artery
- 17 Green Day's "American Idiot," e.g.
- 19 Govt.-backed bond
- 20 Secretary of the Interior under FDR
- 21 Navel type
- 23 Commuting start?
- 24 NASCAR winner's celebration
- 29 First-class
- 31 Sales incentive
- 32 Send to the statehouse
- 35 "¿Cómo ___?"
- 36 Commonplace, and what the start of 17-, 24-, 51- or 60-Across is
- 41 Shade of green
- 42 German steel city
- 43 ___ energy
- 46 Sleeveless shirt
- 51 1995 Stephen King novel
- 54 Prefix with space
- 55 English Channel port
- 56 Fashionista Mary-Kate
- 57 Bolt on a track
- 60 Spare tire
- 63 Red Sea peninsula
- 64 Pi, for one
- 65 Tempe sch.
- 66 Prop for a clown
- 67 Hacienda brick
- 68 Fall mo.

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- 1 Inherent rights and wrongs, as of a case
- 2 Long-legged shore bird
- 3 Take on, as a challenge
- 4 Vintage cars

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- 40 Bed-and-breakfast, e.g.
- 41 Moonshine container
- 44 "Consider the job done!"
- 45 Cleveland NBAer
- 47 Cabbagelike plant
- 48 Electric cars named for a physicist
- 49 Ultimatum words
- 50 Fork over what's due
- 52 Actress Winger
- 53 Profound fear
- 56 Clarinet cousin
- 57 Naval letters
- 58 Grab a stool
- 59 "Give me ___!": start of a Hoosier cheer
- 61 WWII arena
- 62 Tease

Secondary braces for overhaul

Jesse Deal
TEC STAFF

The Pirates' defensive secondary will consist of three new starters this upcoming season due to the graduation of Damon Magazu, Chip Thompson, and Adonis Armstrong.

Senior boundary cornerback Detric Allen is the lone returning starter from a season ago, accumulating 40 tackles while sharing playing time with junior Josh Hawkins.

"Detric is moving extremely well," said Defensive Coordinator Rick Smith. "I expect him to have a great year for us in his senior year."

Hawkins also racked up 40 tackles at boundary corner last season, but the junior is expected to make a transition to the field corner position that was left by Armstrong.

Smith applauded Hawkins' efforts in the Purple and Gold Spring game in April.

"He's done a great job," he said. "He's played as well as a corner can play in a spring game... We feel good about Josh in the field."

Deeper down the depth chart, Sophomore DaShaun Amos will likely back up Hawkins at field corner. On the other side of the field, juniors Rocco Scarfone and Christian Simmons and sophomore DaShawn Benton are looking to get some action at boundary corner.

There are far more corners at the safety



ECU senior cornerback Detric Allen (4) tackles Virginia Tech receiver Danny Coles.

positions for the Pirates.

Domonique Lennon received limited playing time in 2013 because of the immense presence of ECU's leading-tackler (80) and All-Conference USA Second Team member, Damon Magazu.

But with the secondary experiencing almost a complete makeover, the

6-foot-2, 212-pound junior is the frontrunner to take on the difficult task of replacing Magazu at free safety. Other competitors are red-shirt freshman Travon Simmons and sophomore Nate Mays.

Thompson ended his college career with a 57-tackle, two-interception senior season at strong safety, while his back up, Michael

Dobson, garnered 42 tackles and an interception in his senior year.

In the Pirates' Beef 'O' Brady's Bowl victory over Ohio, Dobson had 14 tackles and one of ECU's three interceptions.

With Thompson and Dobson now out of the picture, Smith acknowledged the his

concern with his current group of strong safeties, saying candidly, "We're going to be young there."

"[Sophomore] Terrell Richardson was the starter this spring. He had knee surgery right after spring, but he's back full speed this week... I watched him this morning and he's not missing a beat."

Smith named senior Lamar Ivey and three freshmen — Cody Purdie, redshirt Xavier Smith and Blake Norwood — as the other candidates for the starting position.

"Lamar Ivey is going to be a senior," he said. "He's just had a great summer and works extremely hard."

Ivey notched ten tackles as Adonis Armstrong's backup at the field cornerback position last season.

Despite the end of their college eligibility, three of the former Pirate safeties have attempted to continue their playing careers. The recent graduates worked out with several NFL teams back in May.

Magazu had a three-day tryout with the Baltimore Ravens and Thompson was an attendee at the New York Giants' rookie minicamp. In addition, Dobson worked out with the Super Bowl XLVIII champion Seattle Seahawks' camp, alongside his former ECU teammate, Michael Brooks.

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BASKETBALL

Men's hoops stays quiet during AAC transition



Corey Keenan
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Two weeks removed from their official move into the American Athletic Conference, many Pirate teams have announced

turnover in their programs in preparation of the advanced competition.

