

**OPINION:** The best thing about headphones is as a male getting swole in the gym, you can totally jam out to "Whip My Hair" and nobody is the wiser. **A4**

**LIFESTYLES:** April Fools' Day is tomorrow! Turn to Lifestyles to read about the history of this foolish holiday as well as some great prank ideas! **A5**

**SPORTS:** Rain forced the cancellation of Wednesday's baseball and softball games. Turn to sports to read about the upcoming weekend series for both programs. **A7**

**Shell casings match Richardson hand gun**

*Staff Reports*

According to WITN, five shell casings found at the murder scene outside of The Other Place nightclub were all fired from the same gun, a Hi Point .45 caliber semi-automatic handgun.

One of the bullets was found on the back of the white BMW Richardson allegedly rode in during the shooting and two others were found at another area nightclub.

Sam Crotts, owner of Pastime Billiards, told jurors that he remembered Richardson firing a gun in his parking lot in May 2009.

Crotts said he gave the police three of the casings when he recognized Richardson from the media after his arrest.

SBI agent Scott Jones said the casings Crotts found were fired from the same gun as well.

Richardson's trial is in its third week. He is accused of gunning down Andrew Kirby and Landon Blackley outside of The Other Place in June 2009.

Prosecutors say they plan to seek the death penalty if Richardson is convicted.

**North and South Carolina report traces of radiation**

*Staff Reports*

North and South Carolina are being added to a list of states reporting minuscule amounts of radiation from the Fukushima Nuclear Plant in Japan reported WITN.

Progress Energy, Duke Energy and South Carolina Electric and Gas Co. all have detected trace amounts of radiation.

Experts say the radiation poses no risk to the public's health. According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, people are exposed to more radiation on international flights.

Massachusetts, Nevada and several other Western states have also reported radiation detection.

**Three men arrested for thefts in Pitt County**

*Staff Reports*

WNCT reported that the Pitt County Sheriff's Office has arrested three people accused of a string of copper thefts that started last summer.

Brothers Mark and Gustav Hepler and Joseph Duckett were arrested for over 15 cases of copper theft, mostly at Pitt County churches.

Each of the men is facing 15 counts of felony larceny.

**Greenville man charged with drug trafficking**

*Staff Report*

James Eric Hannan, 49, is being charged with trafficking opium or heroin by possession, sell and deliver.

According to WNCT, investigators say they purchased trafficking amounts of opium from Hannan.

Hannan is being held in the Pitt County Detention Center under \$150,000 secure bond.

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## Charging for experience



Dr. Todd Fraley and Arielle Jones, a senior Communications major, sit to discuss internship opportunities.

### Internships come with a price tag

**Alexis Headley**  
STAFF WRITER

The jobs in this economy have gone down and unpaid internships have been on the rise.

Most companies offer students credit-based internships, which means that in order to accept an internship, students have to essentially pay tuition fees to work for free.

Sophomore media production major Cara Chooljian thinks internships should be handled differently.

"I think it's absurd. Not only are we paying expenses for the

internship, but now we also have to pay the university. If I was guaranteed the job after, I would have less of a problem paying, but nothing is guaranteed in the job market these days," said Chooljian.

Companies now see academic credit as substitute compensation, so they're not taking advantage of the intern and giving something back to them. Credit now implies that the schools will be involved as a way to make sure students are actually benefiting from the experience and not just doing menial task. Some university internship programs require students to

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## Rising pet fees

Having a pet ultimately determines where students live

**Hannah Farmer-Fernandez**  
STAFF WRITER

Students in Greenville have a wide variety of choices when looking for apartments, but when students have pets, the options can become limited.

Major apartment complexes, such as Tar River Estates, The Bellamy and North Campus Crossing, accept pets but have many limitations before allowing the animals to call their units home. Many apartment complexes set restrictions on weight, breed and vaccinations and require an assortment of fees and consequences to damage that can be potentially caused by animals.

