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A Letter from the President



November 2013

Greetings to the Pirate Nation,

What a beautiful fall season we've enjoyed along with a 4-1 start as of the penning of this letter. One would have to go back to the year 1999 to match this team's initial success. The victory over UNC was one of the most impressive and dominating games in the in-state rivalry by our Pirates. The win at Chapel Hill brought national recognition not only to our athletic program but also to our dental and medical schools. It was a win that demanded respect for East Carolina University and all we offer. Congratulations to Coach McNeil, his staff and most importantly his players for the way they have played and represented the Pirate Nation. The season is long and every game is important. However, it appears that ECU players have the focus and confidence it will take to be successful this season. The swagger is back and they're playing with something to prove.

In other news, special thanks goes to Felix Harvey, an alumni of UNC for his leadership gift towards the "Step Up To The Highest Level Campaign." Mr. Harvey is known for his generosity, and Harvey Hall bears his name in honor of his past gifts. His recent donation has put us over the 16 million dollar mark towards the construction of the men's and women's basketball and volleyball practice facility. We are a little less than a million dollars short of fully funding this dream. This new building is open for view and use and represents the state-of-the-art facility, allowing us to recruit and compete at the highest level. Have you stepped up and done your part make this dream a reality? Help us get the job completed.

The Pirate Club continues to answer the challenge having raised \$6.65 million towards the goal of \$6.8 million for the 2013-14 annual fund. Additionally, we have 16,600 Pirate Club members on board. Of that number, 9,900 are student Pirate Club members representing the largest student membership of any major university in the country. Please encourage friends who are Pirate "fans" but not Pirate Club members to officially join the team behind the teams. Once again thank you for all you do and continue to do.

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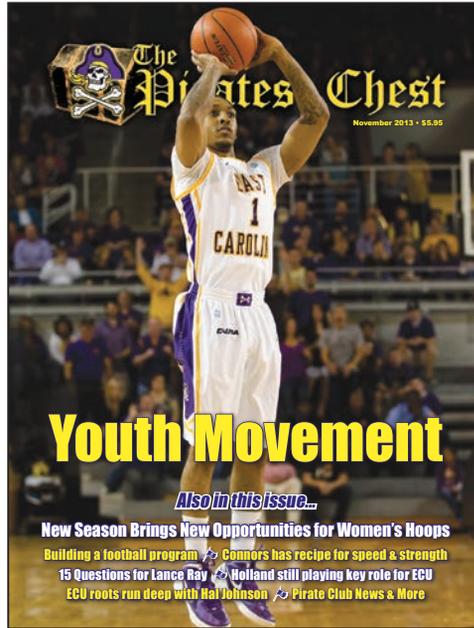
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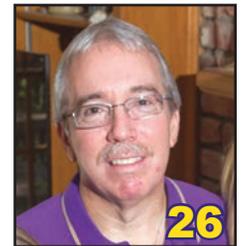
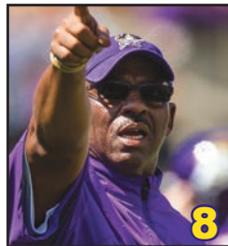
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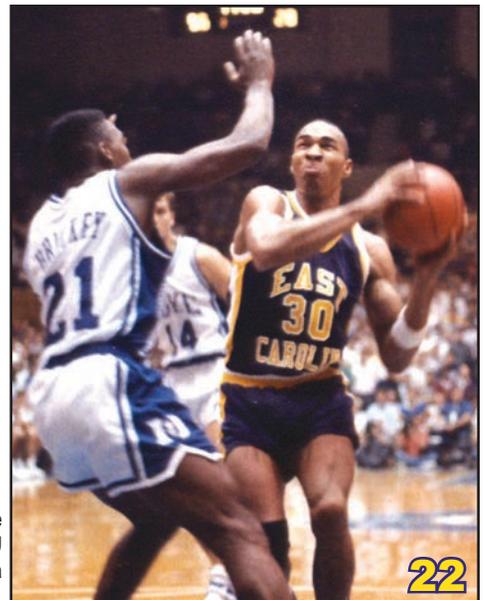
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Right: Remember the guy wearing No. 30? Jeff Charles recalls Blue Edwards and other Pirate greats as he looks back on 26 years at ECU and 26 remarkable athletes. (All photos courtesy of ECU Media relations, except Hal Johnson photo by Jay Clark.)



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Pirate Basketball will be young

By Al Myatt

The shorter East Carolina's rotation got during the 2012-13 basketball season, the better it seemed the Pirates played. The campaign culminated with a 23-12 record and the CollegeInsider.com Tournament championship.

As ECU looks to follow up on that success, there are more personnel challenges with which to deal.



Pirates coach Jeff Lebo anticipated the loss of point guard Miguel Paul and forward Maurice Kemp, mainstays during the record-setting season.

But the offseason produced some unexpected circumstances.

Robert Sampson, who averaged 9.1 points and 9.2 rebounds as a junior, transferred to Georgia Tech. Another solid frontcourt performer, Ty Armstrong, who contributed 9.3 points and 4.5 rebounds, left the program.

Erin Straughn, who missed all of last season with an injury after averaging 5.7 points and 4.6 rebounds as a junior in 2011-12, has transitioned to the role of undergraduate assistant coach.

Akeem Richmond, the hero in the postseason final with a winning 3-pointer at the buzzer, shapes up as the top returner. Richmond, a six-foot senior, came off the bench to score 10.9 points per game while hitting 42 percent from behind the arc.

"We're very inexperienced, very young," Lebo said. "We're kind of starting over a little bit. We've got a little bit of experience at the guard position. At the other spots, we're going to kind of play new guys. ... We lost a couple of guys who were going to be key for us ... Some of these guys are going to have some pretty different roles on this team."

Perimeter performer Paris Roberts-Campbell got a lot of minutes late in the season with an injury to Corvonn Gaines last year. He averaged 5.6 points while making 36.2 percent of his 3-point tries.

"A lot of question marks," said the Pirates coach. "At the point guard position, we're going to have a competitive battle between Prince (Williams) and Antonio Robinson. One of those guys or both of them are going to have to man that position for us."

Robinson is a transfer from Louisburg College with junior class status. Williams, a sophomore, got valuable minutes in the CIT run.

"They're bigger point guards, which will be helpful from the standpoint of rebounding at that position, especially on the defensive end of the floor," Lebo said. "Their big thing is will they be able to keep guys in front of them on defense who are smaller than them and quicker than them."

The Pirates may be able to post up Williams against smaller defenders since he stands better than 6-feet-5.

“At the small forward, we can play small,” Lebo said. “We can play Paris there. Caleb White is a freshman who I think is going to have to play and be aggressive for us this year. ... Akeem and Paris are going to have to be really good and consistent for us at the two guard position.”

White is 6-7 and played on the high school level at Virginia Episcopal.

Sophomores Michael Zangari and Marshall Guilmette will be counted on in the frontcourt.

“They didn’t play much last year,” Lebo said.

Guilmette was hurt at the end of his freshman year. Zangari made a brief appearance in the final game at Weber State.

“Marshall had a good start to the season,” Lebo said.

Guilmette averaged 4.0 points, 2.3 rebounds and 13.3 minutes in 31 games.

Brandan Stith, the son of former Virginia and NBA standout Bryant Stith, is a 6-7 freshman with promise.

“We lost close to 75 to 80 percent of our scoring and rebounding,” Lebo said. “That’s quite a number to try to overcome.”

ECU’s playing rotation and systems will evolve during the course of the season.

“You have to make adjustments to your personnel every year,” Lebo said. “You have to figure out how it’s going to work. ... We’re kind of going on the fly. We’ll have to make adjustments on the fly.”

The ECU coaching braintrust has changed slightly with former Pirates assistant Tim Craft accepting the head coaching position at Gardner-Webb after three seasons in Greenville. Lebo brought in former Gardner-Webb assistant Mike Netti to fill that void.

“When you’re young and inexperienced, trying to make a lot of adjustments and changes is difficult,” Lebo said. “We’ve got to try to keep it as simple as we possibly can. ... We can’t throw too much at them where they get paralysis by analysis. We don’t want that to happen.”

There are some significant changes this season. One is the availability of the new \$17 million basketball practice facility, which resolves schedule conflicts with activities in Williams Arena at Minges Coliseum.

The membership of Conference USA has changed, most notably with the departure of Memphis to the American Athletic Conference, which the Pirates will join next year. C-USA has gone to a Thursday-Saturday playing format, which will also require adjustments.



Sophomore guard Prince Williams



Above: Juco transfer Antonio Robinson (left) and freshman Brandan Stith (right) are part of the Coach Jeff Lebo’s (opposite page) new formula for the Pirates’ 2013-14 season. (All photos ECU Media Relations)

One of Lebo’s strengths in producing a remarkable 56-44 record in three seasons with the Pirates is the ability to adjust.

Tweaks are projected into the development of his fourth ECU team.

“We may struggle a little bit early, getting on the same page,” Lebo said. “As we move through the year, we’ll get a little bit more comfortable. The experience factor will be there as we move through it a little bit more. ... We might have to play a smaller lineup certain games. We’ve been toying with that a little bit. ... Offensively, we may spread it out a little bit.”

Roles will be defined during the course of a season that includes nonconference matchups with N.C. State, UNC Wilmington and possibly Duke.

“I don’t know who we’re going to go to when we need a bucket,” Lebo said. “We don’t know who is going to have to create when things break down. We don’t know who that person or who those people are going to be right now.”

Finding those answers has been part of the fun during Lebo’s tenure as Pirates coach. 🏀

BUILDING A PROGRAM

By Kevin Monroe

The Pirates have had great individual seasons over the history of the program, but because of a lot of factors they have struggled to build a consistent program.

College Football Hall of Famer Pat Dye had great years in the 1970s before moving on. Coach Bill Lewis, who was here from 1989 to 1991, left to be the head coach at Georgia Tech after what may have been the best season in East Carolina football history — the 11-1 season in 1991, which culminated in a Peach Bowl victory.

Steve Logan was let go following the 2002 season after a career that spanned over a decade. During his tenure at East Carolina, the Pirates started to build a solid program. However, because ECU was an independent school until 1997, there were no significant bowl affiliations and very few television games.

Not being on TV every week and not playing in bowl games consistently can hurt recruiting. Recruits want to attend a school that has notoriety and wins football games.

The Pirates became a part of the Liberty Bowl Alliance during Logan's tenure, which meant if they had a really good year and beat the other teams in the alliance they would be chosen to represent the alliance in the Liberty Bowl. That honor was bestowed upon the Pirates in 1994 and 1995.

