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BRIEFS

State Senate passes the Castle Doctrine amendment

Jimmy Youn
STAFF WRITER

Senate Bill 34 passed the second reading in the State Senate, which increases places for citizens to use deadly force in defense of their homes, vehicles, business properties and more.

The legislation has been presented to incorporate a few exclusions under the current measure. The Castle Doctrine was first introduced in 2009; however, the bill was impeded to proceed by the former Judiciary Committee Chair, Democratic state representative Deborah Ross. That being mentioned, the North Carolinians hoped the Castle Doctrine to be modified and revised for a long time.

Under the current law, citizens are allowed to use deadly force when an intruder enters their homes. At the same time, citizens can be subjected to criminal penalties if intruders do not have an intention to kill or harm within their perimeter. Although the law permits citizens to use arms to protect their property, they are subject to be challenged by prosecutors the level of necessity using any degree of deadly force. However, the current legislation is unclear and ambiguous to laypersons with limited knowledge and understanding of the proper legal standings.

The Senate Bill 34 was filed in the Senate on Feb. 3 and sponsored by one Democratic senator, Andrew Brock, and two Republican senators, Doug Berger and Kathy Harrington. Subsequently, the bill went to the Senate Judiciary Committee where the legislation was approved unanimously.

When citizens use deadly forces against intruders, it is assumed that the situation is justified as hindering an attempt to break into one's properties.

"I fully support this legislation. If I feel that my life is in danger, I would be inclined to use fire arms to protect myself as a self-defense," said Tony Moore, a former state senator.

With the implementation of the SB 34, it will be imperative for citizens to understand the use of deadly forces is not to be considered carelessly. Moore further added, "It certainly is important to be familiar with legal basis of the use of deadly forces."

"Regardless of trying to make an unlawful attempt, I believe intruders already broke the law in the first place entering private properties," stated graduate student Christina Tyler.

Tamiaka Caldwell, a weekend lease associate at River's Edge Apartments, mentioned that it is firmly prohibited to discharge any types of firearms, including BB guns, on site.

As the Republicans in the General Assembly prepare to complete and implement numerous unfinished legislative measures, Gov. Beverly Perdue plans to cooperate for the betterment of the state of North Carolina. If the Senate passes the legislation, it will be forwarded to the House of Representatives for consideration. The final vote for the Castle Doctrine will begin at 7 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 28.

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Body in Tar River Identified

Staff Reports

A body found floating in the Tar River near Docksie Apartments has been identified as that of Thomas Thigpen.

The police are not suspecting foul play in the death of the 61-year-old man and there were no visible signs of trauma.

Police are asking anyone who had contact with Thigpen since Feb. 9 to call the Major Crimes Unit at 252-329-4176.

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Police presence downtown could cost taxpayers more money for going over the projected budget.

Paying for downtown policing

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The police presence downtown has become much more prominent over the last year, and the Greenville Police Department feels that its policing efforts have had positive effects.

However, the efforts to improve downtown have cost the department in overtime expenses.

Between January and October 2010, the department paid \$176,472.86 in overtime.

After the deaths of Andrew Kirby and Landon Blackley downtown in 2009, the Greenville City Council passed four ordinances to increase the safety of the area.

The city spent \$500,000 improving the security downtown; however, the department went over its budget by nearly \$300,000. The money went toward new safety additions such as a "traffic diversion plan" and additional patrols on foot.

The department's "Downtown Deployment Strategy Plan" lists some of the new additions, which aid in making downtown a safer place.

It lists, among other things, the use and employment of barricades and traffic cones; video cameras, hand-held and in-car digital cameras and traffic control cameras monitored from communications; and improved lighting.

The plan also mentions other organizations assisting

with the efforts, including mutual-aid and co-jurisdiction, ECU PD, ALE, ABC, PCSO Mounted Patrol and other area municipal agencies.

An eight-man unit is responsible for the downtown area, but the unit increases to between 16 to 20 officers during the weekends, beginning on Thursdays.

Students and others have considered the efforts controversial in Greenville.

In an interview with WNCN late last month, Greenville Chief of Police William Anderson defended the work the

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Budget cuts may affect online enrollment



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Andy Ewing, Senior Finance major, working on his computer for his online classes.

Alexis Headley
STAFF WRITER

Online enrollment may see a decline for universities in the UNC school system because of recent budget cuts and gaps in funding for all classes.

The university was one of the first in the nation to develop and offer a degree entirely over the Internet. The online courses' flexible schedule soon became popular with students, but according to Alan Mabe, the senior vice president for Academic Affairs for the UNC system, budget cuts might slow down the expansion of online education.

Now, the university offers

more than 60 degrees and certificate programs online, in fields such as education, business, health care and technology, among others. The total online student credit hours taken in the UNC system were 439,628 in the 2008-09 year, a 45 percent increase from 2006-07.

Some students take online courses because they fit into their schedules more easily than on-campus classes.

"I really liked my online class," said junior biology major Siraj Al-Mahdi. "I feel like I learned the information just as I would if I were in a classroom. In fact, it was harder because I didn't have the teacher reminding me of assign-

ments all the time."

Online courses are taught by the same faculty that the campus classes are at the university. The readings, exams and assignments are the same as the ones students would get in the classroom. Even though the classes are convenient for the students, it still requires the same level of commitment.

For students who plan on taking online summer courses, the fees this year are \$113 for in-state students and \$521 for out-of-state students.

For senior recreational therapy major Adrienne Charleston, online courses were well taught, but the expense was high.

"I really did like my online course. It was different than being in the classroom and gave me more responsibility, and even though the fees for online classes were not as high as on-campus, it was still too expensive in my opinion," said Charleston.

The Managing Online Education survey data reported that about 56 percent of the respondents in the survey thought budget cuts hindered their ability to implement online education programs. The governor's budget includes an approximate 5.6 percent reduction in the state money set aside for the UNC system, which can hinder the expansion of online courses also.

