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BRIEFS

Victim receives minor injuries after robbery

Staff Reports

Greenville Police are looking into the robbery and assault of a victim who was injured when he was thrown to the ground and then robbed Friday night.

42-year-old Santiago Celvan of Greenville was the victim and only received minor injuries. Celvan says the suspect asked him for a ride and then robbed him. Police say the incident occurred around 11 p.m. on 110 E. Fourth St.

The suspect is described as a bald black male between 6-foot and 6-foot-2, weighing between 180 and 190 pounds with a thin build.

Please contact Greenville PD with any information.

Wilson welcomed home after Superbowl victory

Staff Reports

Alumnus CJ Wilson was honored in Bethel last night for being a member of the Super Bowl Champions Green Bay Packers.

The mayor of Bethel, along with its citizens, hosted the homecoming event and welcomed Wilson with festivities followed by a program.

Wilson graduated in 2010 from the university and won two Conference USA championships playing defensive linemen for the Pirates.

Daughter under bond after stabbing mother

Staff Reports

Police say during an argument, 23-year-old Nicole Chandler stabbed her mother in the chest at her home off Belvoir Highway Tuesday night.

Chandler has been changed with an open count of murder and is currently being held at the Pitt County Detention Center under \$1 million bond.

Brittina McDonald, 44, was taken to Pitt County Memorial Hospital after sustaining a stabbing injury and was pronounced dead on arrival.

Investigation leads to Pitt County drug bust

Staff Reports

A six-month investigation ended when five men with alleged ties to a Mexican drug cartel were arrested for various charges in Pitt County.

Detectives and several agencies seized almost two kilos of cocaine with a street value of \$125,000, two cars, three guns and \$10,000 cash. Pablo Hernandez Carrera, Pedro Quiroc-Bernal, Alcatraz Ulas-Fisingur, Raul Alonso-Correa and Rey Rodriguez Correa were all arrested.

Investigators believe they belong to the La Familia drug cartel of southwestern Mexico. Their bonds are listed from \$200,000 to \$1 million.

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GPA retention standards rise for all

Hannah Jackson
STAFF WRITER

At the start of the fall semester of 2011, the GPA retention requirements are going up for students enrolled or transferring to this campus.

A retention grade point average is based on hours a student has taken; it shows the required GPA

they must maintain in order to remain a student in their program as well as in school altogether.

Jayne Geissler, executive director for Retention Programs and Enrollment Services, released the information to try and get the word out to the students before the start of the upcoming fall semester.

The minimum academic

requirements to avoid probation and/or suspension will be: 1-29 hours must hold a 1.8, 30-59 hours must hold a 1.9 and 60-plus hours must hold a 2.0 GPA.

"The reason for raising these standards is solely for students' benefit and to help them declare a major in a timely manner for graduation within four or five years," said Geissler.

Every student is placed in a certain academic standing after each semester; a good standing indicates that they have earned at least a 2.0 overall and are progressing toward graduation. An academic warning means that the student's GPA is under a 2.0 but has met the eligibility standards for the courses taken and academic probation means that

the GPA is under a 2.0 and the student has not met the retention grade point average for the courses taken.

If the GPA is not improved in one semester, then the student will be suspended the following semester.

Senior Nikki Rausch thinks

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Senior Elizabeth Kitchens and Junior Andrew Young.

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Convenient nuptials

Jamie Harper
STAFF WRITER

The matchmaking website WhyPayTuition.com facilitates a "marriage of convenience" between college students so they have lower tuition costs and may become eligible for more financial aid benefits.

Assuring complete anonymity for their users, WhyPayTuition.com explains that a marriage of convenience means "no romance, no love, no sex, not even living together." The students meet one time, get a marriage license, get married by a Justice of the Peace and upon completing college get a no-contest, no-property divorce. The site recommends a prenuptial agreement and also informs students that they must be U.S. citizens before they can take advantage of the program.

When a student wants to use the site, they may register for free. Students complete a profile enabling them to be matched with a "potential

mate" based on their profile. After a potential match is found, the students will both be contacted to verify they are still interested. If both parties agree, then they are charged the "Student Matching Service Fee" of \$600.

Students who are married and form their own household are no longer dependent on their parents and therefore can fall into a low-income aid category. Dropping into this category may allow students to qualify for more grants and scholarships. Some colleges like Harvard, Stanford, Texas A&M, University of Texas at Arlington and Texas Tech offer free tuition to students who meet the low-income requirements.

Savannah DeHart, a graduate student with the history department, had never heard of this before but did not see a problem with it.

"I think it's fair depending upon if this does hurt financial aid at ECU. I mean, if it's something ECU's financial aid does work with then I don't see why it would not be beneficial to

certain students. It's also a question of where the aid is coming from and what is classified as 'low-income,'" said DeHart.

Marriages may also help reduce high out-of-state tuition costs by establishing in-state residency. The North Carolina law states a person must maintain a 12-month residence prior to the term for which in-state tuition is requested. For the fall 2010 and spring 2011 semesters, the estimated cost of living and tuition for in-state residents is \$17,984 while out of state is \$30,739. These estimates are awaiting approval from the legislature and include tuition and fees, room, board, books, personal, transportation, health insurance and loan fee.

The North Carolina Residence Classification Manual states the non-resident spouse "may count the length of time the resident spouse has been domiciled in North Carolina for

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Sponsorship opportunities

University funding aids financial burden for students doing study abroad

Abbey Way
STAFF WRITER

The College of Fine Arts and Communication now offers the first full-semester university-sponsored study-abroad program ever -- Italy Intensives. Students can earn class credit while living and studying in the medieval village of Certaldo, located in Tuscany.

Italy Intensives offers year-round study-abroad opportunities, with a full semester during both spring and fall, and a shorter summer program. This semester is the first full semester of the program. During a full semester, students can earn 12 to 15 credits and three to six credits during the three-week summer program.

Linda Darty, professor and coordinator of CFAC Italy Intensives, said, "It allows students to travel as a group to another country, studying our own ECU curriculum rather than taking courses at another university."

According to Cindy Elmore, a professor in the School of Communication, mostly art students are there now, but the School of Communication will be joining in the spring of 2012. Elmore will be teaching several classes in the program in 2012, including feature writing, gender communication and international news communication.

"It's a great opportunity, and for communication students, it's probably only going to come around about once every two years, but the program will still go on every semester," Elmore said. "It just changes people's lives to be able to travel abroad, and you don't often get the time to travel and spend time in another country."