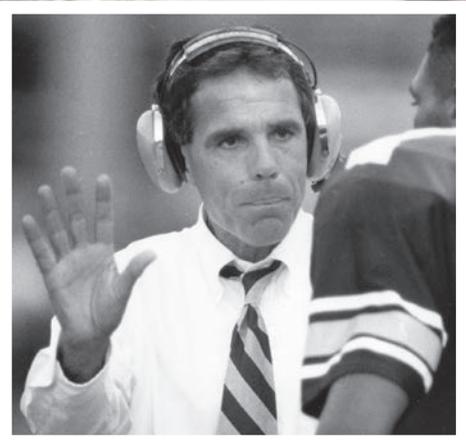
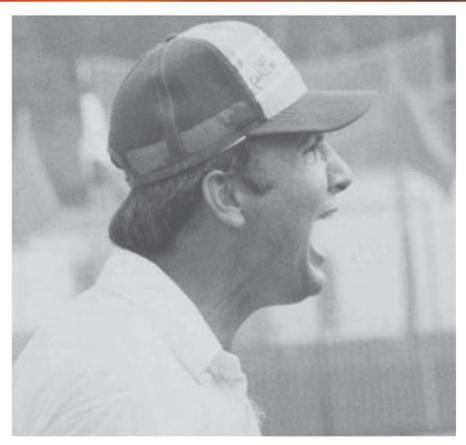
In 1996, East Carolina went 8-3, but was not invited to play in the Liberty Bowl because the bid that had been reserved for the alliance went instead to the champion of the newly-formed Conference USA, which the Pirates didn't join until 1997.

In an unjust turn of events that season, no other bowl bid was forthcoming for the Pirates either despite an impressive campaign that featured wins over Miami and South Carolina on the road.

After Logan's exit, the ECU program took a major nosedive and went through a two-year period that produced only three wins. That lack of success took a program that had shown consistent success in the 1990s and early 2000s and crushed the momentum.

East Carolina is a football school. Baseball is successful, but doesn't drive revenue. Basketball is on the rise behind Jeff Lebo and his staff, but the program's efforts to achieve the status enjoyed by football are still underway.

Top to bottom (left): Pat Dye, Bill Lewis, Steve Logan and Skip Holtz are among standout coaches who played roles in moving East Carolina's football program forward. (ECU Media Relations archive photos)





People know East Carolina football because of its history as giant-slayers, taking out Miami, West Virginia, Virginia Tech and many other prominent teams over the years.

Skip Holtz came in before the 2005 season and took the program to the next level. Skip had success recruiting some players that could play anywhere in the country. They chose East Carolina for many different reasons. The result was that for the first time in the school's history, the Pirates matched some of the top schools in size and speed.

East Carolina offensive linemen on average went from 6-2, 285 to 6-5, 310. Wide receivers and running backs were bigger, stronger and faster than ever before.

Those players brought home back to back conference championships and put the Pirates back on the map.

Holtz left for what he perceived to be greener pastures after the 2009 season, but what he left behind was important – he brought validation to the program.

Holtz brought his family name, good recruits and won games. That is the platform that Ruffin McNeil came into. An initial problem that Coach Ruff ran into was having to refill the cupboard with the kind of high-quality talent that had started to thin out in Skip's last season.

Coach Ruff is different than the other coaches that have headed this program. He is the first that was a former player for ECU. He is originally from eastern North Carolina, and coaching Pirate football is his dream job.

I don't think you will find that combination of school loyalty and "native" ties in a coach at any other school.

Coach Ruff is also an excellent recruiter that loves recruiting. When Ruffin McNeil walks into the homes of the mothers and grandmothers of these young men, they instantly love him. He is as genuine as they come, and you can tell he loves his players.

All those things are important, but the only thing that really matters is this: Can he win football games?

He certainly can, and Ruff has proven that since arriving by winning more games each year than the year before.

East Carolina is positioned now as a consistent power in Conference USA. Next season, when the Pirates enter the American Athletic Conference, they should be a factor right away.

The true indicator of a program's health is its depth. When top players go down, does that cripple the team? Or does the coaching staff have the luxury of turning to backups that can step in and not skip a beat?

We're not talking about quarterbacks and running backs — it's more difficult to maintain equivalent replacements at those positions — but the offensive and defensive lines, especially, need lots of ready-to-go depth.

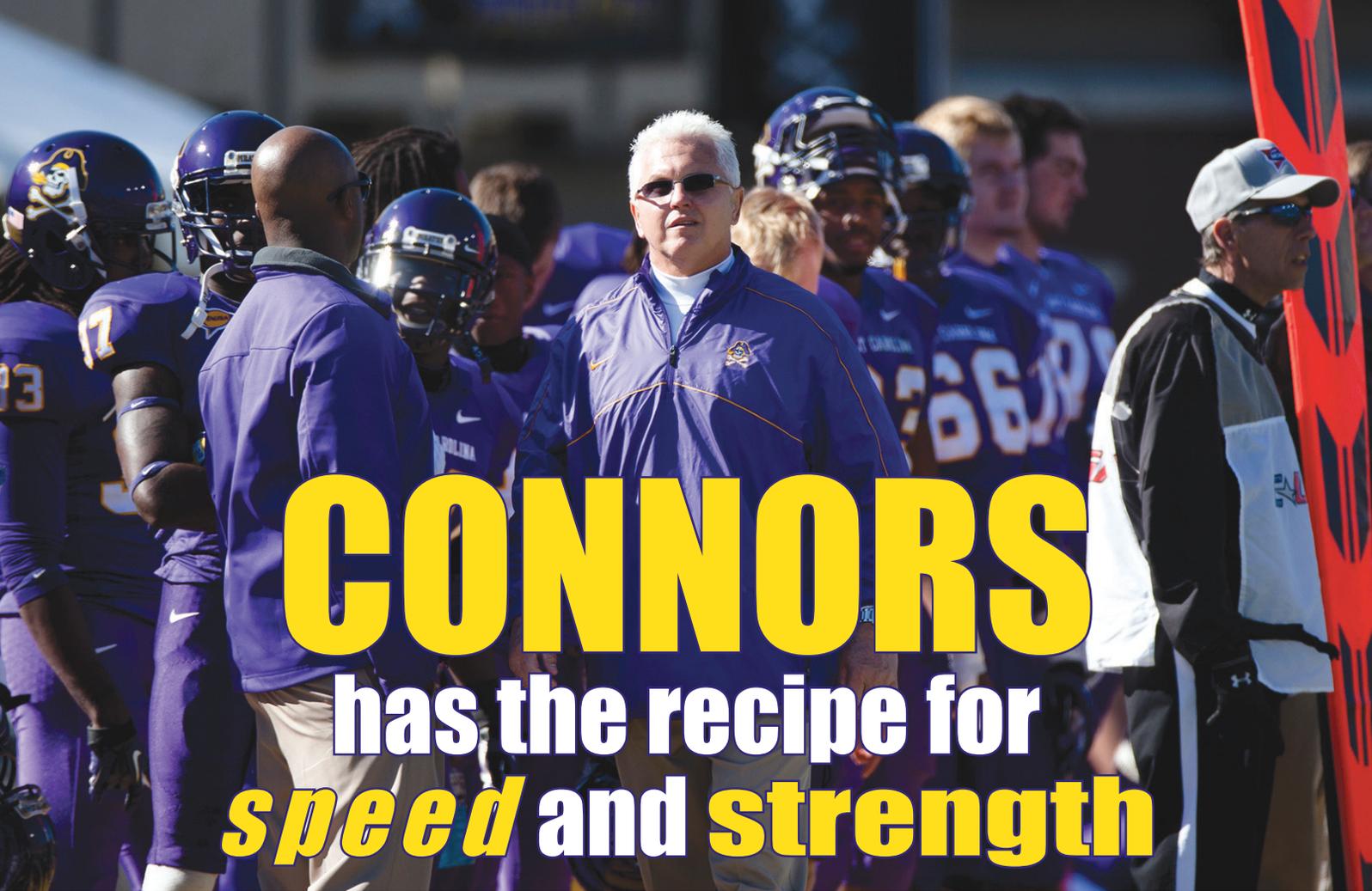
This season the Pirates are playing a number of defensive lineman and linebackers, and the defense is playing better than ever. Quarterback Shane Carden has spread his passes to an abundance of receivers. Those are just some examples of the team's improving depth.

East Carolina is positioned to continue elevating its national profile in the next few years. West Virginia, Virginia Tech, Boise State and Texas Christian are all programs that exploded onto the national scene and have maintained success over time. There's no reason the Pirates can't do the same.

The recipe is here: A head coach that can coach, recruit and wants to stick around to build up the program that spawned him – coupled with players that are big, fast and want to be Pirates.

The best is yet to come. 🏈

Left: Coach Ruffin McNeill has the recipe for recruiting success at East Carolina. (ECU Media Relations photo)



CONNORS

has the recipe for
speed and *strength*

By Al Myatt

East Carolina's 55-31 win at North Carolina on Sept. 28 was a source of great elation for Pirate Nation and a confirmation for Jeff Connors, assistant athletic director for strength and conditioning.

Connors had similar responsibilities at UNC from 2001 to 2010. He initially worked in strength and conditioning at ECU from 1991 to 2001.

The speed and strength the Pirates exhibited against the Tar Heels can, in large part, be attributed to the efforts of the man who has spent significant time with both programs.

"I think that shows the value that Coach (Connors) brings," said ECU football coach Ruffin McNeill, who does not miss a chance to talk about Connors' contributions to the program. "He's a relentless worker. He's undaunted in his approach. I'm really glad he's here. He makes a difference in our team in terms of strength, speed and mentality."

Connors is in effect the coach of the football program for long stretches in the offseason when NCAA regulations prohibit McNeill and his assistants from having contact with the players.

"The strength coach is one of the most important hires you have to make on your staff," McNeill said. "He's around the players more than you are because of NCAA rules. He's around them when you can't be as a coach. If that guy is a guy like we

Above and right: Assistant athletic director for strength and conditioning Jeff Connors (ECU Media Relations photos)

have, you have a chance to have success. Coach Connors is that guy. He does a great job. He understands each kid. He's relentless, does not let up, does not back off. He's been through it. I'm happy he's here and he's happy to be back here, too, which makes it even better."

Football, being the physical game that it is, is often decided by qualities relating to strength and conditioning. In his first stint at ECU, Connors developed a reputation for demanding results. There were stories of him barging into players' rooms when they were late for early morning workouts.

He has mellowed and he has to be more resourceful with his motivational tactics because offseason workouts are done on a voluntary basis.

Connors understands what he is doing and how to get it done. He has been published on his applications regarding physical development.

McNeill says Connors mixes his old school approach with the cutting edge of his craft.

"I think Jeff combines both," McNeill said. "He's still the drill sergeant and he's scientific, which makes him what he is. He combines both of them. It's hard to find a guy who can do both."

Connors, 57, also has the ability to relate to the younger generation.

"He's able to relate to them, not at them," McNeill said. "Some people talk at kids and at people, instead of to them but Jeff talks to our kids. I think Jeff combines not just the drill sergeant part, the scientific part but he's able to relate and talk to our kids. They respect and appreciate Coach C, as they call him."