The university's online courses are mostly taught using a course management system such as Blackboard, Moodle or Sakai and are posted in a user-friendly format. Assignments and homework are submitted online electronically via e-mail or the class website, usually on a weekly basis. Students and instructors can communicate in text-based

Pell Grant awards could be decreased

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STAFF WRITER

Republican leaders in the House of Representatives introduced a bill in February that seeks to lower the maximum Pell Grant award amounts to \$4,705 and reduce the number of students eligible to receive the grant.

"If this bill is passed and the Pell Grant is decreased, then students are going to have to find different ways to pay for school. If my Pell Grant amount is lowered, I'm going to have to take out loans, which is something I didn't want to ever do," said junior Blake McClenny, a construction management major.

The decrease in the maximum award amount of \$5,500 stems from legislation attempting to make up an estimated \$20 billion shortfall in funding for the Pell Grant program as a result from previous years' appropriations being underestimated with the program's growing costs.

Freshman Jonathan Steelman will be greatly affected if the Pell Grant is decreased. "Financial aid pays for my tuition, rent, meal plan, books and other expenses. I guess if my financial aid is lowered, I will take out loans and then I'll be in debt before I even graduate."

A Pell Grant is a federal grant sponsored by the U.S. Department of Education that does not have to be repaid and is awarded to undergraduate students. Pell Grants are awarded usually only to undergraduate students who have not earned a bachelor's degree and are considered a foundation to students' financial aid before other federal and nonfederal sources are added to students' financial aid accounts.

Last year, 3,260 undergraduate students from ECU applied for "need based aid," and the average financial aid package was \$9,069. McClenny works in Mendenhall Student Center and relies on his job and financial aid. "A lot of people that I work with at Mendenhall get financial aid and are doing a work study. Students that have jobs and get financial aid just to make ends meet are going to be more affected by the decrease," said McClenny.

Forty-three percent of undergraduate students at the university were awarded grants and scholarships, and the other 57 percent paid for school with loans and/or jobs in 2010.

"Instead of relying on financial aid, future generations will have to rely on loans and start amounting debt sooner than later," said Steelman.

If the bill is passed by Congress, North Carolina students could lose about \$166 million in financial aid funding for the 2011-2012 academic year.

According to NASFAA, National Association of Student Financial Aid Administration, the proposed continuing resolution would set spending levels for federal programs for the remainder of fiscal year, March 4 to Sept. 30. The proposed spending bill would also eliminate the FSEOG, Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant, and the LEAP, Leveraging Educational Assistance Partnership, programs, while decreasing funding for the Gear-Up

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Beach coming soon to recreational complex



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Construction is underway on the North Campus Recreational Complex beach.

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Campus officials have decided to add a man-made beach to the list of the many upcoming additions to the North Recreational Center.

Although rumors have circulated that the project will be completed as early as Memorial Day, Grey Hodges, the assistant director of Club Sports and Facilities, said, "Final inspections are due on June 1. After that, they have a couple of weeks to make corrections if any are identified. Then we will be taking over ownership at that time, hopefully, if all goes well."

The beach will measure in at 425 feet long and 100 feet wide. "It will actually bump into the field house where we will have an actual sitting wall there. There will also be a sidewalk going around the beach area where you will gain access to it," said Hodges.

As well as the beach, many other additions and improvements are soon to be completed in the second phase of construction for the center. Phase two will also consist of a boathouse (with canoes and kayaks for use in the pond), two sand volleyball courts, a walking trail around the pond, a gazebo and

a patio area.

Located directly behind North Campus Crossing apartments on Highway 264 East, the North Recreational Center already offers students, faculty and the remaining community with 129 acres containing eight multipurpose activity fields. Used almost every weekend for club and intramural sports, as well as every day of the week by college students, people of all ages are welcome to take advantage of the amenities that the North Recreational Center has to offer.

Many students are already excited or intrigued by the announcement of the upcoming beach. "I'm pretty sure that I will come to see what it looks like, because I've never actually seen a man-made beach before," said junior Vernon Rodriguez, an exercise physiology major.

However, Rodriguez remains somewhat skeptical about how necessary having a beach on campus really is.

Even though Rodriguez feels that the money could have been better used for sports, he said, "A man-made beach isn't bad. It'll give the school more popularity, I guess."

Junior Danielle Maddox, a recreation and park management

major, said that she does not believe that the university is spending its money wisely.

"I don't think it's very logical to buy a beach, considering the fact that they're raising tuition," said Maddox.

Michael Griffin, a front office assistant for North Campus Crossing, said that he feels that the beach will give the apartment complex an edge against the competition.

"We've got the best pool parties and now we've got a beach. You can just hop the fence and it'll let you out right at the beach. It's pretty cool," said Griffin.

Even though phase two of the North Recreational Center has not been completed yet, rumors have already arisen about what contributions phase three might add to the center. Although nothing is official at this time, phase three is said to bring four to six more soccer fields, four softball fields and an 18-hole Frisbee golf course.

The school's website initially stated that a skate park would be included with the construction; however, the project was terminated due to liability concerns.

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police are doing downtown.

"Downtown continues to be a volatile area. As long as it's the way it is, it's going to continue," said Anderson. "We're going to need the amount of resources down there to keep it safe."

Though there are mixed opinions on the policing strategy downtown, seniors Elise Tyner and Jennifer Joyner feel that downtown has become a safer place since their freshman year.

"It's improved a lot. The police have always had a presence, but they have a lot more now," said Tyner. "I really like that they put up a barricade."

Joyner said that she does not

go downtown nearly as much as she did in her freshman and sophomore years but she has seen improvements.

"I have had a lot of friends get roughed up downtown and you don't see that as much anymore," said Joyner. "The barricades are nice not just because of drive-by shootings but not having traffic through the area."

However, Joyner and Tyner both agree that the police have had a tendency of detaining some innocent bystanders when they are breaking up fights and attending to other matters.

On Feb. 21, the council passed a resolution asking the General

Assembly to allow the city to levy tax against establishments that serve alcohol.

Councilwoman Marion Blackburn explained that the tax is necessary to continue to keep downtown safe.

"You can have as many as 4 or 5,000 people letting out of those establishments at 2 o'clock in the morning, and that is something where it's a potentially dangerous situation," said Blackburn. "We can't run that risk of violence."

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discussion forums where students can "talk" with each other about the coursework and respond to various topics posted by the instructor.

