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Pirates set for Navy matchup

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TEC STAFF

East Carolina will officially open its second season of American Athletic Conference play this weekend when it battles the Naval Academy Saturday at 3:30 p.m.

Navy (1-0, 0-0 AAC) is coming off a bye week, with two weeks to prepare for its debut AAC matchup. The Midshipmen are 3-1 all time against the Pirates (1-0, 0-0 AAC), who have struggled to stop Navy's triple option offensive attack in the past.

"In preparing for them, everyone on defense must have great eye discipline," said ECU head coach Ruffin McNeill. "We can't have any eye violations. Go play, go react."

The Midshipmen defeated the Pirates 56-28 in 2012 and 76-35 in 2010, averaging 66 points, and 516.5 rushing yards combined in the two victories.

Navy is coming off of a 48-10 victory against Colgate University on Sept. 5, where it rushed for 371 yards and five touchdowns, averaging 7.9 yards-per-carry. Starting quarterback Keenan Reynolds completed three of only six passes for 67 yards, all to wide receiver Jamir Tillman.

Running back Chris Swain recorded 131 yards and a touchdown from 11 rushes, averaging 11.5 yards per carry. Senior Quentin Ezell led Navy in scoring as he racked in 44 yards and two touchdowns on six carries. The Midshipmen had eight players rush for 21 or more yards against Colgate.

"You have to make sure you take care of all three options, and really, it's four options when you include Keenan [Reynolds]," said McNeill. "Some changeups on all the areas, such as who has 'dive,' who has the quarterback and who has the pitch."

ECU's defense has struggled so far this season defending the run, allowing 4.2 yards-per-carry and 173.5 rushing yards-per-game.

The Pirates' secondary will most likely be called upon to step up, with the triple option attack trying to make it to the second level of the defense.

The Midshipmen are returning their second-leading tackler, linebacker Daniel Gonzales. He tallied 86 tackles and three interceptions last season.

Perhaps the most intriguing Navy defensive player is defensive lineman Will Anthony, who notched 67 tackles, 11.5 tackles for a loss and 2.5 sacks in 2104.

"Their nose tackle is a hoss man, he's stocky, he's tough and he plays low so he is one of their better players," quarterback Blake Kemp said on Anthony.

The Pirates are coming off a loss at the hands of the Florida Gators, where they played in front of 88,000 fans. The Pirates know, however, that playing at Navy will bring a different crowd.

"It's a different atmosphere. I got a lot of respect for those men for what they do," said Jones. "It's unique [their situation] but ultimately they are just a football team."

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Unbreakable bond

The story of an officer and his dog

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The relationship between a police dog and its handler goes beyond narcotic searches, locating and taking down criminals; they must build a rapport and become a team.

Greenville Police Department Officer Chad Bowen, who born and raised in Greenville, started working for GPD in 2005 and became a K-9 patrol officer in 2006. He got his partner, Patton, a Belgian Malinois from Slovakia in April 2007.

"I probably spend more time with that dog than I do anyone else. Because of that you build a pretty tight bond with them. It's a bond that soldiers build in combat. You go through a lot of events together and training. The time invested in him is a lot and pride involved in it to," said Bowen. "The time and training makes us a team, as well as the incidents we've been through together."

Bowen and Patton have been together for eight and a half years and have caught 56 suspects.

"In this line of work, everyday is a different day because you don't know what kind of case you're going to go to," said Bowen.

"As a K-9 handler our primary function is to respond to in-progress calls or 'hot' calls. In between that time we do the same functions as regular patrol officers. We respond to any other calls for service and do the regular police work when we're not doing K-9 work," said Bowen.

Whenever the handlers are finished with their shift, they train their dogs. This allows the dogs to be efficient at what they do and help build a stronger bond between the dog and the handler.

"My best memory with Patton was when he located a mentally handicapped child," said Bowen. "There's a lot of satisfaction and pride in being able to help someone; it's a unique ability that only a dog can do, that ability is

something we as humans can't."

Patton is almost 10 years old and will be retiring in December. Bowen will be getting a new dog soon. On the average these dogs cost up to \$12,000 and Bowen will be purchasing Patton when his work time is up.

"You know it's inevitable.

Time makes us older and as we get older we age and eventually die," said

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Greenville Police Department Officer Chad Bowen stands with his partner, Patton. Patton and Bowen have worked together since 2007.

Mobile Starbucks comes to campus



An ECU student waits for his order in front of the Starbucks mobile truck. The truck gave out free coffee Wednesday.