Connors' days often begin before the sun gets above the Eastern rim of Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium. His office in the Murphy Center is adjacent to East Carolina's entrance point to its football home.

Connors has a view of the turf where the players he has molded and sculpted apply the physical advantages he has worked to develop.

The Monday morning after the win at Kenan Stadium, Connors had finished working out a group of 48 redshirts, walk-ons, older scout team players and others who are not on the travel squad before 8 a.m.

For all of Connors' acquired knowledge in his realm of expertise, there is still no substitute for hard work.

"We train them six days a week because we want to make sure we're taking advantage of every opportunity to progress their development," Connors said of the developmental group. "We want this to be like an offseason for the scholarship players who are redshirting, who will be helping us next year.

"It's taking advantage of every minute to develop them. ... We'll do speed-type work with them, plyometrics-type work, multi jumps, along with lifting. We're going to lift six days a week. We've got it split up like that. It's something that's been very successful for me over the years. I've got a certain recipe that I use and I'm comfortable with. I like the progress that we're making. I even have some guys like (true freshman defensive lineman) Dimitri McGill. He played in the (UNC) game but he's still going to be in the developmental group because he needs to keep becoming stronger."

Weight room success stories don't happen overnight but Connors has been back at ECU long enough for the results he has produced to be unmistakable.

When Connors returned to ECU, he was concerned about core strength, or the lack thereof, on the defensive line. That area has greatly improved and the Pirates have moved up among the national leaders in rush defense.

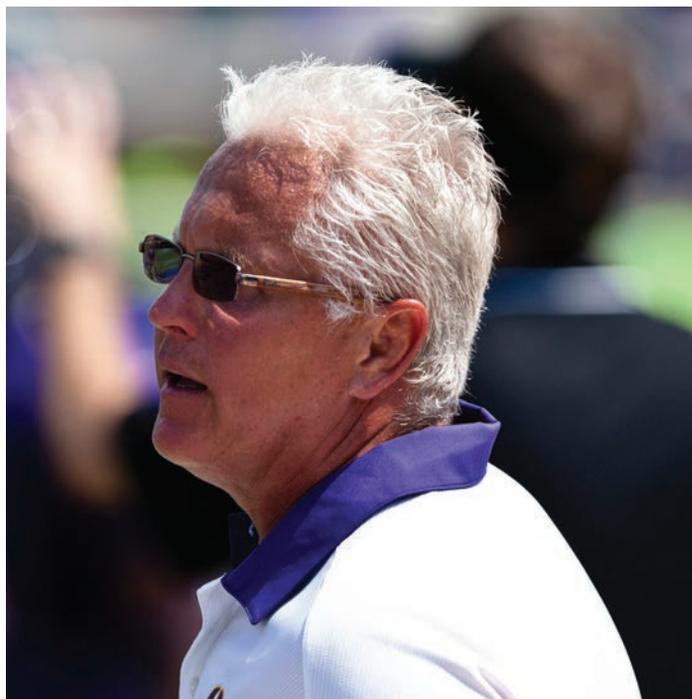
"We've had a few offseasons with these guys and summers," Connors said. "It's starting to pay dividends, particularly with our older guys. When you look at a guy like Lee Pegues, for instance, he's come such a long way with his strength and his size. He's right around 295, 300 pounds. He's got very respectable numbers that are comparable to anybody in the country, lifting wise. ...

"Look at Terrell Stanley. He's got some very impressive numbers in the weight room. It took him a while to establish. A lot of those guys have come a long way through our offseason training programs.

"... I test and evaluate these guys because I can see their progress on paper. When you look at those individuals on both sides of the ball, we've seen significant progress. I think we're kind of reaping the benefits of that. Of course, they have to take it to the field and I think they're starting to do a good job of that."

Even with players such as senior running back Vintavius Cooper, who has had less time under Connors' tutelage as a junior college transfer, there are perceptible results.

"I'm very happy with his progress," Connors said of Cooper. "We sat down last year and we talked about he hadn't been in a real extensive lifting program. When we take his talent, his special skills as a running back, we can go ahead and give you some more leg strength. You're going to be that much more effective. I was extremely happy to see that (at UNC). He ran strong,



He kept his balance. He got positive yardage after being hit. He broke tackles."

Cooper ran 35 times for 186 yards at UNC.

That performance was influenced by focused training.

"Our speed program is very extensive, Connors said. "Our total speed program we have on maybe six to eight videos. There's a lot of things that we do. ... We start with postural integrity. We also target the muscle groups that we think are very specific to speed, particularly the posterior chain. That's quadriceps, femoris, hamstrings and gluts. We tailor what we do lifting-wise to develop those muscle groups so that we put more force into the ground.

"Also, fluidity is very important. You need flexibility. Position specific work. All those things go together in relationship to preparing a football player for the game of football. I actually just wrote a 10-chapter book. A lot of things in that book are directed towards speed development and those types of things with regard to becoming more athletic and more fluid. The bottom line is that you need a comprehensive program that would include strength, converting that foundational strength to power and then applying that power to speed and then applying that speed to football."

Ahh, whoa, Coach. Postural integrity?

"Postural integrity means that when you run, even in an acceleration situation, you want to have somewhat of a vertical stack position in your body to where your hips are in position to put force in the ground," Connors said. "I always say that anterior pelvic tilt is the enemy of speed. I've got a lot of reasons for that. The posture of the body is very important because body position dictates muscle recruitment and muscle recruitment patterns are very crucial to being fast. It gets very deep. I've got a 10-chapter book and I'd say there's something about speed in at least half of those chapters."

Connors can get pretty technical in his analysis but suffice it to say that he has been integral in making the Pirates bigger, stronger and faster.

When those attributes combine to produce favorable results on the scoreboard, it makes Pirate Nation happy, too. 🏈

Fifteen Questions for

Lance Ray

By W.A. Myatt

Q: Favorite Restaurant in Greenville?

A: Texas Roadhouse.

Q: Favorite TV show?

A: (Anything on) CNN. I like to keep up with the news and what's going on around the world.

Q: What attracted you to East Carolina?

A: The offense. What was taking place before I got here - I saw them spreading the ball a lot, it really grabbed my interest.

Q: Why'd you choose to wear number three?

A: I wear number three because I'm a father of three. I'm away from my kids a lot and that kind of keeps me going.

Q: What are your plans for after college?

A: I'll try my best to play professionally, but if not, I'll do something within the communications field.

Q: What goes through your mind as you're waiting to receive a kick?

A: Where they're going to kick it. Kickoff return is real tricky because you might have worked on something all week in practice, but you never know what kind of kick you're going to get. Short kick, Mid-kick, deep kick, or just a bad kick,

you just never know.

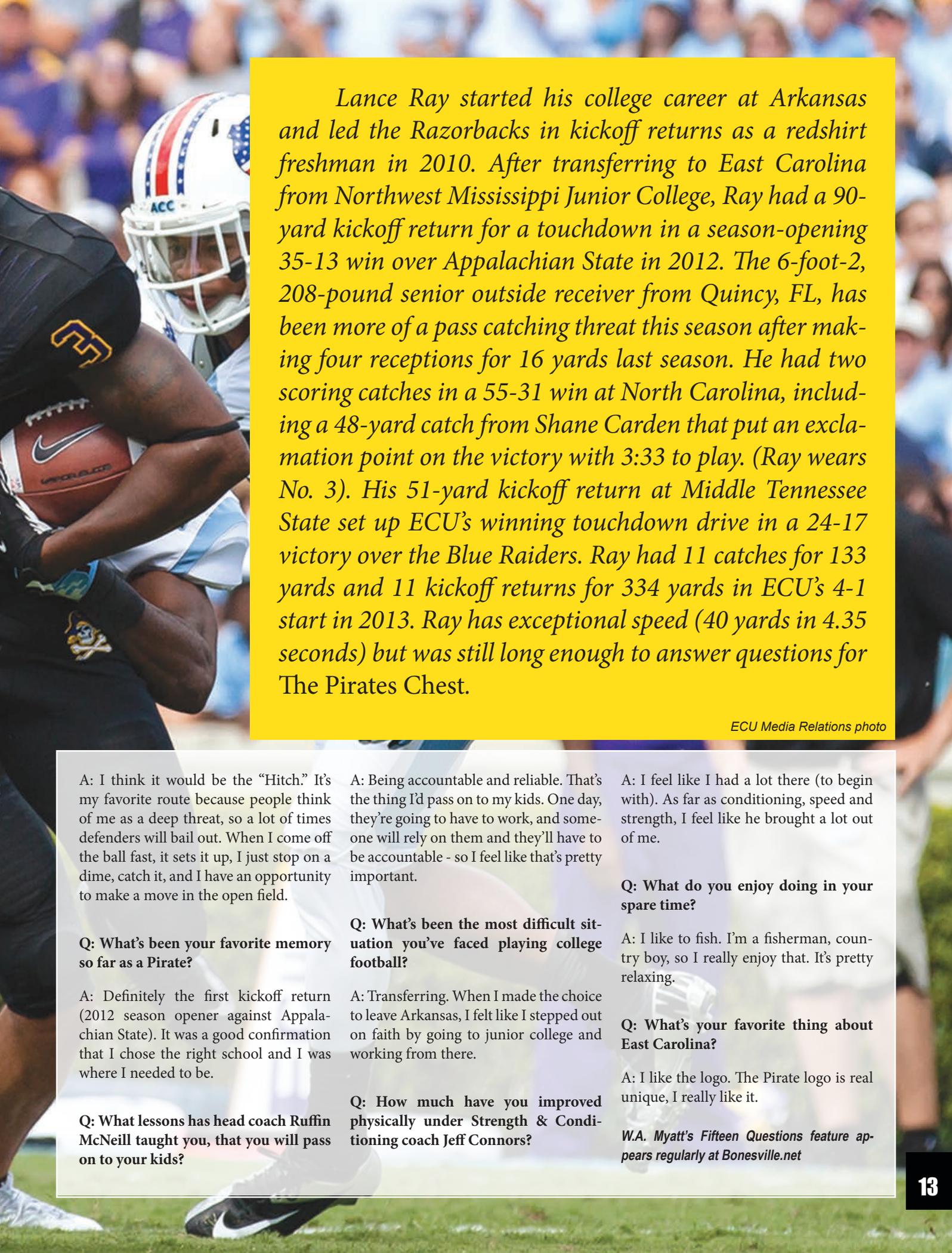
Q: Do you have any routines or rituals you do before games?

A: Nothing besides prayer. I pray before every game, it makes me feel protected every time I go on the field.

Q: Who has impacted you the most in your life?

A: My father. I feel like he was a great role model. He was the minister of music at my church and he really taught me how to become a man. He's my role model.

Q: What's your favorite route to run?