Some online courses are essential to a student's schedule no matter what the cost, because they aren't

always able to come on campus. For commuting special education major Clinton Reynolds, online courses are essential.

"Not only do I like the structure of the classes, I need them to graduate. I'm not always able to come

to campus, so these classes really helped me reach my goal. They may be expensive, but they will pay off in the end," said Reynolds.

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and TRIO programs.

Although the bill was proposed by Republican leaders, the bill has to be passed by the Democratic leaders in the Senate as well. If an agreement for this bill cannot be made by Congress by March 4, another short-term resolution will be passed to allot more time for debate and negotiations concerning the bill.

If the proposed legislation is

passed into law, the Department of Education will have to revise 2011-2012 Pell Grant Payment and Disbursement Schedules because of the cuts to the Pell program. Students who applied for financial aid packages that include the Pell Grant, FSEOG or LEAP funds for the 2011-2012 year will be impacted.

"I think federal and state should lower the interest rate for college

loans and lower tuition to balance things out. The odds of that actually happening is questionable," said Steelman.

Federal Direct Stafford and PLUS loans and the Federal Work Study program would not be impacted under the proposed bill.

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Requirements for Spring Break 2011: A beach, Everclear, and no memories.

I'm missing class today to drink margaritas. Sorry, Spring Break started early this year.

Listening to the guy next to me at the gym work out is like having sex with a female tennis player.

You know the weather is nice again when Saint Ross comes out of hiding.

I feel like whenever I give up a visitor spot at Copper Beech, I deserve some type of award.

It would be really great if for just once I didn't lose the internet connection while taking a quiz in Joyner. Can we please put some money towards getting a more reliable wireless connection that can handle everyone using it?

Is it strange I still sleep on your side of the bed because I miss her?

I haven't heard many PURPLES being yelled for me to respond with GOLD yet this semester. Can we fix this, Pirates?!

Yeah, I'm bisexual. If you buy me shots, I'm gonna get sexual!

To all the people who stand waiting for the buses at Christenbury gym: It is called a sideWALK, not a sideSTAND so move out of the way so I can get to class!

I've gotten an 89% on my last three English papers. FML.

A girl walked into class today with a white shirt and no bra and I prayed for rain.

I love how there are designated parking spots for maintenance vehicles but they park wherever they want and drive on the sidewalks rather than the road.

Lady Gaga is what happens when someone tries to be David Bowie and fails.

Senioritis is hitting me hard: I just read in my syllabus that I'm allowed to miss two days of class without penalty. Consider this number one.

If you don't sin, Jesus died for nothing.

Eight of my nine best friends have girlfriends. Only the strong will continue!

Next time I almost get run over by someone on a bike or skateboard, I am pushing somebody down!

To the girl in my figure drawing class: I would talk to you if I weren't naked.

Only at ECU can you be flat broke for three weeks and manage to get hammered downtown every weekend.

Last midterm and last Adderall: Perfect.

Because of my Sociology teacher I firmly believe that all teachers over 65 or so should be required to take a technology class and pass!

Just because you can't get any, doesn't mean you to cock block me every chance you get.

Thanks for never coming to class and taking up 40 minutes of our one hour review on one problem.

With so many pretty girls at ECU, it sure is hard to stay in a monogamous relationship.

This is East Carolina University, not East Carolina High School. Leave your drama, along with your bad personality back where you came from and grow up.

More Pirate Rants on the website!

Online classes: paying more for less



Ben Cochran
OPINION COLUMNIST

The Internet has been around for 17 years. It has revolutionized the way we conduct our everyday lives. Need a mechanic? Google search "grease monkey." Want to sell some unwanted junk? eBay it. Need to remember the name of that slamin' hottie that you were introduced to via your roommate's girlfriend? Facebook stalk.

Perhaps one of the most relevant ways that the Internet has transformed our lives as students is through online education. According to the ECU website, Distance Education offers online courses that "are taught by the same faculty as our campus classes and the readings, assignments and exams mirror the on-campus section." Essentially, you get the same product as the on-campus version without all the hassle of dragging your butt on campus and finding a parking spot.

Additionally, you might find it beneficial if you're too "sick" on Friday morning to make it to class. With Distance Education, summoning the Herculean effort necessary to overcome a hangover is not required. Bite the hair of the dog that bit you the night before as you crack open a fresh one and nurse those delirium tremens while you listen to an uploaded lecture. Thank you, Al Gore, for enabling this awesome lifestyle.

Instructors are able to seamlessly cover material without the constant distraction of tardy students shuffling into the lecture hall. The university doesn't have to book a room for the entire semester so it can continue to offer classes that might be better taught in a face-to-face environment. Additionally, electricity for an hour's worth of lights, heating and PowerPoint slides don't have to be wasted since it's all online.

With all the convenience

that online classes offer, you would think that they would be less expensive than their traditional counterparts. That is actually not the case if you're like most students.

Deborah Bailey, the university cashier, assured me the other day that a semester's worth of tuition for an in-state student is \$1,440.50 for 12-plus hours. If you take 12 hours, that's \$120 per credit hour. If you take 15 hours like most of us, that's \$96 per credit hour. And if you are, for reasons unbeknownst to the logic of this universe, trying to graduate quickly by taking 18 credit hours per semester, you're only paying slightly more than an awesome night downtown at a paltry \$80 per credit hour. Distance Education, on the other hand, costs \$113 per credit hour for in-state students regardless of how many or how few hours you take.

In case you're struggling in MATH 1065, let me break it down for you: in almost every instance, Distance Education classes will cost you more.

It would seem to me that the university would want to encourage its students to take online courses. Fewer scheduling headaches and less overhead required. Perhaps whoever set the rates for DE classes needs to attend an economics course from our fine business school. Without having to provide the physical infrastructure necessary for on-campus classes, DE classes have less fixed cost associated with every credit hour offered.

These savings are not passed on to the end consumer, mind you. Any speculation as to where this money is going is pure conjecture — but it can be safely assumed that it is being spent on neither shimmering parking garages nor a Blackboard site that doesn't suffer from inordinate amounts of downtime.

