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Onlookers sit nearby local skater, Andy Nguyen, as he attempts a frontside ollie. Skaters like Nyugen are flocking to this backyard skate park. MICHAEL SEEGARS | THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Skaters seek public park

GAPS awaits permission from city for skate park

Seth Gulledge
TEC STAFF

While working on his second degree at Pitt Community College, Levi Zarnar passed his time skating at local parks in the area. But recently skateparks in Greenville have been closing, and skaters like Zarnar are running out of places to skate.

In response to this problem, Zarnar and his partner Will Preslar, both East Carolina University alumni, founded Greenville Advocates for Public Skateparks, or GAPS, a local organization committed to funding and operating a public skate park for enthusiasts around ECU.

Zarnar said skateboarding is integral to the culture around ECU, and since the closing of the two local private skate parks in the area last fall, skaters have been left without a place to call home.

"It's important having a physical activity that really any age group can do at any time of the day. It's a very accessible sport that is underserved in this area," said Zarnar. "There's plenty of reason for a skate park, such as kids who would otherwise be seeking to get in trouble, or do drugs or have sex. They are instead able to come and skate and focus on something else — something positive."

After the closing of Backdoor Skate park and Fusion Skate park, where Zarnar and Preslar worked, Zarnar said he recognized the long overdue need for a public skatepark. Zarnar and Preslar founded GAPS, and with Greenville's Department of Parks and Recreation are searching for a suitable location.

While it is unclear at this time the extent that Parks and Recreation will cooperate with GAPS, Zarnar said that he feels confident that they will assist in the construction and operation of the skate park. He added they hope to receive funding from the department as well.

Zarnar said Greenville needs a skate park because of the sizable population of skateboard enthusiasts, many of whom feel compelled to skate in more hazardous or illegal areas

"It's a headache for private property owners. Skateboarders are notorious for trespassing," said Zarnar. "If you don't really give them a place to go, the only thing they can do is trespass."

GAPS first considered locating the skate park near the Greenway, but faced some backlash from groups advocating the construction of a frisbee golf course.

Since then, Zarnar said they have been more focused on repurposing an abandoned hockey rink at Jaycee Park.

Jaycee Park already has a BMX park located adjacent to the abandoned rink, but Zarnar said the structure and layout of it are too intimidating and require too much skill for the average skater.

"The current park that's at Jaycee is geared towards professional BMX riders, so it's not really friendly for beginning bikers or skaters," said Zarnar. "It's really high speed, high ramps, dangerous really."

Zarnar hopes to raise the funds GAPS needs to build the skate park by mostly private donations, but said he hopes to work with local businesses as well, who will have the opportunity to donate funds in exchange for permanent advertising in the park.

Ideally, he said he hopes local businesses will be interested in donating entire obstacles to the skate park, on which they would be encouraged to leave branding and advertisement.

Zarnar said his own business has already committed to donating an obstacle to the park once they receive the designation.

"The plan that we have laid out is really cost effective. We already have the grounds," said Zarnar. "Technically it's a skate park as soon as we get permission. We don't necessarily need to have ramps everywhere. Once we get the area, we're golden."

He said getting necessary permits can be a lengthy process, but he hopes to have the park constructed by next year.

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Alleged larcenist committed

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A Greenville man is being held under an involuntary commitment order at Vidant Medical Center, after being arrested in connection with over 20 larceny and burglary cases spanning over the last two years.

Police said two alert neighbors observed a man who is believed to be Randal Darrin Potter, 42, burglarizing a car on their street early Monday morning.

According to a statement issued by Sergeant Michael Broadwell, at around 5:45 a.m. Monday the neighbors heard a car door shut in the 200 block of Tuckahoe Drive and went to investigate. They observed a man carrying a dark bag, fleeing the area towards 14th Street.

The neighbors, who were familiar with the general description of the suspect of several thefts in the neighborhood in the past years, followed the individual to his residence at 2916 E. 14th Street.

After identifying his location, the neighbors contacted the Greenville Police Department.

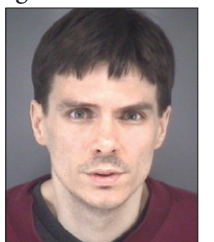
Officers arrived on scene taking Potter into custody and a search warrant was executed. Once inside Potter's residence, officers discovered a selection of items that have been reported stolen over the past several months.

According to Broadwell, detectives processed thousands of dollars worth of property that included several bicycles, cell phones, laptop computer, GPS systems, tools, televisions, lawn furniture, sporting equipment, clothing and miscellaneous items.

Police are still investigating the case, but Broadwell stated numerous charges await Potter. Police believe Potter can be tied to more than 20 larceny and burglary cases in the Tuckahoe and Planter's Walk areas.

Potter was taken into custody by police and transported to Vidant Medical Center for his mental condition to be evaluated under an involuntary commitment order issued by the magistrate.

According to Broadwell, Potter will stay at Vidant as long as medical staff deems necessary.



Randal Darrin Potter

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Flag football fundraiser to benefit local family

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A Winterville family has been chosen as the recipients of funds raised by the inaugural Touchdown for Life flag football event

The Barnes family has three sons, all of whom have had cancer. The youngest son, who goes by Bubba, had a cancerous tumor on his kidney. The elder sons have been diagnosed with Leukemia.

"I was looking at their story and I thought that it must be very traumatic for the family to have to deal with three sick kids at one time," said Michael Duggins, manager and creator of Touchdown for Life. "I quickly reached out to that family and we got together to talk about this game and what their needs were."

Duggins also contacted the Leo Jenkins Cancer Society heard it was supplementing services to those unable to afford their treatments.

"What we came up with was that we would do a split fundraiser between the Barnes family and the Leo Jenkins Cancer society," said Duggins.

In order to participate in the flag football

tournament, teams are required to have eight members, plus two alternatives. All participants must be 18 years old and all teams must pay a \$100 registration fee. There is no admission fee to attend the event, but public donations are encouraged by Touchdown for Life.

"We're expecting about 12 teams to play and we'll have people anywhere from 19 to 56 playing," said Duggins. "It should be a large family event."

Duggins said inflatables and vendors will also be on site for families and students to enjoy while the flag football games are going on.

"We have food vendors and others selling all kinds of stuff," said Duggins. "We should have a couple hundred people out here."

Duggins said Touchdown for Life is an organization dedicated to providing families of cancer patients with the support and help they need. He said with the help of fundraising and benefit events, like the flag football tournament, he hopes to support the local community.

"This is my first time doing anything like this. It may not be as many people out

>> PLAN TO GO

WHAT: Touchdown for Life Fundraiser

WHEN: Sunday @ 9 a.m.

WHERE: North Rec Complex

as I'd like or as many teams as I'd like to see, but what matters is the donations we'll get for these cancer patients," said Duggins. "It does show that there's people out here, such as myself, that love the community and if someone is in need, there are people willing to help."

