Hurricanes Are Closing the Regular Season with Strength

Football
The #16 Hurricanes earned a shutout as they knocked off Hudson Valley Community College, 30-0, Saturday afternoon. A strong kicking performance from third-time Special Teams Player of the Week Ryan Samuels (Fredericksburg, VA), plus the ‘Canes offense in the second half, led to the lopsided victory. Samuels hit three field goals, all beyond 40 yards, to go with a third quarter touchdown; two more touchdowns in the fourth quarter powered the offense. The defense picked off six HVCC passes and made 18 tackles for a loss of 67 total yards.

The 6-1 Hurricanes will travel to New York this weekend to take on #6 Nassau Community College. Saturday’s kickoff, in the Northeast Football Conference game, is scheduled for noon.

Golf
The Louisburg men’s golf team hosted a trio of events last weekend. In Friday’s Louisburg Bullfight Summons Golf Tournament, LC placed second, defeating Sandhills Community College and Surry Community College, but falling 10 strokes short of North Carolina Wesleyan College.

The ‘Canes put in a solid day’s work on Saturday as they hosted the day-long Louisburg Iron Team Clash and the Hurricane Fusillade Challenge tournaments, where they placed third after 18 holes of the Clash but bounced back taking top spot in the Hurricane Fusillade’s round of 18 holes.

Juan Fernandez (Panama City, Panama) was the top Louisburg golfer on the weekend as he led them each round, including a tournament top spot in the final 18-hole tournament.

Volleyball
The Hurricanes volleyball team played a pair of matches on Saturday where they fell short to Surry Community College (1-3) and Catawba Valley Community College (0-3) in Region X play. The Lady ‘Canes will look to improve on their 11-8 record as they close out the 2012 regular season with a pair of home matches this week.

LC will host Pitt Community College on Wednesday at 4:30pm and Brunswick Community College on Friday at 6:00pm. The Pitt match will be a continuation of their October 2nd match that was halted.

Men’s Soccer
The men’s soccer team moved up to #5 in the NJCAA and closed out their regular season with a 3-0 win over Wake Tech Community College this past Saturday afternoon. With the win, the ‘Canes close out the regular season with a 15-0 record and top spot in the region.

As the #1 seed, LC will host eighth-seeded USC Lancaster in a Region X Championship Tournament game on Tuesday, on the Ronald R. May Soccer field. First whistle in the tournament’s opening round is scheduled for 4:00pm.

Women’s Soccer
The LC women’s soccer team also closed out their 2012 regular season with a win, knocking off Wake Tech Community College, 1-0, Saturday afternoon. The win sets the Lady ‘Canes’ regular season record at 9-6 overall, 9-3 in conference play.

As the #3 seed, the Hurricanes will host Wake Tech on Tuesday with an opening kick set for 2:00pm.

Why Does The UMC Matter to LC?
With the help of Resident Community Coordinator Nicolette Stanfill, current freshmen Ashley Britton and Riana Bowling created a submission for a recent student video contest sponsored by the United Methodist Church. The contest theme was “Why Your School’s Connection to The United Methodist Church Matters,” and you don’t want to miss this heartfelt response! You can view our students’ submission by visiting www.youtube.com/user/LouisburgCollege and clicking on the Playlist tab.
Building on the institutional renaissance Louisburg College is now enjoying, we have recently embarked on a strategic planning process that will carry the College into the next five years and beyond. Throughout the rest of the semester, leaders from each of the planning process’s “functional teams” will share an update on that team’s progress.

Planning Update: Academic Programs Functional Team
By Dr. Jim Eck, Executive Vice President for Academic Life

The academic programs committee is finalizing its guiding questions, has conducted a literature review, has completed an innovative practices report, and is surveying the faculty about the College’s mission, strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats. The team’s guiding questions include:

- What are the student learning best practices Louisburg College should consider incorporating into its academic programs?
- Which academic programs require strengthening?
- What new programs should be considered for development?
- Which learning support efforts require strengthening?
- What is the appropriate balance between face-to-face, web-enhanced and hybrid models of instructional delivery?
- What is the feasibility of weekend and evening instruction for traditional and non-traditional students?
- What steps should be taken to recruit, retain and professionally develop a superior faculty?
- What are the academic program goal(s), objectives, strategies, and performance measures that should be included in the strategic plan?

Kelvin Spragley, Assistant Professor of History, completed a literature review and Tommy Jenkins, Assistant Professor of English, wrote the innovative practices report. The team has reviewed internal data and has gathered information from other institutions such as Wagner, Spartanburg-Methodist, Evergreen State, Alverno and Berea Colleges.

The Strategic Planning Steering Committee meets again on October 31.
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Candlelight Vigil Held for Domestic Violence Victims

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month, and on October 9, a candlelight vigil was held on campus to honor and remember those who have experienced domestic abuse. The program was co-sponsored by Louisburg College’s Joel Porter Counseling Center and SADD (Students Against Destructive Decisions) chapter, as well as Safe Space, Inc., our local domestic violence shelter and support agency.

Sigma Alpha Pi Featured Speaker: Hill Harper

Through Sigma Alpha Pi, the National Society of Leadership and Success, we occasionally offer live speaker broadcasts on campus. Next Tuesday, October 30th at 7pm, accomplished actor Hill Harper will discuss “The Wealth Cure: Putting Money In Its Place.” In Harper’s book of the same name, he explores a new definition of wealth as “a balance of financial health and the spiritual aspects of life.” Join us next Tuesday at 7pm in the Multipurpose Room for the live broadcast.

Reunited!

Also on October 9, an alumni gathering was held in Greenville, North Carolina at the Brook Valley Country Club. The evening included a College update from President La Branche and featured Billy Godwin as the guest speaker. Billy was the Hurricanes Head Baseball Coach from 1999 to 2005, and is currently the Head Baseball Coach at East Carolina University.

We Want to Hear from YOU!

To have your news included in the next Mid.Week.Message, please email your submission by Monday at 5pm to: Melinda McKee, Director of Communications and Marketing, mmckee@louisburg.edu.