Lance Ray started his college career at Arkansas and led the Razorbacks in kickoff returns as a redshirt freshman in 2010. After transferring to East Carolina from Northwest Mississippi Junior College, Ray had a 90-yard kickoff return for a touchdown in a season-opening 35-13 win over Appalachian State in 2012. The 6-foot-2, 208-pound senior outside receiver from Quincy, FL, has been more of a pass catching threat this season after making four receptions for 16 yards last season. He had two scoring catches in a 55-31 win at North Carolina, including a 48-yard catch from Shane Carden that put an exclamation point on the victory with 3:33 to play. (Ray wears No. 3). His 51-yard kickoff return at Middle Tennessee State set up ECU's winning touchdown drive in a 24-17 victory over the Blue Raiders. Ray had 11 catches for 133 yards and 11 kickoff returns for 334 yards in ECU's 4-1 start in 2013. Ray has exceptional speed (40 yards in 4.35 seconds) but was still long enough to answer questions for The Pirates Chest.

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A: I think it would be the "Hitch." It's my favorite route because people think of me as a deep threat, so a lot of times defenders will bail out. When I come off the ball fast, it sets it up, I just stop on a dime, catch it, and I have an opportunity to make a move in the open field.

Q: What's been your favorite memory so far as a Pirate?

A: Definitely the first kickoff return (2012 season opener against Appalachian State). It was a good confirmation that I chose the right school and I was where I needed to be.

Q: What lessons has head coach Ruffin McNeill taught you, that you will pass on to your kids?

A: Being accountable and reliable. That's the thing I'd pass on to my kids. One day, they're going to have to work, and someone will rely on them and they'll have to be accountable - so I feel like that's pretty important.

Q: What's been the most difficult situation you've faced playing college football?

A: Transferring. When I made the choice to leave Arkansas, I felt like I stepped out on faith by going to junior college and working from there.

Q: How much have you improved physically under Strength & Conditioning coach Jeff Connors?

A: I feel like I had a lot there (to begin with). As far as conditioning, speed and strength, I feel like he brought a lot out of me.

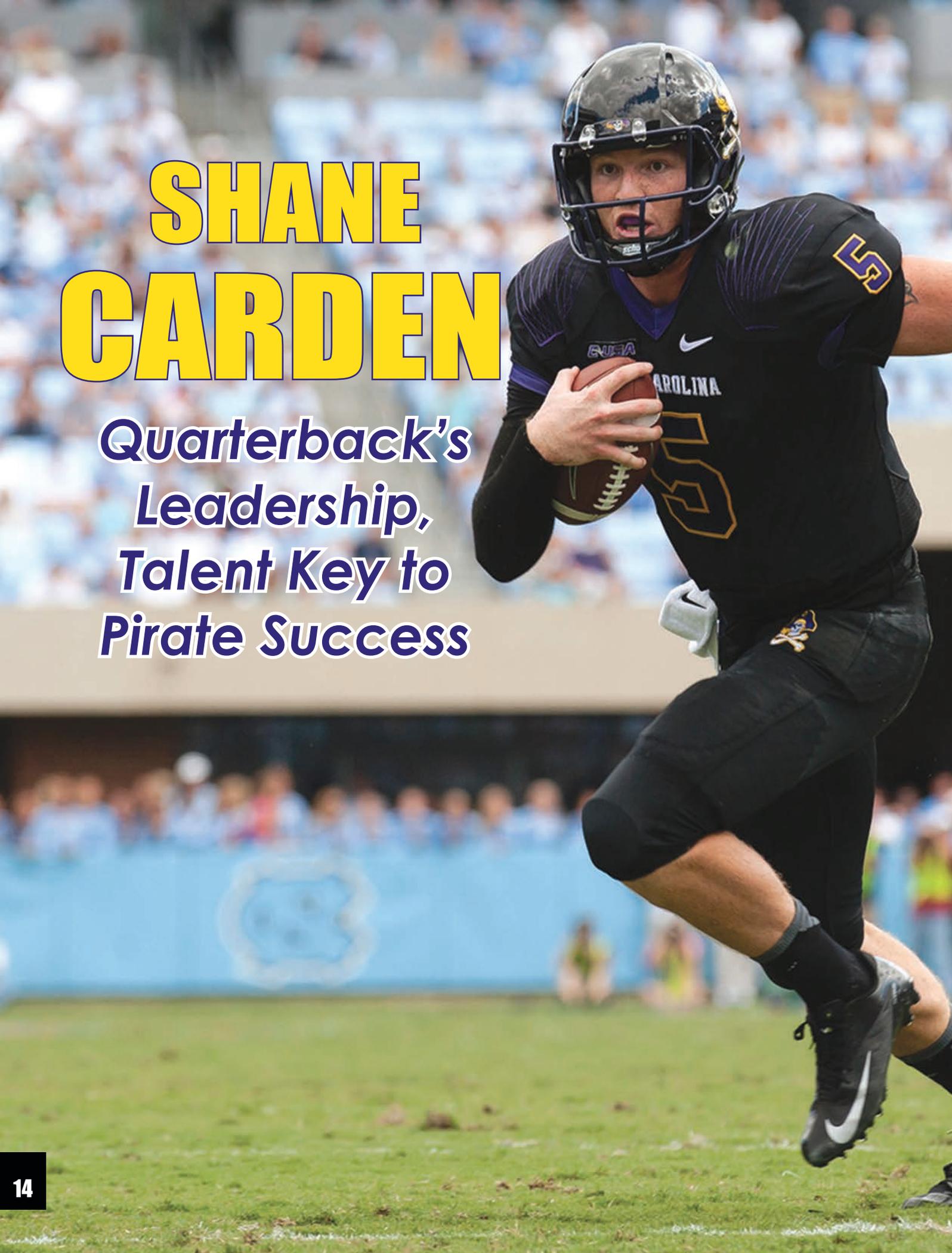
Q: What do you enjoy doing in your spare time?

A: I like to fish. I'm a fisherman, country boy, so I really enjoy that. It's pretty relaxing.

Q: What's your favorite thing about East Carolina?

A: I like the logo. The Pirate logo is real unique, I really like it.

W.A. Myatt's Fifteen Questions feature appears regularly at Bonesville.net



SHANE CARDEN

*Quarterback's
Leadership,
Talent Key to
Pirate Success*



The Inside Slant

by Brian Bailey

East Carolina's football team certainly isn't a one man show.

There are stars on both sides of the football. Depth has also played a key this season. Still, one player has to lead. One player has to be the steadying force for any team. That player for East Carolina is Shane Carden.

Carden didn't earn the starting quarterback job until after the second game of the 2012 season. He's playing, though, like a seasoned veteran.

Carden had his best total game as a Pirate in this year's win over North Carolina. In that 55-31 thrashing of the Tar Heels, Carden ran for three touchdowns and threw for three more.

Teammate Vintavious Cooper did the work load on the ground in that game, but it was Carden that made the most of things around the goal line.

"I felt kind of bad because Tay (Cooper) did all of the hard work to get us down there," Carden joked. "He certainly deserved to score a couple of those."

Carden's leadership and lack of a real ego came into play in the victory.

Even when Carden struggled this season, like in the loss to Virginia Tech, his coaches never lost faith.

"He's our quarterback," said Ruffin McNeill that week. "He's the leader of our team and I know he'll be the first to bounce back down the road."

McNeill couldn't have been more right. The Pirates took great advantage of their off week after the Virginia Tech game and did indeed bounce back against the Tar Heels.

East Carolina racked up 603 yards of total offense with Carden playing the role of catalyst.

"That win was for all of Pirate Nation," Carden would say afterwards. "We didn't want to get caught up in all of the hype, but we knew if we did what we were supposed to that we would have a good day."

East Carolina has long been known as the home of great quarterbacks. Just in my tenure in Greenville I have had a chance to cover the likes of Jeff Blake, Marcus Crandell and David Garrard.

I don't know where Carden will end up in ranking the greatest quarterbacks in Pirate history.

I do know that he'll be near the top.

He's got the same, quiet confidence that former Pirate quarterbacks Jeff Blake and David Garrard had. Both Blake and Garrard had better arm strength, but Carden is very similar in many ways.

Blake could certainly run the football and executed the option to perfection at times during his career. David Garrard, nicknamed the 'beer truck' by then Pirate coach Steve Logan, ran like a fullback. Carden runs a different option, but also runs it very well.

Carden isn't cocky at all. He's confident and that confidence was overflowing earlier this year when he gave this quote to my good friend Sammy Batten of the Fayetteville Observer.

"I didn't come here to be an ordinary player," Carden said. "I came in here and wanted to be remembered as one of the greats. If I keep working the way I am, that's a very good possibility."

I would say it's more than possible. I'd say it's a done deal... 

Left: Quarterback Shane Carden. (ECU Media Relations photo)

Holland looks back as he continues to help ECU

Terry Holland is still involved in making East Carolina University better.

Holland initially came aboard the Pirate ship in 2004 as athletic director. He had been approached about serving as an advisor in the search for a new AD and informed ECU representatives that he would be interested in the position himself.

That resulted in a period of leadership that included significant coaching hires, facility development and changes in conference affiliation.

Holland came to ECU after successful stints as a player, coach and AD at Davidson as well as coach, AD and fundraising assistant to the president at Virginia.

Holland transitioned to the role of Athletic Director Emeritus at ECU when Jeff Compher took over the AD duties in the spring of 2013.

"As AD Emeritus, my duties are assigned by the Chancellor (Dr. Steve Ballard)," Holland stated. "My current assignment is with the Office of University Advancement. University Advancement provides oversight and support for all East Carolina University fundraising entities."

These include the Educational Foundation, commonly known as the Pirate Club, the Medical and Health Sciences Foundation, the Alumni Association and the East Carolina University Foundation.

"Each foundation has its own board and the Advancement Committee, composed of the Vice Chancellor for Advancement (Glen Gilbert is currently serving in an interim role), the Vice Chancellor for Finance and Administration (Rick Niswander) and the Director of Athletics (Jeff Compher), work directly with the Chancellor," Holland said.

Legislative cuts in funding to the University of North Carolina system, which includes ECU, have made successful fundraising imperative.

"Due to the drastic cuts in state support required by the legislature, every institution in the UNC system will need to be extremely successful in fundraising just to maintain the current level of academic excellence at all state institutions," Holland said.



Notes, Quotes & Anecdotes

by Al Myatt

"Therefore the current search for East Carolina's new Vice Chancellor for Advancement will be one of the most important hires in ECU's recent history.

"My role is to assist the Vice Chancellor for Advancement and the major gifts officers in whatever manner will enhance the fundraising efforts of the various foundations."

Holland isn't resting on his laurels and he deflects credit for the accomplishments of his athletic administration.

"Any success that accompanied my tenure as the director of athletics should rightfully be credited to each individual member of the Pirate Nation as well as the men and women who worked in the ECU athletic department during that time," Holland said. "The direct and honest communication that existed between the AD's office and the individual members of the Pirate Nation was unique in today's intercollegiate athletics world. We did not always agree but, with only a few exceptions, we always respected each other's opinions and focused our energy on our mutual desire to keep Pirate athletics moving forward."