The flag football event will begin its first game of the tournament at the North Recreational Complex at 9 a.m. on Sunday.

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Locals participate in the Purple Diamond Divas charity flag football event held in Greenville last fall.

BRIEFS

Undergraduate chemistry major awarded NOAA scholarship

Rising junior chemistry major Andrew Reid was recently awarded the Ernest F. Hollings scholarship from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. The \$16,000 scholarship will be provided for him to complete his junior and senior year, as well as an internship with NOAA in 2016.

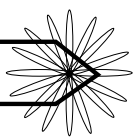
Reid, who won a previous award in 2013, works as an undergraduate research assistant, as well as at the Pirate tutoring Center. Reid is originally from Vanceboro and was a walk on member of the football team.

Heritage Hall working group to meet for third time

The Heritage Hall working group will be meeting again on Thursday afternoon to hear recommendations from group members regarding the location, content, and scale of the project. The working group has met on two earlier occasions.

The group is tasked with researching the most beneficial and effective manner in which to construct the Heritage Hall that the Board of Trustees commissioned last spring. The group will continue meeting throughout June and plans to present its official proposal to the Board of Trustees sometime in July.

ONLINE



Check out our online photo gallery for more campus, sports and event photos.

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Clarifications*

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ECO-pirates and The East Carolinian would like to remind you to recycle this paper.

Foreign lang. chair clarifies degree change

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TEC STAFF

Due to recent confusion surrounding the new foreign language program, the chair of foreign languages and literatures released a statement yesterday clarifying changes made to the department.

Benjamin Fraser said media coverage is to blame for the confusion about what was decided by the Board of Governors at its meeting last month.

The board voted to consolidate eight foreign language programs into one umbrella program with specialized concentrations at its latest meeting, but instead local media outlets exploded with reports that East Carolina University was in fact cutting programs.

The decision was made to consolidate majors after individualized programs were deemed to have low productivity by the Board of Governors' 2014 Productivity Report.

The new degree program, B.A. in Foreign Languages and Literatures, will contain several specialized concentrations including German, French and Hispanic Studies.

This model will replace the Bachelors of Arts and Bachelors of Science programs in French, German and Hispanic Studies.

Associate Professor of Foreign Languages and Literatures David Smith said students will not have to meet additional requirements for the new degree program.

"The bottom line is nothing changes for the students at ECU," said Smith. "The programs are still here. The faculty is still here. We're still offering the courses to get [students] the cultural and linguistic proficiency they want in our various languages that will help them in their jobs and later years. This is more of just a name change."

Students who are in the current programs will not have their programs of study disrupted while the university makes the transition to the new degree program. They will also be allowed to complete their degree as it is currently structured.

The transition will become effective this fall.

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Sorority girl exchanges wigs for confidence

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It's Friday night in Greenville and ECU students are getting ready to head downtown for a night of fun.

Guys are wrapping up their pregame activities, while girls are adding the final touches to their make up.

But for rising sophomore Emily Hume her routine last year had one extra step—putting on her wig.

No, she does not have cancer and no, she did not have a hairdresser mess up her hair.

Hume has lived with alopecia areata since she was 13-years-old.

According to the National Alopecia Areata Foundation or the NAAF, alopecia areata is an autoimmune disease where the immune system mistakenly attacks hair follicles. Onset often occurs in childhood.

In the seventh grade Hume was getting a haircut, when the hairdresser noticed several quarter-sized spots of missing hair on the back of her head.

She was soon diagnosed as having alopecia areata.

According to the NAAF, there is no cure for alopecia as doctors are unsure as to what is the exact cause, but there are multiple treatments that can signal follicle growth.

"You can treat it and that's what I did for a long time," said Hume. "You can take different steroid shots or put topicals on it, but [alopecia] will never completely go away. For a long time, it was a roller coaster. My hair would fall out and come back, fall out and come back, but it wouldn't really fully fill out."

For the next few years, Hume struggled to hide the missing patches while living the life of a normal teenage girl.

"I would part my hair different ways to hide the spots because they weren't that huge," said Hume. "But as a girl, your hair is your identity. No matter what anyone says if you have a bad hair day you're in a bad mood. In high school I was a cheerleader, but when I had frontal loss I couldn't wear my hair the same as everyone else. I had to try and hide it."

By her junior year of high school, her eyebrows had fallen out and she was having to draw them in daily.

"At the time I had all my hair, so my eyebrows were the biggest burden I had," said Hume. "When people first look at you, they see your eyes and then your eyebrows. I drew mine on, but if I would sweat or something I had to worry about my eyebrow coming off."

That same year she had her eyebrows permanently tattooed on.

"At first you have the idea that they are going to be dark and really scary looking," said Hume. "But they aren't. That was the best decision I ever made and I will go to my grave saying that."

The summer before her freshman year at ECU the majority of Hume's hair fell out and she made the decision to get her first wig.

It seemed that a wig was the answer she had been looking for, but hiding her disease away from home came with new challenges.

She told her roommate about her secret, but choose not to tell others on her hall.

"I would wear a towel on my head to the shower and back, so the people on my hall didn't know," said Hume.

When she made the decision to go through formal recruitment in the fall, she was nervous about having other girls find out about her wig.

"I wore my wig through recruitment and I got so many compliments on it," said Hume. "They'd say 'I love your hair, it's so perfect,' but I just had this gut feeling—this is not me. They loved something that is not actually mine."

After receiving her bid to Zeta Tau Alpha, Hume decided to come clean with her new sisters.



CONTRIBUTED BY EMILY HUME

Hume lost the majority of her hair last summer before starting her freshman year at ECU.

"It's not the end of the world that I don't have hair. I'm the way I'm supposed to be."

-Emily Hume

"I was crying and I said 'this isn't mine, I don't even have hair.' Everyone still loved me the same," said Hume.

She also faced numerous obstacles in doing everyday things with her friends in the effort to keep her secret.

She couldn't go swimming. She couldn't participate in 5k races. She couldn't even stand outside in the rain for fear of someone noticing her hair was repelling water.

"Wigs change your life," said Hume. "You can't do the things everyone else can. You can't do the fun things you want to do, because you're constantly wondering is someone going to realize this is a wig or not. It was more of a burden than a help."

They also come with a hefty price tag. Synthetic wigs can cost upwards of \$500, but wigs made with real hair can cost anywhere from \$800 to \$3,000.

These challenges had Hume reexamining her decision to wear a wig.

Hume said her parents told her they would continue to buy wigs for her if that was her decision, but Hume had other plans.

On May 20 Hume took off her wig for the last time.

"I had been thinking about it for a while," said Hume. "I was so concerned with how people were going to take it. It may sound dumb, but this is the time in your life where you meet your husband and your lifelong friends, the people who are in it for the long haul, but I don't want to be worried about how those people look at me."

