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ECU-West Virginia kickoff announced

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The kickoff time for East Carolina’s Sept. 12 road football game against West Virginia has been set for 3:30 p.m., according to an announcement by WVU Director of Athletics Ed Pastilong Wednesday afternoon.

The game between the Pirates and Mountaineers will be streamed live online on ESPN360.com — ESPN’s signature broadband sports TV network.

The Mountaineers, one of three Bowl Championship Series opponents on ECU’s schedule along with North Carolina and Virginia Tech, will look to extend a 12-game home winning streak against the Pirates.

After falling to WVU 48-7 during its last game in Morgantown two years ago, East Carolina upset the No. 8 Mountaineers, 24-3, last season.

In all, the two programs have squared off against each other 20 times, including seven consecutive meetings beginning in 2002.

The Pirates will report to preseason camp on Aug. 6 before opening the season Sept. 5 against Appalachian State.

ECU golf

CARTHAGE — East Carolina rising sophomore Jake Colley carded a course record 64 Tuesday afternoon to finish third at the U.S. Amateur Sectional qualifier held at the Little River Golf Club and advance to the U.S. Amateur Championship, which will be held next month at Southern Hills Country Club in Tulsa, Okla.

In the 36-hole qualifier played Monday and Tuesday, Colley fired rounds of 74 and 64 to earn his first berth in the U.S. Amateur Championship by one stroke and claim one of three available spots from the sectional qualifier.

His entrance into the U.S. Amateur highlights a summer in which he earned medalist honors at the Keith Hills Amateur Championship and made the cut at the Southern Amateur Championship.

Colley participated in 10 events as a freshman at ECU and was named to the Conference USA All-Freshman Team. He is the first Pirate to qualify for the U.S. Amateur since assistant coach Robin Smith in 2007.

— ECU Media Relations
Pandemic flu shots to be tightly rationed this fall

BY SARAH AVERY, Staff Writer

The massive task of distributing and administering vaccine for the H1N1 pandemic flu is still being hashed out in North Carolina, but some clarity was offered by federal health officials Wednesday on who should stand in line first for the shots.

Pregnant women, children and people who have certain health conditions are considered the most vulnerable to complications from the new flu virus, and they will be given priority for the shots this fall.

Older people, who are among the hardest hit for seasonal flu, are not on the list. They appear to have some immunity to the new bug, perhaps from exposures to related H1N1 viruses that circulated before 1957.

Prioritizing who gets the new vaccine is necessary given the initial limited supply. By October, the federal government expects to receive about 120 million doses, a fifth of the 600 million doses required to inoculate all Americans with the necessary two-injection vaccine.

Stocks will be divided among the states based on their populations.

"We’re about 3 percent of the nation, so we’ll get 3 percent of whatever supply is available," said Dr. Jeffrey Engel, state health director.

He said shipments will be sent to each of the state's 100 counties, and local health officials will decide how to get the vaccine to the doctor's offices, public health clinics, hospitals and retail pharmacies that give the shots to patients.

Other details -- such as how people prove they are in the high-priority groups for vaccine -- have yet to be worked out.

"Plan, plan, plan is the name of the game right now," Engel said.

The state is on tap to receive about $10 million to develop strategies for handling what is expected to be an onslaught of cases this fall.

Already, the virus is widely circulating, which is unusual. Influenza typically hits hard in January and February throughout North Carolina, and then trails off in the summer months.

Engel said doctors and hospitals are reporting twice as much flu activity this summer as is typical, and it's primarily because of H1N1 infections.

Officially, however, the state has reported only 554 confirmed cases as of Wednesday, with eight deaths. But Engel said as many as 30,000 people may have been infected with the virus, with the vast majority suffering mild to moderate symptoms that haven't required a doctor's care.

He said the virus has not become more deadly since it erupted earlier this year. In addition, it continues to respond to antiviral medications that ease symptoms.
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Who gets shots first?

• Pregnant women
• Children and young adults under age 24
• People with asthma, diabetes, heart disease, immune disorders and other diseases
• People who tend babies
• Health-care workers and emergency responders

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UNC raised $271M in gifts in 2008-09

CHAPEL HILL - CHAPEL HILL -UNCs fund-raising efforts brought in $271.25 million in gifts in fiscal year 2009.

The total represented UNC's second highest year in history for this type of support, which accounts for money that is immediately available to the university, according to a news release. In commitments for fiscal year 2009, which ended June 30, UNC raised $290.4 million. Commitments include pledges as well as gifts. "Our supporters have been tremendously generous," said Matt Kupec, UNC's vice chancellor for University Advancement. "Despite this being a down year for the economy, they've shown remarkable dedication to Carolina. That attests to their belief in Chancellor Thorp's leadership and to what our students, faculty and staff are doing. We're very grateful."

Only fiscal year 2008's gift total of $301 million tops the 2009 mark, and UNC was in the final months of a major fund-raising campaign -the Carolina First Campaign -that year.

"Being in a major campaign always generates a great deal of enthusiasm, so -in that light, plus what happened with the economy -we feel particularly good about our numbers for this past year," Kupec said.

Highlights in fiscal year 2009 included the first major gift during UNC Chancellor Holden Thorp's administration, which began July 1, 2008. Sallie Shuping-Russell of Chapel Hill gave $666,000 to fund an innovative new course starting in fall 2009 that will feature the work
of active writers who will hold a distinguished visiting professorship within the Creative Writing Program. The program is part of the Department of English and Comparative Literature in UNC’s College of Arts and Sciences.