Distance Education offers many benefits and seems like a really attractive product. But in the end, after I've weighed all the opportunity costs and opportunity benefits, I can't justify spending more money for a product that costs the university drastically less than traditional face-to-face classes.

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Scribbles to the Captain

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Dear Editor,

Tuesday's edition of TEC featured a tirade about Chancellor Ballard's e-mail following the UTEP basketball game, in which he stated how disappointed he was with the conduct at the basketball game. Some seemed to be outraged by this because they felt they were not to blame for the actions of UTEP coach Tim Floyd.

Yes, those who were outraged were right that they were certainly not to blame for Coach Floyd's actions, but that is not what Chancellor Ballard was referring to. Following the game, a few of our students were involved in a disgraceful confrontation with a few UTEP fans who were visiting our campus for the game that night. These students decided to aggressively confront these fans and berate them by getting in their face and viciously cussing at them after they were guilty of nothing more than walking toward their cars wearing the opposing team's colors.

This incident embarrassed most of those who witnessed it as these students proceeded to disgrace our university. This incident was discussed on several ECU message boards such as the boneyardbanter.com, and outraged most anyone who heard about it.

Unfortunately, the authors of the tirade featured in TEC probably don't read outside sources of information concerning East Carolina athletics. These people also probably didn't even attend last Wednesday's game, and if they did they must have been the guy wearing the Duke shirt in the background of the video clip of Floyd that was shown over and over again on ESPN. I'm not sure which was more embarrassing, these student's actions or the entire nation seeing a guy wear another team's shirt at one of our home basketball games.

I honestly don't understand why you may think that issuing a statement about the recent U.B.E. credit card breach is more important than addressing a conduct issue. Ultimately what is a statement going to do? I don't think an e-mail saying "sorry about your money, I hope you get it back" is going to replace any money in anyone's account.

U.B.E. is also not owned by the University so it is not Ballard's responsibility to apologize for them. I fully support Ballard's decisions to issue, and not issue, certain statements. I also think that the TEC staff should do a little more research in the future. It would probably help to get the full story before criticizing someone's actions.

-Justin Barrow



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Stop defining my body



Kelly Nurge
OPINION EDITOR

Walking home alone, scared and shaking. The feeling of his breath is still stuck to your skin. You can still feel his body pressed against yours. The night didn't go as you had hoped, but what do you

do now? You're confused and don't know how to go forward. What just happened? What will you tell your friends? What if you're pregnant?

Current legislation is actively working against women. The Republican Party is not only looking to redefine rape, an issue rampant on college campuses, but they are also looking to cut funding for Planned Parenthood. American women apparently can't make their own choices nowadays. Congress is trying to drag women back 50 years to a time of back-alley abortions after they have been sexually assaulted.

Rep. Chris Smith (R-NJ) introduced a bill to redefine rape, as it pertains to getting abortions with governmental funding. He proposed that federal funding not be applicable to those who were drugged or drunk when they were raped. After the bill was attacked by activists, it was sent back for review. While the bill is still under review, if it is passed, women will have a harder time proving their rape in order to get help.

According to the Rape, Abuse and Incest National Network, one out of every six women will be a victim of attempted or completed rape in their lifetime. College-age women are four times more likely to be sexually assaulted. Women shouldn't have their rights taken away by well-to-do male lawmakers who don't understand the emotional trauma from assault. If they're only focusing on the money behind treating rape cases, they are misrepresenting a majority of their constituents.

Along with redefining rape, the GOP is also actively working to cut funding to Planned Parenthood. The misconception of Planned Parenthood is that it's a factory for doling out abortions to every knocked-up girl who walks in. However, according to the Planned Parenthood website, only 3 percent of their business goes to abortion services. Thirty-six percent of their money goes to contraception, 31 percent to sexually transmitted disease screening and 17 percent to cancer screening and prevention.

Planned Parenthood isn't devoted to abortion, but to preventing pregnancy. If women aren't pregnant, then they won't need an abortion. Cutting funding to prevent pregnancy will only increase the amount of abortions. We don't need women to be like Penny in "Dirty Dancing," scrambling for money for illegal abortions that will end in illness or even death. We have modern medicine for a reason.

According to Pregnant Teen Help, one-third of

American girls will become pregnant as teenagers. Welfare programs to help pregnant teens cost American taxpayers \$7 billion annually. Planned Parenthood only costs \$10.9 million, a dramatic fraction of the price. If schools aren't going to step up and properly educate teens to prevent pregnancy, then outside sources, like Planned Parenthood, should help educate girls and boys about how to be safe when having sex.

Regardless of your stance on abortion, the stigma that Planned Parenthood is solely used for abortions needs to be shattered. Yes, it is an aspect, but a slim margin of all the good they do for local communities. We're lucky to have family-planning services on campus to provide contraception and STI screening, but not everyone is so fortunate. If we're spending money on already-born children of teen mothers, we should be spending double that amount to prevent future pregnancies.

As far as redefining rape, I speak for all women, victims, survivors and anyone affected by sexual assault: Don't define what you don't personally understand. The government has no right to define a person's body, what has happened to it or what they can do with it. They need to better educate themselves and back off of our bodies before women around the country revolt.

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Playing cards were issued to British pilots in World War II. If captured, the cards could be soaked in water and unfolded to reveal a map for escape.

The universally popular Hershey bar was used overseas during World War II as currency.

It took the United States only four days to build a ship during World War II.

During conscription for World War II, there were nine documented cases of men with three testicles.

"John has a long mustache" was the coded signal used by the French Resistance in World War II to mobilize their forces after the Allies had landed on the Normandy beaches.

Escape maps, compasses and files were inserted into Monopoly game boards and smuggled into POW camps inside Germany during World War II; real money for escapes was slipped into the packs of Monopoly money.

During World War II, the Navajo language was used successfully as a code by the United States.

World champion chess player Reuben Fine helped the United States calculate where enemy submarines might surface based on positional probability.

Prior to World War II, when guards were posted at the fence, anyone could wander right up to the front door of the White House.

The very first bomb dropped by the Allies on Berlin during World War II killed the only elephant in the Berlin Zoo.