She decided her summer in Texas would be the perfect time to become accustomed to going in public without her wig.

One of the first times she went out

without her wig, she was approached by a older woman. The woman told Hume she was beautiful and said that her daughter who has down syndrome also lives with alopecia.

"Now that I don't wear my wig I have people come up to me and it's refreshing, because it's not something you expect people to react well to," said Hume.

Hume said her confidence has improved since she stopped wearing her wig.

"I was down in the dumps for a long time. I was scared for anyone to find out about all of this," said Hume. "I wanted to avoid the questions like 'why don't you have any hair?' That's how I dealt with it—I hid from it. But honestly God made me this way."

Hume excited to return to ECU in the fall without her wig. She said she knows people will be taken aback when they see her, but she is prepared for their reactions.

"People are going to be mean because people are mean, but it says more about other people's character than it does mine," said Hume. "The confidence I'm gaining now from going without my wig is honestly going to help in the fall."

Hume says her ultimate goal is to write a book about her struggles with self confidence. She wants to help others find confidence like she was able to find hers.

"I want to help people realize it's not about your appearance, your hair, or what you wear," said Hume. "There is something to be said about a smile. It's not the end of the word that I don't have hair. I'm the way I'm supposed to be."

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PIRATE RANTS

Feminism is not anti-male. I'm sorry the uplifting of women and exposure of sexism makes you feel personally guilty and insecure.

Why is it that the term "Social Justice Warrior" is thrown as an insult? Easy. The insulter is terrified of losing their space at the top.

So you don't mention the ECU student killed in Charlotte, but this freak show Jenner gets a whole page? How nice.

To the useless RA's of Umstead... F*** you all!

I'm so done with the bulls*** ECU has been tryna feed me. I just graduated so stop acting like I don't know your system by now

Smh it's sad that the building I have all my classes in is the only one having construction done to it. Idc how crazy you look at me I'm not walking around the whole building to get to my classes.

I don't think I'll ever understand how you can be that musty before 11 in the morning. Smh. You're stinking up the whole room and making me nauseous.

I pay for a membership to the Rec Center. Do I get a refund for FREE Fridays?

If a man's duty is to respect women, a woman's duty is to give men a reason to respect her. #callmeoldfashioned

Wait, so Aycock ISN'T being renamed? They're building a whole new dorm? What's the point of that?

REALLY PARKING! It's the summer. Nobody is here. We should be able to park anywhere. Don't be all about the money!

the original rant didn't have a him/her in it. So why would you automatically assume it was a guy? That sounds pretty sexist to me..

The East Carolinian does not endorse statements made in Pirate Rants. Questions regarding rants can be directed to Ryan Clancy at opinion@theeastcarolinian.com.

Our view

Victims deserve a private residence

Recently, Restore One, a non-profit organization aiming to provide restorative care and safety to male victims of sex trafficking, received complaints from a minority of Green County residents. This was after their plans to build Anchor House, the first ever safe house of its kind, was revealed to nearby homeowners.

This minority group expressed their discontent by way of broadcast appearances, editorials and signs erected on the side of local roads, expressing their opinion of "No Know No Sex Trafficking Shelter Do Not Want."

These protestors claimed that their emotional response was incited by the secretive process employed to construct the house, as well as an assumed drop in property values they perceive the Anchor House will cause.

We as an editorial staff believe this display of discontent by the homeowners to be both selfish, and unnecessarily endangering to the victims who are to be housed at Anchor House.

The secretive nature the protestors so vehemently protested against is an understandable necessity of creating a safe house. The purpose of Anchor House is to protect the victims of

a violent crime from further harm, and to accomplish this goal, the location of the victims cannot be public knowledge.

For this reason, it is unfortunate that the protesting homeowners made the decision to create a public display of discontent not even a mile from the intended location of the safehouse.

Furthermore, by protesting the construction in the manner they did, they attracted national attention to the location of the safehouse, making locating the victims considerably easier for those with malicious intent.

These homeowners acted in an irresponsible and reprehensible manner by endangering the lives of victims, and made the prospective residents feel unwelcomed before they even arrived to the area.

Instead of spending time protesting against a worthy cause, they should concern themselves with creating a friendly and supportive environment.

If the protestors are still concerned that the construction of the Anchor House will devalue their properties, perhaps they should consider how much the safety and restoration of these victims lives are worth.

Letters to the Editor

Students must be cautious of binge drinking

This letter is not meant to judge or chastise underage drinkers, just to shed light on the issues of underage drinking on campus. There have been a total of 326 offenses from January to May of 2015. Of those offenses 19.1 percent were underage students consuming and having possession of alcohol; 7.7 percent of those offenses were DWIs given to underage students and students over 21.

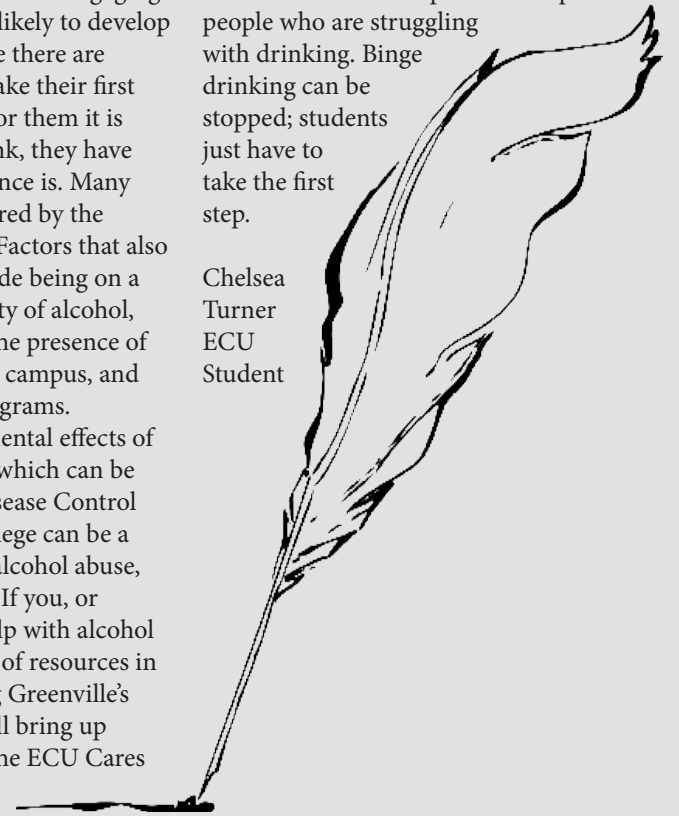
College is the start of a new chapter in life: one of moderate or complete independence. Students are getting a taste of what it is like to be an adult and go to school at the same time. The pressure to fit in and get to know people, stress of classes and grades, and anxiety about the cost of daily living can put students at risk for drinking. While many students see themselves as social drinkers, it is hard for them to realize when they are engaging in binge drinking. What is more troubling is that research shows, on many college campuses many students engaged in binge drinking are underage. Many adolescents who engage in drinking in middle school

and high school are at high risk of engaging in binge drinking and more likely to develop alcoholism. At the same time there are many students who do not take their first sip of alcohol until college; for them it is almost too easy to binge drink, they have no sense of what their tolerance is. Many times drinking can be triggered by the stressors mentioned earlier. Factors that also influence drinking can include being on a large campus, the affordability of alcohol, the accessibility to alcohol, the presence of sororities and fraternities on campus, and institutions with athletic programs.

