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FIRING UP 'Pig-out' celebrates football, BBQ

Jessica McGettigan
TEC STAFF

This weekend, the East Carolina University community will come together to celebrate a little football and a whole lot of BBQ at the 33rd annual Pigskin Pig-Out.

"It's an opportunity to showcase what ECU is all about while also providing the social opportunity to pull everyone together," said Greg Herring, assistant athletic director for marketing and sales. "It certainly shows the alums and the community who comes to the game how passionate the students are about their alma mater about the driver that is the East Carolina community."

Although there are two full days of events, ranging from family-oriented activities like PeeDee's Birthday Party and the Spring football game, but one of the main events of the weekend is the pig cookoff tradition.

"We do see a high number of folks who do come every year, particularly when it comes to the cookers. It's a way to obviously celebrate the tradition of Eastern NC BBQ," said Herring. "Some people may miss a year or two here and there but we do have a regular group of folks who participate. It has become an event that people look forward too every year and want to be a part of whether it's the activities or just a part of what it is



Students and locals sit on the field at Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium before a film screening.

that we're offering."

According to Herring, the cook-off involves 40 cooks who are judged in different categories, such as showmanship and taste.

Friday night, a special presentation of "Star Wars: The Force Awakens," will be displayed on the jumbotron in Dowdy Ficklen Stadium. Attendees will have the option of watching from the stands or bringing a blanket to sit and watch from Bagwell Field.

"We're really excited for people to come out because it not only opens up the event just to little kids but opens up for students to come out as well to watch and enjoy seeing what it's like

watching on that size of a movie screen," said Herring. "The surround sound effect with the stadium speakers will be really cool."

Herring encourages students to come out to the Movie Night. "It's something different. Students can walk up from The Hill or come over from the apartments and watch a movie and you

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President, VP reflect on time in SGA office

Melissa Glen
TEC STAFF

Student Body President Mark Matulewicz and Vice President Jenny Betz will step down from their positions on Student Government Association at the annual SGA Banquet this Sunday.



Mark Matulewicz

"I had more than life experience with SGA," Matulewicz said. "I had the opportunity to work with such hard working, dedicated students who had a passion for enhancing the college experience."



Jenny Betz

Matulewicz will hand his position over to Ryan Beeson at the banquet. Matulewicz wants Beeson to view his position as a voice for the students of ECU and keep the students in mind with every decision he makes.

"For the upcoming student body president, I strongly encourage Ryan Beeson to always remember that he was elected by the students and serves for the students," Matulewicz said.

Janae Brown will be taking over Betz's role as student body vice president. Betz hopes that Brown and Beeson will have confidence in their abilities by remembering they were elected for this job.

"I encourage Ryan and Janae to enjoy every moment they have in SGA," said Betz. "Always remember that you both are in your positions because the student body selected you and believe in your abilities as leaders."

Both Matulewicz and Betz said they have had the opportunity to create many initiatives through SGA this past year, including the Student Discount Card, Pirate Access Line and Senate in a Minute. The two students said they are proud of all SGAs work this school year and want to see this continue next year.

"I believe SGA has done an incredible job with

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Annual event hits Community Center

Nneka Walson
TEC STAFF

Greenville's Inter-Generational Community Center is preparing for its annual IGCC Day this Saturday to bring the community together and promote the usefulness of the center.

"IGCC day is a block party style event so we block off the roads," said IGCC intern Shauna Ventreff. "It's designed to have the entire family come and help us celebrate the center's achievements, the community support of the center and the community partnerships that have been built over the past nine years."

According to Ventreff, IGCC is targeted toward the community, but designed for families to attend.

"We will have a bounce house for the youth along with games targeted toward children and adults," she said. "There is a little something out there for everybody."

The day will consist of free food, music, dancing, youth activities and vendors. Also, health screenings and a blood drive from the Red Cross will take place, according to Ventreff. Following on the itinerary will be a performance from East Carolina University's Dance Team. Third Street Community Center's children will provide multiple musical and dance performances.

"It's a little bit different each year because it is up to the interns in terms of what we want



An instructor at the IGCC, Ms. Jones, works with third graders on an after school project at the center.

to do," Ventreff said. "For the most part we always have the free food, health screening and giveaways, but there are different informational vendor and local merchants each year depending on the intern."

For the last few years, Ventreff said, the center has held IGCC day in partnership with Rebuilding Together Day and The City of Greenville code enforcement Spring Cleanup Day. All three events will be taking

place the same day.

IGCC is primarily targeted toward the western Greenville community, but includes all of Pitt County. According to Ventreff, the center holds four main programs.

"Our biggest program is our Youth Excelling for Success program and that's for second to seventh grade students," Ventreff said. "The kids come after school and the program is geared to help them learn in different areas

whether it's visual learning, hands on learning or more, it teaches them in every way possible."

The center also has the Nurturing Community which, according to Ventreff, was the first model Community Garden in the area. Elderly and youth that attend the after school program often go to the Community Garden.

IGCC also holds the Youth Apprenticeship Project, which is commonly known as YAP. Ventreff said the project is geared toward ages 16 through 24 with intentions of helping those with weak social skills or helping to find jobs for others. The program sets the participants up with personal mentors.

The center also offered an expungement clinic to the community in February, Ventreff said. Professionals with legal aid consulted those who had wishes of expungement on their records.

IGCC also provides the opportunity of volunteerism to ECU students and the Greenville community. According to Ventreff, the center is always welcoming volunteers for IGCC Day. There is an Orgsync page set up for those that wish to volunteer. Volunteer duties include setup, cleanup, food upkeep and game facilitators.

IGCC Day will take place from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday at the block of 1100 Ward Street in Greenville.

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BRIEFS

ECU named a top school for military spouses

East Carolina University was named one of the top 100 schools in the nation for military spouses through its Victory Media's Military Spouse Friendly School recognition. ECU is the only university in North Carolina to receive this award.

This is the fifth military friendly-related recognition the university has received this academic year. In the fall, the Military Times ranked ECU 28th in its Best for Vets: Colleges 2016 and was named a Military Friendly School among other honors.

Master's in Library Science given accolade

East Carolina University has been honored as one of the 30 Most Affordable Top Ranked Online Master's in Library Science degree programs on Best Master's Degrees list of programs. This award highlights the top-ranked and most affordable online master's in library science degree programs for 2016.

The group reviewed 56 of the top ranked and most affordable programs for an online master's in library science. ECU was ranked at number 5 overall.

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City hosts second safety summit

Anna Parrish
TEC STAFF

Greenville City Council held the second part meeting of a three-part series called Safety Summit in hopes of improving Greenville safety around Uptown Greenville and around the university.

