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Students fill bare-bones ‘Boneyard’

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Most of the East Carolina University students who occupy “The Boneyard,” the new end zone section at Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium, remained standing for the length of Saturday’s game against Memphis. It was an exciting game, no doubt, but they stood because there were no bleachers on which to sit — or jump.

All the aluminum benches in the new section were removed after some portions collapsed during last week’s season-opening game, leaving about a dozen fans with scrapes and bruises.

The reasons behind the failure and resulting injuries are going to be reviewed by the federal Consumer Product Safety Administration.

Rather than rush to review, redesign and replace the failed benches in time for this week’s contest, the school’s administration chose to take the necessary time to affix the re-

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placimientos in a more permanent way, Bill Koch, associate vice chancellor for environmental health and safety, said.

“We wanted to start the planning process right, so we took it step by step, starting with making sure that whatever was there today was going to be safe,” Koch said. “The last game was on a Sunday, and we didn’t have a full week to work because Monday was a holiday.”

He and the facilities management team agreed the best thing to do was pull out all the benches and leave the bare concrete, which students could either sit or jump on to their hearts’ content.

“Next we decided to take time to fully review what happened to cause the failure and plan the fix,” Koch said. “The last thing we want to do is rush to get the seats back in.”

Chancellor Steve Ballard was kept informed of the situation and approved of the approach, Koch said.

The crew is not sure what the permanent seats will look like, but they are leaning toward replacing them with ones similar to the other bleacher sections of the stadium, where benches are bracketed and bolted directly above the cement bleachers, rather than overhanging them, Koch said.

There is no scheduled date for the work to begin or be completed, Koch said.

“We spoke with the student government leadership, and they said that until we figure out the best way to do the job, they might like it better without benches,” Koch said.

Students in the Boneyard for Saturday’s game agreed.

“We completely lost our minds last game and destroyed the bleachers. It was awesome,” freshman Andrew Coffey said. “They just don’t understand what goes on in the student section when we score a touchdown or when things go awry. We go insane up here and jump over everything. Whoever built the bleachers should have made that part of his plan. We might just be better off leaving it bare cement.”

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ECU baseball team talks patriotism with students

BY JACKIE DRAKE
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WINTERVILLE—Students at W.H. Robinson Elementary School were as excited to see purple and gold as they were the red, white and blue Friday as the school received special visitors in honor of Patriot Day.

In their jerseys, the East Carolina University baseball team made a visit to the second grade to talk with students about patriotism just before the ninth anniversary of the Sept. 11, 2001, attack on the World Trade Center.

Patriot Day was designated by former President George W. Bush in 2002 to honor the victims and heroes of Sept. 11.

The purpose of the event is to "honor our country and remember everyone in the military," second grade teacher Joy Bostic said. "It's about being proud of where you come from and helping the students understand why we say the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag."

Team members read "The Flag We Love" to second-grade classes and discussed with students the importance of being positive role models and contributors in the community. Then the players joined the children in making a giant flag out of white paper and red and blue painted handprints.

"I think they liked the book, but I think they liked the question-and-answer part better," junior pitcher Shawn Armstrong said. "I talked to them about their families and the sports they like to play."

Armstrong said Patriot Day means a lot to him. "There's a bunch of guys over there fighting for us right now, and getting kids this age involved is great, so they can see why they get to go to school free," he said.

"I think it's really good to come out here and give back to the schools," sophomore pitcher Joseph Hughes said. "Since they and their families always come out and support us at games."

In the classroom, teachers discussed the history of the flag and its significance. Sharon Godwin's class made a booklet called "Old Glory" about the history of the flag and completed a writing activity on what the stars and stripes represent.

Godwin, the wife of ECU baseball coach Billy Godwin, is in her first year teaching at Robinson. She said the players participate in community service visits as part of the team's outreach efforts.

Second-graders gave the visit rave reviews.

Katie Wampler said her favorite activity was the "Old Glory" booklet, and Eddie Powell said he liked talking to the baseball players.

When asked what the flag meant to him, Dylan Peralta said, "It means everyone is happy." His classmate Trentin Wade agreed. Jordan Ray said seeing the flag made her feel good.

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Downtown artwork only here for limited time

BY JOSH HUMPHRIES
The Daily Reflector

Visitors to downtown Greenville will notice new large images on the side of three buildings but the images will only be there temporarily.

The images are part of a project by artist Chip Thomas, who pasted them to the walls of UBE, Dale’s Indian Cuisine and the Downtown Diner this week in anticipation of the Exhibition Survey of Contemporary Printmaking at East Carolina University this weekend.

Thomas, who grew up in Raleigh, attended Wake Forest University and serves as a doctor on the Navajo Nation reservation, enlarged photographs on paper and See ART, A7
“One thing we are trying to achieve is to bridge the gap between the school of art and really bring it downtown to help further revitalize the center city with public art.”

Claire Edwards
Uptown Art

His work spread on the Internet through street art blogs. ECU’s art community heard about his projects and invited him to complete an artwork in Greenville.

The images on UBE and Dale’s Indian Cuisine are taken from the 1999 Shaw University homecoming parade. The image on Downtown Diner is a man drinking from his favorite cup.

“I really wanted to present images from the state because I am from North Carolina,” Thomas said.

“The purpose of public art is to make people more aware of their environment and engage them. It serves as a focal point for people to come together. Hopefully, it will bring people together in a way that might not otherwise happen.”

UBE Uptown Art will host a wine and cheese reception following the final presentation at the printmaking conference Saturday so that printmakers can take a close look at Thomas’ work.

“One thing we are trying to achieve is to bridge the gap between the school of art and really bring it downtown to help further revitalize the center city with public art,” Claire Edwards of Uptown Art said. “It gives the community some character.”

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CHEERS TO THE MAN/

JORDAN SLEDGE plays the quads drum as the East Carolina University Marching Band practices outside along College Hill Drive.
Public radio program records segment from popular Fountain music venue

BY MARK RUTLEDGE
The Daily Reflector

The bluegrass, swing, folk and Dixieland jazz emanating from R.A. Fountain General Store has been picked up by North Carolina Public Radio.