There are physical and mental effects of prolonged abuse of alcohol, which can be found on the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website. College can be a minefield when it comes to alcohol abuse, but there are ways to stop it. If you, or someone you know, need help with alcohol cessation, there are a variety of resources in the Greenville area. Entering Greenville's zip code on Recovery.org will bring up multiple local options, and the ECU Cares Hotline at 252-737-5555

is another outlet that provides help to people who are struggling with drinking. Binge drinking can be stopped; students just have to take the first step.

Chelsea Turner
ECU Student



Whistle-blowers give needed balance



Joseph Perez
GUEST COLUMNIST

A major story over the past several weeks has been that of the NSA's bulk collection of metadata and the plans to extend the Patriot Act, which failed due to the efforts of individuals who share my feelings on the bill. The bill was anything but patriotic, essentially giving the NSA the right to spy on anyone they wanted, a right they have flagrantly abused with their mass collections of phone call records. It was probably the last thing our nation's founding fathers would have wanted when they sat down over 200 years ago to draft the U.S. Constitution.

As important to me as the stoppage of "big brother" spying on your average citizen is the idea that when there is something wrong, you right it, no matter your position. That's exactly what Edward Snowden did in 2013, when he realized there was a problem with the collection of information the NSA was building on every citizen it could find. Since he revealed the wrongdoing of an agency meant to protect the people he has been called both a hero and a traitor. He is now seeking political refuge from the U.S. Justice system in Russia, hiding from the same government he helped to make more transparent.

Frederic Whitehurst now lives in Bethel, North Carolina, and like Snowden he learned how tough it is to stand up to the government, even if it's the right thing to do. In 1996, Whitehurst, an international expert in forensics and an FBI agent, noticed discrepancies in the forensics investigations of the FBI and decided to dig in for a deeper look. Eventually, he

uncovered over 10,000 instances in which the FBI had used faulty forensic evidence or even lied about forensic evidence in order to convict. He also lost his job and the respect of many of his former colleagues. Facing prosecution, he successfully lobbied for the president to sign an executive order ensuring whistleblower protection for FBI agents and is noted as the first successful whistleblower to the FBI.

He would, however argue the point on how successful he was and just how much more can be done. I had an opportunity to speak to Whitehurst, who assured me the government is still hiding its mistakes, from forensic investigation errors to mass espionage of the American people, and he says he is still watching them closely. He says, and I agree, that we should all act as whistleblowers, and citizens as a whole need to pay attention to the details of big government.

Doing the right thing is not always easy. If you cast a negative light on an unjust situation within the government, a corporation, or even the classroom, be prepared for the backlash. But if you can help to promote the change to make our country a better place, to help our country keep its ideals of equality that make it so great and make it worth staying loyal to, then backlash will be worth it. Big brothers can sometimes keep dark secrets, and sometimes it is left to us little brothers and sisters to raise the red flags when we learn of them. We should all strive to be whistleblowers when we see wrongdoing. As President Obama has stated, albeit on a different topic than NSA blunders, it is on us.

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Poll results

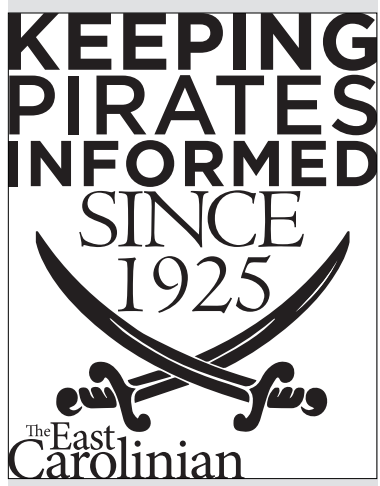
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No- 40.9%

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Rock band brings funk to Greenville

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Gang of Thieves, a self-proclaimed funky rock and roll band from Vermont, has embarked on its first tour through the southern U.S. – and now has its sights set on Greenville.

The six-member group will make an appearance at Crossbones Tavern on Friday in support of its new EP, “Mantra,” which was released earlier this spring. The Greenville stop will be the first of four scheduled shows in North Carolina.

“We’re from Burlington, Vt., and we started touring across the country about six years ago,” said Michael Reit, lead vocalist and electric violinist. “We’re a group of family and friends – two brothers, a cousin, and a bunch of good friends in this band.”

The group proudly wears its biggest influences on its sleeve – Led Zeppelin, Red Hot Chili Peppers and Jimi Hendrix – while including musical elements reminiscent of bands like Sublime and Rage Against the Machine.

“We all come from very different musical backgrounds,” said bassist and vocalist Tobin Salas. “Our trombone player went to music school for jazz and Mike is a classically trained violin player. Deven, our drummer, came up in the Boston music scene playing around there. There’s also a lot of reggae and metal influences in our playing. And all six of us are singing – that’s kind of like the kicker with the band.”

Gang of Thieves released an album entitled “Thunderfunk” last April and has continued to promote it along with its latest EP.

“We got the opportunity to record it in Berkeley, Calif.,



COURTESY OF REVERBNATION

Michael Reit, Nicholas Wood, Sean Kehoe, Tobin Salas, Deven Massarone and Nate Reit perform live show as Gang of Thieves.

with the Grammy-winning producer Michael Rosen. It was a great success – we raised over \$11,000 for a Kickstarter to record it,” said Reit.

While the band elected to produce “Thunderfunk” on the west coast, it went back to the basics for the creation of “Mantra.” The Thieves’ newest member, Sean Kehoe, joined the group last summer and quickly made an impact with his guitar skills and audio engineering knowledge. The band recorded its entire EP in his basement.

The group has tentative plans of hitting the studio later this year for a 2016 album release but for now the Thieves are enjoying their Mantra tour, which kicked off in Rochester, N.Y., earlier this month.

“We like the live performance,” said Salas. “Studios are

always fun and it’s exciting to record an album but you can’t replicate the energy that happens on a live stage – it’s the best.”

The band hopes to eventually take their sound overseas in the coming years, embarking on European and South American tours. It appears that the sky isn’t even the limit for the Thieves’ touring dreams.

“We do have a goal of being the first rock band to play a show in outer space,” Reit said.

Gang of Thieves will hit the stage of Crossbones Tavern (formerly known as Peasants Pub) Friday at 10 p.m. and tickets at the door are \$5.