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Seth Gullede
TEC STAFF

Students around the Christenbury Gym area of campus were treated to free samples of coffee Wednesday afternoon, courtesy of East Carolina University's new Starbucks Mobile Truck.

The event was designed to spread awareness to students about ECU's newest dining fixture.

The almost 10-ton truck is a fully functioning coffee shop offering the full Starbucks menu and will be a permanent fixture on campus starting next Monday.

Stephanie Sumner, district marketing manager for Aramark, said the truck will be a crucial new addition to the student experience. Due to logistical reasons, such as power and water supply, the truck cannot operate completely mobile, and requires more permanent locations.

As of now, the truck's primary location will be behind the Christenbury Gym and Brewster, though Sumner said they are considering other possibilities to utilize the truck, such as alternate locations on campus and use for

special events.

The truck will operate Monday to Friday, from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., with a two hour inactive period between 11:00 and 1:00. While at the Christenbury location, students will be able to purchase food and beverages from the truck using their purple and gold bucks, or with traditional cash or card.

Michael Lysaght with ECU Campus Dining Services, said the truck is an exciting opportunity for students, and ECU as a whole.

"Starbucks has such an incredible following and our students support both stores on campus so much that we felt it was necessary to bring in another option," said Lysaght.

"ECU is only one of three in the entire country to have a Starbucks truck. This new venture is going to bring excitement and enjoyment to our campus, the truck and all of the opportunities really elevate our dining program to new heights."

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BRIEFS

Board of Trustees meeting next week

The East Carolina University Board of Trustees will be meeting next Thursday and Friday, September 24 and 25. The Thursday meetings will be held at 9:00 a.m. with the full board meeting, followed by committee meetings for the duration of the afternoon.

The Friday meetings will be held at the East Carolina Heart Institute, with the full board meeting at 9:00 a.m.

*Corrections/
Clarifications*

Officer Saunders is with the ECU Police Department and is not handing out a good ticket in the photograph.

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SGA's Betz finds balance

Vice president comes into own while heavily involved

Savannah Carter
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Time management is the number one priority when it comes to Student Government Association Vice President Jenny Betz.

The senior marketing major takes 18 hours, holds an executive position on SGA, and works weekly as a campus representative for Apple. But being involved isn't something new to her.

"In high school, I was class secretary up until my senior year and then I was student body president my senior year," said Betz.

But student government wasn't on her mind when she entered East Carolina University as a freshman. Instead, Betz started playing on the ECU soccer team. It wasn't until the end of her freshman year when she sparked an interest in SGA.

"I got an email for Senate elections," said Betz. "But I realized I wouldn't be able to balance it with soccer, so I took my name out."

But after a few injuries in her soccer career, Betz stopped playing and applied for a position on the SGA Senate. After an interview process, Betz did not get the position.

"Not getting the position made me want to come back stronger and try harder," said Betz.

Her role model, her mother, helped her overcome this by telling her to keep a positive aspect on everything.

"Whenever I'm struggling with something, she tells me that I signed up for it because



Jenny Betz

I can handle it," said Betz. "She reinforces that everyday is a blessing."

After Betz joined SGA, she wanted to continue to be involved.

"With SGA, you can make a difference on campus," said Betz. "There are so many reasons to get involved."

Betz said there's a position for everyone on SGA, which made it easy to find out where she wanted to be.

Her goal as vice president for this semester is to revamp the student government and make it stronger.

"Everyone on SGA has something to offer," said Betz. "And I want to make that known."

Betz planned the SGA member retreat this past summer to help revamp the student government. Since there were so many new faces in SGA and a lot of changes, Betz wanted to make sure that everyone had a say in everything.

"Rather than 10 or 15 members being productive, every member in the entire association has a role and is being productive," said Betz.

Two alumni from the Robert Wright Society, the SGA Alumni Association, came to speak at the retreat, along with two past student body presidents. Mayor Allen Thomas also came to speak about leadership and helped each member in teaching about the leadership roles of a student government association.

"I've met a lot of great leaders in SGA," said Betz.

Betz thinks by sponsoring popular events and creating programming events students will learn who the faces of their government are.

"Being busy is tough, but fun," said Betz. "It's definitely a learning experience."

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Students express issues with new SPC system

Anna Parrish
TEC STAFF

At the first home football game, East Carolina University students who are members of the Student Pirate Club tested the new system of entering the game.

The Student Pirate Club implemented the new system of removing the SPC cards and making the system online-based. In previous years, each member received a card at the beginning of the year with their name and Banner ID on the card. This was used in combination with the student's One Card to gain access to the game.