NCPR's Frank Stasio brought his microphones to Fountain on Saturday to record a segment for his program, "The State of Things," which airs weekdays at noon. The show from Fountain is scheduled to air Oct. 15. Stasio has extensively covered the rising music scene in the Triangle, particularly around the NCPR studios in Durham and Chapel Hill. The longtime NPR correspondent also likes to visit local hot spots throughout the state. He was drawn to the small town of Fountain, situated at the crossroads of N.C. 222 and U.S. 258, by its popular music venue in one of the town's most historic buildings.

"We're hoping to do a series on old general stores," Stasio said. "This is sort of our pilot to see how it goes."

Unlike many small-town general store buildings that have been stripped of their content and either left vacant or converted to more contemporary uses, much of the Fountain store, owned by Alex Albright, has retained its original character.

The store's shelving, hardware bins and sliding ladders remain intact. During the rehabilitation process, Albright said he was even advised not to repaint.

"Old store buildings have a very distinctive smell," he said, "and that's a powerful part of the emotional bond that people have with these places. Repainting can actually remove that smell."

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Albright says Fountain natives and former residents often come into the store to reminisce about buying their first bicycle or seeing a television for the first time.

In a makeshift studio set up in a storage room next door, Stasio recorded interviews with Albright, frequent performer Steve Creech and a regular patron, Trish Worthington Cobb of Winterville.

Albright explained how he and his wife, Elizabeth, became the first people outside the Fountain family to own the building, where they initially opened for business six years ago as a coffee shop, Internet café and music venue.

"After two horrible years (in terms of business revenue) and two years of reorganization, we've had two years to not really lose much money," Albright said before the radio interview. "We're starting to really have fun with it. Even the frustrations along the way wind up being kind of fun."

As word spread and the store's popularity grew, the Albrights bought and moved into the original storekeeper's home as well.

Members of the Fountain family show up occasionally to visit and share a bit of history.

One such visitor left a portrait of R.A. Fountain, which now hangs in the store.

Now in his 30th year as an English professor at East Carolina University, Albright says he loves his weekend job.

"I like having the place," he said. "Parents can bring in their kids and grandkids."

Fountain's population hovers somewhere over 500. In the early evening hours, the downtown block can be periodically devoid of people and automobiles. Except for an auction house across the street — where a sign on the door reads "No smoking after 5 p.m. on Friday nights" — R.A. Fountain General Store is about the only area with movement.

But as the music cranks up on Friday and Saturday nights, curbside parking can be downright scarce.

"Our son, Silas, is 11 now," Albright said. "He doesn't really know about growing up in a town where there's not a lot going on, because there's a lot going on."

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ECU Notes: Joyner to host homecoming

ECU News Services

Sunday, September 12, 2010

East Carolina University will celebrate the region's literary traditions Friday and Saturday with the Eastern North Carolina Literary Homecoming at Joyner Library. The event will offer workshops and panel presentations.

This year's theme, "Contrasting Cultural Expressions: Perceptions of Place and Self," explores the effect of shared values and traditions on the perceptions of self and one's place in the world, organizers said.

Artists from eastern North Carolina will interact with artists influenced by other regions to explore differences and how they capture the culture of their regions in their work.

For seven years, the Eastern North Carolina Literary Homecoming has been nourishing and revitalizing the creative spirit for writers as the event provides a place where artists and community members can interact and share ideas. The works represented by the award-winning authors encompass a variety of genres including poetry, fiction, historical nonfiction and drama and how they tie into eastern North Carolina culture.

This year, the Literary Homecoming will kick off with the presentation of the Roberts Award for Literary Inspiration to Nancy Olson for her work as the owner of Quail Ridge Books and Music in Raleigh and her dedication to promoting and supporting local artists. The presentation to Olson will include tributes from and readings by North Carolina writers Jill McCorkle and Michael Malone.

On Saturday, panel discussions and small interactive workshops with authors should encourage in-depth discussion regarding process and inspiration. Attendees can speak with panelists about the issues raised during the sessions and meet with authors during book signings.

"The Eastern North Carolina Literary Homecoming provides an extraordinary opportunity for the ECU family and area residents to meet regional authors 'up close and personal,'” Larry Boyer, dean of
Academic Library and Learning Resources, said, “You can hear them talk about their work, the writing process, and their careers in a very comfortable setting. I know of no other literary or book festival that gives the participants such an intimate view into the lives of working authors and poets. No book lover should miss it.”

A luncheon with guest speaker Pamela Duncan, author of “Moon Women,” “The Big Beautiful” and “Plant Life,” will be held on Saturday. A native of Asheville, Duncan teaches creative writing at Western Carolina University.

Award-winning author Josephine Humphreys will deliver the keynote address at 5:15 p.m. Saturday. Her first three novels were mainly about contemporary family life in the South, but her fourth work, “Nowhere Else on Earth,” is a historical novel based on a true story from the Civil War.

The novel includes historical events and characters relating to the Lumbee tribe of North Carolina and won the Southern Book Award for 2001.

Other presenters include ECU alumna Margaret O’Connor, director of photography for The New York Times when the paper won the 2002 Pulitzer Prizes for Breaking News Photography and Feature Photography who will present “Recording the Moment When Cultures Clash” and poet Michael White, who teaches creative writing and poetry at the University of North Carolina at Wilmington and will present a workshop on writing poetry.

All events, except for Saturday author’s luncheon ($15), are free and open to the public. Visit www.ecu.edu/lithomecoming, call 328-6514 or e-mail lithomecoming@ecu.edu for more information.

Writing award winners honored

The winners of the 2010 W. Keats Sparrow Writing Awards were recognized Tuesday in a ceremony at Joyner Library. The awards recognize excellence in research and writing by students in ECU’s English 1100 and 1200 composition classes.