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MOVIE REVIEW



COURTESY OF IMDB

Adrian Grenier, Jeremy Piven, Kevin Connolly and Jerry Ferrara portray Vincent Chase, Ari Gold, Eric Murphy and “Turtle” in the film adaptation of the series that ran on HBO from 2004 to 2011.

'Entourage' transitions to big screen



Ashley Federici
TEC STAFF

After the television series finale in 2011, “Entourage” finally returned last Wednesday to the big screen. Loyal fans of the HBO series rushed to theaters to see their favorite boys from Queens, N.Y., live it up in Los Angeles one last time.

For those unfamiliar with the show, it tells the story of an upcoming movie star named Vinny Chase (played by Adrian Grenier) who was originally from Queens. Vinny brings his group of longtime friends to be by his side on his road to success. This posse consists of his brother and aspiring actor, Johnny Drama, as well as his responsible childhood best friend, Eric or “E,” who becomes Vinny’s manager shortly after coming to Los Angeles. To complete the bunch is “Turtle,” the fat

funny friend who Vinny hires as his driver.

The show attracted audiences because it gave an inside look into the luxurious life of movie stars, from the awesome cars and beautiful women to the crazy parties, but what made it so entertaining was watching this group of misfits from Queens experiencing it all. Both the show and movie were created by Doug Ellin and co-produced by Mark Wahlberg, while the storyline and characters for the show are loosely based on Wahlberg’s experiences as a rising star in Hollywood.

The premise of the movie is that Vinny Chase is coming out of his very short Hollywood marriage and decides to reboot his career by starring and directing a new movie. Chase calls up the crew, including his agent Ari Gold, and drops the ball on his latest idea. Although many in Hollywood doubt that a pretty boy actor such as Chase could direct anything worth watching, his boys stand behind him.

Trouble stirs when Chase goes over

budget and is forced to ask the co-owner of the studio, Larsen McCredle (played by Billy Bob Thornton), for more money for the film. McCredle sends his bizarre son Travis McCredle, played by Haley Joel Osment, out to see the film and decide if they should put in the money.

The Entourage movie is so similar to the show that it feels like one long episode – in that case, if you loved the show, you would love the movie. For those who were expecting something different or never watched the show, you may not find it all that great. However, it is a fun film to watch if you are intrigued by the lifestyles of the rich and the famous – not to mention the long list of cameos by A-list actors, musicians and athletes to give the viewers that real Hollywood experience. The movie has a great soundtrack featuring Drake’s recent song, “Scheming Up,” as well as older hits such as Jim Jones’ “We Fly High.”

My only critique of the film would be

that some of the humor can only be understood if you are familiar with the characters or past occurrences from the series (but that should be expected). On the film’s opening weekend, it landed fourth in the box office and finished the weekend with \$10.4 million.

To sum it up, if you liked the show then the movie is a must see, and if you never watched the show I still recommend it. If you don’t get the chance to see it in theatres, it’s definitely worth a Redbox rental.

RATING:



4 out of 5

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Short film festival returns to Pitt County

Carlyn Legg
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On Saturday, the Eastern North Carolina Film Festival will host its second annual event at Pitt Community College for student filmmakers and professionals who submitted short films to a board of judges.

"It's in its second year and it's pretty exciting to see a locally grown film festival, especially in the Eastern North Carolina region," said Evan Kidd, independent filmmaker and 2014 East Carolina University graduate.

Amongst the hundreds of film submissions, Kidd will screen his 16-minute dramatic film, "Displacement Welcomed."

"We shot the film in Greenville with local actors and crew so it's an exciting time for people who live in the town to come out and experience it," said Kidd.

The online submission process for filmmakers was a user-friendly way to efficiently submit films without the hassle of sending in a hard copy via U.S. Postal Services.

"I think the online atmosphere is very important but at the same day at the film festival, I'm sitting in that room with the audience," said Kidd. "If they have a question about something they saw in the film, all they have to do is ask me in the question-and-answer section after every film."

Student filmmakers and professional alike compete for prizes at film festivals in order to create a name for themselves in the filmmaking community.

"There are a couple different [award] categories for each kind of film. There's best actor, best actress, director, movie or film," said Kidd. "I think it's definitely an opportunity for anyone who's in the film festival to maybe get some acclaim for a project they've put blood, sweat and tears into."

By providing an environment for student filmmakers and independent filmmakers, the Eastern North Carolina Film Festival provides students with a networking opportunity unlike any other field or profession.

"At the very least, it's a great networking event. It's kind of fun and it's also a great way to meet people who are filmmaking. A lot of times, it's a great way to have a big meetup to see who's out there and interested in what you're working on," said Kidd.

With several film categories and venues to choose from, film festival attendees can select from a wide range of films to view as there are simultaneous showings of films separated into categories.

"Not everyone in the film festival will attend but I know quite a few people will because they've made the film festival as big as it is," said Kidd. "You can walk in one room and see five comedies back-to-back and go into another room and see ten dramatic shorts back-to-back."

The film festival will take place this Saturday at Pitt Community College and will kick off at 9 a.m.

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Incoming ECU graduate student Rachel Clark hand-builds a bowl during Potters for Nepal charity event in the Jenkins Fine Arts Center. MICHAEL SEEGARS / THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Pottery event raises funding for Nepal

Ashley Federici
TEC STAFF

This past Saturday, East Carolina University's Jenkins Fine Arts Center held the first session of Potters for Nepal, an event dedicated to the handbuilding of bowls sold to raise money for clean drinking water and medical aid for those affected by the earthquake in April.

Greenville native Kara Hayslip is behind Potters for Nepal, which is actually a fundraiser for her bigger organization called Backpacking for Betty that is working to get clean drinking water in Nepal. Backpacking for Betty is named after Hayslip's grandmother who passed away last year.

The pots that were made on Saturday will be glazed on June 20. Hayslip then plans to sell them at the Wild Goose Festival, a music, arts and social justice event in Hot Springs, N.C.

Along with the pots, she will be selling handcrafted jewelry, art and photography because she says she doesn't want to ask for donations.

"I thought it would be really fitting for this festival, and I wanted people to

be buying a product for a good cause rather than us just asking for money so that they can see that we are putting in the work," she said.

Hayslip first traveled to Haiti at the young age of 12 and had a passion for exploring the world ever since. In college, she studied history and Spanish and received her Master of Divinity.

"I fell in love with traveling and culture," said Hayslip. "I studied history, language and religion, so the best way to study that is just to go there."

After finishing school, she spent time in Nepal, where she fell in love with the country and its culture. She says she saw the poor conditions that the Nepalese were living in and decided that she wanted to do whatever she could do to make a change.

"One thing I realized when I was there was the complete lack of infrastructure in education," she said. "Water is an issue and has always been an issue. Only 20 percent of the kids actually use soap after they use the bathroom and when you've already got all these kids eating with their hands and using contaminated water, it's just a huge issue."