The meetings are a collaborative effort between Greenville City Council, headed by Councilman McLean Godley, the ECU Student Government Association, the Greenville Police Department and East Carolina Police Department.

“Going back to SGA’s mission, we are the voice of the student body and we want to do everything we can to ensure ECU student’s safety,” said Mark Matulewicz, SGA student body president.

Matulewicz said that SGA’s part was generating ideas and outlining

the mission of SGA and ECU. He said it is important we have these discussions with the GPD and voices are being acknowledged.

The idea of having a three part series is get a number of individuals involved in promoting safety on all different levels. The first meeting was to get everyone to brainstorm ideas and how to go about accomplishing these ideas. It is a group project with many people working on this project.

“Greenville is a community that is blessed to have a one of a kind university, an emerging economy, a very talented student base, and a downtown district that continues to be revitalized for the better of our city,” said Godley.

The safety summit meetings offer citizens of Greenville community to make their voices heard

and were encouraged to attend. It is also a time to give the GPD a chance to give updated reports on what it is doing to ensure Greenville safety. Reducing crime and promoting safety awareness are a few of the key points of these meetings.

Safety Summit focuses on the Tar River University Neighborhood Area, but overall improving the city of Greenville’s safety as a whole.

“As a resident of the TRUNA neighborhood, I know that this neighborhood and the Uptown district truly project what Greenville is all about,” said Godley.

As a result of the first meeting held back in the fall, the safety summit improved lighting by adding 42 new LED lights that have been installed in the university neighborhood.

“We want students to have a safe environment and feel comfortable at night,” said Matulewicz.

Along with improving the pedestrian safety by upgrading existing crosswalks, the police department has included \$40,000 in the upcoming proposed budget for safety cameras to be installed in university areas. The upgrades would be installed around 10th street.

“I believe that these meetings will truly make a difference for our entire community as we strive to make Greenville North Carolina’s safest city,” said Godley.

A third meeting will be held in Fall of 2016 and partnered with ECU.

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transparency and visibility on campus,” Matulewicz said. “SGA has restored the faith in the students as well as the administrators.

The two students said SGA should be important to all students on campus, regardless if they hold a position in the actual organization.

“Students are the heart and soul of East Carolina

University and SGA serves as the voice for the student body,” said Matulewicz. “If students want to see change on their campus, it starts with the SGA.”

For Betz, SGA is a fundamental student organization, because it provides the resources for students to form connections with other student and faculty leaders on campus.

“My favorite part about being the SGA vice president is seeing all of

the incredible student led ideas and projects happening on campus,” Betz said. “There is nothing more exciting than seeing students with passion to make a positive change.”

After a year of working together as a team, Matulewicz and Betz will be going their separate ways next year.

Betz is a senior this year and will be graduating in May. She said she will be starting her career at

the Lenovo company as a participant in the Lenovo Accelerated Sales Rotation program. Betz does not plan on leaving ECU forever and she hopes to come visit regularly.

“I plan on getting season tickets for football season and coming back to visit Pirate Nation as often as I can,” said Betz.

Matulewicz is a junior this year and will continue to stay involved with SGA his senior year through his position as Senior

Class Officer. He will also be a peer mentor for the College of Business and said he will try to find a part-time job with a small business in Greenville.

“I hope that more students become involved with SGA next year,” said Matulewicz. “I hope that more students take the opportunity to attend our public meetings next year and voice their concerns.”

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PIRATE RANTS

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So hype to celebrate graduation at the Alumni Association's Champagne Toast on May 5th with the class of '16! Make sure you sign up so you can get your pic with PeeDee and in the Boneyard (perf excuse to throw what ya know one more time).

Yall....the Senior Celebration that'll be taking place in the Club Level of Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium is going to be LIT!!!! It'll be on May 5th from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.! You mean to tell me that all of my graduating friends will be there, AND we'll all get a chance to take one last photo in the Boneyard.... man yall can't tell me that this ain't gone be dope! Class of '16 WE HERE!!

I have a state-approved handicapped placard (can't walk more than 200 feet without assistance). When I have books to return, the distance I can travel is significantly shorter. Therefore, I must take my car and can't use the buses. But, in order to park in the many unused handicapped spaces on campus, I must also be rich... rich enough to afford an A+ decal at four times the cost of a C decal. I get ticketed whenever I use the handicapped spaces on campus, even though I have to.

Just had a professor proudly announce his pass rate is only 65 percent. How does the dept. head not see this as a problem?

Panama Papers proves politicians and rich people are corrupt. Also in the news: Fire discovered to be source of heat, light.

PRAISE THE SUN!

"The problem with climbing the corporate ladder is whenever you look up there is someone's big butt in front of you" So true.

Questions regarding rants can be directed to Tyler Kelbaugh at opinion@theeastcarolinian.com.

Our view

Positive vibes greet Montgomery era

The stretch of the Tar River that runs through Greenville has brought rise to some of the city’s finest amenities, including the Greenville Greenway and a boat access, which have served recreational purposes for thousands of citizens.

However, perhaps the most overlooked aspect of Greenville’s fortuitous river front location is the underutilized amphitheater that sits on First Street directly in front of the river and right by the walk way.

Just last weekend Greenville’s downtown streets were bustling with people enjoying games, refreshments, live music and more at the annual Pirate Fest. Rock band Smash Mouth performed in the amphitheater to a crowd littered with hundreds of citizens and students.

Unfortunately, we as an editorial staff believe that Smash Mouth’s crowd and performance was a mere anomaly for the city’s recreational facility. Too many times the large lawn in front of the empty arena serves as a reminder that while the night life in the downtown area attracts thousands of people on the weekend, the amphitheater is underused and underappreciated.

Attracting small bands to play at the quality venue shouldn’t prove to be much of a challenge, and college students would almost definitely be attracted to live, outdoor music in the commons. By bringing more acts to the amphitheater, Greenville could create its own little music scene.

Letters to the editor

House Bill 2 fails all N.C. citizens

As faculty, students, and staff at North Carolina's colleges and universities who are committed to public policy that reflects sound data, careful reasoning, and equal opportunity for all, we oppose “The Public Facilities Privacy and Security Act” (HB2) because it explicitly denies the rights of transgender people, prohibits local anti-discrimination measures, and restricts possibilities for raising the minimum wage.

We also believe that HB 2 sets a dangerous procedural precedent. Presenting, passing, and signing a bill in a single day circumvents the democratic process, which should incorporate public comment, debate, and careful deliberation of the bill’s constitutionality and implications for the people of North Carolina.