The Friends of Joyner Library sponsored the event named in honor of the late Dr. W. Keats Sparrow, Professor Emeritus of English and former dean of the Thomas Harriot College of Arts and Sciences. Dr. Larry Boyer, dean of Academic Library and Learning Resources, presented a book in memoriam to Elizabeth “Liz” Sparrow, widow of Keats Sparrow.

This year’s winners read their works to the 40 event attendees. Tara MacKenzie Parrish, first place, won $200 for “Smart Phone Usage: Is the Device Dominating Lives?” The second place entry, “Language Evolution in North Carolina,” was written by Emily Jane Price who won $150; and Sandie-Marie Williams placed third with a $100 prize for “Recess in Schools: Disposable or Essential?” Dr. Brian Glover and Marc Peterson were the winner’s instructors.

This year’s judges were ECU faculty members Dr. Wendy Sharer and Timm Hackett both of the Department of English, and Brandon Stilley of Joyner Library.

For more information about this writing award program, contact Amy Gustavson, coordinator of instructional services at 328-0295.
“Jazz at Christinne’s” starts again Friday

The ECU School of Music Jazz Studies Program and the Hilton Greenville Hotel will partner again this fall to host the Jazz at Christinne's with TomtheJazzman series on four Fridays during the 2010-2011 academic year, beginning Friday.

The evenings will feature performances by students and faculty from the ECU jazz studies program, as well as guest artist appearances.

Friday's performance will feature renowned jazz drummer Winard Harper, sideman to such jazz legends as Ray Bryant, Abdullah Ibrahim, Pharoah Sanders and Clifford Jordan, and leader of the Winard Harper Sextet. Also featured is new ECU faculty member and genre-busting jazz guitarist Scott Sawyer.

The Oct. 15 date showcases Summit recording artists the Steve Anderson Trio, featuring North Carolina composer and pianist Steve Anderson.

Additional Jazz at Christinne's with TomtheJazzman performances will be Jan. 21 and Feb. 18. All performances start at 8 p.m. Tickets are $10, $5 for students, and are available at (800) ECU-ARTS or at the door.

Christinne's offers dinner, appetizer and beverage service during the performances.

Call 355-9500 for dinner reservations.

Upcoming Events:

Monday: Discussion on smart growth following showing of “Save Our Lands, Save Our Towns,” 7:30 p.m., 131 Oakmont Dr. Leading the discussion will be Dr. Calvin Mercer, professor of religion and director of the ECU Multidisciplinary Studies Program, Dr. Vince Bellis, ECU professor emeritus of biology, and Tony Noel, a smart growth advocate and former newspaper editor.

Tuesday: “Dive!” will be shown at 8 p.m. in Speight Auditorium, Jenkins Fine Arts Center, as part of the 2010-11 Southern Circuit tour of Independent Filmmakers. Tickets are $5. For more information, call 328-5386.

Saturday: “Nuclear Tipping Point” documentary screening, 9 a.m., Rivers West 105. The World Affairs Council of Eastern North Carolina and the Security Studies Program at ECU will present this free event. Contact Dr. Alethia Cook at cooka@ecu.edu for more information.
ECU will recognize outstanding alumni

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The East Carolina Alumni Association will recognize Outstanding Alumni, Distinguished Service and Honorary Alumni award recipients at the 2010 Alumni Awards Ceremony and Dinner on Oct. 22 at the Hilton Greenville.

A cocktail reception will begin at 6 p.m., followed by the awards ceremony and dinner at 7.

Dinner tickets are $40 per alumni association member and $50 for others. Patron level tickets are $150 for two tickets with recognition in the program and at the event. Call 800-ECU-GRAD by Oct. 11 to register.

The most prestigious award given by the alumni association, the Outstanding Alumni Award recognizes outstanding and uncommon achievement in one's profession, civic affairs and/or politics. This year's recipients are Brig. Gen. Catherine Chilton '81, Christine "Chris" Joyner Greene '57, and Walter Williams '51, '55.


Christ Joyner Greene is a lifelong educator and counselor, and member of the North Carolina Board of Education and chair of the North Carolina Board of Licensed Professional Counselors from High Point.

Walter Williams is founder of Trade Oil Company and Trade Mart, president of Trade Oil, executive vice president of WilcoHess, and director emeritus of the ECU Educational Foundation from Greenville.

The Distinguished Service Award is given in recognition for outstanding and uncommon service to the Alumni Association and the University. This year's recipients are C. Layton Getsinger '69 and Dr.
J. Reid Parrott Jr. '60, '62.

Layton Getsinger is a real estate consultant, retired COO of CopyPro, Inc., former associate vice chancellor at East Carolina University, and a past chair of the Alumni Association Board of Directors from Statesville, NC.

Dr. Reid Parrott is president emeritus of Nash Community College and a member of ECU's Thomas Harriot College of Arts and Sciences Dean's Advancement Council from Rocky Mount, NC.

The Honorary Alumni Award is given to those who did not graduate from East Carolina but have taken on the University as their own through uncommon and outstanding service, substantial and continuing commitment, and loyalty. This year's awards are given posthumously to Mavis Ray and Coach Clarence Stasavich.

Mavis Ray was a founding member of ECU's School of Theatre and Dance, a dancer, choreographer, teacher, and actress.

Coach Clarence Stasavich was a legendary East Carolina head football coach, athletic director, and physical education teacher who led the Gridiron Pirates to three consecutive bowl victories from 1963-1965 and the Southern Conference Title in 1966.

"These individuals have distinguished themselves by living our motto of Servire—meaning to serve. We are proud to hold them up as examples to the Pirate Nation," said Paul J. Clifford, president and CEO of the East Carolina Alumni Association.

Metrics, Inc., Shenandoah Graphics & Framing and Southern Insurance Agency, Inc. are sponsors of the event. For more information, contact Jennifer Watson at 252-328-4902, Jennifer.Watson@PirateAlumni.com or the East Carolina Alumni Association at (800) ECU-GRAD.
Naves receives UNC radiation therapy education program’s first Distinguished Alumni Award

In a ceremony held on Aug. 1, the UNC Radiation Therapy Education Program presented the first Distinguished Alumni Award for the program to James L. Naves.