The baseball program made the biggest splash in coaching staff changes, as head coach Billy Godwin's contract was not renewed. Soon after, Cliff Godwin was announced as the new skipper and has taken on two new members to his staff since his hiring. Also, Women's volleyball and women's soccer have also altered their coaching staffs as they prepare for a new league.

In the AAC, it is obvious that on both the men's and women's side that the strongest sport is basketball since it boasts last year's men's and women's national championship at Connecticut.

Last season ended with five AAC teams in the Top 25 and along with UConn's championship run, Southern Methodist worked their way to the NIT championship game. While on the women's side, Rutgers won the WNIT in a field that featured three AAC teams and two future members.

In response to the stronger

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Richmond yet to sign; explores options overseas

Brian Wudkwyh
TEC STAFF

It has been a few weeks since the NBA draft was held in Brooklyn and former ECU guard Akeem Richmond has yet to land on a professional roster.

The 23-year-old Richmond drew interest from some NBA teams and even had a pre-draft workout with the Houston Rockets, but a chance to play overseas may be more realistic for him.

"I'm still waiting to hear about the Las Vegas Summer League (the NBA's league for young players to prove themselves)," said Richmond. "If I don't hear something soon then I'll start looking to play overseas since a lot of teams have been

in contact with me."

Richmond wouldn't be the first Pirate to go overseas. His former teammate and Conference USA's leading scorer in 2013, Maurice Kemp, has been playing in Hungary for the Alba Fehervar, starting in nine games and averaging 14.6 points last season.

"I've been in constant contact with Maurice," said Richmond. "He's been really helpful to me since he's having success over there. He's been helping me a lot."

That advice could do well for Richmond who was obviously disappointed not to be drafted or signed by an NBA team at this point. Kemp was in a similar position when some scouts thought he

could be drafted late or signed as a free agent, but it didn't materialize, which forced Kemp to go overseas.

However, this setback has not dampened Richmond's spirits at all.

"It would be really cool, in the NBA or elsewhere," said Richmond. "It would be a blessing either way to play basketball beyond college no matter where you're at. I'll just keep working until I get to that ultimate goal of the NBA."

Finding out where you're going to play professionally is something that can be a bit of a whirlwind for a player fresh out of college. Richmond compared the process to a marathon and said it developments change "day-to-day." For Richmond, however, his

dreams of playing pro ball are still very much a possibility and maybe in more eyes than just his own.

Richmond noted that he's had a chance to be around NBA players such as Courtney Lee of the Memphis Grizzlies and Chandler Parsons of the Dallas Mavericks recently.

"I'm feeling really confident," said Richmond. "I'm playing in a pro-am here in Florida and those guys really like my game and it helps me with my confidence to know that NBA guys like what I can bring to the table."

Confidence is something that Richmond has never had a problem with, especially when it comes to his shot, but he has been challenged to become more of a

ball-handler than the three-point specialist he was at ECU — He is the school's all-time leader for 3's (416).

"I think the point-guard position is where my agent would like me to be and most teams would like me to be," said Richmond. "I've been playing the point down here in the pro-am and it's not as hard as I thought it would be."

At least from a pure-shooting standpoint, there is no doubt that Richmond can be an effective player on the next level. The only question is where he will end up. For now, it's a waiting game.

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Triple-A All-Star Game
Durham, N.C.
7:07 p.m.

Thursday 7/17

Carolina Railhaws
at Minnesota FC
8 p.m.

Monday 7/21

Rochester Red Wings
at Durham Bulls
Durham, N.C.
7:05 p.m.

Tuesday 7/28

Rochester Red Wings
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Durham, N.C.
7:05 p.m.

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WORLD CUP

Germany scored in the second period of extra time to defeat Argentina 1-0 in Sunday's World Cup Final.

FOOTBALL

ECU receiver Justin Hardy was named to the Biletnikoff Award Watch List. The award is annually given to college football's most outstanding receiver.

FOOTBALL

ECU senior linebacker Maurice Falls was named to the Butkus Award Watch List Monday. The award is annually awarded to the country's most outstanding linebacker.

LICENSING

The Collegiate Licensing Company, the licensing affiliate of IMG College, announced today that it has signed a 10-year extension of its partnership agreement with ECU to continue managing its trademark licensing program.

CLEVELAND CAVALIERS

Ohio native LeBron James announced his return to the Cleveland Cavaliers Friday, where he spent his first seven years in the NBA with.

HOME RUN DERBY

Athletics outfielder Yoenis Cespedes became the first player in All-Star game history to win back-to-back Home Run Derbies with his 30 long-balls at Target Field Monday.