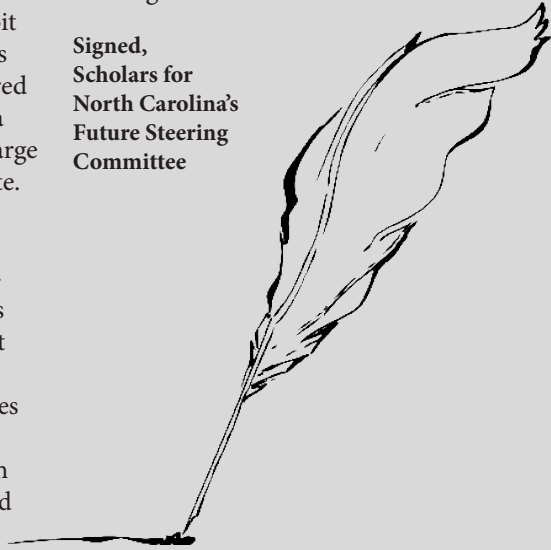
We are especially concerned that the bill has been justified as a measure that will protect women and children from abuse absent any empirical evidence of such a threat. Indeed, none of the many localities that have adopted similar ordinances have had any such problem. Yet, historically, such claims that women and children need protection have legitimized a range of forms of violence either initiated by the government or to which the government has turned a blind eye, including the eugenics movement and lynching.

Moreover, actively targeting minorities for discrimination, refusing to prohibit discrimination, and denying remedies for discrimination when it has occurred – all of which this bill does – creates a situation that increases the risks for large segments of the population in the state. The law makes many who already are vulnerable even more vulnerable.

By weakening the ability of local governments to raise wages, the bill ignores significant scholarship. Since 70 percent of our state’s economy is comprised of consumer spending, reasonable increases in minimum wages not only empower workers but boost local economies, with little adverse effect on employment. And as recent condemnations of HB 2 by businesses across the country show, the bill threatens the state’s economic well-being and risks future job creation for North Carolinians.

We urge legislators to make good on their promise to serve the public good by repealing the bill before it further damages the state we hold dear.

Signed,
Scholars for
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Committee



Obama’s story will never be matched



John Faulconer
TEC COLUMNIST

From Around The World

No matter who becomes our next president, they will never live up to President Obama’s legacy. He may not have passed as much legislation as liberals would have desired, nor did he please the rebellious conservatives or unite the country like he’s tried to do countless times through both legislation and speeches, but he was an honorable man who did the presidency proud.

Before you write my opinion off and point out the strengths of your candidate, let’s first take a journey back to 2008, when America found itself facing the greatest economic crisis since the Great Depression.

Despite the appearance of Sarah Palin and the accusations that Obama was a socialist Muslim from a tribe in Kenya, 2008 was a relatively respectable campaign season. The presidential candidates passionately debated the issues that face America, while still respecting their competitors.

For instance, John McCain could have joined the bigoted, anti-Obama choir and would have gained more support if he had. But he insisted on running a respectable campaign based solely on the issues that American’s face.

A fantasy compared to this election year.

No candidate in history was able to tap into the passion of the American people like Obama did. Millions of Americans donated and campaigned relentlessly for him. They also had genuine hope that their candidate would fix the slouching economy. But obviously, the passion and hope behind future President Obama was much greater.

The election of President Obama was America’s greatest moment in decades. From coast to coast, people were celebrating with joyful tears in their eyes. It was not just the support of Obama’s ideals that evoked these tears, but a sign of a changing country. For just 143 years prior, Barack Obama could have been a slave in the very country he now lead.

As President, Obama began his first 100 days in office by approving 2,500 new highway projects to help America’s aging infrastructure, providing a \$2 billion stimulus for the auto industry that saved it from self-destruction, creating a \$2,500 tax credit for college tuition that saved American students over \$9 billion, and repairing America’s terrible image in the Middle East by engaging the Muslim world with positive diplomacy. All of these achievements are not just over-looked but are often completely unknown.

Then there were Obama’s speeches: from the desperately touching emotions after the Sandy Hook shooting to the triumphant success of

killing Osama bin Laden, all were perfectly executed in addressing the nation through good or bad times. And whether it was in Jerry Seinfeld’s show called “Comedians in Cars Getting Coffee” or in the State of the Union address, President Obama has a profound ability to connect to the average American in formal or informal settings.

Liberals will criticize his lack of results, and conservatives will criticize his failures - which every president has. But before you write Obama off as a “lame-duck” or a failure, compare how you felt about him in 2008 to a relative candidate today. If you’re more conservative, wouldn’t you rather have the moderate Obama over Hillary or Sanders? If you’re more liberal, does any candidate provide you with anywhere the same level of hope as Obama did in 2008?

The polls have already spoken. According to Time magazine, President Obama has a much higher favorability rating than any of the current candidates. While Obama stands at an unprecedented 53 percent national favorability, Ted Cruz and Donald Trump come in tied, at just 26 percent. Nevertheless, one of these hated candidates will get elected, and America will cry desperately for their ex.

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Poll results

Did you watch Smash Mouth at Pirate Fest?

Yes- 29.4%

No- 70.6%

Poll question

Who would you rather have coaching ECU, Ruffin McNeill or Scottie Montgomery?

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PIG-SKIN PIG OUT WEEKEND EVENTS

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Pirate Equipment Sale
Smith-Williams Center
5:30-8 p.m.

PeeDee's Birthday Party
Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium
5:30-7 p.m.

Parade of Pigs
Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium
7:00 p.m.

Murder Mystery Dinner-
Rip Roaring
Revenge sponsored
by Students Treasure Chest
Mendenhall Student Center Great Rooms
7:00 p.m.

Movie Night
Bagwell Field
7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY

Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium
Pig-Out Pig Cookin'
Judging
7:30 a.m.

Pirate Alumni Road Race and Fun Race
University Book Exchange
8 a.m.

Pirate Equipment Sale
Smith-Williams Center
10 a.m.-3 p.m.

BBQ Awards Ceremony
Underneath the Boneyard
11 a.m.

BBQ Plates for Sale
Ficklen Drive
11:30 a.m.

Team Meet and Greet
Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium
11:30 a.m.-12 p.m.

Purple/Gold Spring Game
Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium
2:00 p.m.

FASHION SHOW HELPS CHILDREN

Victoria Schule
TEC STAFF

Shanin Simmons, senior fashion merchandising student, will host the Dressed to Give fashion show tomorrow night to show off spring trends while raising money for children.

"I wanted to find a way to give back to the community and start something that will jumpstart the Shanin Janea Project before I graduate," said Simmons.

Simmons said she is starting the Shanin Janea Project as a way to bring people together through events while giving back to the community in return.

"I felt that creating a fashion show would be the perfect way to get some experience with my major while being a service to the Greenville community," said Simmons.