Nick Floyd served as interim AD before Holland arrived and continued to play a valuable role as executive associate athletic director in Holland's administration.

"Nick Floyd's excellent working relationship with the university administration and the student body helped athletics overcome financial deficits that were close to sinking the Pirate ship," Holland said. "His diligence and dedication allowed athletics to quickly pay its debt to the university and begin building an adequate reserve. None of this could have been accomplished without the strong support and leadership provided by the Chan-

cellor and the Chancellor's Executive Council.”

Clark-LeClair Stadium for baseball was close to becoming a reality when Holland began as AD for the Pirates but there were glaring facility needs.

“No ECU sport had Division I caliber practice facilities, locker rooms, or coaches’ offices and academic support space was extremely limited,” Holland recalled.

Holland credits J.J. McLamb, assistant AD for Administrative Affairs for his work in facility enhancement.

“J.J. McLamb led the planning for an amazing transformation of ECU’s athletics facilities and then managed the construction projects that brought those dreams to reality,” Holland said.

Although Holland’s background was in basketball, he oversaw a period of renewal in football, ECU’s flagship sport. He hired Skip Holtz as football coach after the 2004 season and Holtz guided the Pirates to Conference USA championships in 2008 and 2009.

“An aggressive football scheduling philosophy that included home games with NC State and UNC for ECU’s Centennial Year (2007), brought sell-out crowds and national exposure to Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium,” Holland noted.

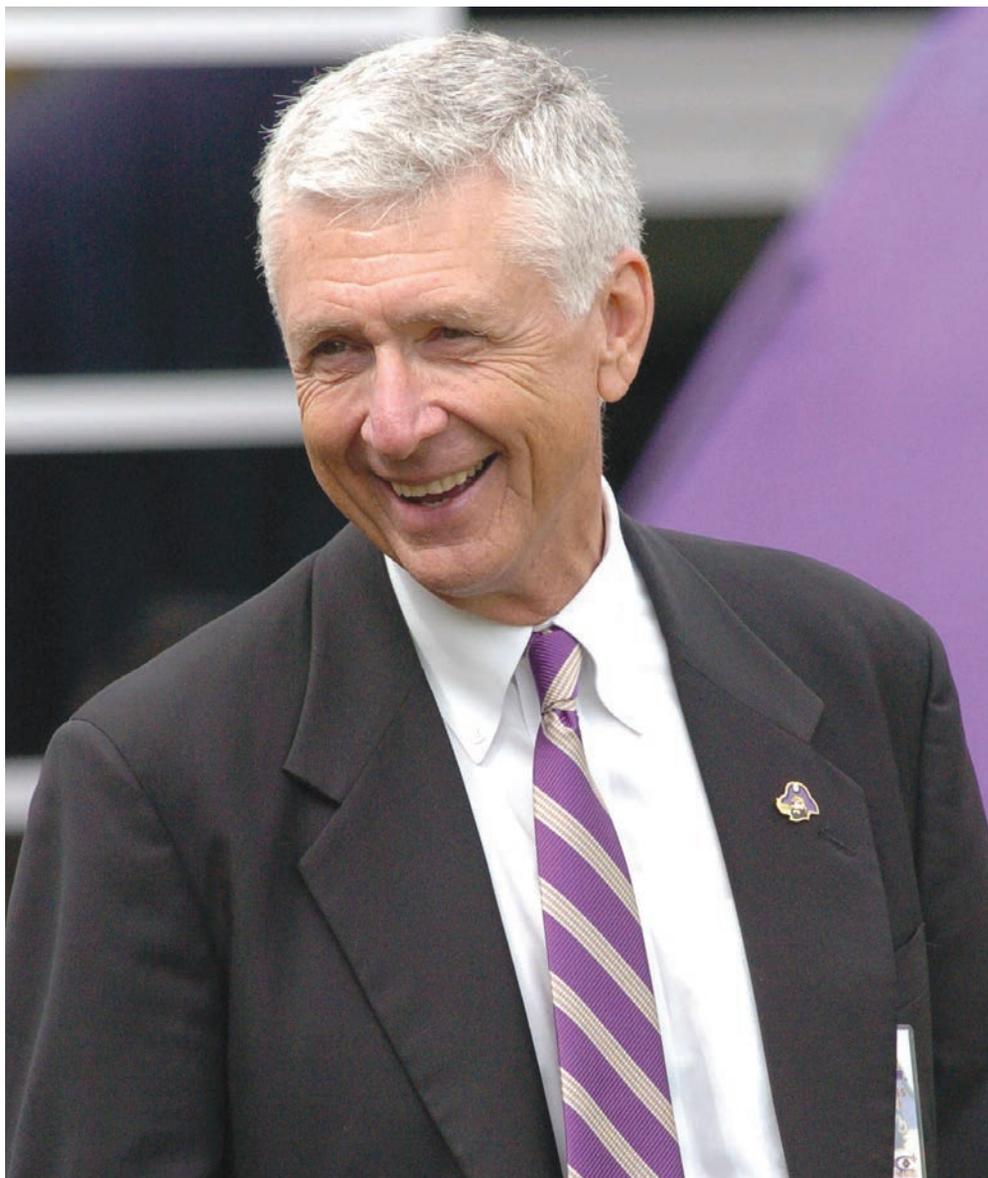
Football’s success and scheduling led to an expansion of Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium for 2010 that enclosed the East end of the structure with about 7,000 new seats.

Donors to the Circle of Excellence stepped up to provide the initial funding for major improvements which included a first-class football practice facility with the Hight Turf Field as the centerpiece, the state-of-the-art Pat Draughon Academic Study Center, as well as improvements to all coaches and administrative offices, including the Pirate Club offices, in both the Ward Sports Medicine and Scales buildings.

The olympic sports complex, indoor tennis facility, and the newly-opened basketball practice facility, the Smith-Williams Center, have all been a part of the progression of improved facilities that had their genesis in Holland’s athletic administration. The olympic sports complex was deservedly named in Holland’s honor.

When Holtz left ECU for South Florida, Holland brought in alumnus Ruffin McNeill from Texas Tech as football coach.

The Clinton native used his basketball acumen to hire Jeff Lebo as hoops coach, a move that led to the CollegeInsiders.com Tournament championship and a record 23 wins during the



Above: East Carolina Athletic Director Emeritus Terry Holland. (ECU Media Relations photos)

2012-13 season.

“Every step of the journey was focused on one primary goal – to position East Carolina’s athletic programs for membership in a conference with an automatic qualification for a BCS bowl,” Holland said. “Beginning in December of 2004, with the hiring of a new football staff, the football scheduling philosophy, the planning and follow through on facilities improvements, etc., every step was planned with this mission in mind.”

Like most of Holland’s projects, the goal of improved conference affiliation, eventually succeeded. The official announcement was made on Nov. 27, 2012 that the Big East was extending an invitation for membership to the Pirates.

Holland had received a phone call from Big East commissioner Mike Aresco the weekend beforehand regarding the long-sought league upgrade.

“That was the exclamation point on what the Pirate Nation had worked so hard to accomplish,” Holland said.

The Big East has subsequently transformed and ECU will compete with a group of former Big East schools as well as new additions in the American Athletic Conference beginning July 1, 2014.

Holland's contract with ECU runs through the end of 2014 and he will no doubt feel a sense of accomplishment as the Pirates enter the American.

Holland has confidence in Compher and his staff to continue the progress ECU has made over the decade of his guidance.

"The new leadership team is already working hand-in-hand with the Pirate Nation to build a great athletic program on that foundation," Holland said.

The venerable former Virginia coach said the new AD may be even better qualified than he was.

"I was a basketball coach who learned how to be an AD," Holland said. "Jeff has been groomed to be an AD throughout his professional life."

Ruff and family

The East Carolina football players and their kinfolk are part of what Pirates coach Ruffin McNeill regards as an extended family.

"I've got 105 sons," McNeill said.

Family has great importance to the former Pirates player and current head coach.

His mother, Bonnie, passed away six years ago. His dad, Ruffin McNeill, Jr., attends ECU's home games. He has his own room at Coach McNeill's house.

"I am who I am, first by the blessing of God, but the blessing of those two people being my parents," McNeill said. "They were both educators. They were both at the top of their high

school and college graduating classes, academically."

McNeill, has a younger brother, Reginald, who lives in Kernersville.

"They impressed upon us, academics, of course, and having balance in your life. That was athletics and, also, social. They were very big on us being very balanced.

"They were also big on teaching Reginald and I values, what you believe in. The base values that I stand for now, they're non-negotiable. No egos. No entitlement. Teamwork. It's not about you. It's about us. Don't expect anyone to give you anything. You have to work hard for it and be respectful for what you have. It's an honor for you to be able to do that. That's where no entitlement came from.

"We always did things as a family, as a team. When I came to East Carolina, Coach (Pat) Dye was a perfect man to follow them."

McNeill's parents were always at his games when he was playing strong safety for ECU.

"They traveled to each game," McNeill said. "They never missed a game. When I coached on the west coast, that's when they first missed one of my games but they never missed one for me as a player through high school and college and my brother as well."

McNeill has his mother's name on the sweatband he wears on his wrist for every game.

"We didn't lose her on August 19, 2007," said the Pirates coach. "I gained an angel. God blessed me to come back home so now every Thursday of every home game, my Dad can come see me. ... He stays through Monday with us. It's his vacation."



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McNeill's dad was on an undefeated basketball team at E.E. Smith High School in Fayetteville. He is in the hall of fame at Johnson C. Smith University in Charlotte.

"He gets six, and, hopefully, seven vacations a year," McNeill said.

The ECU coach was referring to the possibility of hosting the Conference USA championship on Dec. 7.

McNeill credits his mother as a positive influence on his personality.

"My Mom was a really good athlete," McNeill said. "My Mom taught me as much about sports as my Dad. My Dad coached me. My Mom taught me how to stay calm because I had a very hot temper. She put me in Taekwondo very early. That taught me balance as well as what my Mom and Dad taught me at the house. I learned balance there as well. She taught me about life."

Progress in weight room

East Carolina quarterback Shane Carden and receiver Justin Hardy have had great success on the field during the 2013 football season. Carden had completed over 73 percent of his passes for 2,017 yards with 13 touchdowns at the regular season's midpoint. Hardy had 57 catches for 639 yards with three scores.

Their productive numbers were boosted by their work in the strength and conditioning programs of Coach Jeff Connors.

"Justin has definitely taken some physical strides," Connors said. "He had a little bit of an injury this offseason where we had to progress him kind of slowly from last season but I'm really

happy with how he's progressed. When he cracked back on that defensive back (UNC's Malik Simmons) and sent him flying, that was nice to see."

Hardy weighed about 160 pounds in high school, according to his coach at West Craven, Kevin Yost. The muscle he's added to his six-foot frame has him at about 186 pounds as a junior for the Pirates.

Carden added a few pounds in the offseason following an 8-5 year in 2012 but felt his agility had improved in the workout program with Connors.