The award recognizes a graduate of the program who has made a significant contribution to the field of radiation therapy through teaching, research and service.

Naves, who recently retired as administrative director of the Department of Radiation Oncology at East Carolina University, graduated from the UNC Radiation Therapy Education Program in 1976. He worked at UNC as a radiation therapist, medical dosimetrist and educational program director.

In 1985, he was recruited to ECU, where he demonstrated leadership in developing clinical service lines, medical dosimetry and radiation therapy standards and educational programs.

Naves held numerous leadership positions in professional organizations at the national level. He served a five-year term and is the former president of the Medical Dosimetry Certification Board. He held a national leadership position and served a five-year term on the board of the American Association of Medical Dosimetrists.

He invested hundreds of volunteer hours serving on national task forces within various professional organizations and has given numerous professional talks and written papers.

Dr. Larry Marks, chairman of the Department of Radiation Oncology said to Naves, “The reason you have to be the first recipient of this alumni award is because you have been a leader with a broad vision, someone who stepped out of the ‘living in North Carolina comfort zone’ and asserted yourself at a national level, and thus showed others the importance through your actions. It is a wonderful honor to present you with this award.”
Five PCMH nurses named to Great 100

The Great 100 Inc., which promotes nursing excellence in North Carolina, has selected five Pitt County Memorial Hospital nurses for inclusion in their recognition of the 2010 Great 100 Nurses.

This nonprofit organization recognizes nurses in North Carolina for their outstanding professional ability and for the contributions they have made to improve the health care services in their community.

"Great 100 nurses are leaders in their profession. They are recognized by their fellow nurses for their commitment to exemplary care and outcomes for the residents of North Carolina," Linda Hofler, chief nursing officer at PCMH, said. "Many are certified in their specialty, have earned advanced degrees in nursing, are partners in the community, involved in nursing research and are committed to excellence in nursing practice. We are fortunate to have these incredible nurses as a part of our nursing team."

The PCMH nurses are:

■ Kamilah Blount of Ayden: An education nursing specialist in the Center for Learning and Performance. She joined PCMH in 2000, working first as a nursing assistant/care partner, then as a staff nurse in the inpatient rehabilitation center, and then as a staff development assistant before taking on her current role.

Blount demonstrates her passion for her profession by investing in youth for future health careers, encouraging and developing others and by being a role model for leadership and mentoring skills. She has served as a mentor for youth in her local church and participated in United Way, Relay for Life, and stroke screening awareness health fairs. She also has earned numerous awards, scholarships and recognition.

Blount is active in Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc. and the National Nursing Staff Development Organization. She is enrolled in the doctoral program at Capella University.

■ Pat Ouellette of Greenville: Employed at PCMH for 30 years. Working as a nursing assistant on the post-intensive care unit was where she laid the foundation for her nursing career. She has served in several positions such as staff nurse, unit educator and acting nurse manager.

Ouellette holds an education specialist nursing position in the Center for Learning and Performance. She has been a participant of professional development and process improvement while at PCMH by serving on several committees, including clinical ladder, Vascular Access Safety Committee, Nursing Education, Research and Development, Patient Family-Centered Care, Retention Council, Research Council, Quality Council, Patient Safety and Simulation Development and Ethics Education subgroup. She serves as chairwoman of a Relay for Life team, Scout
leader and assistant, mentor for youth activities, facilitator for women’s ministries, and volunteer for charity events. Mentoring others is part of Pat’s passion for her profession as demonstrated by her role with students, new staff and other disciplines.

■ Mollie Tripp of Greenville: Employed at PCMH for 27 years. She began her career as a nurse extern in the neonatal intensive care unit, then became a staff nurse. She worked as a neonatal transport nurse with EastCare from 1989-94 and then became a neonatal nurse practitioner.

Tripp completed her master’s degree in 2001 and is working on a doctor of nursing practice degree at the University of Alabama in Birmingham. She is scheduled to graduate in December. Tripp serves as the chairwoman of the Neonatal Nurse Practitioner Education Council and is coordinator of the annual “Topics in Neonatal Advanced Practice” conference. She is a site visitor for the National League of Nursing Accrediting Commission. Tripp also is an international board-certified lactation consultant and serves as a breast-feeding educator for Children’s Hospital at PCMH. She is a clinical assistant professor for the neonatal nurse practitioner program at East Carolina University’s College of Nursing and is a member of the Eastern Regional Advisory Council State Medical Assistance Team.

Tripp is a member of Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing and is a member of Oakmont Baptist Church in youth ministry.

■ Julia Weaver of Ayden: A nurse at PCMH since February 1986. She began her career by working on 3 South for 22 years before moving to the clinical evaluation and ambulatory medical units.

Weaver serves on various committees such as Corner Stones, quality council and journal club. She also has served as safety officer, charge nurse, preceptor and social committee chairwoman. Weaver has been involved in mentoring new nurses on her unit and promoting professionalism. She has been dedicated to bedside nursing for more than 31 years. She was nominated as Top Nurse at PCMH in 1998 and has been nominated divisional nurse of the year eight times. She serves in the community by being involved in the American Red Cross, United Way, hospice, and serves as the health educator to two churches.
Pirates better than expected so far

GREENVILLE — This is ECU football these days:
The head coach’s shirt probably weighs more than the nerdy-looking guy in charge of running the offense.
The star running back used to have his own private suite in the coaches’ doghouse.
The quarterback found his way to Greenville by way of Florida, Massachusetts and Kansas.
And, by the way, it’s all working quite famously through two games.
+ With Saturday’s 49-27 Conference USA win over Memphis, former Pirates player Ruffin McNeill is tied for having the winningest head coaching percentage in the history of college football – 3-0 overall, 2-0 at ECU.
Offensive coordinator Lincoln Riley, who claims to be 27 but looks more like a candidate for drivers training class, has a unit that’s averaging exactly 50 points per game.
Running back Jon Williams, who got his first tattoo at age 14 and never met a coach he couldn’t drive bonkers, is playing under control and looking like the future NFL player most folks around town always thought he would become.