While fashion shows are fun and great way to find out what is in style, there is a lot more behind the outfits and

how they are put together.

"There is so much more to this fashion show," said Simmons. "It is about putting differences aside and coming together to help those in need."

The fashion show is donating all of its proceeds to the Ronald McDonald House to help families with sick or injured children.

"I wanted to give proceeds to this foundation to help those who are truly in need," said Simmons.

As a senior college student, setting up a fashion show by herself was no easy task for Simmons.

"As fun and exciting as it seems, it was stressful and crazy trying to plan the show," said Simmons.

Simmons had to go through a couple of bumps in the road to get the fashion show all set and ready such as finding sponsors, models, and even a place.

"I remember holding auditions and was worried if

I wasn't going to have enough models," said Simmons. "I originally had the event planned at Mendenhall, but I had to find a new location for the fashion show after I had everything set up."

The Dressed to Give fashion show, which is being held at the Greenville Art Museum, will offer a less conventional yet unique set up on the runway according to Simmons.

Along with the custom runway, local artists from Pitt County will be performing and boutiques from around the area will be represented in the runway as well.

"What is interesting about the show is that there are people outside of Greenville coming in and performing after being on tour," said Simmons.

The fashion show will feature artists, Flamingo\$, Bill\$Up, Kenny Ba\$e and

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A model strikes a pose at the end of the runway. The Dressed to Give fashion show will take place at the Greenville Museum of Art tomorrow evening at 4 p.m.

Play brings Germany to Greenville

Jennifer Hines
TEC STAFF

Through tales of adolescent curiosity and angst, Greenville will be taken back to late 19th century Germany this weekend through the performance of "Spring Awakening."

Matthew Johnson, director and producer of "Spring Awakening," chose the musical as part of his senior honors project of starting a student-run theater company this semester.

"We looked at a lot of different shows and we ended up choosing Spring Awakening because we felt that the subject matter was interesting," said Johnson. "We all grew up loving Spring Awakening. And the fact that it's a rock musical was really fascinating to tackle."

"Spring Awakening" is a musical set in 1891 Germany where teenagers are kept in the dark about the mysteries of puberty and sex. The angsty musical is full of catchy songs and controversial subject matter.

"I'm nervous because I don't know how people are going to receive the show because it's a little bit edgy for the greater Greenville area, but if it's college students, it's something that they'll all eat up, I think," said Johnson. "So I'll be curious to see how people receive the show."

"Spring Awakening" was Johnson's first experience directing a full length show. He said that the

transition to directing from his time on stage was not an easy one, especially when it came to directing his fellow classmates.

"Giving them notes can be kind of weird because I'm the same age and experience level as them," said Johnson. "And I also love some of these characters and I would love to be in the show singing songs and acting out the scenes."

In directing "Spring Awakening," Johnson took a different approach to staging the musical than seen in typical Broadway adaptations. Johnson's version of "Spring Awakening" is staged on a thrust stage where the actors are surrounded by the audience on three sides.

"It solved a lot of issues with staging, but it also created a lot of issues with staging that you have to work through," said Johnson. He said that having the audience so close to the performers can completely change their perception of the show.

"I think when you're watching a Broadway production of a show, you are watching other people's stories," said Johnson. "While you can relate to it, it doesn't become quite as personal. In a thrust setting, the actors can see the audience's faces and you're only 10 feet away from the actor and what's going on. So, I really think that the audience is really going to feel like they're there



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Two actors in "Spring Awakening" rehearse for this weekend's production.

with the people."

Johnson said that he thinks this musical about growing up will resonate with the audience and he hopes that audience members will take away new perspective on the education of children and adolescents.

"Know that it's important to keep them informed and in order for people to grow up, to be able to live their life, there are things you need to know and society is saying you shouldn't know and you're parents aren't telling you and that's a problem," said Johnson.

As for Johnson, he plans on focusing on a different aspect of his career before he gets into directing more shows. "For the next few

years, I want to focus on performing but I think when I get older, I can really transition into the directing world easily," said Johnson.

As a last minute note to audiences, Johnson warned that viewer discretion is advised.

"If you're thinking about bringing your kids, I would think about the subject matter because it's kind of R-rated," he said.

"Spring Awakening" opens Friday night at the Magnolia Arts Center at 7:30 p.m with additional shows Saturday at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday at 2:00 p.m. Tickets are \$10.

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AIMO brings a taste of Paris with annual show

Alaina Corsini
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The Apparel and Interior Merchandising Organization and the Merchandising Fashion Show Production class are partnering together for Parisian Garden, AIMO's 12th Annual Fashion Show tonight at 7 p.m.

AIMO is an organization committed to providing students experience in the fashion, retail and interior industries. This will be AIMO's 12th annual fashion show but it is the first show where contributions will be made from students in merchandising and textile classes.

President of the Apparel and Interior Merchandising Organization is Hannah Gregory, a senior majoring

in merchandising with a minor in fine arts.

"This year we are back at Rock Springs Center, it should be a really elegant evening," said Gregory. "We have tons of awesome raffle items, a wine bar, and it should just be a really lovely event filled with creative designs and fashion on and off stage."

Students in the merchandising spring fashion show production class have also been dedicated throughout the semester to ensure the success of this year's AIMO Fashion Show.

The class met weekly by committee to plan and properly prepare for the event. Committees included production, decor, wardrobe, marketing, fundraising, modeling and more.

Grayson Baker, junior majoring

in fashion merchandising is apart of the decor committee for the merchandising spring production class, said, "I really liked helping create the aesthetic to make it look like an actual Parisian Garden Party. I feel like that's really important for a fashion show."

According to Baker, the class is based off of special topics and each semester the topic varies. This was the first semester it was revolved around preparing for the fashion show and to guarantee its success.

"My advisor told me it would be a good class to take," said Baker. "The only information I was told about it was that it was called "Fashion Show Production" and that we would work with the AIMO fashion show, but I didn't realize we would actually put

the show together."

Baker said the decorum for the event is influenced from a garden in Paris on a spring afternoon. The decorum will include flowers, "used to create the perfect pop of color," stated by AIMO. According to Baker she became very involved in the committee and enjoyed working in preparation for the fashion show.

"I already knew that I enjoyed decorating and what not, but this definitely helped me realize how good I was at it," said Baker. "[I want to] possibly pursue a career."

Collections in the Parisian Garden fashion show are set to include various collections from students across different fields on campus and local boutiques in the area.

"Students can expect an exciting night of ready to wear fashion from the boutiques and a more artistic side of fashion from current textile students and several alumni students," said Alexa Armstrong, a senior fine art major with a concentration in textile design. Armstrong is one of the many textile students whose original designs will be presented.