SPC members now have the tickets e-mailed to their student e-mail as a PDF file. The ticket can be presented on a student's phone or with a paper copy. With either method of entry, students must still bring their student One Card.

The Student Pirate Club has grown to approximately 10,000 members and with this amount of traffic, it is inevitable to have a few problems with

any type of system.

Carl Evans, associate athletic director for development, said the new system helps to more accurately account for student attendance.

"This is standard practice and we are comparing to how everywhere does tickets, like in concerts and other college football programs," said Evans.

Some issues arose at the game with the new system, including students not being able to download the tickets, phone battery level, and scanning problems.

The students pay \$50 at the beginning of the school year for membership to the Student Pirate Club. According to the Student Pirate Club website, the membership includes an SPC t-shirt, priority to purchase season guest passes for football and single game guest tickets.

Members have the option to purchase a season parking pass, which is located at the bottom of College Hill. SPC members can also get their students

tickets before the general public for basketball.

Madison Belton, sophomore undecided major, said her phone died while trying to enter the game. She had to e-mail her tickets from her friends phone to herself to access her ticket.

"I don't want my friends to have to stay with me the entire game and have to worry about me while at the game because my phone died; a lot of people have problems with batteries," said Belton.

Evans said there were staff members helping students that were having technical difficulties at the game. They let them in with their One Cards if they eventually couldn't pull up the tickets.

"We want to create a positive and energizing experience," said Evans.

The Pirate Club hopes to have the issues resolved before ECU football's next home game, Sept. 26, against Virginia Tech.

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MISSING SOMETHING

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Bowen. "Unfortunately that day is coming, but I know that dog has worked very hard throughout his whole career and loved every minute of it. These dogs live to work."

"It's not like your pets at home, this dog has to drive to just continue to work. He would probably work until he died. It would be rough because he and I have been through so much together, having a new dog will help with that. I have so much to be proud about with him and what he has done over the years. No regrets."

Bowen hopes to be working as a K-9 officer for many years. It has always been about the work ethic growing up for him: to work hard and take responsibility of your own actions.

"It can get kind of crazy sometimes but as long as I physically hold up I hope to be a K-9 handler in a decade. I hope to be successful at it like I have been and I've been very fortunate," Bowen said.

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PIRATE RANTS

A big ol thanks to the group of guys holding a 20 minute conversation about football right outside of our door when we were clearly studying for a test. Like y'all couldn't have moved a few feet down the hall? I like football too, but damn.

The TEC'sperts were hotter last year.

To the teacher at ECU complaining about getting fired. Welcome to ECU!!

When will ECU pick a time for the VT game? I have to make plans. C'mon, ECU athletics.

People who ride the bus from College Hill to Brewster are lazy. Then they wonder why they gain the freshman 15.

The internet at The Landing is as slow as dial up. #BeyondAnnoyed

Female sex robots are coming! Soon we won't have to worry about rejection, cheaters, or whether or not we can have our own babies DNA tested. Technology is amazing! (feminists oppose this, of course).

It's regardless if the individual did not understand how data packets work, their point is still valid that online games use less bandwidth than streaming HD video across the network constantly.

And if Bernie increases taxes on the 1%, the 1% will just increase their prices and decrease the wages their companies pay to make up the difference. Encouraging the rich to invest in new technology and small businesses is a better solution.

The Super Bowl does not need hip hop. No one is watching because of the half time show. Those eyes would not tune in for a 15 minute concert. and you really can't prove that hip hop is the most popular genre solely off of spotify and google play. An opinion article does not mean you can make claims and show no proof for it.

The US should accept immigrants? Have you not been paying attention to the havoc they are wreaking on Germany and Sweden? No thanks.

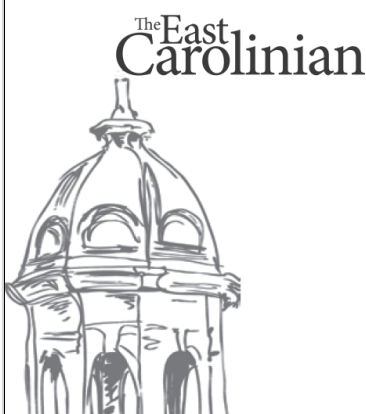
There is nothing less classy than telling someone you disagree with they are ignorant.

That awkward time of year, where you see one girl in shorts and a tshirt and another in boots and a jacket! Fall is not here yet!

Is it me or the people in the ACE Computer LAB RUDE AS HELL!!!!!!!!!!!!