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Quarterback Dominique Davis, who was Boston College’s quarterback in the 2008 ACC championship game against Virginia Tech in Tampa, will face the Hokies again on Saturday.
“Everyone’s just having great fun,” Davis said after Saturday’s romp in Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium.
The Hokies are not having great fun.
Having lost first to Boise State on Monday and Saturday to James Madison, the team picked to win the ACC again this season will be primed to stop the Pirates’ party.
“It’s going to be a tough situation, but we’re looking forward to the chance to try,” Davis said.
Actually, it’s going to be a tough run of games.
After Virginia Tech, the Pirates will face North Carolina, Southern Miss and N.C. State in a stretch that could be a season-buster.
But considering the preseason and offseason expectations for McNeill’s first season, the Pirates are the hottest early-season show in the state.
“We’re growing, and that’s all I can ask,” McNeill said. “What I like most, though, is that I think I can see us getting better this season. I like to coach ball, so this is exciting.”

For all of the scoring, the Pirates are struggling to find a defensive comfort zone, and Riley still gave his offense only a “B” for Saturday’s performance after a “C-plus” first half and an “A” second half in the 51-49 opening win over Tulsa.
“Our timing’s getting better, but there’s still a lot of work in front of us,” Riley said.
With Williams, a 196-pound redshirt senior who once starred at Greenville Rose High, the offense has a weapon no one really expected in the spring when there was some speculation he might give up on the sport.
Williams worked the Tigers defense over for 109 yards rushing, caught six passes for 50 and did it all without drawing a single unsportsmanlike penalty or making ugly faces at the officiating crew.
“Maturity and professionalism — that’s what Coach Ruff has taught me,” Williams said. “He’s been a great inspiration. He’s just made a big difference in my live and my attitude.”
Odds are ECU will still be lucky to finish the season with a winning record or maybe even 6-6. But so far, everyone’s so happy that the Skip Holtz era seems years ago.

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ECU freshman leaps into spotlight
Jones uses 6-8 frame to advantage against Tulsa

By J.P. Giglio
STAFF WRITER

Justin Jones ended his first college football game with a game-winning touchdown, which instantly made him famous on ESPN and every popular sports site on the Internet. He was greeted in the end zone after his 33-yard touchdown gave East Carolina a 51-49 win over Tulsa by an avalanche of teammates, and that was nothing compared to the hundreds of texts and Facebook friend requests Jones received in the aftermath.

As far as debuts go, the giant receiver, all 6 feet 8 and 267 pounds of him, couldn’t have asked for anything more. The only problem from such a fantastic start is where does the redshirt freshman goes from here?

“I don’t know what I can do to top that, but I’m going to try,” Jones said in a telephone interview.

ECU hosts Memphis today (noon, WITN) in Greenville with a chance to start 2-0 in Conference USA. It’s also a chance for Jones to prove he

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MEMPHIS AT ECU
When: Noon today
Where: Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium, Greenville
TV: WITN
Radio: WKIX-850, WNCT-107.9

ECU teammates mob receiver Justin Jones after he made the winning catch on the final play against Tulsa.

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I don’t know what I can do to top that, but I’m going to try.

JUSTIN JONES, ECU RECEIVER ON HIS BIG CATCH

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JONES

has staying power.

Former ECU coach Skip Holtz recruited Jones from Conyers, Ga., to play tight end. He redshirted in 2009, and when Holtz left for South Florida, Jones didn’t know how he would fit in first-year coach Ruffin McNeill’s offense, which does not have a designated tight end position.

“If offense didn’t work out, I guess I would have just moved to defense,” Jones said. “We all had the same question in the tight end room, ‘How will we fit in?’”

Jones fit in just fine against Tulsa, catching five passes for 55 yards, with the leaping reception on the final play of regulation capping a dramatic win.

Technically, Jones is listed as an “inside” receiver on ECU’s roster. (In ECU’s new spread offense, there are inside and outside receivers.) Jones technically remains behind ECU’s all-everything receiver Dwayne Harris on the depth chart.

However, ECU's offense, a carbon copy of the prolific scheme used at Texas Tech where McNeill and offensive coordinator Lincoln Riley were assistants under Mike Leach, features multiple formations with four and five receivers.

“There are some more packages we can have where Justin and Dwayne are on the field at the same time,” McNeill said Monday at his news conference. “Justin did a good job Sunday. He’s really improved from spring to right now. He’s maturing each day.”

Football is still relatively new to Jones, who didn’t play until he got to high school. At his size, basketball was his first love. He was good in high school, too, averaging more than 13 rebounds and almost three blocks a game, but he believed his future was in football.

He already knows how to use his height to his advantage. Most game-ending Hail Mary passes end with a tipped ball and a scrum, Jones just jumped and snatched the ball in front of three Tulsa defenders as if it were a loose rebound.

“That’s the good thing about being little bit taller than everybody,” Jones said. “His size is jarring for his position. There aren’t many, if any, 6-8 receivers. Jones understands there’s a certain novelty to his size but just wants to be looked at as another ECU football player trying to help the Pirates win.

Given the personnel losses — 16 starters and 34 lettermen, plus a coaching turnover — Jones wants to keep the Pirates on top of C-USA. They’ve won the conference title the past two years, and Jones intends on continuing the program’s success, despite all the changes.

“When you look at what we’ve lost, it’s easy to overlook some of the new guys but we’ve had new guys step up and make plays,” Jones said. “It’s our job to keep the tradition going.”

Jones did his part against Tulsa. He won’t forget his first college touchdown any time soon, and neither will his coach.

“For a freshman in his debut, it was not too bad,” McNeill said.

Not bad at all.