According to Armstrong, her collection of dresses is inspired by the desert and flowering cacti. Her favorite piece within the collection is a high-low skirt made of lizard skin print fabric created with hand dyed organza underneath.

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“I have a lot of beading and unusual fabrics in my collection as well as some three dimensional sculptural elements on a few of the dresses,” said Armstrong. “My goal was to create garments that are seen as sculptures for the body and I think I achieved that.”

The 12th annual Apparel and Interior Merchandising Organization’s Fashion Show will be held at 7 p.m. at the Rock Spring Center, April 14th. The doors will open at 6:30 p.m. Fashion show tickets

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Aaron Rennel.

“It is also super exciting to see ECU alumni, who are also owners of some of boutiques in Greenville present their clothing at the show,” said Simmons. “I am looking forward to that.”

Participating stores will be Kohl’s, My Sister’s Closet, Truly Yours, and Laced Boutique and will also feature stylist from ECU’s merchandising program.

Simmons hopes the fashion show will jumpstart her message for the Shanin Janae Project.

“I want to empower and lift others by shedding light on the art and creativity in the community while also giving back to the community,” said Simmons. “Whether if I put together a food drive or put together a concert, I want to help people and hope this project will do just that.”

The event will begin at 4 p.m. pre-sale tickets are three dollars and tickets at the admission door will cost five dollars.

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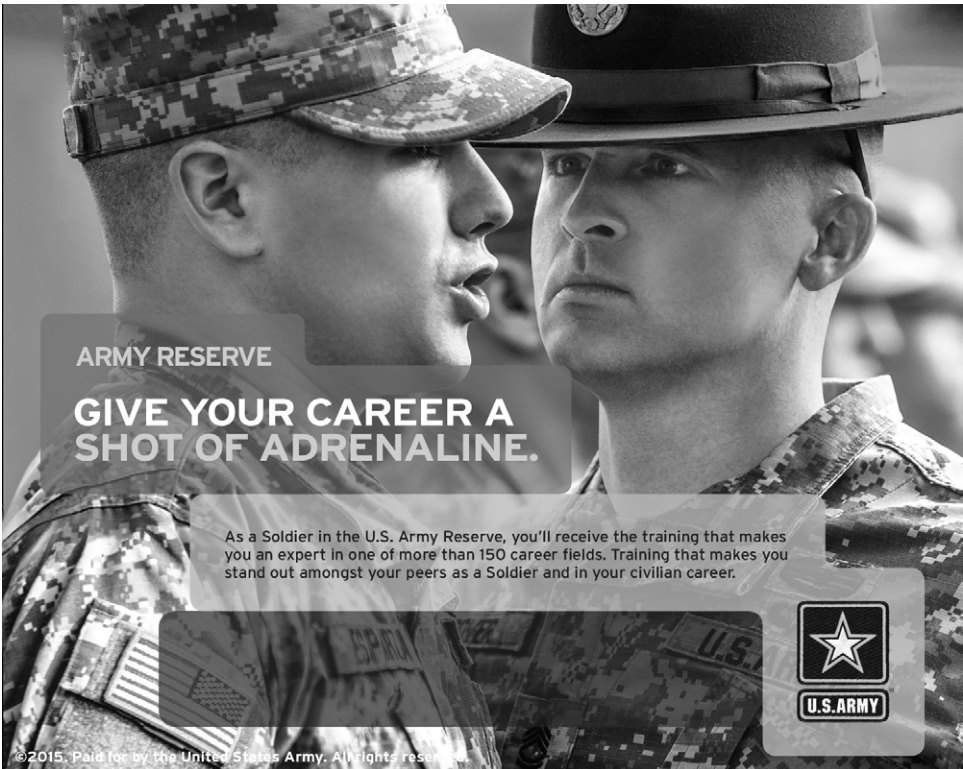
Saturday, the football team will showcase new team dynamics at

the annual Spring Game. “We’ll get to see what our team will look like under the leadership of Coach [Montgomery] and see who the QB is going to be [because] there’s a great QB battleship going on,” said Herring. “This is the student’s first chance to see what it’ll look like next year come Sept. 3rd.”

Herring believes that getting involved in community events is a great way to help new and old students to get involved with Pirate Nation. “We have a very passionate fan base. Yesterday I heard the mayor say ‘once you go to school here and once you’re part of this community, you’re a

Pirate for life,” said Herring. “I think that comradery and that social aspect and events like this in the community can help [people become] more integrated into your school.”

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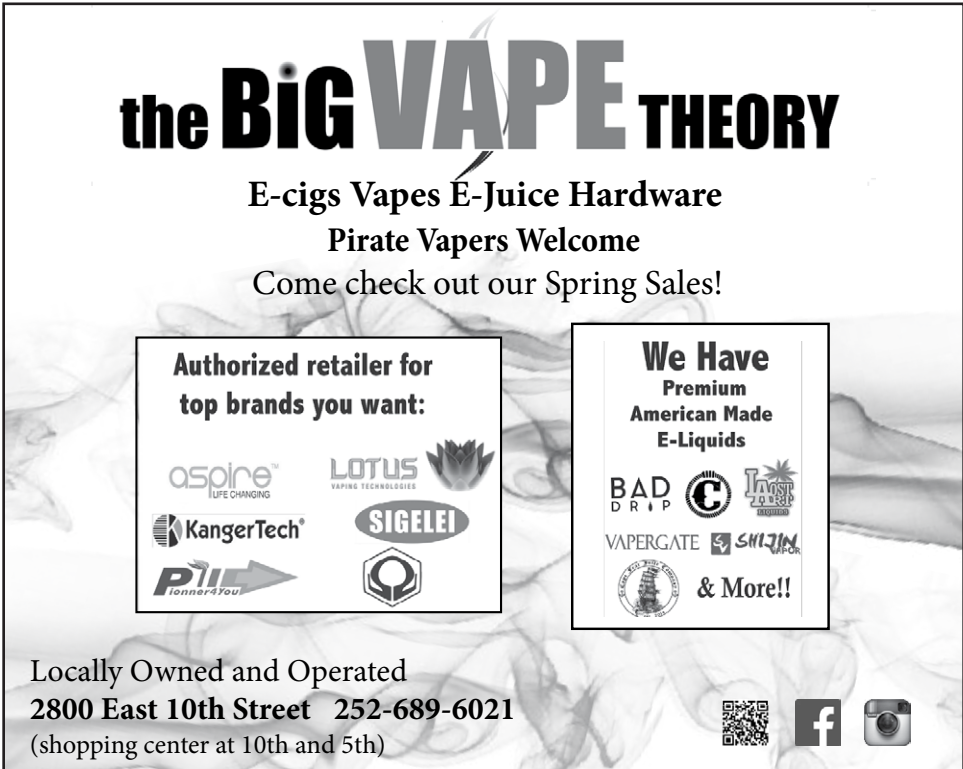