But according to Elmore, the program is not only for art and communication students. Anyone who can use the credits can join; you don't even have to be an ECU student to participate in the program. Graduate and undergraduate students from other institutions can also attend these programs by applying as "visiting students."

The program costs less than \$10,000 overall, and there is no extra fee for out-of-state students, although that does not cover trans-Atlantic airfare. A travel agent will be recommended to students and students can receive a group rate.

The fees do cover tuition, health insurance, an international student card, English-speaking staff available at all hours, lodging, museum entrance and guided tour fees, a majority of meals and local transportation.

Also included in the semester fees are a semester break program in Southern Italy, four days in Rome, four days in Venice and more.

"It's a lot of money, but the financial aid office tells us ECU students are already spending about \$8,500 each semester already," Elmore said. "It covers room and board and a lot of meals."

Students participating in the full semesters stay in apartments in Certaldo, and students in the summer program are placed in hotels.

"It's a very rare opportunity to live in another country for a period of three months, immersing yourself in another culture," Darty said. "I think it is one of the best study-abroad programs ever, a small group of people in a beautiful medieval city welcomed by the entire community, including the mayor."

"It is better than I ever dreamed it would be in every way," Darty said.

The deadline for the fall 2011 semester is March 15. Information on how to apply can be found at the program's website CFACItalyIntensives.ecu.edu.

Participants are also keeping an updated blog with photos at <http://italyintensives.tumblr.com>.

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Energy drinks may cause dangerous side effects

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STAFF WRITER

Pediatricians have voiced warnings directed toward the general public that popular energy drinks can have dangerous consequences on a child's, teen's or young adult's health and well-being.

A new report in the Journal of Pediatrics seeks to make doctors and parents aware that children with or at risk for diabetes, ADHD, heart disease, kidney disease, eating disorders or problems sleeping should not consume these beverages.

Although the excessive amount of caffeine and other ingredients in many energy drinks can temporarily increase the consumer's attention span, it can also cause a rise in blood pressure. This rise in blood pressure can lead to

other serious complications, such as dizziness, stroke, racing heart, seizures and even death.

Junior Alex McClarnon, a media production major, said that he swore off energy drinks ever since a bad experience he had in high school.

"I forget the name of the energy drink, but it had a warning label on it that said you're not supposed to have more than two per day," said McClarnon.

After only one drink, McClarnon said that he felt "completely strange and weird. I felt sick to my stomach and my pulse felt weak," said McClarnon.

The Associated Press revealed that 677 cases of energy drink overdoses were reported between October and December of 2010 alone. Another 331 cases have already been reported just this year.

While 50 percent of teens and young adults drink these products, there is no scientifically proven data showing benefits of increased stamina, performance or energy acquired from the drinks.

Despite the lack of proven benefits, energy drink sales are still rising. Now known as the fastest-growing beverage market in the U.S., energy drink sales are expected to exceed \$9 billion in 2011 alone.

Due to the growing availability and numerous health concerns, many officials believe that it is important to regulate the usage of the consumption of these products. According to the report in the Journal of Pediatrics, energy drinks should be treated on the same level as tobacco, prescription medicine and alcohol.

Similar to the Food and Drug Administration's recent ban on

alcoholic energy drinks, non-alcoholic energy drinks are now being questioned as to whether they should continue to be produced or sold.

Junior Corey McDonald, a communication major, is one of several CEOs of an energy drink company called Untapped Energy.

"We have a warehouse here and they basically ship everything down from New York City. I'm in charge of everything for Eastern North Carolina's Untapped Energy," said McDonald.

Confident in the status of his growing business, McDonald assures his consumers that his product is all-natural, unlike many of his competitors. McDonald claims that Untapped Energy is the first all-natural energy shot of its kind, with 95 percent organic ingredients and no unnatural flavors.

Although the Journal of the American Medical Association has recently released an advisory stating that energy drinks are likely to become a public health hazard, it is questionable whether "all-natural" businesses such as McDonald's will be affected by the future decisions from the Food and Drug Administration.

When asked if all energy drinks should be regulated, McDonald said, "Ours? No. It's all-natural. But others? Maybe."

Concerning the health risks of overdosing on energy drinks, McDonald said, "I don't even think it's healthy to drink four or five coffees a day. If you're just a regular student that drinks three energy drinks a day, then there's obviously a bigger problem going on."

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purposes of satisfying the 12-month requirement for in-state tuition." The New York Times reported identifying nine students who married in-state students to claim residency at University of California-Berkeley.

"I don't see why that would be unfair. However, I think in general financial aid is kind of a hard thing to deal with because I don't think people are aware of it as much as they should be made aware of it. Particularly people who are freshmen coming into college," said DeHart.

As tuition rates continue to increase at universities across the country, options such as "marriages of convenience" are becoming more attractive and viewed as practical solutions for students.

Jason Wynne, a senior construction management major, said, "In 2002, tuition was like \$1,700. But now it's like \$2,300 per semester."

Based on the estimates for fall 2010 and spring 2011 semesters, in-state tuition has increased by \$669 and out-of-state has increased by \$2,590 from fall 2009 and spring 2010.

Some parties have voiced disapproval of marrying in order to receive financial aid or lower tuition and claim it is unlawful.

Wynne, who is a newlywed as of October 2010, said, "Marriage is a sacred honor, but I think it depends on the circumstances."

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Clarification

In the Feb. 17 edition of The East Carolinian, the article "House bill bans illegals from college education" incorrectly stated that a march was in Raleigh when it happened in Chapel Hill.

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the new retention requirements are a good thing.

"ECU should hold us more accountable for our grades. We are paying a lot of money to be here so we should take it seriously," said Rausch.

The current retention requirements are as follows: 1-29 hours must have a 1.6 GPA, 30-59 hours must have a 1.8, 60-74 must have a 1.9 and 75-plus hours must have a 2.0. Most majors require a minimum of a 2.0 and many require around that to declare.

Although the university overall has its retention requirements, most departments create their own standards, such as a B.S. in Health Education and Promotion requires a 2.5 to declare and then the student must maintain a 2.0 throughout the necessary courses.

"This is part of our effort to have students be able to declare their major at least by their 60th semester

hour, said Geissler. "We hope that by increasing the expectations that students will rise to meet these."

Currently there is a trend in students graduating in more than four years, partially due to the economy, but it creates a smaller gap for the university to admit more students.

The four-year graduation rate is only around 27 percent and six-year graduation rate is about 54 percent. Less room in the school for newer students creates a problem when so many are taking longer to get their degrees; raising GPA retention is one possible solution to the issue.