A matching grant from the North Carolina Distinguished Professors Endowment Trust will raise the gift's total value to $1 million. The state fund, established in 1985 by the N.C. General Assembly, provides matching grants to recruit and retain outstanding faculty.

Shuping-Russell, managing director at the investment firm BlackRock in New York, N.Y., is a 1977 Carolina graduate and member of the UNC Board of Trustees.

Also in the College of Arts and Sciences, private gifts have joined state matching funds to create a $21.5 million endowment to complete a goal to double the number of students invited to UNC’s Honors Program.

A $2 million capstone commitment in 2009 from the Hyde Family Foundations of Memphis, Tenn., provided the funds to reach the goal. With the endowment and more available honors courses, 10 percent of entering students in future classes will receive invitations to the program, starting with the Class of 2012.

For graduate students, a $4.5 million grant from the New York City-headquartered Andrew W. Mellon Foundation will support graduate students in the departments of English and comparative literature, history, philosophy, and religious studies in the College of Arts and Sciences.

The grant will join $2.76 million in funding from the University to endow the Mellon Graduate Fellowship Program. Starting in the 2009-10 academic year, the program will fund 12 fellowships in an initial five-year pilot phase, with four Mellon Graduate Fellows enrolling every other year. After that, five fellows will enroll every other year on a permanent basis. Most of UNC’s contribution will go toward the endowment via a drive to raise $2 million in private support.

The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation committed $22.9 million for a new project that aims to improve the reproductive health of the urban poor in Sub-Saharan Africa and South Asia. UNC’s Carolina Population Center will run the project the Measurement, Learning and Evaluation for the Urban Reproductive Health Initiative which will measure the effectiveness of various urban reproductive health approaches and interventions in the two regions.

The grant runs for six years. In the first year, researchers will focus on getting the project off the ground in India and on developing tools for the wider project as it expands.

Closer to home, the Jessie Ball duPont Fund has funded an expansion of a UNC program that will enable more North Carolina high school seniors to realize the goal of attending college.

The duPont Fund, based in Jacksonville, Fla., has created a matching-grant program that
will provide up to $210,000 to support new and existing partner high schools in the Carolina College Advising Corps.

Entering its third year, the Carolina College Advising Corps (CCAC) helps low-income, first-generation and underrepresented students in North Carolina realize the goal of attending college. A constituent program of the National College Advising Corps (headquartered at UNC), the CCAC places recent Chapel Hill graduates as college advisers in low-income high schools across the state.

If fully funded, the matching-grant program could, over the next three years, support up to 24 high schools that would otherwise lack the resources to provide full funding for one or more advisers.

Commitments in 2009 also helped the University create 21 endowed professorships, as well as a total of 86 undergraduate scholarships and graduate fellowships. Carolina had more than 75,000 donors for the year.
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UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA, CHAPEL HILL

Becoming a Tar Heel

By EMILY BANKS

"Why do you hate Duke so much?" Lauren asks. It is an innocent question but a difficult one, and one I am not used to answering.

At the University of North Carolina, there are many different types of people — frat boys and flamboyant gays, football players and math geniuses, evangelical Christians and newly converted Buddhists — but it is safe to assume that all of us agree about what’s most important: hating Duke.

It is summer now and I am back in Central Park, having a picnic with my high school friends. I am trying to tell them about my freshman year without talking nonstop, which is hard. It would take an hour to explain to New Yorkers the complicated relationship between the men’s and women’s water polo teams, what I learned in my Southern literature class, or how it felt to sing the alma mater on Franklin Street after our basketball team finally took home the national championship.

At Stuyvesant High School, I never even went to a game until senior year, when I had a crush on one of the players, who was, as we often found ourselves saying, "cute for Stuy." Sitting in the nearly empty bleachers, I and the friends I dragged along couldn’t help but laugh when the other team entered. Each player was the size of three of our boys stacked on top of one another.

U.N.C. was quite the transition. Basketball players are treated as deities, and students quote Coach Roy Williams. Professors let class out early when it’s evident students are too distracted by the N.C.A.A. tournament to concentrate on poetry. If the Heels are playing, no one asks if you’re watching the game, just where and with whom.

I watched most of the games with my friend Andy, the product of two Carolina parents and Tar Heel-bred in the classic sense. Watching the game we somehow lost to Maryland was particularly frightening. He cursed the name of Hugo Chávez (because their star, Greivis Vasquez, is Venezuelan) and flung objects, including the remote. Luckily, we didn’t lose many games this year. Most important, we didn’t lose to Duke.

It could be argued that you’re not truly a Tar Heel until you’ve had your first experience beating Duke. Mine was with Andy and three friends. Andy relieves his tension with a series of superstitions. One is that he has to drink a Coke. Another is that he can’t pee during the game, and neither can anyone else. You’re also not allowed to respond to text messages. We all decided to abide by his rules, just to be on the safe side. I’ll admit I was scared when we were losing at the half, and stress-ate most of a pizza without noticing.

Our conversation consisted of a string of curses about Coach K and his features, with some debate over which breed of dinosaur Kyle Singler most resembles.
When we came back to win (101-87, no less!), I could barely stand it. Singing the alma mater (with the tag, “Go to hell, Duke!” taking on special relevance) as we jogged to Franklin Street, I felt more a part of a community than I ever had.

And when we sang, “and when I die, I’m a Tar Heel dead,” I believed that.

As a native New Yorker, I’ve never been sentimental. Carolina changed me in that way. Maybe it’s O.K. to be a little corny — and to love a place with your whole heart.

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