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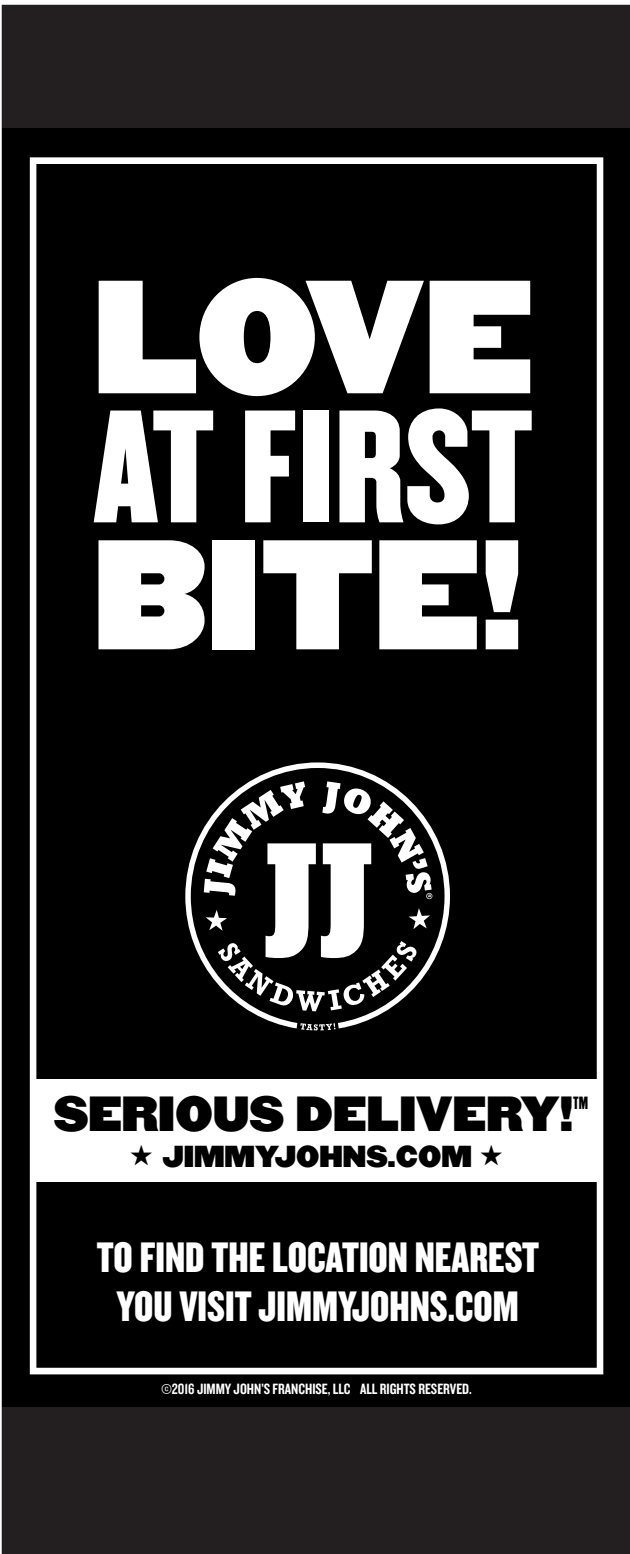
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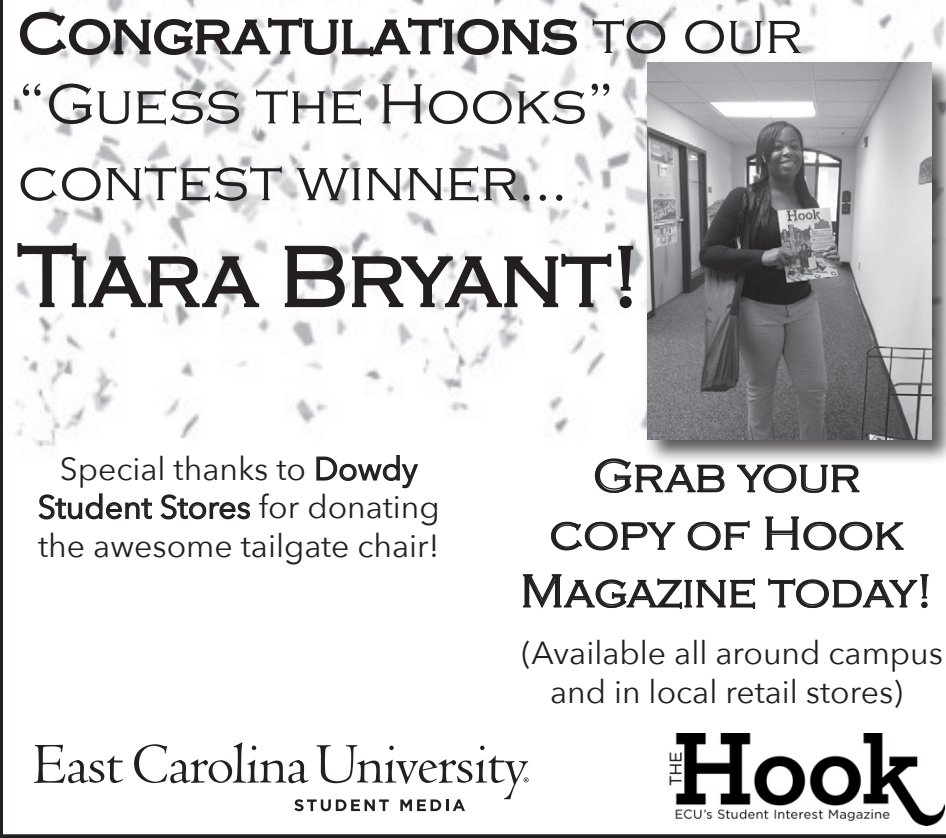
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Taurus (April 20-May 20) -- Today is a 7 -- Domestic projects satisfy over the next two days. Use brains over brawn to resolve a household problem that will only grow more expensive with neglect. Manage structural issues.

Gemini (May 21-June 20) -- Today is a 9 -- Speak out, and your message goes further today and tomorrow. Stand up for

what's right. Support comes from unexpected directions. Actions and words get a power boost.

