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Mad About Pig: The Lexington Barbecue Festival

Jeremy Ball

Greensboro Life Editor

Every October, the quiet small town of Lexington, North Carolina, comes to life with the Lexington Barbecue Festival. As expected, this year's festival - held on Saturday the 26th - found the uptown streets teeming with thousands of die-hard fans of the smoked, chopped pork delight that is Lexington's specialty. Although the revelry was threatened by overcast skies and chilly temperatures, the weather held and the spirit of the crowd remained

Evidence of the festival's popularity could be seen upon entering town, simply by noticing the uncharacteristically heavy traffic. Enterprising groups had secured lots on the fringe of the uptown area, charging up to five dollars for a parking space. Shuttle buses ran to the festival from the Davidson County Airport, and Amtrak even added Lexington for the day.

North Main Street in the business district was blocked to vehicular traffic for nine full blocks. Street vendors offered a

several "special event" stops in prized antique Bentley sedan. Countless charities raked in money for worthy causes as tickets were snapped up by passers-

The carnival-like atmo-



Seniors Bryan Adams, Josh Neas and Ali Kleeb dig in.

wide selection of products from homemade sauces to hand-crafted silver jewelry. A number of raffles were also held, with prizes running the gamut from a bay window to a

sphere was enhanced by the many showy performers displaying their talents. One juggled flaming torches while balanced upon a unicycle. Another towered high above the masses on stilts. Skilled BMX bikers executed stunts that the laws of physics probably should have deemed impossible.

Musical entertainment was provided on five large stages set up at intervals throughout the festival. Peralta filled the air with Latin-influenced jazz on the main grandstand, while just down the street at the children's stage, Buffalo Barfield and his whimsical crew covered Jimmy Buffett and The Drifters.

A popular gathering place throughout the day was the Hogway Speedway, which featured a hay-covered oval track where pigs were raced. Yep, you read that right. Dubbed with Nascar-esque monikers like Piggy Jarrett and Squealing Earnhardt, Junior, both piglets and larger porkers shuffled around at the urgings of cheering, enthusiastic onlookers. Ducks were raced as well.

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Gilchrist: Putting the Team First

Sports Editor

Growing up in Canada, people get to watch hockey, eat pizza in McDonalds and use the term "eh" at the end of a statement to make it a question. Yet rarely do people encounter a sea-turtle-saving, double-majoring volleyball player.

Unless, that is, you walk around the Guilford College campus where you notice Canadian Jennifer Pue-Gilchrist.

player of the week awards in volleyball during back-to-back weeks, proving she is a dominant force. But, rather than take all the accolades with a confident air, she brushes them aside to talk about her love for her team-

"This year is so much fun," she says. "We have got a great dynamic. I love my teammates; they are great."

Jennifer's mother, Brenda Pue, has been watching her Jennifer recently won ODAC daughter for 20 years now, and

she believes that "what sets [Jennifer] apart is her dedication and willingness to work for the team."

Working for the betterment of the team entails a lot of selfsacrifice.

Maybe that same inner drive

pushes Jennifer, a biology and health sciences double major, to save injured animals. She works summers at Topsail Island, North Carolina, helping to save turtles that have been hit by boat procontinued on page 5...