The first atomic bomb dropped on Japan fell from the Enola Gay, named after the unit commander's mother. The second was dropped from a plane known as Bock's Car.

A B-25 bomber airplane crashed into the 79th floor of the Empire State Building on July 28, 1945.

During World War I, cigarettes were handed out to soldiers along with their rations.

The earliest recorded case of a man giving up smoking was on April 5, 1679, when Johan Katsu, sheriff of Turku, Finland, wrote in his diary, "I quit smoking tobacco." He died one month later.

Each anchor chain link on the Titanic was about 175 pounds.

The Titanic had four engines.

The Titanic's radio call sign was "MGY."

The Titanic was running at 22 knots when she hit the iceberg.

Two dogs were among the Titanic survivors.



TYRONE DEMERY | THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Students visited Rumors Night Club last weekend, all with hopes of getting admitted due to dress code requirements.

Students give their opinions on what attire is suitable to wear downtown

Madonna Messana
STAFF WRITER

Greenville is known for having a lively nightlife with hundreds of people making their way downtown to party each night. Most are dressed to impress — but what exactly is proper downtown attire?

Typically the warmer weather brings out skimpy clothes with less material when it comes to women's outfits. However, there is a difference between sexy and skanky.

Several nightclubs, including Rehab Lounge and Rumors Night Club, require a dress code for patrons to abide by. The dress code requirements include no baggy clothing, no hats or bandanas, no sweatpants and no clothing that is ripped or torn.

Most students do not disagree with the dress code requirements.

"I have never been turned down

at the clubs for dress code," said Alex Rhodes, sophomore nursing major. "But baggy shirts shouldn't be allowed and girls should not have everything hanging out because there is no mystery to what you look like because we (men) can already see everything."

The dress code requirements seem to be set so that everyone at the particular venue is dressed appropriately. The code also ensures that if anyone tried to enter with weapons then they could be seen. This also eliminates the chance of gang-affiliated clothing.

"As a bouncer, I look for clothing that is consistent with the atmosphere of the environment," said Layton Cross, bouncer at Fifth Street Distillery and Annex. "Dress codes are important because our customers and patrons serve as direct representatives of our club."

Some students seem to believe that dress code attire is what looks most attractive anyways.

Sofia Bracamonte, freshman psychology and Spanish major, finds

that men look most attractive when they dress simple. "I like seeing guys in dark jeans and a T-shirt or polo," said Bracamonte.

Rhodes explained that confidence also looks good on anyone. "A skin-tight black dress and a nice pair of heels that you can actually walk in really turns my head if I see you downtown," said Rhodes.

Bracamonte explained that she likes to keep her outfits classy when heading downtown — avoiding outfits that are too flashy or colorful.

As for Rhodes, he always dresses to impress. "It depends on the setting in the club or bar. If there are black lights, I normally wear a light-colored long sleeve button up shirt with a pair of Levi slim straight jeans," said Rhodes. "I would also have to throw on a pair of diamond stud earrings to complement the leather band watch. If there is no black light, then I would wear dark colors because I feel like I look good in dark colors."

Opinions of what looks good on

a person downtown and what looks trashy varies by person, but both Rhodes and Bracamonte agreed that when a dress looks as though it should be a shirt, it is not very flattering on a woman.

Surprisingly, men do not want to see everything a woman has to offer when they are downtown — they like a little mystery. Women should try to focus on just one of their features to show off. If they have great legs, for example, show them off, but without letting everything else hang out. As for the men, some women do not find it attractive if it looks like they spent hours in front of the mirror.

The key to dressing to impress when heading downtown is for students to be comfortable in what they are wearing — if the outfit must constantly be pulled down or "fixed," it might not be the best choice for downtown attire.

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Break spring break conventions

Students will spend six days backpacking through the Savage Gulf in Tennessee

Katey Warren
STAFF WRITER

While many students will spend spring break venturing to the party scenes of Panama City or Mardi Gras in New Orleans, a group of eight students have chosen a rather different excursion.

As part of the Adventure Program, these students will spend six days and five nights backpacking through the Southern Cumberland Mountains of the Savage Gulf in Tennessee. With little more than the clothes on their back and a few useful materials in their backpacks, these students will hike more than 20 miles, setting up campsites each night along the way.

"(This trip is) a chance to figure out who you are and what you are trying to do in this world," said Brad Beggs, assistant director of the Adventure Program. "It's going to help participants realize how to become more self-aware."

Beggs, who attended graduate school at the University of Tennessee, has helped student and trip leader Wesley Gilmore plan the spring break trip. Both Beggs and Gilmore had previously backpacked in the Savage Gulf, and they both agree that it is the perfect destination to take their beginner-level backpacking students. They believe the scenery, abundant with rolling hills, cascading waterfalls, natural ridges and river rapids, will provide a challenging, yet also relaxing, destination for the students.

"It's a really beautiful place," said Gilmore. Gilmore, along with Kaitlyn Barger, the trip instructor, and Samantha Proctor, the trip apprentice, will lead the other students on three-to-eight mile hikes between campsites. Each backpacker will bring only what they can fit in their backpacks, which will weigh between 30 and 50 pounds each.

Throughout the hike, the staff will educate the group of students on the history, geography and biology of the Savage Gulf area during team activities and games throughout the hike. They will also teach the students how to cook nutritious meals outdoors and how to work together as a team. "What I look forward to most about this trip is

getting outside and hopefully teaching people about backpacking," Gilmore said, "and planting that seed so they can learn to love it and start getting out on their own."

According to Beggs, the Adventure Program has grown immensely in the past decade, especially because the staff has seen a constant demand from students for adventurous outdoor trips. The program now offers an average of 20 trips each semester, which range from day trips of white water rafting and sea kayaking to longer trips, such as the ones they offer during spring and fall breaks.

Beggs believes students benefit greatly from these types of trips, which allow students to face challenges, build various skills and learn about themselves.

"A lot of these students have not traveled out of the state, and it's a brand new environment to get a new experience," Beggs said. During stereotypical "college" spring break trips, Beggs believes that students "don't have many memories that will make an impact down the road."

Beggs and Gilmore agree that this backpacking challenge will bring the group of students and staff closer together and allow them to learn how to work as a team.