"Shane comes from an athletic set of parents," Connors said. "His mother (Scoti) and father (Jay) come to every game. Both of them having extensive athletic backgrounds."

Jay Carden pitched in the professional baseball ranks for eight years. Scoti was a scholarship volleyball player at Cal Poly and also competed in track.

"Shane has had a very comprehensive upbringing when it comes to preparation for athletics," Connors said. "I've become friends with (Jay and Scoti) and I really enjoy their company."

"Shane has been compared a little bit with the type of quarterback that Brett Favre was. Shane has a real high level of toughness, physically and mentally. If you combine that with his talent, I just think the sky's the limit for Shane. He's got the intangibles. There's no question about that. He's very competitive. He's tough. He's progressed in the weight room.

"He benches 330, 335. He power cleaned 300. He loves to lift. He looks like a fullback more than he does a quarterback. I can't say enough about him from a leadership standpoint. He's the total package. He really is." 🏈

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New Season, New Opportunities for

Women's Hoops

By Bethany Bradsher

Above: Coach Heather Macy (ECU Media Relations photo)

The preseason mood for the Lady Pirates' basketball team was one of unfinished business – even for the new players.

The East Carolina women marched through the regular season in impressive fashion last year, compiling a 21-8 regular season record and entering the C-USA Tournament as the No. 2 seed. But they fell in the conference semifinals to Tulsa, dashing their hopes for an NCAA bid and landing them in the WNIT where they fell in the first round to Western Kentucky.

There was plenty to be proud of, but the Pirates fell short of their ultimate goal, and seniors like Ariana Jackson are determined to keep that fact at the forefront as the team prepares to open its latest campaign on November 8. The message seems to have sunken in, she said.

“Even the younger ones, like the freshmen, they know that we didn’t reach our goal last year, so even they’ve come in with that sense of urgency, because we all see the potential that we have,” said Jackson, one of two seniors on the squad.

“We know we have very good. We’re committed to winning this championship, because we knew that we let one slip away last year and we don’t want that to happen again.”

Their quest to reach new heights will happen without the top three scorers from 2012- ‘13 — Whitney Edwards, Celeste Stewart and Britny Edwards. Seniors Jackson and Kristine Mial and redshirt junior Kyani White will form the leadership core of this team, with juniors Tatiana Chapple and Janesha Ebron also contributing experience in a Pirate uniform.

Mial, the recipient of the C-USA Sixth Player of the Year award last season, said that she is already feeling confident about the new talent coming in and the diverse skills they bring to the court. One junior college transfer, 6-4 post player Andrea Shaw, led the nation in blocked shots in 2011-’12 for Coffeyville Community College (Kan.), with 157 on the year.

“We have a lot of new girls, a lot of new talent. We lost Britney in the post, but we brought in three new post players who have height, and Andrea’s a shot blocker,” Mial said. “We have a lot of shooters and everything, so I think offensively we’ll be a lot better.”

Head coach Heather Macy won her first C-USA Coach of the Year award last year, but like her players she is far from satisfied as she looks to the new schedule. With transfer talent like Shaw, Akia Jones and Shae Nelson bringing collegiate experience as well as size and speed, Macy expects fans to see more speed on

both offense and defense.

“They’ve played sixty college games, so that’s a big advantage,” Mial said of the juco players. “They’re learning our terminology, learning how we want to play, learning our culture. And that’s a transition. But the majority of them were here this summer, which really assists them in moving things along really quickly.”

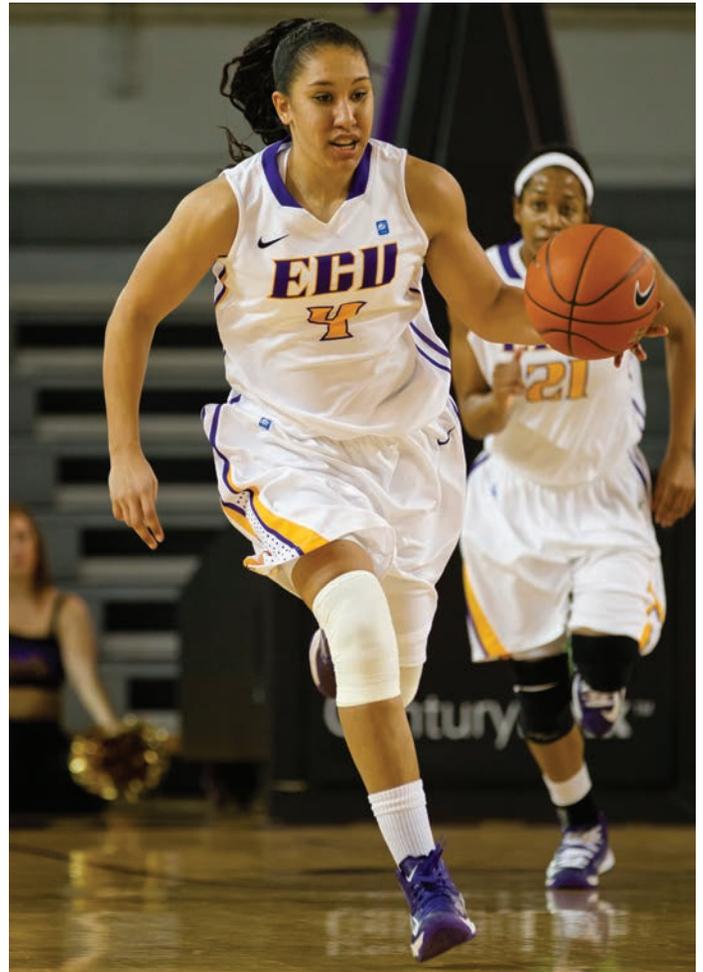
One boon to Macy’s offensive plan is the high number of multitallented, athletic players who are quick enough to convert in the backcourt but tall and athletic enough to post up inside. She pointed to junior Abria Trice, who redshirted last season after two seasons at UNC-Wilmington, as a prototype of that utility player that fits perfectly into ECU’s scheme.

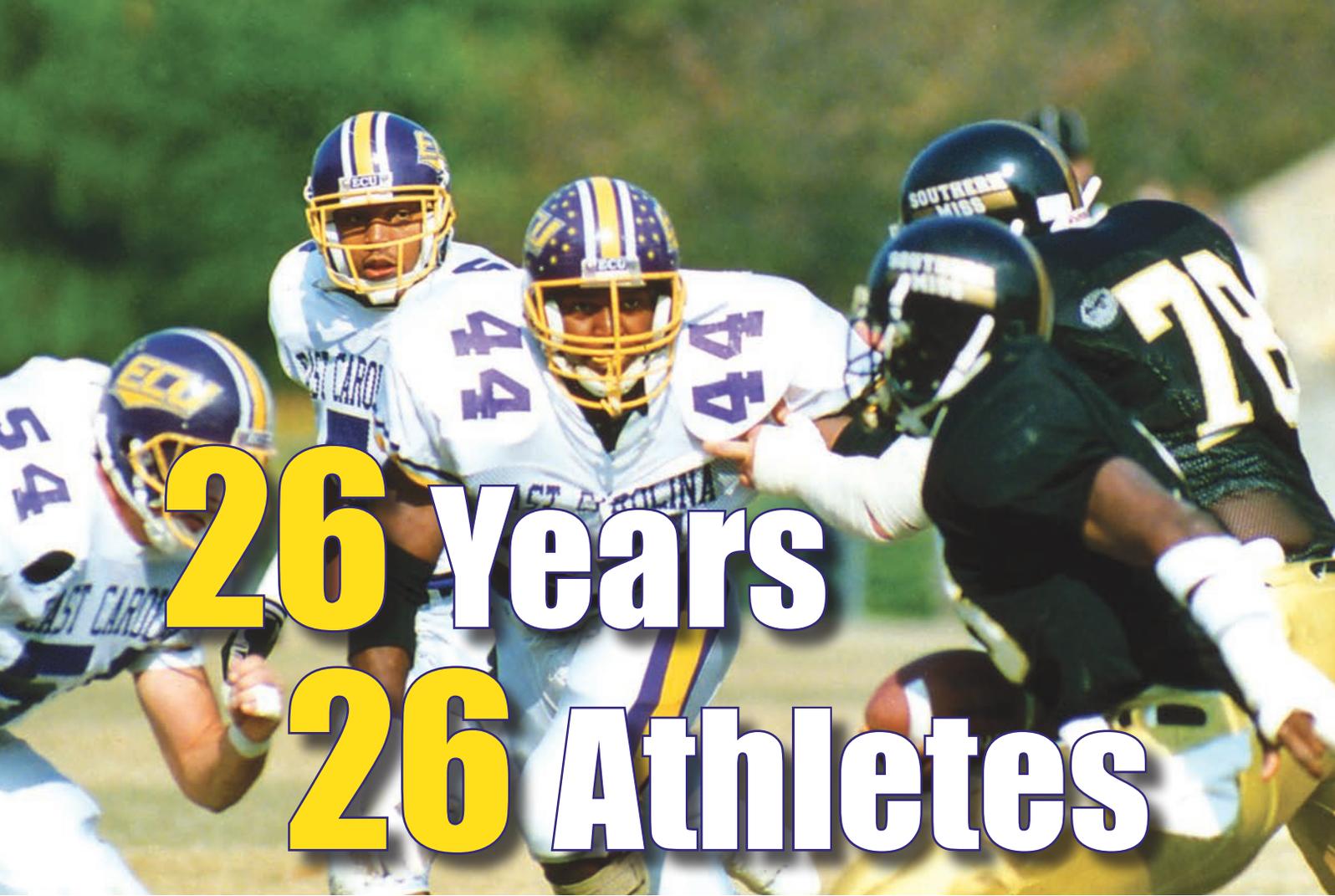
“She’s a guard, but she can go and rebound, and she can go and post up,” Macy said. “So the versatility is what I love so much. Because we have five of her. And I love that. The cool thing about how we play offensively is they can all play in the game together.”

White, who started in all but one game for the Pirates last season, has been struck by the chemistry of the squad and by the on-court leadership provided by the more seasoned players, who came so close to their goal last season and have confidence that they can earn another shot.

“It’s a lot of talking, and coaching between us and the other players,” White said. “Coach Macy also talks about that – it’s very important that players coach players versus coaches always coaching players.” 🏀

Right: Kristine Mial; **Below:** L - Ariana Jackson, R - Kyani White (ECU Media Relations photos)





26 Years 26 Athletes

I've had the privilege of watching many outstanding athletes from the broadcast booth. Football, basketball and baseball players who had great careers at ECU, and many of them had terrific careers in professional sports. There's no order to these exceptional athletes, just some random fun thoughts on each.

PAT WATKINS — He hit .445 his final year. The best single season mark in school history. A first round pick of the Cincinnati Reds, he played in the bigs with with Reds, as well as Colorado and Florida.

JUNIOR SMITH — The all time leading rusher with 3,745 yards. A dynamic player in a small package. Junior had 16 100 yard games.