All colleges and universities are trying to better the students who are enrolled and always hope to present their school in a positive light. Keeping academic standards tight will aid with those problems.

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East Carolina University... Tomorrow starts Thursday.

It is pretty sad that the cleanest thing living in your apartment is your dog.

Dear Bate: Spring Break is soon and there won't be any classes going on then. Why must you paint the walls now? It's kind of inconvenient.

I would be more motivated to go the library if finding a parking spot wasn't as hard as finding a sober girl on Halloween.

No, that dress doesn't make you seem fat but your dependence on others' opinions definitely makes you seem shallow.

Yes, ECU has a Ski and Snowboard Team, and they just qualified for the national championship! We conquered the seas, now we're taking over the mountains. ARGGHH!

There needs to be a "no make-up" day on campus so we can see what girls really look like. I hear it isn't pretty.

Pirate Rants are the most wonderful part of my day. The only good thing my old roommate did for me was get me addicted to reading them!

Are you really shocked you got pregnant?

Seven of my friends have been arrested for smoking weed in their houses but the cops still haven't done anything about the car that continues to shoot its gun in front of my house. Something is wrong with this picture.

Your opinion means nothing to me if your Pirate Rant is not grammatically correct.

ECU should pay for our books instead of buying iPads.

What's the deal with the one-door bus? Whose idea was that?

I have changed my major 4 times and will still graduate from ECU in four years. Yes, I am amazing.

I asked one of the football players why he enjoyed playing college football and he said "Free Lunch and Hot Girls."

There were two girls in bikinis sunbathing in the lawn in front of Jones. I didn't think it was that hot?

To the guy in the strategy class who changed the time on the clock last week so we got out early: I love you.

I didn't care about your promiscuity at first but then I met your girlfriend. She's beyond beautiful and has the most amazing personality. You are an idiot.

Desperate: Doing a boy's homework in a sad attempt to get his attention. Get a life because he sure has one.

To the guy at my apartment complex who blasts 90s music all night: You are my hero.

Since when does watching a movie together translate to "I want to make out with you now?" As shocking as it seems, some people really do just want to watch a movie.

SHUT UP! I'M TRYING TO LISTEN TO THE DAMN PROFESSOR.

You are not a hypocrite. I am over my past, can we move on together?

Don't make it so painfully obvious that you are not 21 by wearing a "Class of 2010" shirt!

More Pirate Rants on the website!

Successful road trip

Katie Bates
PUBLIC EDITOR

Laughter from different conversations filled the air, iPods blared, scenic views and a five hour drive all led up to the North Carolina College Media Association Conference held at Appalachian State University this past weekend.

Each year at different campuses the association offers a one-day conference aimed at supporting college media operations. Ten of TEC's staff members piled into a van with hopes to bring back helpful information regarding the improvement of our paper.

Our dedicated newspaper staff woke up in beautiful Boone early Saturday morning to attend educational lectures from various arts writers from around the state. We learned the importance of covering the local art scene and the enrichment it would give our paper.

The conference also gave us the opportunity to submit stories from our writers and enter TEC into various categories such as "Best of Show" in the newspaper category and "Best of Show" in the online news category.

Knowledge was gained, friends were made and awards were won. Our staff won some amazing awards worth sharing to our readers. ECU was in competition with other public and private institutions in our state such as our rivalry schools N.C. State and UNC-Chapel Hill. We are proud to say TEC and

Rebel 52 won a total of eight awards combined.

I am also thrilled to report that ECU Student Media won awards in the Southeast Journalism

Conference "Best of the South" contest held this past weekend at Troy University in Alabama. We

were in competition with eight states, which included 331 entries from 33 eligible member schools. Judges included 20 journalism professionals from newspapers, broadcast outlets and magazines across the country.

The awards won truly show our staff's hard work and determination we put toward the newspaper every week. We hope to continue our success and win more awards in next year's competition, as well as hopefully hosting a NCCMA conference in the near future. Until then, we will work our hardest to bring you the best campus newspaper around. I am proud to say I work with a great staff and paper. Congratulations to all!

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The following are winners from the North Carolina Media Association Conference:

- TEC – Third place for Best of Show in the newspaper category
- TEC – Fourth place for Best of Show in the online news category

The following are winners from the Southeast Journalism Conference "Best of the South":

- Luke Rayson – Second place for Best Press Photographer
- Adrian Parhamovich – Third place for News-Editorial Artist/Illustrator for his illustrations on the editorial pages
- Cassie McLean – Sixth place for Best News Reporter
- Katie Hatfield – Seventh place for Best Newspaper Page Layout Designer
- Katey Warren – Eighth place for Best Feature Writer

Time to buckle down



Chelsey McClougherty
OPINION COLUMNIST

Staying off of academic probation might become more difficult for some starting this fall semester. New retention standards have been released and will be effective for fall 2011 course grades.

Now, before we all panic and double our all-nighters at Joyner, let's consider these new requirements.

Before the changes, students with 1 to 29 semester hours have been allowed to slip by with a 1.6 GPA, 30 to 59 hours a 1.8 and 60 to 74 hours a 1.9. Any GPA below these standards puts a student on academic probation, and then the student is given one semester to get his GPA back to the required score.

If the student fails to do so, he/she is then put on a one-semester probation, after which he gets to come back and try again. If the student fails again to get his/her GPA up (unfortunately, this does happen), he/she is then put on two semesters of probation. This pattern continues.

When you calculate your cumulative GPA at the end of this semester, look out for ECU's new retention standards. Freshmen have to maintain a 1.8 GPA or higher. That is a .2 increase, the biggest GPA requirement increase of all. Freshmen originally were expected to uphold a 1.6 GPA, which is .4 under a 2.0, which is considered to be in good standing at ECU.

Changing the requirement to a 1.8 is a good idea. This holds students to a higher standard that will hopefully encourage them to maintain higher grades.

Sophomores have to maintain 1.9, just .1 more than before. That's just .1 away from a 2.0, which juniors and seniors have to maintain. In order to be successful in college, you need to maintain at least a 2.0 halfway through your college career, so again, this is a smart idea.

Every single student at ECU has to have at least a 2.0 GPA in order to declare a major; some even require a 2.5. When I was a semester late declaring my major, I was set back because I couldn't sign up for any of the classes I needed.

The idea to require students to have a 2.0 by their junior year might put more pressure on ECU students, but it is in our best interest. Now underclassmen can declare majors on time and start taking classes that contribute to their majors.