Backpacking for Betty will be using the money it raises to buy and distribute water filters, soaps, and educational booklets for the kids. Hayslip has partnered with a non-profit organization that has agreed to sell her filters at a lower price and to also match the number of filters she buys.


"The whole mission of Backpacking for Betty is basically to go and visit at least two to three villages every month. If it grows and I can get enough filters, I will be doing this full time," she said.

Hayslip says one of the problems with a lot of volunteer organizations is that they start out strong but eventually just fade out, leaving those who were dependent on their services in a tough situation.

"That's one of the worst things that these groups end up doing - they come in and they build something, or they give help and then they're just gone," said Hayslip.

Hayslip says she may be selling some of the pots here in Greenville later this summer and that the glazing on .

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SOLUTION TO LAST WEEK'S PUZZLE 6/10/15

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Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

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 - 22 Toughens
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 - 24 Glimmers
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 - 29 "It might require treatment with an EpiPen"
 - 31 Skinny swimmers
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 - 33 Wolverine portrayer
 - 34 Most reasonable
 - 36 "Dramatic way to go out"
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 - 45 Realizes
 - 46 "Fabergé item auctioned for \$9.6 million in 2002"
 - 48 Manipulate
 - 49 Serious depression
 - 51 Cubemaster Rubik
 - 52 Exploratory spacecraft
 - 54 Make rhapsodic
 - 56 Plane measures ... and, literally, what can be seen in the answers to starred clues
 - 59 Word before box or card
 - 61 List catchall
 - 62 Slender wind
 - 63 Seamless transition
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 - 65 Road runner
 - 66 Parks on a bus

- 3 Most spine-tingling
- 4 Put out the fire, pack up the tent, etc.
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- 6 Line on a Québec map
- 7 Waiting at a light, perhaps
- 8 Eeyore creator
- 9 Dutch South African
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- 11 Adds holiday glitter to
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- 14 Msg. from the pulpit
- 19 Clear tables
- 21 Quick on the uptake
- 23 Tango need
- 25 ___ school
- 26 Occupy
- 28 Ballpark fig.
- 30 Climb, in a way
- 31 Subj. including grammar
- 34 1964 Nobel Prize decliner
- 35 Kitty starter

Last Week's Puzzle Solved

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- 36 "The Grand Budapest Hotel" director Anderson
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Aries (March 21-April 19) -- Today is a 9 -- You're getting stronger today and tomorrow, recharged and restored. Go for what you want. Take charge. Bond with someone over a household project. Repurpose something to save resources. Romance blossoms through communication. Love expands to fill the space.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) -- Today is an 8 -- Finish up tasks today and tomorrow. It's emotion versus reason. Review both and come to a personal decision. You have inside information. Make long-range plans, and include someone you'd like to share them with. Work out a compromise.

Gemini (May 21-June 20) -- Today is an 8 -- You work well with others over the next two days. Make sure what you build is solid. A wise pur-

chase gets you out of difficulty. Add creative touches. Pass along what you learn. The line blurs between friends and family.

Cancer (June 21-July 22) -- Today is a 9 -- Focus on professional ambitions today and tomorrow. A raise is within reach. Choose your direction after considering where your passion lies. Take on more responsibility. Make an important connection. Learn from history. Do your part, and friends do theirs.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Today is a 9 -- Adventure calls for the next few days. Expand your territory. Explore and discover. An old friend lends encouragement. Take a gamble on love, with Mercury sextile Venus. Talk it over. A change of scene, together, is indicated.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Today is a 9 -- Add color to your presentation. Study ways to make and keep money. Handle financial matters today and tomorrow. Negotiate. Find the sexy part of the story to invite participation. You're especially persuasive. Agree on terms. Don't cut quality corners.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) -- Today is a 9 -- A partner's a big help today and tomorrow. Reach out and touch someone. Accept or give an invitation. Negotiate to refine the plan. Share a passion and it grows. Talk about love, beauty and artistry. Admire and be admired.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) -- Today is a 9 -- The next two days get exceptionally busy. Others wonder how you manage it all. Work some social

magic, and find helpers. Learn from a child. Invest in your business. Take time to breathe, rest and eat good food.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) -- Today is a 9 -- Pop the question. Sing a love song. Express your passion, with Mercury sextile Venus. Send a message in a bottle. Get creative. Today and tomorrow favor romance, fun and playfulness. Focus on affairs of the heart.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Today is an 8 -- Increase your family's comfort today and tomorrow. Invest in your home. Venture out intellectually. Money follows the messaging. Focus your conversation for what you love and want more of. You're especially persuasive. Friends ask your advice. Share from your heart.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) -- Today is a 9 -- Get into research and communications over the next two days. Gather and evaluate information. Collaborate with a good conversationalist. Learn more about love. Express your universal discoveries. Sing about beauty, passion and what could be possible.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) -- Today is a 9 -- Practice a craft you love, and the money comes. Give thanks. Encourage a female to speak out. It's a good time to ask for money today and tomorrow. Put your heart into your work and it takes off.

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MLB June Draft



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Reid Love lets go of a pitch. The former ECU pitcher was drafted in the 10th round of the draft.

Baseball draft enters Day Three with Pirate players still on board

Corey Keenan
TEC STAFF

Reid Love is the only Pirate off the board after two days and 10 rounds of picks were made in the MLB Draft. Today, as rounds

11-40 take place, a number of former and current ECU players will hope to hear their name called.

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Orioles draft Love

Pirate pitcher drafted in 10th round

Corey Keenan
TEC STAFF

Reid Love saw his phone light up with a call Tuesday night during the MLB Draft, and on the other end was a Baltimore Orioles scout waiting to give the southpaw the news he had waited his whole baseball career to hear.

The senior was drafted in the 10th round with 313th overall pick and will soon begin his professional baseball career.

"I was sitting in the kitchen with a couple of my buddies. I got the call from the Orioles scout and my stomach kind of dropped, I got a little nervous and I just talked to him," Love said. "It was kind of a relief after that. It was just excitement

more than anything and now some relief that it's over."

Love was shocked to get the call so early on in the draft.

"Honestly, I didn't think I would be selected on the second day, I thought I would be selected on the third day," said Love candidly.

Love himself was not the only person surprised by the early selection.

"(My friends and family) kind of freaked out. Honestly, they didn't think I would go until the third day, too," Love said. "When I told them they all were excited,

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David Lucroy

Lucroy was a highly touted high school prospect and a 29th round draft pick. He had an All-America level freshman season at ECU, but the redshirt junior has struggled over the past two seasons with the Pirates.

Lucroy has had difficulty with his control in the past two seasons, including walking a team-high 29 batters last season with 47 strikeouts over 66 innings. ERA-wise, Lucroy had his best season as he posted the second lowest on the team at 2.18.