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Our view

'Good tickets' step in right direction

In a campaign to encourage proper pedestrian laws and edict, the Greenville Police Department recently enacted its 'Good Ticket' program. The program is designed so that when officers observe a citizen following traffic laws, they can be issued a ticket containing a coupon to The Scullery or Sup Dogs, two local businesses supporting the campaign.

We as an editorial staff believe that this is a positive step toward increasing good will between the police and the community.

The campaign first began as a response to many people who get injured or killed in street accidents each year in North Carolina, and it is encouraging to see the local police bring awareness to this issue. However, the positive effects of the campaign go far beyond encouraging use of crosswalks.

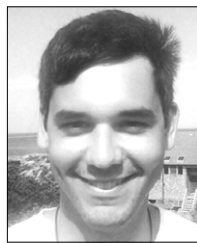
It is an unfortunate fact that the public, and especially

college students, often view police officers as a negative force within their lives, and not as positive members of their communities.

This campaign allows for an all too rare event in many student's college experience: a genuinely positive and friendly interaction with our local police force. These interactions over time can drastically improve the general attitude toward the police force, and help humanize the men and women who serve and protect us.

Jaywalking within itself can be a problematic and dangerous behavior that endangers one's own life and the lives of those around them. However, mistrust and negative attitudes about the local police force can be just as dangerous for everyone. Hopefully this policy will encourage pedestrians not only to use the crosswalks but to rely on their local police as well.

Dickinson deserved upgrade



Joseph Perez
TEC COLUMNIST

East Carolina University and Greenville's uptown area have had a symbiotic relationship since the university first opened. Uptown, or downtown as most student still refer to it, has stores, restaurants and bars that depend on and cater to the influx of students.

The university has been an extra provider of security and a major purchaser of real estate in the uptown area over the years, a trend that seems to be increasing. With new space being bought and used by the school it can become difficult to tell where campus ends and uptown starts. There is one area of Greenville, however, that still needs help.

From the time Greenville was a small town built on tobacco to the time of President Kennedy's 1960 stop in Greenville, the major road in Greenville was not Greenville Boulevard. At the time the boulevard was just a way in or out of town. Dickinson Avenue used to be the major road and it was vital in connecting uptown to the homes in the residential areas.

It seems clear that Greenville is making a conscious effort to remake the old area of uptown into the place once so full of character and energy. This initial investment in the area will hopefully urge other businesses to follow suit and occupy much of the unused space in the area.

This will be great for the city. Not only will this project help the local economy, but Dickinson Avenue itself has long been a dividing point, separating Greenville's eastside, where the university and the majority of its students live, from Greenville's west side, where the community lives a much leaner lifestyle.

It appears that progress is being made in improving the road and the area.

There have been plans to make the areas from Reade Circle to Dickinson and 14th street accessible and friendly for the pedestrians, cyclists and shoppers. The city of Greenville is taking efforts to repave the roads and add sidewalks, bicycle lanes and brick crosswalks. They have also approved a \$32 million shopping center and apartment development project that Dickinson desperately needs.

If you have travelled down Dickinson Avenue lately, you have doubtlessly noticed two things. The glory days of Dickinson Avenue have passed some time between then and now, and there are continuous changes taking place along the sides of the old road. Whole sections of buildings in seemingly strategic locations have been demolished—leaving grounds that once provided foundation to places little more than level plains of dirt.

This one, beaten up road that appears to have been abandoned by even the Greenville locals still seems to enforce an invisible segregation for Greenville's different income levels and even races. A healthy, vibrant downtown area could possibly help the hard area located just behind Dickinson Avenue to become attractive to investors again.

Investors might bring hope to the uptown area with stores full of the promise of the American dream, not into abandoned lots and run-down buildings.

So will the project live up to its name? Perhaps it will not just modernize Dickinson Avenue but also Greenville itself, pushing it forward into the future of a united, hopeful community.

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Debates need to focus on issues



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CNN hosted the second round of the Republican Presidential Candidate Debates last night. Eleven of the leading Republican candidates took the stage to debate issues that currently face the United States so that American citizens could have an opportunity to hear each candidate's views.

That however, failed to happen. While there were moments of genuine debate and discussion regarding important political issues, they were too few and too far distributed between minutes upon minutes of personal attack and pointless bickering.

The debate was primarily concerned with the political misgivings of Donald Trump, so much so, that the opening question of the debate regarded whether the other candidates thought he would be a good president, and that was not the only question targeted at one candidate.

The questions throughout the night were specifically targeted at one of the candidates stances or characteristics, often so explicitly that they contained the name of the candidate within it.