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ECU FOOTBALL

ECU's offensive onslaught blowing the doors off its foes

When Ruffin McNeill is driving and Lincoln Riley is riding shotgun, get out of the left lane. Just two games into the season, East Carolina's head football coach and offensive coordinator have already surpassed the century mark, and all signs point to even more points in the future.

The high-octane ECU offense ran Memphis off the road on Saturday afternoon and in doing so gave the Pirates a nice, even 100 points in their first two games.

In what has been an eye-popping start to the season for ECU — now 2-0 and undoubtedly striking some fear into the now 0-2 Virginia Tech team it faces next — McNeill and his 27-year-old offensive guru have already managed to live up to a promise that no game involving the Pirates will ever be without points.

ECU hasn't scored 100 points in their first two games since, well, ever. In fact, there has only been one other two-game swing in ECU football's 78-year history in which the team cracked the 100-point plateau. The 1979 Pirates, which featured McNeill as a defensive back, put up 101 in consecutive wins over Division I-AA Richmond and North Texas. Most recently, the 2007 team posted 97 in wins against UCF and UTEP.

But those teams were in mid-season form at that point, whereas these Pirates are still running on a full tank and showing no signs of letting up on the gas.

Comparatively, last year's Conference USA champion ECU team didn't reach 100 until five games into the season against Marshall.

Starting quarterback Dominique Davis is the face of the new ECU attack, and his 11 total touchdowns this season put him on an absurd pace. If he keeps going like he is now, he'll finish the 12-game regular season with 66 touchdowns.

In a decidedly more conservative offense, predecessor Patrick Pinkney amassed 18 all last season. What's even scarier is neither McNeill nor Riley are satisfied with their hard-charging touchdown machine just yet.

After the Memphis game, both indicated they won't take a foot off the pedal until the wheels come flying off.

McNeill said the Pirates' no-huddle offense — which is clicking at 100 percent inside opponent red zones thus far — could be moving even faster as the team continues to develop in a completely new scheme from that of former head coach Skip Holtz and coordinator Todd Fitch.

Despite scoring 13 offensive touchdowns in 120 minutes so far, Riley lamented in the postgame that there were plenty of untapped touchdown opportunities left on the field Saturday.

If they don't slow down, the Pirates could live out the bold preseason prediction by some players that ECU could reach triple digits in a single 60-minute outing.

If not for a noticeable second half lull, it might have happened on Saturday against a Memphis club that was reeling from the opening drive.

If you ask Riley, he'll probably tell you that lull was just the Pirates pulling over to refill the tank.

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IDEAS GET GREASED
AT NCSU'S 'GARAGE'

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Everyone has heard about the entrepreneurs who got started in a garage. Well, N.C. State University is looking forward to the day when people are buzzing about the cool new venture that got started in The Garage.

The Garage, you see, is a new 2,000-square-foot incubator space for student entrepreneurs outfitted for the university by Linux software company Red Hat.

The Garage's eight rooms include three lab spaces – mechanical, electrical and woodworking – for creating prototypes. To foster collaboration, most of the rooms are covered with whiteboards, and there are also three Smart Boards, which essentially are electronic whiteboards. And don't forget the kitchenette.

"We want this to be a 24/7 place, so you have to have a refrigerator and a microwave," said Tom Miller, director of the university's Entrepreneurship Initiative, which is operating the space.

The mission of the initiative, formed in July 2008, is to foster entrepreneurship among students – no matter what department they're enrolled in.

The thinking is that sparks will fly when entrepreneurial-minded students with different areas of expertise work side by side at The Garage.

"Everybody's got ideas," said Miller. "It seems creativity really happens when people with ideas get together ... and people from different disciplines get together.

Miller didn't have to put on the hard sell to convince Red Hat to sponsor The Garage.

"We really want to foster

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innovation in our community,” said DeLisa Alexander, senior vice president of people and brand at the software company. “We have a long history of partnerships with N.C. State. When they came to us, I don’t think we hesitated at all.”

Alexander declined to say how much Red Hat spent on The Garage, which is just a few minutes' walk from Red Hat’s corporate headquarters on Centennial Campus.

A ribbon-cutting ceremony is scheduled for Monday morning, but about 10 students already have begun using the space after having their applications accepted.

Among them is Andrew Misenheimer, 22, a graduate student in electrical engineering.

On Friday afternoon, his 1998 Honda motorcycle was parked in the mechanical lab, where he is working on a prototype for an electric supercharger for souping up motorcycle engines. Misenheimer says his supercharger will be safer than existing options.

When he first heard about The Garage, his immediate reaction was: “How can I get involved?”

“I can’t park this in my apartment because I have three other roommates who would be really mad if this was in my living room,” he said.

The Entrepreneurship Initiative sees The Garage as the first step to a much larger “living-learning complex” for student entrepreneurs. The hoped-for 20,000-square-foot building is in the design stage, which would be followed by the hard part: raising millions of dollars from the private sector.

“This hopefully we be a proof of concept that allows people to understand what the vision is,” said Alexander.

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Preparing Children to Be Safe at College

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Money can buy many things to help children excel academically, like tutors and private school educations. But as those children go off to college, the one thing otherwise protective parents typically do not spend money on is making sure their children do not become victims of a crime.

One reason is cost. The price of protection ranges from consultations billed at several hundred dollars an hour to Ostrander International’s security assessment and training program, mainly for the children of international business executives, royalty and celebrities, which starts at $41,000 for the first year.

Parents may also believe that security at college is not something they have to worry about.

But just because you are paying tens, if not hundreds, of thousands of dollars for your child’s education does not mean the university is a safe place.

A report released this week by Insite Security is sure to shake parents’ confidence. The security firm analyzed crime statistics on and around the campuses of the eight Ivy League colleges as well as Duke, Stanford, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and the University of Chicago. This study was intriguing because it looked not only at the on-campus statistics that colleges are required to report, it also took into account crime in the areas where students socialize off campus. (The off-campus statistics were drawn from the F.B.I.’s uniform crime report.)