BLUE EDWARDS — The best talent to ever lace 'em up at Minges Coliseum. He was the MVP of the CAA his senior year. He played ten years in the NBA and had a very productive career.

LINVALL JOSEPH — The coaches at the time used to say "we don't get guys like this." A man-child in every sense of the word. He now starts on the defensive line for the New York Giants.

JEFF BLAKE — His terrific senior season was the key to the greatest season in school history in 1991. He went on to a fine NFL carer most notably with the Cincinnati Bengals.

Above: Former Pirate linebacker Robert Jones (ECU Media Relations archive photo)



A Visit with "The Voice"

by Jeff Charles

CHRIS JOHNSON — CJ was the most electrifying with that off-the-charts 4.2 speed. He set, or tied, 18 school records. A first round pick of the Tennessee Titans, he's one of the NFL's best.

TERRANCE COPPER — From nearby Washington, he ranks 6th in most receptions-carerer and 8th in most receiving yards-career. He went on to play for the Kansas City Chiefs.

MOUSSA BADIANNE — Everyone loved "Moose" and at 6'10" he was a shot blocker supreme that rewrote the record books. The France native now plays in Europe.

C.J. WILSON — Another local product from Belhaven he was the anchor of a great defensive line, and today plays for the Green Bay Packers sporting a Super Bowl ring.

JEFF KERR — The epitome of tough. A great linebacker and the kind of guy you want in the fox hole next to you. He's made a career in Nascar.

VONTA LEACH — The big guy with the big smile. A great attitude made him a great Pirate and a key contributor for the Super Bowl Champion Baltimore Ravens. He's given back to his community too in Rowland, North Carolina.

LESTER LYONS — The lefty guard lead the Pirates to the 1993 NCAA tournament. Look at the stats, he's one of the best hoopsters ever to don the purple and gold.

LARRY SHANNON — He had that big 6'6" frame and was quite a target. He could get deep and made so many great catches. He's now a high school football coach in Florida.

ROBERT JONES — The great line-backer lead the defense on the 1991 team. He went on to become a Super Bowl champion for the Dallas Cowboys. His son Isaiah now plays for the Pirates.

CHAD TRACY — A baseball standout, he's carved out a fine career in the major leagues with his best years as an Arizona Diamondback. He played for the Washington Nationals this past year.

MAURICE KEMP — What a senior season. He was the best player on the CIT championship team. A great athlete, his dunks are legendary, just ask ESPN.

MARCUS CRANDELL — The signal caller on the Liberty Bowl teams, he hailed from just up the road in Robersonville. A Grey Cup champion in Canada, he now coaches in the CFL.

GEORGE KOONCE — A two year Pirate, he went on to a Super Bowl championship career with the Green Bay Packers and became the Director of Athletics at the UW-Milwaukee.

LEONARD HENRY — One of the best backs in school history, he's second in career rushing yardage with 3,089 yards. The Clinton native ran for 1,432 yards in 2001.

DAVID GARRARD — One of the all time great Pirates both on and off the field. He broke 28 school records. The Durham native went on to an outstanding NFL career and signed with the New York Jets in October.

TROY SMITH — The hometown kid from J.H. Rose High School was a two-time offensive MVP and 6th round pick of the Philadelphia Eagles.

DOMINIQUE DAVIS — The athletic quarterback threw for over 3,000 yards in each of his two seasons. He now plays for the Atlanta Falcons.

DWAYNE HARRIS — There's never been a tougher Pirate. "17" was a great receiver and return man who's now making his mark with the Dallas Cowboys.

SCOTT HARLEY — The 8th all time in career rushing with 2,465 yards. He ran for a school record 351 yards against North Carolina State in 1996.

SETH MANESS — The ace of the staff his incredible control and command attracted the pro scouts. He made it to this year's World Series with the St. Louis Cardinals working out of the bullpen in his first year in the big leagues.

PATRICK PINKNEY — The quarterback on the back-to-back Conference USA championship teams. He overcame a series of injuries to lead the Pirates back to the top of the league.

Till next time, "keep painting 'em purple." 🏴‍☠️



Above: Former Pirate hoops star Blue Edwards (ECU Media Relations archive photo)

Excellence on all Fronts

High expectations across
the full spectrum of sports
means greater opportunities
for Pirate athletics to shine

By Bethany Bradsher

Last March, the East Carolina softball team inadvertently played a crucial role in Jeff Compher's interview process...



Athletics Director Jeff Compher

Above: Senior softball star Kristi Oshiro

Compher was in the Chicago airport, preparing to board a plane to Greenville where he would soon accept the job as the new athletic director. The Lady Pirates were on their way back from a series of games in Hawaii. Compher couldn't introduce himself then, but he was able to observe the way the student-athletes carried themselves. And he was impressed.

"I got to see the team, how they traveled, how they got along, how the coaches interacted, just that kind of step back observation," said Compher, who officially took over as AD in May. "And it was very encouraging."

That chance encounter was the first installment in Compher's season of introduction to ECU's 14 sports squads – teams that vary in number from eight to 120 and in playing venue from country club golf course to giant stadium to swimming complex. And even if fan and media attention tends to keep its focus on the three major sports, Compher is enjoying the chance to get acquainted with every one of them.

He has watched the cross country, women's soccer and men's and women's golf teams compete this fall. He has met individually with each team and checked in frequently with each coach, especially new hires Beth Keylon-Randolph (softball) and Julie Torbett (volleyball).

"We're kind of new together, making sure that their transitions are going well," he said. "I'm really proud of both of them and how they've come in and adjusted and I think set new standards for their programs."

Even if others draw a distinction between Olympic

sports and three most visible teams, Compher knows that greatness within a collegiate program can bubble up from any corner. And when one sport breaks through the barrier to earn a conference championship, or qualify for the NCAAs, it constitutes a rising tide that certainly lifts every boat.

“I don’t care who wins, it’s contagious,” he said. “So if our swimming program wins a national championship, don’t think that doesn’t help every one of our sports. If our golf team qualifies to go to the NCAA for the seventh straight year again, that helps everybody, because success breeds success and confidence.”

When he made his initial calls to each Pirate coach, Compher was clear on this point, specifically to women’s golf coach Kevin Williams, whose team holds ECU’s longest postseason appearance streak. He told Williams he was setting the tone for what Pirate athletics could become, and Williams responded that his golfers now understand that they are expected to qualify for the NCAAs.

“I like it when it goes from a hope to an expectation,” Compher said. “And when you build that kind of continuity, and you build that level of a kind of championship culture, then you’ve got to feed the monster. You’ve got to keep it going. You’ve got to be sure that you’re recruiting to that level and you’re always trying to ratchet it up one more step.”

Across the board, Compher feels that the ECU Olympic sports are poised to camp out at that place of high expectations. The coaches are consistently top-notch, he said, and the facilities are some of the best in the country, especially the new venues for soccer, softball and track and field.

In a program this extensive, new facility needs are always in the picture, and Compher’s priorities at this point are seeking continued improvements for the swimming and diving facility and investigating options for a tennis facility. The current courts have drainage issues and are insufficient to house a Division I program, but a solution could come through a partnership with a private facility or with the eventual construction of new courts.

There will always be needs for Compher and his staff to address as they seek to create a culture of excellence within Pirate athletics, he said, but the big picture – and his source of encouragement five months into his new job – becomes clear when he sees ECU student-athletes embrace the whole package of academics, athletics, leadership and service. In another chance encounter this fall, he found himself in line at a local restaurant in front of six swimmers who had just volunteered at the local food bank.

“They had already had a workout that morning, they went to do community service, going to get a little bite to eat and going off to class,” he said. “That, in a nutshell, is what our student athletes are all about. That’s impressive. And that’s just a little microcosm of all of our student athletes.” 🏆

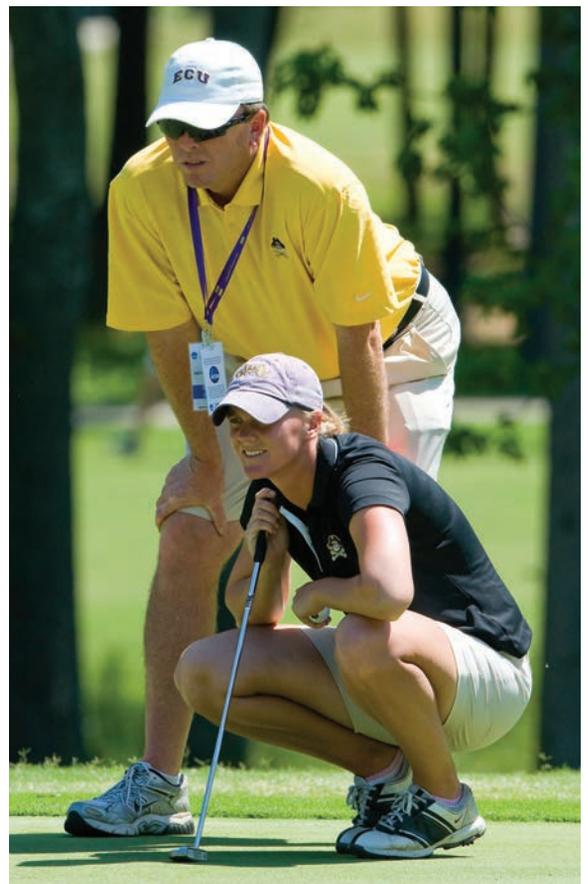
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ECU Roots Run Deep with HAL JOHNSON

BB&T Exec giving back to alma mater after leveraging MBA into career in high finance

By Al Myatt

Hal Johnson is kind of a three-sport guy.

He and his wife Debbie have made provisions to fund scholarships in football and basketball from their estate.

Then there's baseball, which is the sport Johnson sometimes thinks in terms of in his work at BB&T.

As a manager for an institution that counts over \$185 billion in assets, he says, "My boss always tells me my job 'is to get on base. We're not going for doubles, triples or home runs. Just get on base and we'll get the runners home.' That's sort of the philosophy of just sort of do the best you can every day but don't get too complex. Singles in life are good."

Johnson already has experienced the personal satisfaction of sponsoring a scholarship in East Carolina's School of Business.

"It's been an honor and a joy to see how it's helped," said Johnson, who normally gets correspondence from those receiving scholarship funds when an award is granted by the school. "The stories are really powerful"

Johnson has sought to expand the assistance with a gift established through planned giving to the Educational Foundation, better known as the Pirate Club. Johnson said athletics have a vital role with former students.

"From an alumni perspective, sports is often what keep alumni connected to the university," he said. "That's an important and powerful thing. I'm also impressed with how ECU hasn't lost the student in student-athlete. I think we run our programs in a very honorable way. I think that's a great thing to be able to contribute to.

"I don't want to contribute to it too soon, but when that day comes it will be a wonderful thing to support those kids who are putting in that extra effort. It's a hard thing to be a student-athlete and spend all that time in practice.