The tone of the entire night was nothing more than purposefully antagonistic, from questions that pitted one candidate against the other, to rebuttals that amounted to nothing more than than finger pointing and attacks on each other's appearance.

While this kind of petty debate can sometimes be admittedly more captivating than a carefully worded statement on foreign policy, the latter is an absolutely more critical component of the political system.

In many ways, the debate was a perfect visualization of the largest problem facing the current political race. Instead of candidates spending their time winning votes by convincing the citizens by the merit of their ideas, they focus on debasing their opponents and convincing the public of the ineptness of the other candidates.

When the political arena is so constantly saturated in the muddied waters of petty attacks, the true victim becomes the voter, who remains unaware of the character, morality and ideas that they cast their vote for.

The purpose of these nationally broadcasted debates is to serve the average American in assessing the candidate's political platforms and character. For this to be achieved, the candidates need to actually be asked straightforward questions about their opinions on real issues, and discouraged from waging militant attacks against each other.

A presidential debate should not be about a character's appearance or even about another candidate's belligerent comments about said appearance. A presidential debate is not even about the candidates campaigns, a debate is


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<h3>Poll results</h3> <p>Do you like the new withdrawal policy?</p> <p>Yes - 52.9% No - 47.1%</p>	<h3>Poll question</h3> <p>Did you watch the second GOP debate?</p> <p>Visit theeastcarolinian.com to vote.</p>
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Members of Dr. Bacon perform one of their many songs. The group plays on several instruments including the guitar, banjo and harmonica. WEB PHOTO | DRBACONBAND.COM

Crossbones to host funk band

Arvanna Smart
TEC STAFF

Tomorrow night, Crossbones Tavern will bring home the bacon to the Greenville community, or more specifically, Dr. Bacon.

Dr. Bacon, a Boone, North Carolina, based band, is a genre that defines the "Appalachian Funk-Grass" music scene. They play a blend of funk, soul, jazz, rock, blues, folk, hip-hop and more with a Southern Appalachian Bluegrass foundation and instrumentation.

Members include Jesse Talbott, the guitarist, Myles Dunder, Tucker Galloway, Michael Crawford, Stephen Knutson, Willhelm Schmidt, and John Kirby.

The band's name comes from Talbott's family. Growing up, Talbott's dad was a pig farmer in West Virginia. The community used to call his dad Mr. Pig because of his job and because he had his degree in swine production.

"I grew up around pigs and I mean who doesn't love bacon?" said Talbott. "So it seemed fitting."

The band went through numerous name changes such as Dr. Banana, Master Bacon, and Bacon Sale.

"[Dr. Bacon] was the first name we really had success with as far as the reactions we got from people with the other names," said Dunder.

The members of Dr. Bacon came together in 2012 when Dunder and a friend, who is no longer with the band, heard about Talbott getting kicked out of a bar, for singing on the porch too much.

"It's not that I was singing too much, but that I would get too drunk and start standing on tables, walking around and stuff," said Talbott. "Overwearing my welcome very soon."

The band quickly got in contact with each

other and just started to play music together. "We kinda figured someone like that needs a band," said Dunder. "As we started pitching and playing we got more members soon after that like Michael Crawford on the harmonica and Tucker Galloway on the banjo."

Dr. Bacon not only plays original songs, but covers hits as well. They said the most exciting ones to play are the new songs that the band makes because of the amount of work put into each song.

"My favorite song to perform would have to be a cover we do to Lil Jon and the East Side Boys called 'Get Low,'" said Dunder. "It sometimes makes people do really bad things and I love it."

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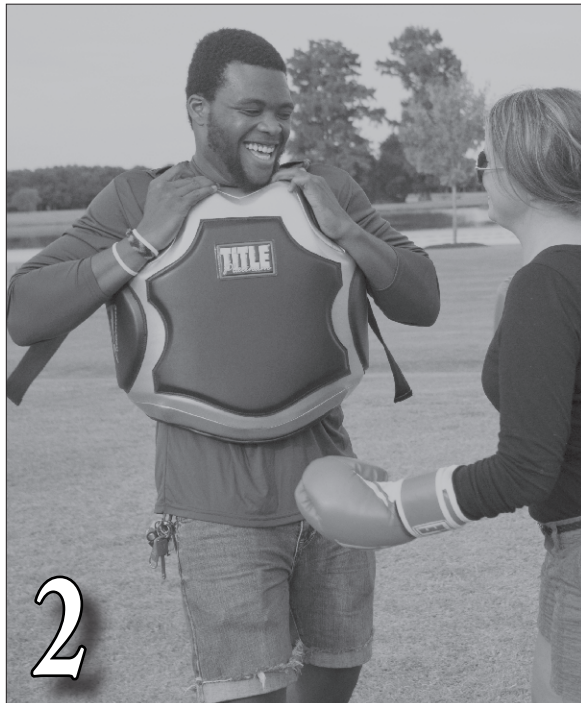
BEACHFEST