"When you have to help each other out, you learn who these people are and what their personalities are," Beggs said. Gilmore added that his main role as the trip's leader will be "to use not only my staff's skills, but also the participants' skills to the trip's advantage to make it a better experience for everybody."

Both Beggs and Gilmore believe that the possibility of having to hike through unfavorable weather conditions would present the biggest challenge to the students.

"If the weather becomes rainy or cold, they have to accept it as it is ... and that can be difficult for some people"



MAISEAN WILSON | THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Sidney Jackson, freshmen Biology major, goes backpacking.

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Beggs said, "But that's where the adventure comes in; it's the willingness to accept the unknown." The Adventure Program will be holding a spring break outdoor photography contest, and the top three contestants with the most creative vision and compelling content will win gift cards for future Adventure Program trips or for equipment rentals. Students are encouraged to send in their amateur photos from spring break or other recent adventures to the Adventure Program through the university's website before

April 15. Beggs suggests that students take advantage of the equipment that can be rented out through the Adventure Program at low costs. For pricing on equipment, or more information on student trips, students should contact adventure@ecu.edu, and for rental reservations, students should visit the Adventure Program office, located in the Student Recreation Center.

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DOWN TIME



- ACROSS**
- Sodium chloride
 - Robbed
 - Sacks
 - Threesome
 - Checkbone
 - Certain something
 - Prevent from moving
 - 64 in Roman numerals
 - Slang for "Head"
 - 2 or more metals
 - Best of the best
 - Streetcar
 - Deli item
 - Donkey
 - The study of government
 - Old photo color
 - Declines
 - Beer
 - After-bath powder
 - III
 - Murres
 - Consume
 - Lock of hair
 - Underground burial chamber
 - Nerve fiber
 - A Mediterranean fruit tree
 - League members
 - A short novel
 - Moumful poem
 - Yours (archaic)
 - Long, long time
 - A barrier to a room
 - The sound element of a film
 - Paste
 - Cherub
 - Elliptical
 - Ultimatum ender
 - Ganders and goslings
 - Expunge
- DOWN**
- An unbroken period of time
 - Knight's "suit"
 - Oblivion
 - As well
 - Grins
 - Add up
 - Hodgepodge
 - Layabout
 - Before
 - A form of dance
 - Adjunct
 - Fortitude and determination
 - Economize
 - A very light wood
 - Breastplate
 - Secular
 - Sheltered, nautically
 - Analyze, in a way
 - Trim
 - Chair
 - Wall support
 - Lack of difficulty
 - Copious
 - A stone for sharpening knives
 - Clip
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Track and field wins four gold medals

ECU Athletics

The ECU track and field program racked up a number of event titles on the final day of competition at the 2011 Conference USA Indoor Championship as four athletes captured gold medals Saturday at the Yeoman Fieldhouse. The men ended up in fourth place overall, matching their highest finish, while the women were fifth – posting their top all-time finish at the indoor league meet. Sophomore Drew Kanz won his first indoor high jump championship, edging out Marcus Norwood from Southern Miss with a personal-best leap of 6.11 meters. Junior Dennis Aliotta made it three-for-three in terms of the shot put, as he again won the event – this time with a school-record throw of 17.81 meters.

A new C-USA Indoor Championship record was set in the 400-meter run as freshman Aiesha Goggins clocked in at 54.15 – just missing out on a NCAA automatic qualifying time. Sophomore Austin Lewis won the 60-meter dash by the slimmest of margins, running a 6.74 to beat out Errol Nolan from Houston by one-hundredth of a second.

The women's 4x400 relay squad just missed out on the title, finishing second to UCF and running a 3:44.88.

Senior Brittany Copeland won the silver medal in the 3000-meter run with a school-record time of 9:32.28 while Randy Bolton found the podium in the 60-meter hurdles with a time of 8.18, good for third place. Freshman Taylor Sykes also took third in the 400m, clocking in at 49.74.

Other top finishers included Jordan Neil in the mile run as he captured fourth with a time of 4:09.62 and Joseph Samuels in the 60-meter hurdles who matched Neil with a fourth-place showing – running an 8.19. Tiffany Harris joined Goggins in the 400-meter run finals, turning in a 56.09 to finish fourth.

In taking sixth place in the 60-meter hurdles, freshman Erin Tucker set the school record with a time of 8.66 (preliminary time).

The Pirates will have one more opportunity to qualify for the NCAA Indoor Championships at the Virginia Tech Last Chance Meet, scheduled for March 4-5.

Women's tennis tops Liberty

ECU Athletics

Sophomore Petra Vogel fought back from a first-set deficit to record a 3-6, 6-2, 6-1 victory over Hannah Fick in a No. 2 singles match and lift ECU to a 4-3 non-conference win over Liberty Tuesday afternoon at the LU Tennis Courts.

The triumph was the Lady Pirates' third-straight and improved their spring dual match record to 8-2. Liberty fell to 4-5 after its home-opening loss.

After ECU tallied the doubles point, the Lady Pirates extended their lead to 3-0 on straight-set victories by Natalie Collins and Audrey LePottier at the No. 3 and No. 4 slots. Collins downed Cameron Richard 6-2, 7-5 while LePottier earned a 7-5, 6-4 decision against Alexandra Sheeran before the Flames rallied back with three-set wins of their own in the No. 6, No. 1 and No. 5 positions. Annisha Domenech defeated Manon Bissat 1-6, 6-0, 6-1 and Jordan Jenkins dismissed Jessica Cook 6-3, 3-6, 6-4, before Carol Lobel outlasted Neena Wanko 3-6, 6-4, 6-3 to even the score and set up Vogel's match-clincher.

The freshman tandem of Bissat and Wanko provided ECU with a deciding doubles point after an 8-6 decision over Fick and Rebekah Jenkins in a No. 3 matchup. Liberty's No. 1 pair, Jenkins and Richard, took the opener against Cook and LePottier 8-3 before Collins and Vogel toppled Lobel and Sheeran 8-4 at the No. 2 position.

ECU will return to action Friday when it travels to Elon to meet the Phoenix in a non-conference match scheduled to begin at 2:30 p.m.