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Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Today is an 8 -- Enjoy the spotlight over the next two days. Take advantage of the microphone and ask for the change you want to see. Share convincing data. Others are listening.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Today is a 7 -- Look back for insight on the road ahead. Pay attention to your dreams over the next few days. Conclude arrangements and complete old projects. Note new plans, goals and deadlines.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) -- Today is an 8 -- Team projects go well over the next two days. Develop your strategies to win. Creativity swirls throughout the conversation. Write down what gets invented. Encourage each other.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) -- Today is an 8 -- Take on greater responsibility over the next two days to surpass a hurdle or chal-

lenge. Express your feelings aloud. Let people know what you need. Come to a new understanding.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) -- Today is a 7 -- Travel conditions look excellent today and tomorrow. Make sure the bills are paid first, and then pack your bags. Plan the itinerary in detail and reserve in advance. Get out with an interesting companion.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Today is an 8 -- Consider an investment in your own education. Focus on finances for the next two days. Confer with your team. Apply for scholarships or grants. Work all the angles.

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Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) -- Today is a 7 -- Jump into a busy phase over the next two days. Make a shrewd move. Find what you need far away. Talk with your networks to find solutions and resources. Love energizes you.

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Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

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ACROSS

- 1 Touse
- 5 F and G, e.g.
- 10 Soaks (up)
- 14 Bad thing to be caught in
- 15 Spells
- 16 Virginie, par exemple
- 17 "Need You Tonight" band
- 18 Start of an old news announcement
- 20 Frequent Lemmon co-star
- 22 Chimney
- 23 Dublin-born poet
- 24 AWOL trackers
- 26 Tiny
- 27 Shine, in Cambridge
- 29 Ammunition dumps
- 31 Request to Sajak
- 32 Stipulation on le menu
- 34 Numerical prefix
- 36 Progressive pitcher?
- 37 When there's no turning back
- 41 Where gas and lodging may be found

- 46 Tulsa sch.
- 47 Brings to light
- 50 Pitcher, for one
- 52 Cambodia's Lon
- 53 Enzyme suffix
- 54 Moistens, in a way
- 55 Northeastern octet
- 57 Old but coveted
- 60 Nachos, e.g.
- 64 Peach
- 65 Landed
- 66 Ken Jenkins' "Scrubs" role
- 67 CVI halved
- 68 Old map divs.
- 69 "Dallas" Miss
- 70 North-of-the-border gas

DOWN

- 1 Injure badly
- 2 Radius neighbor
- 3 Historic Chicago-to-Santa Monica route
- 4 Largish combo
- 5 Proctor's concern

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- 6 Infiniti competitor
- 7 No. after a phone no.
- 8 Not agin
- 9 Fed. benefits agency
- 10 Stimulating message
- 11 Senators' home
- 12 Part of UPS
- 13 Betting specifications
- 19 County bordering Suffolk
- 21 Dwell annoyingly (on)
- 24 "Fantastic" Dahl character
- 25 Initials on a radial
- 27 "Well, ___-di-dah!"
- 28 Lyon article
- 29 Weigh station counts
- 30 Composer Rorem
- 33 "___ shoe fits ..."
- 35 Literary assortment
- 38 When translated to English, beer brand that hints at the common feature of the five other longest puzzle answers

Tuesday's Puzzle Solved

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First-year East Carolina head coach Scottie Montgomery embraces one of his players with a hand shake during one of the team's spring practices.

ECU ready for Spring Game

Gerin Honeycutt
TEC STAFF

Heading into its first spring game under head coach Scottie Montgomery this Saturday, East Carolina is currently dealing with minimal depth but maximum competition at nearly every position.

“I’m extremely worried right now about where we are from a depth standpoint just because of what spring ball does to you,” said Montgomery. “Coming out of the season you lose guys, from a surgery standpoint, and those usually are your guys who provide depth or your great players.”

Unfortunately for Montgomery and company, they will have to wait until August to truly weigh in on ECU’s depth chart. No position group has been plagued more by injuries than the offensive line this spring. As of Monday, only nine ECU offensive linemen suited up for practice, and despite its youth the unit is experienced. The Pirates are expected to have over 15 offensive linemen ready for training camp.

Though Montgomery’s motto has revolved heavily around a physical attitude on all three facets of the ball, it will be hard to preach aggressiveness this Saturday without holding his breath in hopes of a healthy result.

“We got to come out of this healthy,” said

Montgomery. “We’ve been physical, and as we move forward I just want to see healthy, I want to see fundamental football.”

On the bright side, what the Pirates lack in depth for now, is certainly made up for through competition. ECU’s much anticipated quarterback battle between junior Kurt Benkert and senior transfer Phillip Nelson is just the tip of the iceberg when it comes to positional battles.

The Pirates will see a running back competition featuring five players, including past quarterback James Summers and a linebacker competition possessing five players that are all capable of filling the void left by recent studs Zeek Bigger and Montese Overton. No position battle however has blossomed quite like the one brewing in the defensive backfield.

“You know everyone’s talking about the quarterback competition, you know we got a cornerback competition. Our two starting safeties from last year are not even out there right now and we’re still making plays down the field,” said Montgomery. “The best thing I’ve seen about our defensive backs right now is a lot of [defensive backs] can knock it down but we’re catching the ball.”

Though Montgomery isn’t the biggest fan of all the balls his defensive backs are catching due to his quarterbacks being on the throwing end of them, it’s always satisfying knowing one

of your team’s most vulnerable positions a year ago has turned a 180 towards being a solid group. Most recently in practice, it’s senior DaShaun Amos drawing the coach’s attention, after coming down with an interception in each of the last two practices. Amos has put himself in the right position this spring to possibly lock up the starting cornerback position along with sophomore Corey Seargent.

Fans should be excited to see a group of familiar players this Saturday, coached by a staff that felt spoiled by the crop of talent left for them to come in to. Even players like sophomore outside linebacker Yiannis Bowden are getting excited and starting to look past the spring game because of their confidence in what Montgomery’s staff brings to the table.

“I would like to get more sacks than I had last year and more tackles and also stop the run more than I did last year,” Bowden said.

With players like Bowden who bring a huge set of skills with them, and Montgomery’s new staff of football philosophers, it should be entertaining to see how the players and coaches gel.

Luckily for fans, a preview of the new era of Pirate football will be on display this Saturday at 2 p.m. inside Dowdy-Ficklen stadium.

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Golf eyes conference tourney

Craig Moyer
TEC STAFF

ECU heads to AAC Championship with title hopes on the line, the surging East Carolina women’s golf team is preparing to head to Palm Coast, Florida, to compete in the American Athletic Conference championship.

The tournament will be hosted at the Hammock Beach Resort from April 17-19 and will feature nine teams from the conference.

Heading into the final round at the River Landing Classic, head coach Kevin Williams told the Pirates that they might have to battle from behind in their next tournament as well.