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1. Greg Humphrey, junior engineering major, teaches various types of wrestling moves to participating students who went to Wednesday's BeachFest.
2. Aaron Webster, sophomore business major, taught students boxing techniques in the challenge that he lead yesterday.
3. Rob Darden, with ProTown BMX, performs a stunt on his bike in front of BeachFest goers.

Christy's presents a weekend long Spazz Fest event

Carlyn Legg
TEC STAFF

Tonight, Spazz Fest will present a three-day mini-festival to mark the halfway point to the annual weekend-long event that takes place every spring.

Tonight's performers are a band out of Milwaukee called The Complication. The three member rock band is stopping in Greenville to play at Crave as part of its fall tour which goes all the way from Milwaukee to the east coast and even as far south as Texas.

"We've got the show Thursday night that kind of starts halfway," said Jeff Blinder, creator and founder of Spazz Fest. "The band is excited and they're gonna play a great show."

The Complication's singer and songwriter Annette "Annie B" Bzdawka is an award-winning vocalist who started her musical career on the west coast and has since had songs on national radio stations. In her time with The Complication, the band has performed at nationally recognized summer music festivals such as Summerfest and Rock USA. The band will perform songs from their latest album entitled Coffee Beans.

The one-band show tonight will set the stage for the acoustic picnic, which happens tomorrow night, and then the all-day Saturday event, which will have multiple bands playing all day long and into

the afterparty performances which will be hosted at Christy's Euro Pub.

"Halfway to Spazz Fest just organically popped up out of the want of something more than just once a year, as big as Spazz Fest," said Blinder. "This is kind of like a mini-Spazz Fest."

Friday's acoustic picnic will be at a house on the outskirts of Greenville, the WISO house, a nonprofit that helps women from abusive backgrounds find resources they need, which Blinder described as an off-the-highway secluded, rustic place where lots of noise isn't an issue.

"We're gonna have a singer/songwriter Red Robin and we're gonna have it outside. Hopefully it works with the grass and blankets and people can come out and all around them there's gonna be musicians and it's gonna be really beautiful," said Blinder. "[The musicians] are all local, so it's like a community music event, and then there's a house show there that night."

Friday's events will kick off at 2 p.m. with the acoustic picnic. Then, the 7:30 p.m. show will consist of Ambits, Zero Frequency, DJ Tyme, Tim Barnes, and Trevie Jones. All of these bands are eastern North Carolina natives, which make this a home show for them.

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>> **PLAN TO GO**

WHAT: Dr. Bacon Band Performance

WHEN: September 18 at 10 p.m.

WHERE: Crossbones Tavern

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Currently Dr. Bacon has two new songs to release soon titled "Wake up, Go to Bed" and "We got it." Another band favorite would be "Scrumptious" because it gets the crowd very involved.

"I have heard of Dr. Bacon before from visiting friends that go to Appalachian State and liked their music," said Halle Lewis, junior public health major. "It's a different kind of music with instruments not usually found in a regular band."

This will be the first time that Dr. Bacon is performing in Greenville.

"We have heard stories of Greenville and want everyone to have a good time," said Talbott and Dunder. "Bring your party pants!"

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SPAZZ continued from A4

Booking some of his own personal favorite bands to play this weekend, Blinder is excited to see how big the crowds are for the Halfway to SpazzFest events.

"I'm really excited for Christy's Euro Pub this year. They usually do a back to school bash and we actually competed last year. I had my event and they had their event, so this year I said 'hey, why don't we combine things?'" said Blinder. "So now we have a massive combination for a full day where we have the whole parking lot it's from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. and it'll be totally free and kid friendly. There'll be art and face painting and it's a really good thing that I think branches even more to make connections with people in the community."

The all-day live music event at the parking lot across from Christy's Euro Pub on Saturday has a hearty lineup of local and touring artists and is a combination event of the Back-to-School Bash that Christy's Euro Pub hosts annually and Halfway to SpazzFest. The lineup includes FS, The Water Between, The Still Shakers, and Signal Fire for the day portion of the event.

After the day show and activities wrap up, Blinder has scheduled two more musical acts to play the indoor after party inside of Christy's Euro Pub.