"It is critical for students to be able to declare a major as soon as possible in order to graduate in a timely manner," said Jayne Geissler, executive director for Retention Programs and Enrollment Services. "A lot of work and thought was put into making the new retention standards more in mind with this philosophy."

Many students have to spend more time and money by taking extra semesters because they declare their majors late. If students feel more of a push to get higher GPAs from the start, he/she will be able to declare majors sooner and thus graduate on time.

So when you realize you need a 1.9 GPA instead of a 1.8 at the end of the semester, don't stress. The change is really for your own good. If you want to be able to graduate in four years and find a good job post graduation, you need at least a 2.0, if not higher.

Increasing the GPA requirements will help raise our education standards. Making ECU more academically respectable will help shake the reputation of being called "Easy-U" by our competition.

If you haven't already been doing so, it's time to buckle down and closely watch your GPA, because it might be a little harder to sneak by than it used to be. The new tough-love policy is scary, but it will help our future.

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Graduating with confidence



Leslie Baker
OPINION COLUMNIST

Just a few years ago, a fresh-faced college graduate would mail a handful of resumes to a select few employers and wait eagerly to hear those two precious words:

"You're hired."

Today's graduate, facing a 9.8 percent unemployment rate, may have the same amount of education and spend several frustrating months or years searching for a job. After an exhausting quest, he may come to the somber realization that companies are hiring a select few employees who are experienced.

So where does that leave us? How are we expected to compete with someone with years or even decades of experience? Well, we have to be prepared. Extra prepared.

According to DailyFinance.com, employers are looking for skilled employees who are not only able to do the job well, but who can use their talents to propel a company forward.

Employers today don't have the time or energy to teach you. Every company in the country is looking for ways to stay afloat in this economic crisis, and one of these ways is to hire the most capable, passionate and knowledgeable employees who can take on a variety of tasks.

If we, as graduates, will be expected to compete, multitask and out-perform those with years of experience, then shouldn't our final classes be preparing us for the fierce competition?

Much of this real-world preparation is completed, or so it would seem, during a senior's final semester, in conjunction with a capstone course. The capstone, also known as a senior seminar or keystone course, is a mandatory senior-level class. The requirements of the course vary according to the student's major, and their primary purpose is to prepare students for life after graduation.

Unfortunately, it seems many of these capstone courses require students to focus all their energy into writing a lengthy paper or speech. Some have students participate in time-consuming group projects and "team-building activities."

But a frantic student, weeks away from graduating, doesn't want to practice trust falls

with his/her classmates. He/she wants to know that he has a job lined up after he/she turns his tassel.

As we all know, jobs aren't readily being offered, and things aren't going to significantly improve any time soon. That being the case, it is imperative that students are learning everything they can about surviving post graduation.

During the final months of a student's education, he should be taught as much as possible about how to fend for himself and thrive once he enters the unapologetic real world. Instead, many curricula end with a capstone course focusing on service-oriented projects with good intentions but little personal gain.

Robert Moore, a communications professor at Elizabethtown College in Elizabethtown, Penn., believes the capstone course is "an in-depth opportunity for the student to demonstrate accomplishment of the full spectrum of that learning. It is, therefore, critical that the capstone course contain a wide and balanced variety of expectations."

ECU should take a second look at the priorities of its capstone courses. A group project or speech may help a student learn to collaborate and organize ideas, but that isn't enough. Students need to know how, where and when to apply for jobs in 2011 and beyond.

Somewhere along the way, they also need to understand the basics of personal finance, like balancing a checkbook, filing taxes and managing credit. They need to know how to network and market themselves, like how to build an attention-grabbing portfolio or website to gain future employers or clients.

A great deal of potential lies in a capstone course. Perhaps ECU needs to offer a university-wide capstone with the sole purpose of preparing students for life post-graduation. Or maybe our individual department capstone courses just need extreme makeovers.

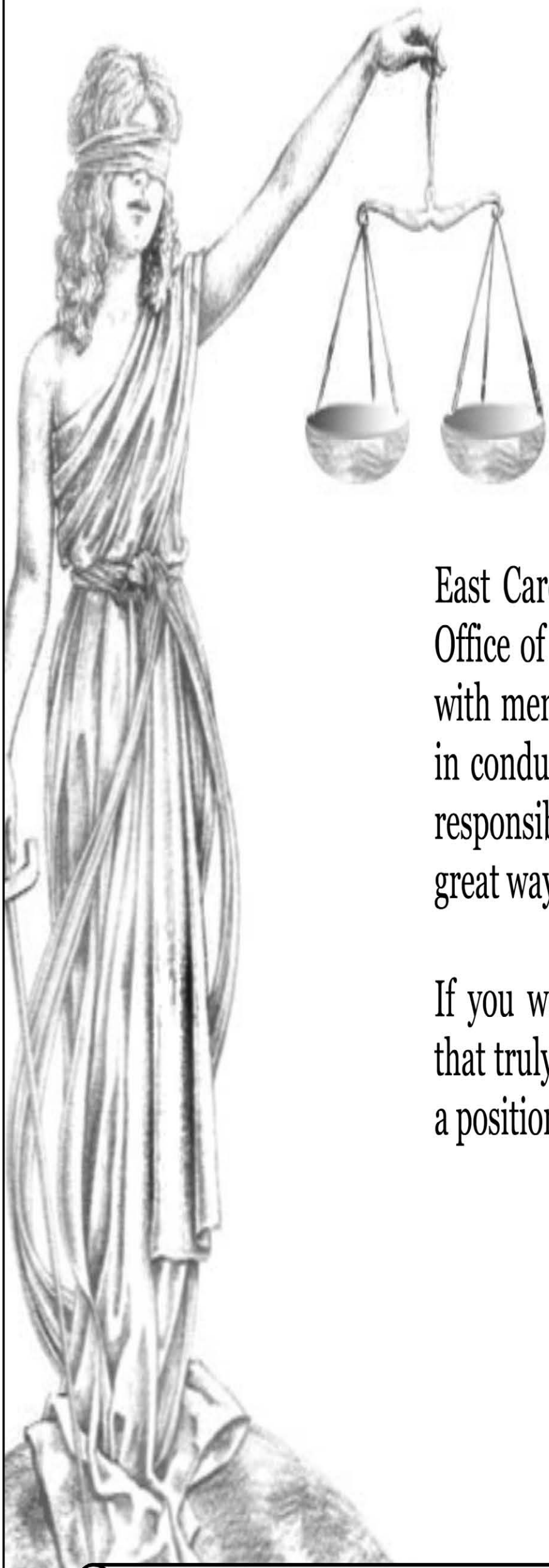
The final class we take should be challenging, inspiring and, above all, informative. We should be able to throw our hats at commencement with a confident smile, knowing we will exceed everyone's expectations. And most of all, we should be able to walk away from ECU fully prepared to hear those two precious words: "You're hired."