The Insite report, whose data goes only to 2008, said three-quarters of the colleges and their surrounding areas had sex offense rates that were 83 percent higher than the national rape average, with Dartmouth having the highest rate. It said that Harvard had the highest rate of burglary among the 12.

“Keeping kids safe or making a wise decision about where your kids go to school is more complicated than reviewing the police log at the college security office,” said Christopher Falkenberg, president of Insite.
In response to the report, Sylvia Spears, dean of Dartmouth, said, “Increased reporting is not necessarily an indicator of increased sexual violence on campus but may be indicative of better education about sexual violence and increased awareness of various services and offices on a campus that are available to a victim.”

A spokesman for Harvard said, “It is important to note that how property crimes are classified and reported varies from school to school, and when you look at property crime statistics as a whole, Harvard does not lead in the rankings.”

For prominent families, the costs of a security plan to reduce these risks are part of life, but for most affluent families, such security is prohibitively expensive — even though their children may be just as susceptible to crime.

Several security advisers I spoke with offered advice to wealthy families contemplating security plans while also providing tips to parents of more modest means.

**TOP THREATS** Curtis Ostrander, the founder of Ostrander International and former vice president for risk management and public safety at Cornell, said the biggest threat he sought to counter was students’ belief that nothing was going to happen to them.

His business focuses on the top targets for campus crime: international students and children from affluent homes. It might seem obvious that someone adjusting to a new culture while getting used to college could run into problems. But children from families who are upper-middle class and higher on the wealth ladder are often naïve about personal security, and that makes them targets for theft, alcohol-related crimes and sexual assault.

“If you grew up in a poorer neighborhood, you’d be more aware of someone coming up behind you and stealing your bag," Mr. Ostrander said.

He added that the very rich were the least prepared: “Having security growing up makes it worse because they never had to consider the threats.”

Mr. Falkenberg said a new scam illustrated this problem. It starts with an attractive, older woman pretending to fall in love with a wealthy male student in the hope of getting pregnant, if not married, and laying claim to his family’s money.

“They’re dweebishly nerdy kids, and the story is always the same,” he said. “It’s really hard because you have to tell the kid this is not the love of his life.”

**STUDENT RESPONSIBILITY** Regardless of the threat, the key is to work with students before they leave for college. And this is where the fees for one-on-one preparation start to
climb.

Mr. Ostrander, for example, has a psychologist and a self-defense instructor on staff, and he will work personally with the student in the home country or on campus. Thomas Ruskin, president of CMP Protective and Investigative Group, said his agents had accompanied clients’ children on trips in the guise of tour guides or drivers, but had also done simple things like monitoring tracking technology on their cellphones.

“It's about teaching them how to leave the nest but also to teach them what they've been protected from,” Mr. Ruskin said.

Short of hiring an expensive consultant, parents themselves can do more to prepare children for what can happen on campus. For male students, the main worries are being beaten up or involved in an alcohol-related crime, and for women, the concerns center on sexual assault.

Yet Mr. Ostrander says parents usually do not do enough to prepare children for theft and computer scams. These include the infamous Nigerian prince asking for money and more personalized scams devised from the abundance of personal information on the Web. “Some of us say that's just common sense, but not for people without a lot of life experience,” he said.

**PARENTAL ANXIETY** Thinking about what could happen to your child is enough to send the most level-headed parent into overprotective mode. Yet the experts offered some simple steps for parents to take. Encourage your daughter to use the buddy system when she goes to a party and have a plan if she or a friend drinks too much. Another is to use campus escorts at night.

Even with prominent children, less can be more. “It's a little bit of a give and take with security,” Mr. Ruskin said. “It's a necessary evil, but you don't want to go overboard and then you're smothering the person.”

The worst thing a parent can do for a child, the experts agreed, is send a bodyguard to class. The same goes for the middle-class parent repeatedly warning a child not to drink. That could lead to worse behavior.

“We don’t say, ‘Don’t drink,’ ” Mr. Ostrander said. “We say, ‘If you drink, here are some of the possible problems.’ ” He added, “I teach these kids in classes, but these are the same skills they will use the rest of their lives to be safe.”

And that is what any parent wants from college.
Midlevel Universities Look Into India Branches

By VIR SINGH

NEW DELHI — When the Indian education minister spoke last autumn of inviting overseas education providers to set up campuses in the country, he mentioned the likes of Harvard, Yale and Oxford.

But six months after India’s top ministerial body approved a draft law to open the country to foreign education institutions, it is clear that the world’s top universities are not ready to plunge into the vast higher-education market in India.

Instead, the proposal before lawmakers is more likely to attract midlevel schools — still far superior to the average Indian education provider — while excluding fly-by-night operators, according to educators who have advised the Human Resource Development Ministry, which oversees education.

“There is a high level of interest only from the Tier 2 institutions to do things in a serious manner,” said M. Anandakrishnan, chairman of one of the branches of the government-financed Indian Institute of Technology, or IIT. Some of the names in this category are the Georgia Institute of Technology, the Virginia Institute of Technology, Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh and the Schulich School of Business in Toronto.

The so-called Tier 1 institutions “are simply not interested in setting up a campus here,” Mr. Anandakrishnan said.

Georgia Tech says it is planning to set up a research facility in the southern city of Hyderabad in partnership with Infosys Technologies. According to a statement, the university hopes the passage of the proposed legislation will allow it to start offering master’s and doctoral degrees in India.

Carnegie Mellon University is helping the northern state of Punjab to plan courses at a new university, while Virginia Tech and Schulich have lined up Indian partners and have announced plans for new campuses near Chennai and in Hyderabad, respectively.
While a final vote by Parliament on the legislation has yet to be scheduled, colleges are already making plans, anticipating they will find an eager and substantial audience, consultants say.

"Fundamentally, it is a big education market," said H.V. Harish, who is advising education providers about how to enter India. "There are people who spend money. The target market for these types of universities is people who can afford an overseas education but do not want to send their kids overseas. People from business families."