"My whole main focus has been on that inside, more intimate Christy's show and I just picked two bands that had previously performed there," said Blinder. "The Charming Youngsters played there on Valentine's Day and the finale for SpazzFest this year was Paleface, so I thought I'd bring them back together in the same show and it's free

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WHEN: September 18-20

WHERE: Christy's Euro Pub

so everyone can come and party and have a good time."

Aiming to give a sneak preview as to what SpazzFest is all about, Blinder hopes to attract a bigger audience for the main event, SpazzFest, in March.

"It's that reminder, you know, six months goes by, and that's a long time...so it's kind of just a reminder that the big one is coming back and SpazzFest is on the horizon and we're reaching that middle ground and here's a small firework display before the grand finale happens in March," said Blinder.

Tonight's show starts around 8:30 p.m. at Crave, formerly known as Topsy Teapot @ Limelight, in downtown Greenville.

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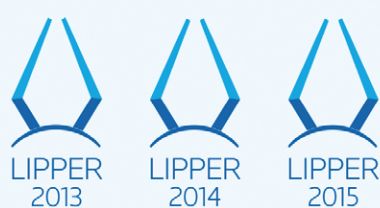
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The Pirates' defensive line matches up against Navy's offensive line during a 2012 meeting between the two programs.

Men's golf sets sights to tournament

Craig Moyer
TEC STAFF

The East Carolina men's golf team will travel to Richmond, Virginia, to compete in its second tournament of the season at the VCU shootout on Sept. 21-22.

Press McPhaul, the team's head coach, said even though the tournament is filled with many talented teams, he is only worried about his team.

McPhaul said, unlike football, his team can't play defense, so all they can do is take care of themselves.

"The opponent, in a way, is ourselves, we have to get up there and figure out how to play this golf course and how to attack it and then we have to stay disciplined to our approach," McPhaul said.

McPhaul was pleased with his team's commitment throughout its last tournament and hopes that the team will keep that commitment into the next tournament.

"I want to see us stay committed to our plan that we think is going to work and get results for us and I want to see us commit to executing shots well," McPhaul said.

This is ECU's second tournament of the season, while it will be the first tournament of the season for some of their opponents.

McPhaul believes that having completed their first tournament is an advantage over the teams who have not played in a tournament yet this season.

"I think it's a big advantage. I'm always anxious to get the first tournament behind us and get to work on the second," McPhaul said.

Many golfers finish their final tournament of the summer in early August and the first tournament of the fall season does not start until mid-September.

McPhaul said the first tournament is a way for the players to get back into the swing of playing tournaments.

"Six weeks without compet-

ing is a long time and it takes some time to get the nerves out and to get back to thinking properly," McPhaul said. "Between the first and the second tournament is a big time for us to get more comfortable and more committed to what we're doing."

Competing in a new tournament often brings many challenges, including being less familiar with the course than teams who have competed in the tournament before.

This year's tournament will be played at a different course for the first time, so no teams will be any more familiar with the course than ECU.

"The challenge is usually that the tournament has been there many times before and so you are competing against teams that know the course well," McPhaul said.

McPhaul believes playing the tournament at a new course means that his team will not be at any greater disadvantage than any other team. He also said there are no perfect shots in golf, so the team needs to spend time during the practice rounds figuring out the course to help counter any mistakes.

"You need to take a look at the golf course in the practice rounds and ascertain where you can have ample room to hit good shots and have room to make a little bit of an error and still be okay," McPhaul said.

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Freshman soccer player makes immediate impact

Volleyball twins find connection on court

Pirates prepare for Navy's triple option

Tyler Kelbaugh
TEC STAFF

For the first time in three years, the East Carolina defense will be challenged by one of the more unique offenses in the nation.

The Pirates (1-1) will face off against the Navy Midshipmen (1-0) and their triple option attack, an offense that burned ECU for 512 yards on the ground in 2012. This time around, the Pirates hope to change that outcome behind the mind of seasoned defensive coordinator Rick Smith.

"When I was at Baylor [from 1987-1989], we played Arkansas and they ran the same offense [Navy] runs," said Smith. "They have more multiplicity. They can throw the ball more, but you still get some of the same plays."

In a triple option offense, teams keep the ball on the ground and confuse defense by having three potential ball carriers in the backfield. Navy's quarterback Keenan Reynolds, full-back Chris Swain and running back

DeBrandon Sanders will attempt to wear down the Pirates by grinding yards out on the ground.

"I haven't played them in nine years, the last time being when I was here with coach [Skip] Holtz," said Smith. "They have added a lot of one back stuff, making [defenses] do more. They're becoming a better second and long, third and long team. They're getting into some stuff our offense does."