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MISPELLERS OF THE WORLD UNITE

School of Theatre and Dance produces play on the quirks of high school competition

Marlana Sifter
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The ECU Loessin Playhouse is excited to present the musical comedy "The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee," Feb. 24 through March 1 in Messick Theatre.

The performance features six awkward adolescents caught up in angst in their high school gym. Mentored by parents and teachers who are more like children themselves, the students experience a wacky competition, fraught with more complications than necessary.

"It's a fun, quirky little show," said managing director Jeff Woodruff, suggesting that anyone already past the trials of puberty will find the humor of the story enjoyable. "On the surface, it's the awakening of pre-teens – and we've all been there. It's kind of fun to hold a mirror to yourself and see how you were at that age," Woodruff said.

For its performances in Off-Broadway's Second Stage Theatre, the one-act play, written by Rachel Sheinkin with music and lyrics by William Finn, won two Tony Awards in 2005 for Best Book of a Musical and Best Featured Actor. It received impressive reviews while breaking box office records during its run. USA Today summed it up as, "In a word: charming."

According to the play's website, "Spelling Bee" was originally a non-musical play entitled "C-R-E-P-U-S-C-U-L-E," started by improvisational group, The Farm. One of the performers happened to be employed as a nanny by playwright Wendy Wasserstein of "The Heidi Chronicles," who suggested to playwright William Finn that if the play had musical potential, he could take advantage of it. He did so, along with former student Rachel Sheinkin and the help of original creator Rebecca Feldman.

In the winter of 2004, the play went to workshop with the Barrington Stage Company in Sheffield, Mass., before holding its first full-length production that summer in a cafeteria used as a stage.

An amusing perk of being an audience member is the opportunity to participate with the actors on-stage. Just like the Off-Broadway performance, the School of Theatre and Dance encourages audience members to sign at the door for the possibility of being picked as an improv member of the cast. Participants will have the chance of spelling alongside "classmates" during the spelling bee.

"Spelling Bee" has been in pre-production since January, with 13 cast members and six musicians. Casting for plays by the College of Fine Arts and Communication is typically open, but due to the serious time commitment involved, dedicated theatre students are often the only actors.

Showings will take place Thursday, Feb. 24, through Saturday, Feb. 26, at 8 p.m.; Sunday, Feb. 27, at 2 p.m.; and Monday, Feb. 28, and Tuesday, Feb. 29, at 8 p.m. Tickets for the general public cost \$15 and \$10 for children and students. Spectators can purchase tickets over the phone, online, by mail or in person. In-person purchases are available at McGinnis Auditorium Box Office until curtain or at the ECU Central Ticket Office in Mendenhall Student Center.

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SPRING STYLES IN THE SOUTH

A look at the newest southern styles for the upcoming season

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The first official day of spring is less than a month away, and as the weather is warming up, students are already beginning to trade pants and sweaters for sundresses and shorts.

It often seems that southerners thrive best in warmer temperatures. The mere mention of the South brings to mind thoughts of drinking sweet tea on a hot summer day, running barefoot in the grass and southern fashion.

Spring is just around the corner, catalogs are starting to come out and the newest lines are hitting shelves. Several popular southern brands have already released their spring lines and they are all bursting with the bright colors that seem to adorn southern fashions every year.

Southern Frock is a clothing line started by two Eastern North Carolina locals in November 2009. The company is young but the fashion is radiant. "We wanted to create a line with a southern coastal vibe," said Emily Newnam, Southern Frock co-owner.

Newnam perfectly describes the Southern Frock spring/summer line that will be available online in a few weeks. The line is mostly solid colored knit dresses that are comfortable and wearable but could easily be dressed up. "It's a great fabric. Light and airy for the south," said Newnam.

This year, they added seersucker dresses and skirts to the line, which is a necessary style in any southern girl's wardrobe. "I like Southern Frock. It is fashion-forward and has a younger designer," said Jessica Robinson, fashion merchandising minor.

One designer that is a must-have for southerners is Lilly Pulitzer, whose spring line is bright, colorful, full of vibrant patterns and now available at Pink Boutique in Greenville. The dresses and patterns have kept to the fun, light sundress style that Lilly Pulitzer has used for years, but it also has a few new looks. This year's line includes white dresses that are clean and elegant yet all different.

There are floor-length dresses, dresses with lace overlay, short and flirty sundresses and even a tunic dress with cutouts and embroidery. The variety of styles and simplicity of the white dresses are a fresh look for spring and Lilly Pulitzer.

The spring line also includes some looks that are less structured with an almost bohemian look. The Whitaker Dress is a perfect example with its loose-fitting design and one-shoulder long sleeve. It comes in the pattern "shorely blue optical confusion" that uses bolder, more royal colors than are normally seen in Lilly patterns. And, of course, the men's collection, though it may be limited, still has its bright-colored polos, shorts and ties that it does each year.

Though Lilly Pulitzer does not have an extensive men's line, there are other



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Pink Boutique offers clothing lines by many southern designers, including Lilly Pulitzer.

designers who have a larger selection for men than women. Southern Proper is a designer line that includes men's polos, oxfords, T-shirts, formal wear, custom products and every accessory a man could ever need.

This year, two new men's lines have been added, the SP Golf Collection and Prep Belts. The golf collection includes visors, hats and polos that bear the Southern Proper golf logo. The line is

mainly a way to show off the new logo but it is still a clean, versatile look for everyday wear. The Prep Belts are a collection of patterned belts for men and women that are similar to the extensive selection of Southern Proper ties. They are a fun accessory to add to a simple, preppy look.

The warm weather is, without a doubt, on the way. The higher temperatures and precautionary use of sunglasses

are indicators that it is time to get ready for the upcoming weather. Do that online shopping, stock up on those new spring styles and make sure to be prepared when that warm weather hits.

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HOLLYWOOD'S BIGGEST STARS PREPARE FOR OSCAR NIGHT

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Ballerinas, toys, cowboys, a king, dream invaders and Facebook will all battle it out on Hollywood's biggest night, the 2011 Academy Awards.