His greatest strength comes in his velocity as he can reach the mid-90s. Lucroy, who still has a year of eligibility if he does not sign, is the younger brother of current Milwaukee Brewers catcher Jonathan Lucroy.



Luke Lowery

The Midlothian, Va. native who has played multiple positions got off to a hot start in the 2015 season, belting eight home runs before the end of March. Lowery got into a power slump as conference play kicked off, but his batting average consistently stayed above .300 all season and finished at .311. He finished with team-highs in home runs (12) and RBIs (49).

Lowery played in the Cape Cod League last summer along with other top collegiate prospects. The junior hit five homers and had 14 RBIs in 24 games. Lowery can play multiple positions, including catcher, first base and both corner outfield spots.

Lowery has another year of eligibility should he not get drafted or choose not to sign.

Former Pirate talks Hornets workout

Kai Jones
TEC STAFF

Former Point Guard for the East Carolina basketball team, Antonio Robinson, participated in a workout with the NBA's Charlotte Hornets on June 3.

The last Pirate to be drafted in the NBA was Theodore "Blue" Edwards in 1989. Edwards is also the only player in ECU basketball history to be drafted in the first round. If Robinson gets drafted, it would be huge for the non-established basketball program at ECU.

"It's been a minute ago [since an ECU player was drafted]," said Robinson. "Now it's 30 or 40 years later, and anything can happen. That'll be something big for ECU."

When a program can show 17 and 18 year olds that they have a chance at the NBA, it makes it easier to recruit. John Calipari, head basketball coach for Kentucky, proves this as year after year he pulls in numerous McDonald's All-Americans to play at Kentucky because he's proven he can get players to the NBA.

ECU basketball fights an uphill battle in North Carolina. Because they are a football school in a basketball state, and in that basketball state are schools with numerous championships. N.C. State has two NCAA Championships, and Duke and North Carolina both have five. And ECU's football team has had much more success in putting players in the most recognizable pro leagues than basketball. Since 1989, the last time an ECU basketball player was drafted to the NBA, ECU football has had over 30 players drafted by the NFL.

Robinson has talked to head coach Jeff Lebo about the prospects of being the first guy to get drafted from ECU in 26 years.

"It's pretty much starting over," said Robinson about what Lebo told him. "You're a

rookie. You have to work very hard to find a spot on the team."

Robinson said that Lebo related it to how Robinson was two years ago when he came to the program from Louisburg. Robinson said he had to work hard to get his name out. It paid off for Robinson as he finished ninth all-time in assists per game and 14th in assists at ECU.

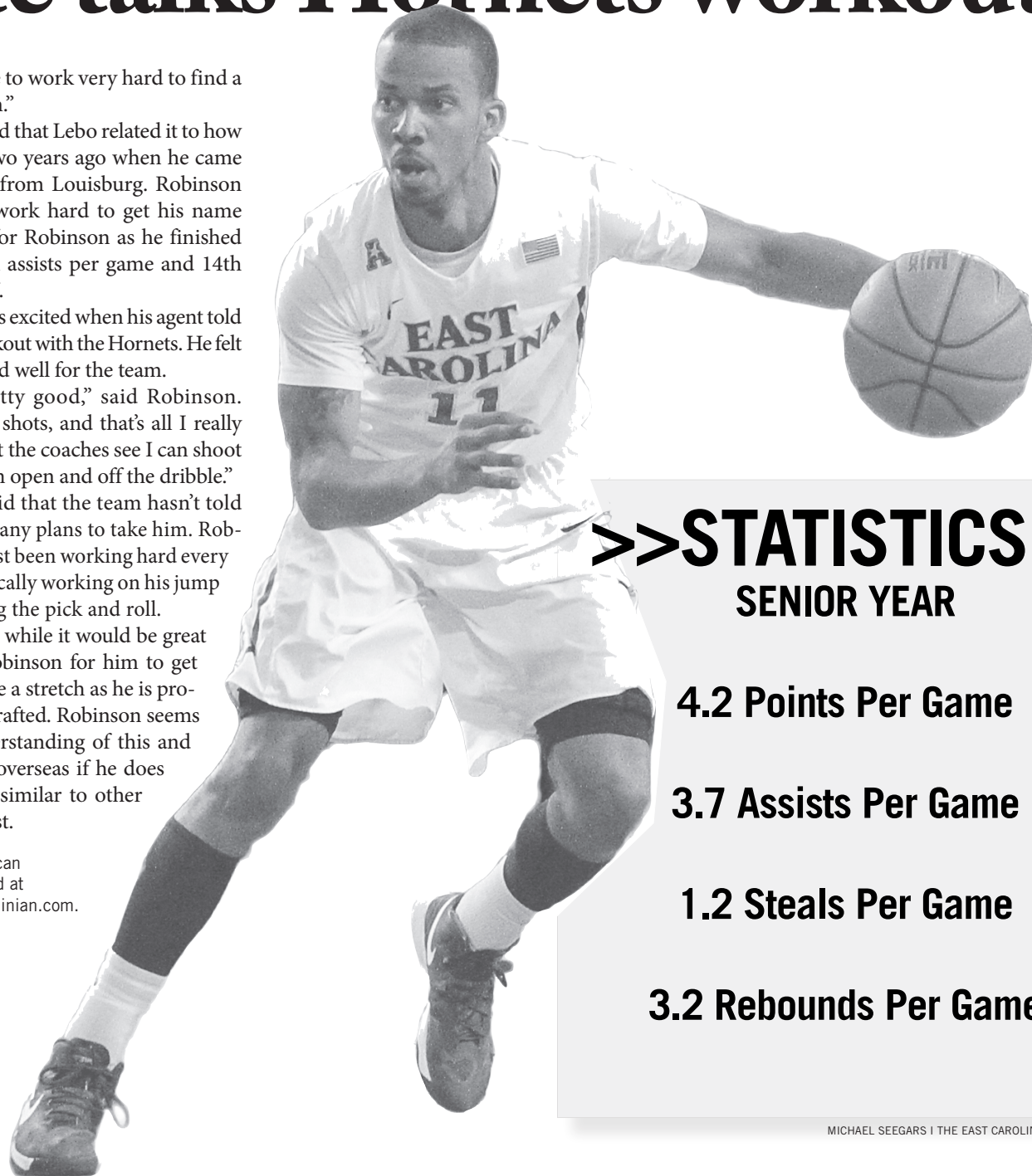
Robinson was excited when his agent told him he got a workout with the Hornets. He felt like he performed well for the team.

"It went pretty good," said Robinson. "I made a lot of shots, and that's all I really wanted to do. Let the coaches see I can shoot the ball when I'm open and off the dribble."

Robinson said that the team hasn't told him if they have any plans to take him. Robinson said he's just been working hard every day – and specifically working on his jump shot and running the pick and roll.

The reality is while it would be great for ECU and Robinson for him to get drafted, it may be a stretch as he is projected to go undrafted. Robinson seems to have an understanding of this and has plans to go overseas if he does not get drafted, similar to other Pirates in the past.