Make no mistake; this Navy offense is still very much a run-first group. In its season opener against Colgate, Reynolds threw the ball just six times. The Midshipmen rushed 47 times, for 371 yards. Only one Navy wide receiver, Jamir Tilman, caught a pass.

Like most run-heavy teams, Navy has built a solid offensive line. Its goal will be to get Navy's physical rushers into the Pirates secondary.

"They're very good athletes," said Smith. "What they're going to do, they're smash mouth guys. As military guys, they're tough and

their offensive line takes great pride in knocking you off the ball. If they knock you off the ball they're going to win and they know that."

The Midshipmen's brand of the triple-option isn't reliant on speedy rushers. By utilizing three fullbacks, all of them over 240 pounds, Navy ball carriers won't be trying to use fancy footwork in the open field.

"Open field tackling is very difficult. Once they turn up field they aren't going to make you miss," said Smith. "They're going to out-run you to the sideline or they're going to run slap over you. They'll lower their shoulder and try to get every yard they can get."

As the triple option has evolved, the job of the defense is no longer so cut and dry. Navy won't be afraid to test the Pirates' secondary if their front seven steps up, but East Carolina's toughness and conditioning will be tested in Annapolis this Saturday.

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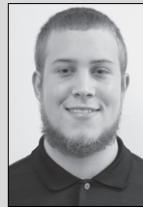
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Who Wins? Navy, 31-30
Why? The Pirates will take a bit too long to get going and will fall just short in the fourth quarter.



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Who Wins? ECU, 38-34
Why? The Pirates will jump out to an early lead and force Navy to beat them through the air.



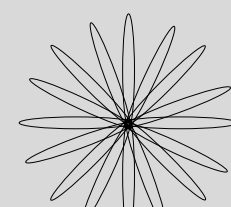
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Who Wins? Navy, 34-31
Why? Navy's triple option running attack could be tough for the Pirates' rush defense to overcome.



Brian Wudkwyh
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Who Wins? Navy, 28-17
Why? If Navy's offense gets going early it could prove costly for the Pirates.



>>ONLINE

Check out the new episode of TEC'sports online Friday

TAKEAWAYS

FOOTBALL

The Pirates (1-1) will travel to Navy for a matchup with the Midshipmen Saturday.

FOOTBALL

ECU's Bryce Williams notched John Mackey Tight End-of-the-Week honorable mention honors Wednesday.

VOLLEYBALL

The Pirates (6-2) will travel to Columbia for the South Carolina Invitational this weekend.

SOCCER

The Pirates (4-3-1) are set for home matchups against UNC-Wilmington Thursday and Old Dominion Sunday.

MEN'S GOLF

The Pirates will compete in the VCU Shootout in Richmond, Virginia, this weekend.

WOMEN'S GOLF

The Pirates finished second out of 11 schools at the Minnesota Invitational Tuesday.

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East Carolina University

September

King and Queen of the Halls

September 17 • 4:30pm • Bottom of College Hill

Pinterest Series: DIY Chalkboard Frames

September 17 • 5:00pm • MSC Brickyard

College Hill Block Party

September 17 • 6:00pm • College Hill near Gateway

Women's Soccer vs. UNC Wilmington

September 17 • 7:00pm • Johnson Soccer Stadium

Pirates After Dark

September 18 • 9:00pm • Mendenhall Student Center

Women's Soccer vs. Old Dominion

September 20 • 2:00pm • Johnson Soccer Stadium

National Hazing Prevention Week

September 21

Taking Care of Business: MGMT

September 21 • 3:45pm • Bate 1032

Creative Dating with Stephen Gray

September 21 • 7:00pm • Hendrix Theatre

Food for Thought

September 22 • 12:00pm • MSC Room 244

Taking Care of Business: FINA

September 22 • 3:45pm • Bate 1031

7:07 Series: Laser Tag and Outdoor Movie - Inside Out

September 22 • 7:07pm • College Hill

Taking Care of Business: Hospitality Leadership

September 23 • 3:45pm • Bate 1032

Rain Date: King and Queen of the Halls

September 24 • 4:30pm • Bottom of College Hill

Make Your Own Workshop: Tie Dye

September 24 • 5:00pm • MSC Brickyard

Family Weekend

September 25-27

Outdoor Movie: The Goonies

September 26 • 8:30pm • MSC Brickyard

7:07 Series: Open Mic

September 29 • 7:07pm • MSC Room 244

More events to come during **September and October**

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