For the second year in a row, 10 films will vie for the top prize of Best Picture, none of which disappointed moviegoers this past year. Frontrunners "The King's Speech" and "The Social Network" will be joined by blockbusters "Inception" and "Toy Story 3" and critical favorites "Black Swan," "True Grit" and "The Fighter." Indie hits like "127 Hours," "The Kids Are All Right" and "Winter's Bone" are also in the race.

"The King's Speech" leads the pack with 12 nominations overall, in categories including Best Picture, Best Actor and Best Supporting Actor and Actress.

"The Social Network," or what is usually referred to as "That Facebook Movie," is nominated for Best Director for David Fincher and Best Adapted Screenplay for Aaron Sorkin. Jesse Eisenberg, who received tremendous buzz for his role as Facebook founder Mark Zuck-

erberg, is also up for Best Actor.

Media production major and SAB Films Chair Kelly Lott is pulling for Sorkin come Oscar night. "Sorkin's screenplay is absolutely fantastic," said Lott, who enjoys writing screenplays herself. "I read it and it definitely inspired me to write. And even without seeing the movie, you can picture his words, and when it is coupled with the terrific actors, it's just amazing."

One of the biggest races of the night will be the Best Actress category. The obvious frontrunner is Natalie Portman, who is nominated for her haunting performance as a mentally unstable ballerina in "Black Swan." But Annette Bening, a four-time nominee with no wins, has gained momentum throughout the awards season for her role in "The Kids Are All Right" as one half of a lesbian couple trying to raise their two children.

Acclaimed boxing film "The Fighter" is hoping to bring home several awards for acting and directing. Christian Bale is nominated for Best Supporting Actor. His costars Amy Adams and Melissa Leo will be competing in the Best Supporting Actress category for their roles

in the film. Hailee Steinfeld, a first-time actress and nominee who has gained critical acclaim for her role as a revenge-seeking teenager in the western "True Grit," is also nominated.

The year's biggest movie, "Toy Story 3," is up for several awards, including Best Animated Feature, where it is up against the wildly popular "How to Train Your Dragon" and the French film "The Illusionist."

After the successful pairing of Steve Martin and Alec Baldwin as last year's hosts, the Academy has chosen to give another duo a shot at hosting the show. Anne Hathaway and James Franco will take the reins as cohosts this year, a move that the Academy hopes will draw in younger crowds.

Franco is also nominated in the Best Actor category for his role in "127 Hours," where he plays real-life mountain climber Aron Ralston, who famously amputated his own arm after getting pinned between two rocks while hiking.

Cara Beth Carr, a sophomore neuroscience major and member of the SAB Films committee, loves the pairing of Hathaway and Franco. "(They

are both awesome at anything they do, so I'm really excited to see how they work together and play off each other," said Carr. She added, "I have no doubt that they will be great hosts."

And Oscar night wouldn't be complete without a surplus of famous presenters, which this year include Sandra Bullock, Reese Witherspoon, Robert Downey, Jr., Tom Hanks, Hugh Jackman, Oprah Winfrey and Jude Law, to name a few.



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The Oscars will also feature live performances of the three songs nominated for Best Original Song. Mandy Moore and Zachary Levi ("Chuck") will perform "I See the Light" from their film "Tangled," Gwyneth Paltrow will sing "Coming Home" from her film "Country Strong" and Florence Welch of "Florence and the Machine" will be on hand to sing "If I Rise" from "127 Hours."

With a jam-packed show and an amazing year of film, it's going to be exciting to see who will be able to add "Academy Award Winner" to their name by the end of the night. And if the show is anything like its predecessors, there are sure to be touching moments and a few surprises that will have water coolers across America buzzing come Monday morning.

The 83rd Annual Academy Awards airs Sunday, Feb. 27, at 8 p.m. on ABC.

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Connors named to Pennsylvania SHOF

The Washington-Greene Chapter of the Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame has selected its 2011 inductees and ECU Assistant Director of Athletics for Strength and Conditioning Jeff Connors is one of 18 individuals who will be honored during ceremonies Friday, June 10.

Connors, who rejoined the Pirate staff in January after a 10-year tenure at North Carolina and an earlier decade-long stay at ECU, will join five others as football entries in the 26th class of the W-GC chapter. Connors' honor will coincide with the 15th anniversary of the induction of his father and former high school coach, William D. Connors, into the same Hall.

After an illustrious prep career at Bethlehem-Center High School in Fredericktown, Pa., Connors was a three-year starter at cornerback for Salem (W.Va.) College. He led the Tigers in interceptions as a sophomore and junior and served as the program's co-captain during his senior campaign while earning the team's top strength award.

In his current role at ECU, Connors provides a direct strength training leadership role for Pirate football while providing oversight and coordinating off-season and in-season programs for the remaining 18 ECU teams.

Connors earned the title of Master Strength & Conditioning Coach by the Collegiate Strength and Conditioning Coaches Association (CSCCa), a certification that is the highest honor achieved by a strength and conditioning coach, which represents professionalism, knowledge, experience, expertise and longevity in the field.

A frequently requested speaker, Connors often presents his strength and conditioning program and philosophies to clinics and conferences across the country. He was also a competitive powerlifter who won four state titles in powerlifting and held a ranking as high as fourth nationally. Connors holds Level I certification in Olympic Weight Lifting by the U.S. Weight Lifting Federation and has had numerous articles published in Wrestling USA, NSCA Journal, Training and Conditioning Magazine and Bigger Faster Stronger Journal.

His father, a 1963 graduate and All-America performer at Salem College, enjoyed a 29-year coaching career at Beth-Center, Ringgold and Belle Vernon High Schools that resulted in three Western Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic League (WPIAL) titles and a career record of 174-92-12.

The Washington-Greene County Chapter of the Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame, formed in 1986, is a non-profit organization founded to perpetuate the memory of athletes, male or female, who have brought lasting fame and recognition to the State of Pennsylvania through their athletic achievements. In addition to William Connors, past football inductees include Barry Alvarez (1999), John Banaszak (2009), Marvin Lewis (2002), Jerry Sandusky (1999) and Gary F. Tranquill (1993).

The 2011 class will formally be inducted during ceremonies at the Holiday Inn, Meadow Lands in Washington, Pa.

Wilson returns to Eastern North Carolina

Super Bowl Champion, and former ECU defensive end, CJ Wilson returned to Eastern North Carolina on Wednesday.

Wilson is a member of the Green Bay Packers and played during their run to Super Bowl XLV. Wilson's hometown of Belhaven held a homecoming event for him on Wednesday night.