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3.7 Assists Per Game

1.2 Steals Per Game

3.2 Rebounds Per Game

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MLB DRAFT

Reid Love was selected in the 10th round of the MLB Draft by the Baltimore Orioles.

MLB DRAFT

ECU commit Isaiah White was drafted in the third round of the MLB Draft by the Miami Marlins.

BASKETBALL

ECU picked up its first commitment of the 2016 class in New York guard Elijah Hughes.

TRACK & FIELD

Avion Jones and Aiesha Goggins are set to compete in the NCAA Championships this week in Eugene, Ore.

FOOTBALL

Former ECU defensive lineman Chrishon Rose signed a contract with the Minnesota Vikings.

MLB

Former ECU pitcher Chris Heston threw the first no-hitter of the 2015 season. Heston had 11 strikeouts against the New York Mets.

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Ingle named to All-Freshman Team

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East Carolina freshman pitcher Joe Ingle was named to the National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association First-Team Freshman All-America Monday afternoon.

Ingle posted a team-low 1.14 ERA in 31 and two-thirds innings of work. The freshman struck out 41 batters to just 23 walks this season, including a seven-strikeout game against UNC Wilmington.

Ingle shined in the team's American Athletic Conference Championship run, where he earned All-Tournament Team honors. The right hander earned a win and two saves in the tournament while recording a 1.80 ERA over his three appearances.

Ingle was used sporadically to start the season while senior Reid Love was used out of the bullpen. After Love moved into his starter

role, the door was opened for Ingle in early March.

He left little doubt in head coach Cliff Godwin's mind after showing poise beyond his years and executing his pitches late in games.

"Joe's got a chance to be a superstar here - he's got All-American stuff," said Godwin in ECU's final home conference test of the season where Ingle nailed down the save against Connecticut. "He seems to pitch better when he's in jams."

Ingle was the Pirates' go-to man in tough situations by the middle of the season. Ingle often came in with inherited runners on base or in scoring position, and did well to limit damage in those outings.

Ingle has a long slender frame at 6-foot-4 and 164 pounds, but throws with deceptive power.

Ingle has a developing breaking ball to go along with his fastball. He set multiple ECU freshman records,

including saves and ERA.

Ingle was the lone First-Team member from the AAC, while South Florida's Kevin Merrell was named to the Second-Team.

Ingle is the first ECU player to garner Freshman All-America honors since David Lucroy was named to Collegiate Baseball's Freshman All-America Team in 2013.

After losing Ryan Williams, now in the Chicago Cubs system, and Drew Reynolds, ECU's all-time saves leader, after the 2014 season, the back end of the bullpen was an open race this season.

With Ingle having at least two years at ECU in front of him, the foundation of a top-tier bullpen is set for the Pirates.

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Conover garners All-Region honors

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The Golf Coaches Association of America named East Carolina junior Wes Conover to the Division I PING All-East Region Team.

"It was really a great honor [to be named to the All-East Region]. I'm just proud of myself and the things I've accomplished this year," Conover said. "And I thank ECU for the opportunity to let me play and learn and improve."

A total of 155 players across six regions - Northeast, East, Southeast, Midwest, Central and West - earned All-Region honors. Each All-Region team consists of the top 15 players in their region in the Individual Ranking System, as well as additionally adding any player ranked in the top 75 according to Golfstat or the Sagarin rankings, not already in the previous top 15.

"It's been awesome [to play at ECU], it's been a great opportunity, I love the team I love the coaches. I thank the coach so much for the chance to come play college golf," Conover said.

Conover concluded the season with a team-best 72.23-stroke average to go with his six top-10 finishes, three top-5 finishes and 18 rounds of even-par or better golf. Conover finished the season with the fifth-lowest single-season stroke average as well as second-most top-10 finishes in ECU school history.

"The team is always really supportive. The coaches are always helping me and they do all they can to help me and fix what I need. The guys on the team are great. My younger brother is on the team as well so that's a cool opportunity to have. It's just a great environment," Conover said.

Conover joins Harold Varner, David Watkins, Adam Stephenson and Eric Brady

to be the fifth Pirate golfer to receive PING All-Region honors since 2011.

"I just try to be the same person, all the awards don't make a difference to me, and it's just a great accomplishment [to get these honors]," Conover said.

The Pirates concluded their season at the 2015 NCAA Noblesville Regional in Indiana after receiving their third at-large bid to the NCAA Division I Men's Golf Championships in five years. ECU finished in ninth-place after Conover shot a final-round 3-under-par 69. The Pirates had a three-day total of 31-over-par 895 (306-293-296), just one stroke behind eighth-place Virginia Tech.

Conover carded a three-round score of par-220 (75-72-69) to finish tied for 11th at the NCAA Noblesville Regional, making him the Pirates' leader at the tournament.

"I have a passion to want to win and be the best player I can be and make a name for myself," Conover said.

Conover was named to the 2015 American Athletic All-Conference team last month, becoming the Pirates' first All-Conference selection since 2012.

The Pirates' season has concluded, although the team is now looking ahead to the upcoming 2015-16 golf season with more goals and honors to achieve.

"From a personal standpoint I would love to win a couple more tournaments - as a team and individually," Conover said. "I want to be an All-American this next year so that's a main goal. I would love to make a National Championship and play and win there as well."

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screaming and jumping up and down. It was just awesome."

Love joins fellow former Pirate Mike Wright in the Orioles organization.

Love was in talks with a few other teams about possibly being drafted, including the Chicago Cubs who selected Ryan Williams in the 10th round of the 2014 draft.

Love said he first talked to an Orioles' scout during the Pirates' American Athletic Conference championship run in Clearwater, Florida, and realized there was a chance he would be selected by the organization.

The graduated senior was the ace of the Pirates' pitching staff last season and logged a 2.81 ERA in 96 innings pitched. He transitioned from the bullpen to a starter's role early in the 2015 season after recovering from a thumb injury.

He recorded 82 strikeouts to just 12 walks in his second season at ECU.

He has proven he can pitch deep into games as he threw into the seventh in his final six starts of the season.

He tossed two complete games this

season and earned a 7-4 record along with four saves while he worked from the bullpen.

Love was also a prospect in the field, but is valued much higher on the mound. He was a semi-finalist for the John Olerud Two-Way Player-of-the-Year Award.

He was the 51st left-handed pitcher taken in the draft and the fourth in the 10th round.

Love said he is okay with putting his position playing days and consistent at bats behind him.

"I'm ready to give up those days," said Love with a laugh. "It's going to be tough but I think I'm ready to give it up."

As for where he'll be headed next, Love said, "anywhere they want to send me is fine with me."

Love is the fourth pitcher taken off the 2014 pitching staff that also featured Jeff Hoffman, Williams and Tyler Bolton.

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