"We go watch them play on Saturdays or during the week for basketball or baseball. They're putting their heart and soul into that. To be able to be a part of that is a great honor."

Johnson also has another reason to return to campus. His older daughter, Holly, is a junior studying exercise physiology at ECU. She wants to become a physical therapist after graduate school.

"It's been even more fun with her there," Johnson said. "My wife and I will go down and get to see her when we visit campus for the games. But being a life-long Pirate, there's plenty of incentive to go anyway."

Johnson grew up on Long Island, outside of New York City, but knew he wanted to go to college in the south.

He applied to several schools below the Mason-Dixon line.

"ECU sent me an acceptance letter with an early enrollment tied to it," Johnson recalled. "It felt right. It seemed like they were reaching out to me and I took advantage of the invitation."

Johnson already had roots in the area. His dad, Ray Johnson, was originally from Ayden.

How did his father wind up on Long Island?

"To hear his story, that was where the Navy dropped him off and he couldn't afford to go home," Johnson said. "He got employment in New York and met my mother, who was from New York and that's where they raised their family."

Johnson arrived at ECU in 1978, towards the end of the Pat Dye coaching era for the football program.

"Football was always a social event and there was a lot of school pride around that," Johnson said. "We had some good teams, some good coaches and a lot of good things going on. Sports was a big part of the college experience."

Johnson had neighbors who were involved in commercial banking in New York and he gravitated toward studying business as a result.

“I was always sort of fascinated by that,” he said “ ... At the time, it seemed like something I would enjoy doing. I started out in accounting and finance. I sort of tried both of them out and really found my love and my passion was more in the finance track than the accounting track although, quite honestly, there’s not a lot of difference between the two.”

Johnson went straight into the MBA program after getting his undergraduate degree.

“When I came out in ‘82, I was facing a pretty bad economy so I decided to go back and pursue the MBA,” he said.

Johnson began working with Southern National Bank in 1983.

“I was really blessed,” he said. “After a few years with the bank, I was able to move into a role that really allowed me to use the finance. I spent a lot of time doing merger and acquisition work for the bank. I eventually moved over into my current role as Treasurer. Joining the bank was a good fit, just like when I was interviewing at ECU. The bank was really trying to find the right way to fit me into the company. I do things in my life out of my heart and where I feel led to go.

“Just like ECU. Landing there felt good and it’s been an extraordinarily wonderful career.”

Southern National merged with BB&T in 1995. Johnson is currently Executive Vice President and Treasurer of BB&T Corporation in Winston-Salem. He has an ECU football helmet in his fifth floor office.

“It’s sort of interesting that I ended up in Winston-Salem because my initial roommate was from Winston so I got to know a lot of Winston-Salem people in my college career,” Johnson said. “When the bank moved their headquarters here, it was almost like going home.”

Johnson enjoyed his educational experience at ECU and obviously was sufficiently trained to handle meaningful responsibilities with a corporate giant.

“The thing that stands out in my mind was that the education was very practical-based,” Johnson said. “In MBA school, for instance, we had partnerships with the Small Business Association.

“We actually went out and worked with businesses and solved problems for them. I thought that was very, very powerful and learned a tremendous amount from doing that because it’s just not learning out of a book in the classroom and through the professor.

“You’re actually going and talking to entrepreneurs, solving problems and seeing what’s really going on in a real business. I thought that was a real plus.”



The Johnson Family (clockwise from top): Hal, Debbie, Ashley and Holly (Jay Clark photo)

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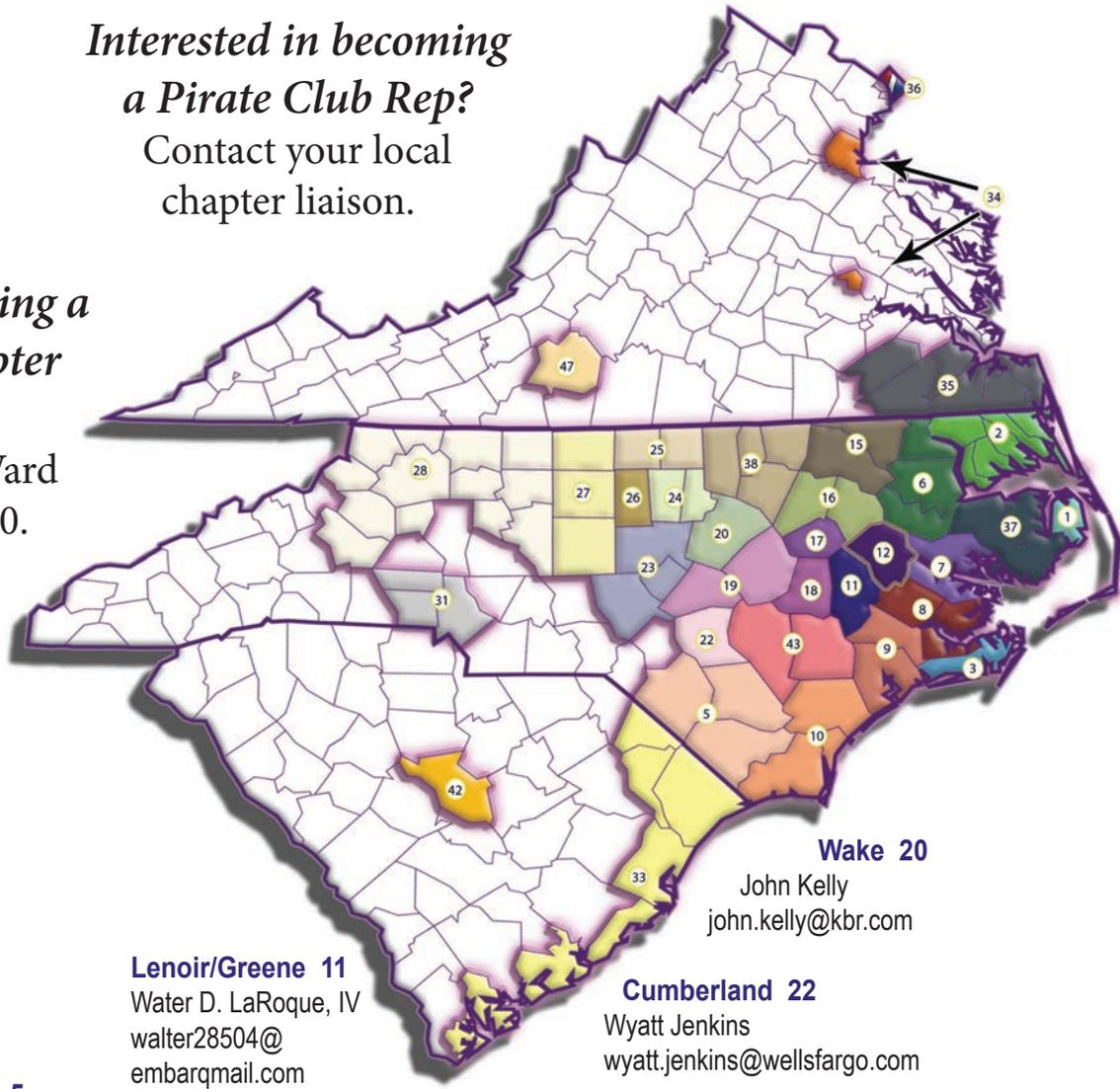
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FINANCIAL AID

Believe it or not at one point National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) rules prohibited member schools from awarding scholarships based on athletics ability. Some Division I schools (e.g., Ivy League schools) and all Division III schools still prohibit the awarding of athletics scholarships to student-athletes. The NCAA has established criteria for all student-athletes regarding their eligibility for institutional financial aid (e.g. athletics scholarships).

Before we delve into the criteria for a student-athlete's eligibility for financial aid, we should define and discuss the following financial aid terms.

A **full grant-in-aid**, also commonly referred to as a "full athletics scholarship" or "full ride", is financial aid that covers tuition and fees, room and board and required course related books. Please note that when calculating the dollar equivalent of a full scholarship, books count as \$800. This \$800 figure is a number set by NCAA rules for financial aid processing purposes. In reality, student-athletes who receive a full or partial athletics scholarship that includes books are provided all of their required course related books rather than receiving the \$800.

Cost of attendance is a dollar value calculated by each university's financial aid office per federal guidelines. Cost of attendance includes the total cost of tuition and fees, room and board, books (usually using a higher dollar value than \$800) and supplies, transportation and other expenses related to attendance at the university. As you can see, a student-athlete's cost of attendance is greater than the dollar value of a full athletics scholarship for that student.

An **outside scholarship** is a grant or scholarship awarded to a student-athlete (while enrolled in high school or college) by an established and continuing program other than his or her university. Outside scholarships are a permissible source of scholarship funding for our student-athletes provided the award is approved by the Office of Compliance prior to his or her acceptance of the award. An approval is based on three factors; (1) the awarding entity must be established and a continuing program to aid students; (2) the recipient's choice of institutions is not restricted by the donor of the award/aid; and (3) there is no direct connection between the donor and the student-athlete's institution (e.g., not a booster for ECU).

Need based aid is awarded to students who demonstrate financial need which may be determined by completing the Federal Application For Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or by the institution's methodology for determining whether a student is eligible for financial assistance. Students can apply via the online application (<http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/>). Some types of need based aid students may receive are:

- **PELL Grant:** A Federal Pell Grant, unlike a loan, does not have to be repaid. Pell Grants are awarded usually only to undergraduate students who have not earned a bachelor's or a professional degree up to \$5,550 for an academic year. Pell Grants are considered a foundation of federal financial aid, to which aid from other federal and nonfederal sources might be added.
- **UNC Grant:** This program provides grants to eligible students attending one of the 16 campuses of the University of North Carolina. Award amounts vary, based on legislative appropriations. Eligibility requirements: undergraduate North Carolina resident enrolled in at least 6 credit hours, enrolled at one of North Carolina's 16 constituent institutions, and have documented unmet need.
- **North Carolina Education Lottery Scholarship:** This scholarship program was created by the 2005 General Assembly to provide financial assistance to needy North Carolina resident students attending eligible colleges and universities located within the state of North Carolina.
- **Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (SEOG):** This scholarship program is for undergraduates with exceptional financial need. Pell Grant recipients with the lowest expected family contributions (EFC) will be considered first for a SEOG. SEOG does not have to be repaid. You can receive between \$100 and \$4,000 a year, depending on when you apply, your financial need, funding, and ECU financial aid policy.

Maximum limit of financial aid: NCAA rules state that a student-athlete may receive financial assistance from various sources up to the value of cost of attendance as defined above or up to the value of a full grant-in-aid plus a Pell grant – whichever is greater. A student-athlete may receive funding from sources for which athletics is a criterion (e.g., institutional athletics scholarship) only up to a full grant-in-aid. So, a student-athlete's award package may add up to cost of attendance through a combination of funding sources (e.g., institutional financial aid based on athletics ability, outside financial aid and need or academic based grants).

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