While with the Pirates, Wilson aided the Pirates in securing back-to-back Conference USA titles and was an integral part of the defense all four years of his tenure at ECU. He recorded 44 starts, 192 tackles, 45.5 TFLs, 27.0 sacks and 35 quarterback pressures during his college career.

Wilson was drafted as the 32nd pick of the seventh round of the 2010 National Football League Draft.

SPORTS

PIRATES SHUTDOWN MINERS



Jontae Sherrod shoots a foul shot during the second half of ECU's 83-76 win over UTEP on Wednesday night.

Adam Bunn

ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

ECU was able to snap their three-game losing streak Wednesday night, defeating the UTEP Miners by a score of 83-76 inside Williams Arena.

The Pirates took control of the game in the second half, building what was a two-point halftime lead into a 12-point advantage just four minutes into the second half.

ECU was led all night by the play of Jamar Abrams, who scored 25 points while making all but three of his shots, including hitting 5-of-7 from the behind the arc. The sharp shooting of Abrams made it difficult for the Miners to close down on Pirate big man Darius Morrow, who was able to get easy baskets all night long.

"When Jamar's shooting it, it just opens things up for us so much," ECU head coach Jeff Lebo said. "It puts an extra offensive shooter on the floor with Sherrod. It just makes things so much easier."

While the win will be something that the players cherish for the rest of the night, the events of the first few minutes of the second half will likely be talked about for weeks.

With the Pirates leading by eight points just a minute into the second half, UTEP head coach Tim Floyd was whistled for a bench warning, and referee Bryan Kersey instructed Floyd to get back inside the coaches box.

However, Floyd began to berate the official for several minutes during the dead ball situation and was called for a technical. Floyd was not happy with this, as he continued to yell at Kersey, resulting in a second technical that resulted in him being removed from the floor by police officers. After Floyd left the court, Miner assistant coach Phil Johnson was also whistled for a technical and thrown out of the game.

"I was given a warning for having my foot out of the coaching box," Floyd said after the game. "I went to the bench and next thing you know I got a technical, and I don't know why I got it. I can't comment on the officiating, but I wasn't upset with the officials ... I probably earned the second one."

Many coaches will get technical fouls on purpose if they feel their team is playing sluggishly, thinking that it will fire them up, reserving the momentum of the game. It was up to the ECU coaching staff to let its players know what to expect.

"We talked about it during the break," Lebo said. "We were going to have some foul shots and hopefully have a lead there, and we had to finish it out."

As expected, the Miners came out of that break fired up and looking for a fight. The Pirates, however, were able to weather the storm and remain in front by a comfortable margin throughout the rest of the contest, knocking down free throws in the final minutes to seal the game.

The first half of play was filled with action, as the lead changed multiple times over the course of the first 20 minutes.

The Pirates were able to control the tempo and overall play for the first 10 minutes of the half seizing an 11-3 lead with 13:34 remaining in the first stanza. The Pirates built that lead on the backs of Abrams and Morrow, who combined to score all 11 of those points with Morrow scoring the first 5 points of the game.

After ECU built its eight-point lead, UTEP stormed back with a quick 11-3 run to grab a one-point lead at the 10:34 mark of the first half.

Following that run by the Miners, Lebo decided to change things up a bit, inserting a lineup featuring Abrams, Brock

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OPINION



Stephen McNulty

STAFF WRITER

Around Greenville, the relative success of the men's basketball team has been all the talk. But, in general, some would argue college basketball has been less than impressive this year.

New head coach Jeff Lebo has the Pirates within reach of their first winning season in 14 years and a shot at their winningest season ever in Conference USA.

ECU has 27 losing seasons in the last 35 years, not exactly something that fills the seats. But this year the crowds have been raucous and ECU has played up to a new level. Currently, the Pirates are ?? in the conference and ?? overall. With three conference games remaining, ECU has a chance to finish at or above .500 in league play. However, do not get your hopes up too high because two of the last three games come against Memphis and UAB, two of the top teams in the conference.

All throughout college basketball, including at ECU, it has been an up-and-down season. So far, Duke, Ohio State and Kansas have all had stints as the No. 1 team in the nation. The Big East currently has 10-11 teams projected to make the NCAA Tournament, while Joe Lunardi of ESPN has only five ACC teams reaching the big dance.

I believe that part of the reason for the lack of an emergence of a dominant team is due in part to the lack of talent. Not to say that there are no good players in college basketball, but there are no John Walls or Blake Griffins, that's for sure.

Jared Sullinger for Ohio State is by far the most outstand-

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WHAT DID YOU CALL ME?

OPINION



Alex Serkes

STAFF WRITER

Top 5 nicknames in sports

As I woke up one morning and proceeded to receive my daily dose of ESPN's SportsCenter, I noticed an interesting trend amongst the SportsCenter anchors. As a string of highlights and stories came across the television screen, each time a marquee player was referred to for having done some major feat or a brief news story was being conducted on a big-time player, I couldn't help but notice that their real names were hardly ever mentioned.

Being a current student at ECU, I immediately tried to think of as many nicknames that I call my fellow college athletes. Unfortunately, not many could come to mind. Of course, Chris Johnson will always be referred to as "CJ;" I rarely ever hear him called differently. Dwayne Harris has been dubbed "The Playmaker," which has stuck with him for several years due to his amazing ability to produce groundbreaking plays for big-time gains on the gridiron. When was the last time you referred to Andrew Bodenheimer as anything other than "Bodie?" Do you ever call Darius Morrow by his first name? Brock "The Rock" Young, and the list goes on.

The nicknames we use not only make a player even more noticeable and marketable, but it gives us as fans a sense of entertainment ourselves, whether that nickname is a collective agreement amongst all the fans of the world or is just a name you have made up for someone yourself. Regardless, this got me thinking, what are the greatest nicknames of all time?

5. Gary "The Glove" Payton

Still probably one of my most favorite and creative nicknames for an NBA player, and it was true to the last letter. Gary Payton's unstoppable defense made defenders feel like a glove covered them. Payton was one of the most tenacious, in-your-face defenders of all time and one of the greatest to play the game.

4. Andrei Kirilenko "AK-47"

His initials are AK. His jersey number is 47. He is from Russia, like the gun. Come on.