“This is great practice for next week, this is what we want to do, I said ‘you may be in the same situation next week,’” Williams said.

Last season ECU finished tied for fifth in the AAC championship with a three round score of 23 over par, 887, 19 strokes behind tournament champion UCF.

In 2015 the Pirates struggled in the third round, carding a 12-over par. 300, dropping them out of fourth place and into a tie for fifth.

This season, the team hopes to reverse last season’s fate with a strong finish in the final round to earn a come from behind win. Rallying to the top of the leaderboard is something that the team is familiar with, as it came from behind its final tournament of the regular season.

The Pirates were in third place heading into the final round at the River Landing Classic last weekend, before shooting a 1-under par round to come away with the first place finish.

This season, ECU is facing off against several tough opponents, but like its

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TAKEAWAYS

BASEBALL

The Pirates game against UNC-Wilmington was cancelled Tuesday due to inclement weather.

BASKETBALL

Raquan Wilkins, a 6-foot-5 forward/guard, signed his letter of intent to ECU.

TRACK AND FIELD

Senior jumper Avion Jones was named the AAC Male Field Athlete-of-the-Week Tuesday.

MEN'S GOLF

ECU will travel to Ardmore, Oakland to compete in the Maxwell Tournament over the weekend.

WOMEN'S GOLF

The Pirates hope to claim the conference title as they compete in the AAC Tournament over the weekend.

WOMEN'S TENNIS

ECU will face conference opponents Cincinnati and UConn at home over the weekend.

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Onward and upward

Payne anxious for WNBA chance

Carson Cherry
TEC STAFF

East Carolina women’s basketball star Jada Payne will spend tonight waiting anxiously as she is potentially on her way to becoming the first ever Pirate to make it to the WNBA.

“If it does happen it will be a major accomplishment,” Payne said. “I’m really excited to start a career.”

There are currently twelve teams in the WNBA that Payne has the opportunity to play for, with the most recent champions being the Minnesota Lynx.

Payne however would like to be close to her home of Hickory, NC if she does get selected in Thursday night’s draft.

“I would like to play for anyone willing to have me on their team, but it would be nice to play for a team close to home. There’s one in Atlanta and also one in D.C.,” said Payne.

If Payne doesn’t get selected in the initial draft, there is still a chance that a team will give her a tryout, which is a big accomplishment for the ECU women’s basketball program.

Payne had a very successful career at ECU. She is the third place all-time scorer in ECU women’s basketball history after playing only three seasons at ECU.

She is also second in all-time three pointers made and one of only two players in the program’s history to be named first team all-conference for three years in a row. Despite all of her success, Payne says she had some help along the way.

“Everybody was always really support-

ive to help me get here. I’ve also had to work very hard and learned a lot,” said Payne.

Like most college athletes Payne came to school to get an education and seize the opportunity of a scholarship with her athletic abilities. The thought of furthering her playing and pursuing a career in basketball has always been on

her mind, and it appears the opportunity has come.

“Well I came to school with just the scholarship in mind,” said Payne. “I never really expected to go pro. Basketball has always been a really big part of my life and this has kind of just made itself happen.”

The wait for a pro draft can rattle the nerves of the most collected athletes and Payne’s waiting is almost over, as the draft is tonight at 7 p.m. and will be televised on ESPN2.

It is very common for a lot of athletes to have big viewing parties, giving them a chance to be with their families and teammates.

“I’m so excited, a little anxious, a little nervous. It’s been a long wait,” said Payne. “I will probably watch the draft with some of my teammates.”



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» WOMEN'S TENNIS

Pirates welcome AAC foes

Corey Jones
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With just two regular season matches left for the East Carolina women's tennis team, advantage rests in the Pirates' hands as Cincinnati is forced to travel to Greenville and take on the 4-1 team at home.

"[Cincinnati] is a good team and I think Friday is going to be a good test for us going into conference," junior Michelle Castro said. "If we play well there is no doubt in my mind that we can't pull out a win."

ECU (15-8) has struggled on the road, sitting at 6-7 away, but has flourished when playing on its home courts. As the Pirates are coming off of their first home loss of the season against Elon, it gives the team nothing less than more momentum to finish out their season strong. Elon was able to snap ECU's three-match win streak on Apr. 8.

"We are focusing on fixing the little things that need work. We are also trying to stay as fresh as possible since it is the last week of the season,"

senior Nicole LaDuca said. "We will use the training that we put in outside of the tennis court, so in the weight room, to our advantage."

Last year the Pirates struggled against Cincinnati, as they were swept 4-0 in regular season play. The Bearcats set the tone of the match early by grasping the doubles point, after Cincinnati's Lauren Bellinger and Kelly Poggensee-Wei defeated Castro and LaDuca on the No. 1 court, and Abdalla with Wille downed Dana Gray and Katie Hoch on the No. 3 court.

Following the doubles action, the Bearcats did not ease up as they took the broom out of the closet and used it to sweep up any remaining hopes for the Pirates. Poggensee-Wei beat LaDuca on the No. 1 court, Ali Miller downed Maria Gomez on the No. 3 court and Bellinger defeated Sarah Sarjoo on the No. 4 court. All of the matches were won in straight sets by the Bearcats. Three matches were left unfinished due to Cincinnati already capturing a 4-0 lead over ECU.

"It is going to be a really tough match. They beat us pretty badly last year, but we are a much better team now," LaDuca said. "If we play how we are capable of playing, we will be successful."

No weight is lifted off the shoulders of the Pirates, as all of last years winning opponents are still currently on the Bearcats roster and expected to play Friday evening. Though, due to advancement of skill, knowledge and a good recruiting class for the Pirates, there is a good chance for a different outcome.

Cincinnati will have to take freshman Celia Ruiz into consideration, who was named American Athletic Conference Female Tennis Player-of-the-Week just last week.

"I expect this team to go 2-0 this weekend and I expect the same for myself," Castro said. "I think if we play well and fight hard then we will be very competitive against both teams at home."

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chances after beating many top 25 teams season.

"We've beaten a lot of top schools all year and you're looking at SMU, who is 28th in the country, Houston is 29th, we're 30th and Tulane is 40th," Williams said.

The Pirates will also face off against five other conference foes including UCF, Cincinnati, Memphis, USF and Tulsa.

"It's a really strong golf conference, so it's going to be a shootout and that's fun," Williams said.

Heading into the tournament, Williams knows that his team has a strong chance to compete and could even win the tournament.

If the Pirates are able to stay within striking distance of the lead heading into the final round, their experience with coming from behind could allow them to compete for the win on the final day.

"The way we've played the final rounds, I like our chances if we can get in that position," Williams said. "The confidence we've gained playing well in the final rounds will help us a lot."

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