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competition, women's basketball Head Coach Heather Macy added two new assistants in the form of Dalila Eshe and Crayton Jones. The Lady Pirates have also added seven new players to their roster with transfers.

ECU men's basketball has done the opposite. The team has not made changes in coaching staff and there have been minimal changes to the roster. The Pirates lost Brandon Stith as he transferred to Old Dominion. Fortunately, the team only lost two seniors in Akeem Richmond and Petar Torlak.

Three new Pirates have been added to fill the void, barring redshirt. Lance Tejada was a preseason top 100 recruit by ESPN. The 6-foot-1 point guard from Florida will have a chance to play immediately. Grant Bryant is the second member of the recruiting class and signed with Tejada. Bryant will serve as the only other true freshman to Tejada. The third member of the recruiting class is Kanu Aja, a 6-foot-10 transfer. His size is much needed for an East Carolina team that struggled in the paint after the loss of Marshall Guilmette.

Along with Tejada, Bryant and Aja playing their first season as Pirates, transfers Terry Whisnant, Michel-Ofik Nzege and Keith Armstrong are now eligible and will subsequently be added to the mix.

Can these six new faces take a team that finished .500 in Conference USA and make them a winner against AAC competition? It would be difficult, but not impossible.

Tejada will enter the 2014-2015 season as the fourth best recruit from his class in the conference. With the chance to run the point as a freshman, we could witness a star developing.

This year's Pirates are not the same young team that was on the floor last season. They are more seasoned now and with the return of Guilmette, post-play will be exponentially easier for a team that was undersized in almost every single game it played in last year.

Games against such powerhouse teams as UConn, Cincinnati and Memphis will be a daunting challenge for this group and it will be interesting to see if the Pirates can hold their own.

With everything changing around the program and the start of the season just four months away, it seems Jeff Lebo is satisfied with the staff and players he has in place going into the American. Next we'll learn whether or not they can be competitive in a league where the competition is heightened.

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Pirates aspire for winning season

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While summer usually represents a time where the workload is lighter for most students, it has been mostly work and little play for the ECU women's soccer team.

Its season opener against South Carolina is seven weeks away and will be the team's first match as a member of the American Athletic Conference. After posting a pedestrian 9-9-3 record last season, the expectation for ECU has risen to finish with a winning record this fall.

Although the soccer team is prohibited from having any type of ECU-organized practices, that hasn't stopped rising senior Stephanie Seagrave from getting together some of her teammates to work on the fundamentals that will prepare them for the season.

Rob Donnennwirth will be entering into his 16th season as the head coach of the program and after leading eight of his teams to nine win finishes and, most recently, a conference semifinal berth, Donnennwirth is making sure the Pirates are taking the proper steps to getting there.

"I just think that what's more important is that everybody



Forward Lana Spittler makes her way towards goal. ECU begins its season Aug. 22 against South Carolina. MIKE SEEGARS | THE EAST CAROLINIAN

digs in day in, day out and concentrates on the process," Donnennwirth said on the steps needed to capture an AAC title. "Each player has to have the character to carry that through. It can't be just a one-day-a-week hard training. It has to be every time out there."

If 16 years at ECU has taught Donnennwirth anything, it's that once the season gets going, the players have to find a way to balance academics, while still making soccer their priority.

"As the season gets going

and you're in the middle of midterms, you've still got to be focused to get out every day and to get after it. And I believe this group has that, and I believe they can do really good things," Donnennwirth said.

Part of Donnennwirth's confidence may stem from the competition his team will be facing. With teams such as SMU, Tulane and Tulsa making up the AAC, Donnennwirth knows that he will not see anything he hasn't already encountered previously.

With ECU preparing for a new season in a new conference, Donnennwirth will look to improve his team to more than just another conference semifinal appearance. And with the dedication the soccer team has put in during the summer, the annual start to the football season may not be the only kickoff that Pirate fans will be looking forward to.

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The Biletnikoff Award is selected by the highly distinguished Biletnikoff Award National Selection Committee, which consists of over 200 prominent college football journalists, commentators and former receivers. Receivers may be added to the watch list as their season performances dictate.

Other in-state receivers that were among the 55 receivers named on the preseason watch list are Duke's Jamison Crowder and North Carolina-Chapel Hill's Quinshad Davis.

The he Biletnikoff Award winner will be announced as part of ESPN's The Home Depot College Football Awards Show on

Dec. 11., shortly after the conclusion of the college football regular season.

The Davey O'Brien Award Watch List for college football's top quarterback will be announced at noon today and Carden is expected to be among the signal callers selected.

ECU senior linebacker Maurice Falls was one of the 51 linebackers named to the Butkus Award Watch List Monday, despite playing sparingly as a reserve last fall.

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