3. "Shoeless" Joe Jackson

The story went that during a mill game in South Carolina, Jackson was suffering from extremely painful blisters from a new pair of cleats. The pain was so severe that he removed the

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IN THE RING WITH CLUB BOXING

Jordan Anders

STAFF WRITER

ECU's club sports program offers students the opportunity to compete in a wide variety of sports that tend to fly under the radar. A perfect example of that opportunity is the ECU boxing club.

The current incarnation of the boxing club was founded in the fall of 2009 by ROTC member Jeff Shafer in collaboration with the club's boxing coach, retired Lt. Col. Eric Buller, who was formerly the boxing coach at West Point.

"It was mainly his idea," Shafer said of Buller. "There was a little bit of interest scattered throughout the university and in the ROTC battalion ... but nothing was formally organized until he came along. He really spearheaded the program."

The club is open for anyone to join. According to Shafer, it only started with "about four or five members," but has since expanded to currently include around 40 members. He also estimated that early on, approximately 75 percent of the club was made up of ROTC cadets. But that number has now flipped, with 75 percent of the club currently made up of non-ROTC students.

One important point to know is that no boxing experience is required to join. Shafer himself admitted that he "had no boxing background at all" before he was asked by coach Buller to help get the club up and running.

Another thing to note is that the boxing club is not just for the guys. Shafer said that they get interest from girls who want to join the club as well.

"The girls kind of come and go," he said, "and, really, what they're there for is the training and the cardiovascular aspect of boxing. Most of them aren't really interested in competition. But they do come out."

For the people who come out who are interested in competition, the club travels and competes against teams from all over the country, including Penn State, Miami (Ohio) and Maryland. Students who join the club and choose to become serious boxers compete in weight classes ranging from 112 to 195 pounds, with anything over 200 pounds being considered the "heavyweight" class.

However, being a member of the boxing club doesn't mean that you have to prepare to go toe to toe with the next Mike Tyson. According to Shafer, most of the people in the club are not even interested in actively competing, noting that out of the 40 members, only about 10 are actually competitive boxers.

As for the rest, their motives vary.

"A lot of people that I meet in the gym just want to come in and do the workouts," Shafer said, adding that others have come for everything from cardiovascular training to wanting to learn self-defense. They even have people who come in just to "hit the bag as hard as they can."

But whatever the motive, joining the club is not a problem.

"The club is really easy to join," Shafer said, who noted that, with boxing being a club sport, there is no obligation to come to every practice. "All you have to do is come out to the club and see if you like it."

"We allow you to come out and have three free sessions, and after the third session, you decide whether you want to be in the club or not. It's not hard to join."

The boxing club has been trying very hard to get their name out to the ECU community. They held a show at the Student Recreation Center last November, which drew over 200 spectators. Shafer said that the club is planning another show sometime in the fall semester of 2011 and is also planning a fundraiser.

Shafer said that they are committed to expanding on the foundation that they have laid over their first two years of existence.

"We're just trying to build a reputation throughout the university," he said, "as well as throughout the collegiate boxing community. We're trying to build the club as much as we can."

So whether you just want to experience the workout or you legitimately want to become a competitive boxer, all you need to do is check out a practice. The boxing club can be found in the downstairs gymnasium of Christenbury Gym on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

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COLLEGE BASKETBALL LACKS STAR PLAYERS



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Wakefield Ellison goes up for a rebound against two Miner defenders on Wednesday night. The Pirates have had a relatively successful season, but many college programs lack a big name player this season.

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ing freshman. Sullinger is averaging 18 points and nearly 10 rebounds a game for the Big Ten-leading Buckeyes. Kyrie Irving had a chance to be the freshman phenom for Duke before he hit the bench with a toe injury. Harrison Barnes has failed to live up to the, what I believe was extremely unnecessary, pre-season All-American hype, and nobody else has really stepped up to the plate.

Aside from freshmen, there have been few guys to step up and demand attention in college basketball. Jimmer Fredette has made some noise out at BYU, but he is an older player competing in the Mountain West Conference. Kemba Walker got some of the early season talk for Player-of-the-Year, and Sullinger has received a lot of support as well, but I believe both will fall short.

In my opinion, the National Player of the Year for college basketball should be Nolan Smith of the Duke Blue Devils. Smith has the opportunity to be the only player in ACC history to lead the league in scoring and assists. I know that this is due largely in part because of the lack of talent in the ACC this season, but that is still a strong feat. It must also be noted that Smith is the best player on the number one team in the nation and has virtually carried them to victory on numerous occasions.

Smith is averaging nearly 22 points and over five assists per game. The Oak Hill Academy alum's biggest game came against the one and only North Carolina Tar Heels. Duke came out of the gates very slowly and was in danger of losing at home in the most storied rivalry in college basketball. Just two weeks after getting destroyed by St. Johns, a loss to UNC could have been crippling to the season. But Smith put the Blue Devils on his back and went for 34 points.

Whenever a major season award is handed out, there is always that moment that everyone can look back on – a moment when they shined above the rest and showed why they deserved to be named the most valuable player. The Duke senior shined that night and has shined all season.

Although it has been a down year in terms of talent, it has been

far from down in excitement. With such a level playing field this season, there is a good game on almost every night. One can only daydream about the amazing tournament just a few weeks away.

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cleats completely and played the rest of the game shoeless. One of baseball's most infamous players due to his role in the 1919 Black Sox scandal, he was forever immortalized in Kevin Costner's "Field of Dreams."

2. **Babe Ruth** "The Sultan of Swat," "The Great Bambino," "The Babe."

If you've seen "The Sandlot" and heard any one of his numerous nicknames repeated on end, then you know whom I'm talking about. One of baseball's greatest home run hitters and one of the framers of the game of baseball in America, Babe Ruth will always be remembered through one of his great nicknames.

Earvin "Magic" Johnson

Young, Morrow, Petar Torlak and Wakefield Ellison. This shape-up in the lineup lit a fire under the Pirates. For the next nine minutes, the game would swing from each team's momentum tree, setting the stage for a frantic final minute.

With 1:10 remaining in the

half, Miner center Claude Britten battled his way into the lane, scoring to tie the game at 24. The very next Pirate possession Morrow would show off a beautiful up-and-under move putting the Pirates back in the lead. However, the Miners had an answer when guard Christian Polk hit a three

from the right wing, giving the Miners the advantage. Not to be outdone, ECU's Abrams would hit a 3-pointer with just five seconds left to give the Pirates the halftime lead and send the Minges Maniacs into a frenzy.

Morrow added 19 points for the Pirates as four players scored

in double figures. Guard Randy Culpepper led the scoring for the Miners, scoring 22 points.

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