The market does not end there, say some of the midlevel colleges and universities that have already entered India through partnerships with Indian universities. The British University of Wolverhampton, for instance, is reaching out to working professionals — junior to midlevel managers who have a few years of experience. It plans to teach business courses through its Indian partner, Bishop Heber College, in the southern state of Tamil Nadu, and is happy with this arrangement.

"I think the Indian government now is more receptive to foreign universities' setting up in India," said Jo Gittens, director of the university's International Office. "We don't have any overseas campuses. It's something we haven't taken up as a strategy because we feel we have good-enough partnerships." But, she added, "it's certainly not out of the question."

The Schulich School of Business also started out with an Indian partner. In January of this year, it started a joint master of business administration degree program with Mumbai's S.P. Jain Institute of Management Research. But even as it began this partnership, it was in advanced talks with the GMR Group, a consortium of mostly infrastructure companies, to set up an independent campus in Hyderabad.

Ashwin W. Joshi, executive director of the Schulich M.B.A. Program in India, says there is strong demand in India for a top-quality M.B.A. program, which the school plans to start offering by 2013.

"There are people who are incredibly bright and people who can pay," he said. Mr. Joshi believes there are "tens of thousands" of people who can pay the more than $24,000 in annual tuition fees that international students pay when they go to Schulich. "I don't have any doubt that there will be any shortage of demand at these price points." He could be right. The privately run Indian School of Business, also in Hyderabad, charges $35,000.

While there may be a large market, the bill now before lawmakers prohibits repatriation of profits. Furthermore, those wanting to set up campuses must deposit more than $10.5 million with the government. The proposed law also requires that institutions have at least 20 years of teaching experience in their home countries. Officials will have the power to exempt
applicants from some conditions, but not the one banning providers from taking profits out of India.

“Genuinely good institutions are not interested in taking out profits,” said Pawan Agarwal, a former education ministry official. “They want a global footprint.”

That is what several midlevel entrants have in mind as they size up their prospects in India. Institutions that have firmed up plans to start or expand operations in India say that while they may not see profits for years, having a presence in India — no matter how small — helps to draw students.

Glenn Withers, president of Universities Australia, a group that represents 39 institutions, said, “An overseas campus is a better option to internationalize education for Australian students.”

Ms. Gittens of the University of Wolverhampton agrees. Partnerships “are not just about joint delivery — they are about internationalizing our staff,” she said.

Although India’s government now does not see the Ivy League rushing to enter the Indian market, officials at some Ivy League schools have confirmed plans to increase their presence, no matter how small. Brown University in Providence, Rhode Island, has decided to open an office in India, either in New Delhi or in Mumbai.

“This is something we’ve just decided on,” said Matthew Gutmann, Brown’s vice president for international affairs, during an interview after leading a mission to India in April.

Earlier this year, Columbia University in New York opened its fourth global center for research and regional collaboration in Mumbai, even though it does not have plans to open a separate campus in India. “We’ve created a center that’s independent of any joint degree program,” said Kenneth Prewitt, Columbia’s vice president for global centers. However, the university’s experience suggests that an initial step like this one might lead to joint degree programs, he said, adding it was a possibility that the same could happen in India.

This is what Education Minister Kapil Sibal and other backers of the draft law have learned and are now emphasizing as it awaits parliamentary action. After the initial talk about the impending arrival of the Ivies — Mr. Sibal is a Harvard Law School graduate — “he is beginning to realize that it is not going to happen all of a sudden,” Mr. Agarwal said.
U.S. Schools Attract Smaller Share of International Students

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U.S. attracts smaller share of international students

Although the United States is still the favored destination for students who want to study abroad, the share of international students coming to the country has been declining steadily since the year 2000, according to a study released Tuesday by the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development.

Ten years ago, when some 1.8 million students were enrolled in universities outside their home countries, 26 percent of them were in the United States. The total number studying abroad has risen steadily, from 2.6 million in 2005 to 3.3 million in 2008, the last year for which figures are available. But over that same time period the U.S. market share of international students has shrunk to 18.7 percent. Britain, Germany and France, the second, third and fourth most popular countries for study abroad, have also experienced declines in popularity, but none as steep as the United States.

Andreas Schleicher, an official in the O.E.C.D.'s education directorate, said that although the tightening of student visa requirements after the September 11, 2001, attacks may have led some students to avoid the United States, “it was only a small component.” The high cost of tuition and the relatively high cost of living were seen as more significant factors. The study also pointed to the fact that Australia, Canada and New Zealand, three countries that have been increasingly successful in attracting foreign students, have recently “eased their immigration policies” to encourage student applicants.

At the same time the European Union’s Bologna process has set a target of sending 20 percent of all graduating students for study abroad by the year 2020.

The United States remains the destination of choice for students pursuing advanced degrees in science and technology. It is also the favorite for students from Japan, where more than 64 percent of those who study abroad go to the United States, as well as South Korea (60 percent), Mexico (52 percent) and India (51 percent). But as students become more mobile,
and English becomes a language of instruction in universities across northern Europe, U.S. universities may have to work harder if they want to continue to attract the world’s brightest students.

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Usaid will fund links with African universities

The United States Agency for International Development has announced a grant to fund 11 partnerships between 22 American and African universities. With awards as high as $1.1 million, they will aim to address roadblocks to economic development in sub-Saharan Africa. Areas of focus are to include food, water and agricultural issues, as well as health care, energy and education.

The partnership concept was developed by the Africa-U.S. Higher Education Initiative, a collaboration between African and U.S. institutions of higher education, agricultural organizations and other advocacy groups. Overseen by the Association of Public and Land-grant Universities, the Initiative, founded in 2007, aims to foster increased U.S. commitment to African higher education. Funding will be distributed to each of the 11 partnerships through Higher Education for Development.

American participants include Brown University, Indiana University, Michigan State University and the University of Connecticut. In Africa, they include Addis Ababa University, the Catholic University of Sudan, the University of Ghana, the University of Liberia and the University of Nairobi.

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