SPORTS

UNFORGETTABLE SENIOR FAREWELL



ERIN DUNCAN | THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Senior guard Brock Young splits two Memphis defenders during ECU's 68-57 win, Wednesday on senior night. With the win the Pirates are guaranteed to finish with their first winning record in 14 seasons.

Adam Bunn
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

ECU erased a lot of demons in the course of its 68-57 victory over Memphis Wednesday night.

With Brock Young, Jontae Sherrod, Jamar Abrams and Chad Winn celebrating senior night, losing was not an option.

The Pirates and the Tigers fought tooth and nail for the first 13 minutes of the second half until senior Abrams caught fire. With the Pirates up by just three points and the shot clock winding down, Abrams

fired a deep 3-pointer over an outstretched defender that dropped beautifully into the net, setting off an 11-1 ECU run to put the game away.

Following his initial 3-pointer, Abrams dropped another on the very next Pirate possession, followed by another shot clock beater by fellow senior Sherrod.

"I felt like that run increased our chances of winning," Abrams said. "But we still had to buckle down and make sure they didn't come back and make a run on us."

After ECU established that 13-point

cushion, they refused to step off the gas pedal, never allowing the Tigers closer than eight points of the lead. Memphis coach Josh Pastner was whistled for a technical with 1:12 left, but it was all but over.

Sherrod would miss both the technical free throws, but hit five free throws in the final minute to seal the Pirates' first-ever win over the Memphis Tigers.

"Exciting night, especially for our seniors," head coach Jeff Lebo said. "I told

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GRAND SLAM LIFTS PIRATES OVER CAMELS

Michael Perry
SPORTS EDITOR

After a slow start by ECU, both sides of the ball doubled their production to seal a 7-4 midweek victory over the Campbell Camels (6-3).

In the batter's box, third time was a charm for the Pirates (5-2) as catcher Zach Wright airmailed a first-pitch grand slam to the Jungle in the bottom of the third inning. Wright's fourth career grand slam gave the Pirates a 5-2 lead. The junior catcher went 2-for-4 at the dish and produced five RBIs.

"Bases loaded is kind of my thing," Wright said. "It wasn't really about the grand slam; it was really just more about getting runs in and getting a big 'W' for our team."

On the mound, starting pitcher Shawn Armstrong (1-0) gave up two runs in the top of the first to the Camels but closed the Campbell hitter down for the next five innings after that.

"It was a little bit of a fight," Head Coach Billy Godwin said. "It was good to see Armstrong come out. He struggled in the first but settled in and got up to about 80 pitches. We just wanted to get him a good solid start."

The right-hander worked six complete innings and retired six complete batters from the second



DAN WILLET | THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Junior catcher Zach Wright rips a game-winning grand slam over the left field wall in the bottom of the third inning against Campbell on Tuesday night.

frame up until a line drive down the third baseline in the top of the sixth by the Camels' Jimmy Brenneman. Ellis Lowe would bring home Brenneman on an RBI single before the close of the sixth frame to make the score 6-3 ECU.

Armstrong finished with all three runs earned on four

hits, four strikeouts and no walks. The sophomore suffered an injury to his ankle just before spring training and made his first start of the season against the Camels.

"That first inning just set a fire underneath me and this," Wright said. "You're under me and I said, 'You're way better than I am. I then just got my mind set and pitched like I've done all my

life," Armstrong said.

Left-hander Kevin Brandt would enter in relief of Armstrong, but provided little of it as he lasted just 2/3 of an inning. Brandt threw just 18 pitches and gave up two hits and a run in three at-bats to

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VICTORY ON THE CHLORINE SEAS

Lorianna Whitford
STAFF WRITER

The swimming and diving team is back from a successful trip to the Conference USA Championship, after traveling to Texas to compete at Houston.

Overall, the women's team secured second place by making a great comeback from their sixth-place ranking on the first day. With a score of 676.50, the women were just about 25 points shy of first place. Team leader Jenna Stewart brought home first place in both the 50-yard freestyle and the 100-yard freestyle. Stewart is the first Pirate to win the 100-yard freestyle since 1995.

"We swam fast. It was probably the best conference meet we've ever had in regards to everybody stepping up to the plate," Head Coach Rick Kobe said. "On the women's side we were in last place after the first day, came back, were in first place for a while, and finished in second. We beat SMU for the first time ever and they're a top-20 program. The men's team swam crazy fast. We set

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NFL COMBINE REVIEW

OPINION



Stephen McNulty
STAFF WRITER

Over 300 of the nation's best college football prospects made the annual pilgrimage to Indianapolis for the NFL Combine this past weekend. Some walked away with their draft stock rising, while others prepared for damage control at their pro-days.

Two Pirates participated in the combine: wide receiver Dwayne Harris and offensive tackle Willie Smith.

Harris came in a little shorter than expected at 5 feet 10 inches. However, his 4.55 40-yard dash time helped the potential mid-round pick. Harris lacks the explosiveness and top-end speed of a high-caliber wide receiver, but his tight route running and versatility as a return man make him a valuable pick. An optimistic view for Harris could have a team reaching into the third round to grab him, but realistically I see him as a fourth-to-fifth round selection.

Willie Smith, who anchored ECU's offensive line over the last three years, was the only other Pirate invited to the combine. Smith came in at 6 feet 5 inches and 310 pounds and pushed out 30.5 reps in the bench press. Although Smith had a good career at ECU, many scouts doubt his ability to pass protect against high-caliber defensive ends. Smith is expected to be a late-round pick, if drafted at all.

One of the reasons that many people do not like the combine is the constant rise of "workout warriors" who eventually fail at the next level – most notably, Vernon Gholston, who was just cut by the New York Jets. This year, however, there were amazing workouts, but by already-proven players.

Julio Jones put together

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them after the game was over that we are not done playing basketball yet. These guys could have quit or transferred, but they stuck with it."

The first half was filled with aggressive play from the outset inside Minges. The four Pirate seniors seemed to be pressing early on in the half trying to make their final game in Greenville a magical one.

Seniors Sherrod and Young carried the load for ECU in the early going as Sherrod seemed determined to shoot on every possession and Young was knocking down the outside shot like he has done so well this season.

After Memphis took a 25-24 lead with just over three minutes in the first half, Sherrod would hit four consecutive free throws on back-to-back trips down the floor, putting the Pirates back ahead by three at 28-25. Tiger forward Tarik Black would make two free throws, bringing the deficit to just one with 55.1 seconds left. After a Pirate turnover, Tiger Antonio Barton would hit a runner at the buzzer, sending the game to the break tied at 28.

While there is still one game remaining in the regular season, it's hard not to go ahead and take a peek at the success of the 2010-11 Pirate basketball campaign.

When Abrams, Young, Winn and Sherrod arrived on campus in 2007, they walked into a program that had no fan support and an unstable coaching situation, leaving little hope that a successful season was possible. That first season provided some fun moments, including beating N.C. State in Minges, causing the capacity crowd to storm the court. However, other than those few fleeting moments, the season was just another in the long line of disappointing seasons produced by Pirate basketball, finishing the season 11-19 and posting a 5-11 mark in Conference USA.

After another two years of futility followed, a change was made bringing in former UNC point guard and Auburn head coach Lebo to right the Pirates' ship. Lebo came in and changed the entire mindset of this basketball team. He was able to take a team that had experienced no success in their time in Greenville and not only taught them how to win, but how to cope with losing without crumbling and throwing the

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the Camels, bringing the score to 6-4 in the top of the seventh inning.

Joseph Hughes took over for Brandt and finished the top of the seventh. He saw five batters in 1 1/3 innings pitched and only gave up one hit.

Jake Harris entered in the top of the ninth to close down the Camels for good, and he did so, retiring the Campbell hitters three-up, three-down to secure the ECU win.

Early on in the bottom of the second inning the Pirates tied the score at 2-2, as Wright drove a screamer down the left-field line for a standup RBI double.

Shortstop Tim Younger would then lay down a rolling sac-bunt to the left side to advance Wright to third with one out. Second baseman Mike Ussery then sent a bloop to far right field, allowing Wright to tag up to tie the game at 2-2. The inning ended on a fly out to left field by centerfielder Trent Whitehead.

The Camels led off the contest, scoring two runs right out of the gate. Armstrong balked, advancing runners to second and third. Alan Denman sent a chop shot to the right side and drove the run in on a sacrifice. Another hit by Tyler Hutchinson dropped barely fair on the left-field line to score the second, giving Campbell its only lead of the contest.

On the day, ECU stranded a grand total of nine base runners and the top four batters of the order produced just three hits in a total of 15 at-bats. Lead-off hitter Trent Whitehead went 0-for-5 with two strikeouts.

"We've got to do a better job of not being so antsy and really hone in on the ball," Godwin said.

ECU begins a three-game series at home with the Pepperdine Waves (4-4). First pitch is set for 5 p.m. on Friday.

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season away, which had become all too common an occurrence for this team.

All the things Lebo preached from day one of his tenure as coach paid off on this night.

With the win Wednesday night, the Pirates senior class accomplished what no other ECU team has been able to achieve in the last 14 years; moving to 16-13, the Pirates clinched a winning season for the first time since the 1996-97 season. So while these seniors are departing, they leave knowing they are leaving this program in better shape than when they found it.

"It feels so good," Abrams said of securing the winning season. "It just goes to show you that hard work does pay off. I know it's cliché, but I swear if you just keep pushing and pushing, good things will come to those who wait."

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more records on the men's side. So both teams really did well."

ECU's men's team took third place in the tournament. Freshman Attila Kiraly won the men's 400-yard individual medley by just 8 seconds. In doing so, he became the first Pirate ever to bring home this particular win in the C-USA tournament.

"We had nine girls and 10 guys make the all-conference team. We had four NCAA 'B' cuts on the women's side; we had four on the guys' side as well. It was unbelievable. Our divers also did great." He explained what comes next: "We have three girls and two guys going to the NCAA zone meet, where swimmers have to qualify time-wise, and if they qualify, they go."

ECU swimming and diving teams go hand-in-hand with success. The Pirates have a history of delivering an impressive number of wins each season. In fact, the ECU swimmers and divers secure first place in the record books for having the greatest win record of all athletic programs in the Pirate Nation.

Rich in cultural diversity, high in GPA and speedy in the water, the ECU swimming and diving program embodies the

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an outstanding workout that included a 4.39 40-yard dash on what we later discovered was a fractured foot. The thing about Jones is that he was already considered the second-best receiver and middle-to-early first round pick.

Von Miller, formerly of Texas A&M and previous National Championship MVP at Alabama, Marcell Dareus, also had excellent workouts that improved their already-high draft stock. Some even believe Dareus could have made a strong argument for the first-overall selection, while Miller has moved into the discussion for the second-overall pick that belongs to the Denver Broncos.

While many players improved their draft stock, there were quite a few who issued a cause for concern.

Former Auburn defensive tackle and BCS Championship game standout Nick Fairley came in slightly undersized but rebounded by performing well in position drills. Jonathan Baldwin, the former Pitt wide receiver who publicly criticized his coaches, did little to put his character issues on the back burner by performing poorly at the combine.

Then there is the traveling sideshow that is Cam Newton. Newton arguably has the highest ceiling in the draft, but may also be the biggest risk. Newton added to that risk by deciding to throw at the NFL Combine. Typically, quarterbacks with throwing issues choose to wait until their pro-day so they can throw to familiar targets, hence Blaine Gabbert's decision. Newton only completed 11 of his 21 pass attempts, confirming the questions about his accuracy. Newton also raised concerns with a questionable interview process. Despite a ridiculous show of

athleticism, Newton must have a good pro-day to stay toward the top of the draft.

Ryan Mallet has had the golden arm ever since he committed to Michigan out of high school. However, off-the-field concerns and a lack of a clutch factor have hindered his draft stock. Rumors have swirled about drug use, and a poor interview process has kept him behind Newton and Gabbert in draft projection. With that said, Mallet lit up the throwing portion of the combine and could become one of the steals of the draft.

Even though there is not one snap of the football or crack of the pads during the combine, it can be one of the most important factors in the NFL draft process. And that's why we can't get enough of it.

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