Senior Kevin Cooley, a communications major, lives at Tar River Estates and said one reason he decided to sign a lease there is because of the lower pet fee. "The pet fee is over \$100 less than a lot of other major apartment complexes in Greenville and the residents at Tar River are more responsible with picking up after their animals."

According to Tar River Estates dog policy, "The pet fee is \$100 per dog for dogs weighing less than 30 pounds and \$300 per dog for dogs up to 80 pounds. In addition to the pet fee, for each dog in your unit it costs an extra \$10 per month." For each apartment unit, residents can have a maximum of two pets.

Sophomore Lauren Melina, a nursing major, and her sister freshman Casey Melina, a psychology major, live at the Bellamy with their 10-month-old lab mix Barley. The Melina sisters say this is their first year at the Bellamy. "We originally just looked for a pet-friendly place to live for our cat but ended up getting Barley," said Casey.

Bellamy requires residents to pay a \$300 pet fee. \$100 of that fee is refundable if there are no damages after the resident moves out of the unit. In addition to the pet fee, the Bellamy charges \$10 a month for pet rent. Like most major apartment complexes in Greenville, the Bellamy has a weight limit of 50 pounds and does not allow aggressive breeds.

"It's definitely harder to have pets in Greenville because there are so many limitations for students' animals. At the Bellamy, your dog cannot weigh more than so many pounds and can't be particular breeds," said Casey.

"Every so often we get emails from the Bellamy concerning residents not picking up after their dogs. The first time individual buildings at the Bellamy get noticed because residents aren't picking up after their dog, the whole building gets charged \$25," said Casey. Lauren says that each time after, the fine goes up by \$5.

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Student apartment complexes are raising pet fees to compensate for damage.

## House Bill would open ABC stores on Sunday

**Jamie Coan**  
STAFF WRITER

Residents of North Carolina may soon be able to shop at their local ABC store on Sundays and attend liquor tastings at ABC stores.

A new bill making its way through the N.C. Senate would give local ABC boards the authority to choose whether to open their ABC stores on Sundays.

Senate Bill 277 is sponsored by Edgecombe County Senator Clark Jenkins.

In a press release, Jenkins said he proposed this bill to make life more convenient for consumers, not to make more money. He said that people on vacation arrive to North Carolina on Sundays and want to get their shopping out of the way, but they cannot buy liquor. He also said that many people are off work on Sundays and want to do their shopping on that day.

He added that this bill would give local ABC boards the authority to open on Sundays, not require them to do so. Jenkins said he didn't know whether it would lead

to increased sales, or just shift sales from other days to Sunday. If the bill passes, managers of ABC stores are urged to calculate if the extra employee hours and expenses of opening an extra day are worth the revenues the store would bring in if opened on Sunday.

"I don't think it will really affect how much the state makes off of alcohol sales," said junior Josh Clark. "I think that everyone is used to ABC stores being closed on Sunday and they buy their liquor the day before. But it would be nice to have that option."

While beer and wine are sold at grocery stores and restaurants after noon on Sundays, liquor stores have been prohibited from opening on Sundays in North Carolina for over 70 years.

There are 13 other states that still honor Prohibition-era Blue Laws banning Sunday liquor sales.

"I know that we are one of a few states that still close our liquor stores on Sundays," said senior Laura Holland. "So I think we should see if it benefits other states before our state makes a decision."

House Speaker Thom Tillis told WSOC news that he doesn't

think the bill has much support and doesn't believe it would make enough of a positive economic impact to warrant opening up on Sundays.

The Christian Action League, a Christian public policy organization representing conservative evangelicals of North Carolina, argues that increased accessibility would increase alcohol abuse.

"These were bad ideas when they were suggested in prior years and they are still bad ideas that we hope our legislators will again dismiss," said the Rev. Mark Creech, executive director of the Christian Action League, in a press release. "Already, nearly half a million North Carolinians have alcohol abuse problems without these laws that would increase access to spirituous liquor."

Jenkins' bill would also allow ABC stores to allow liquor tastings in their store. The bill would allow for a sample of 1.5 ounces per consumer per day and would take effect Oct. 1.

There is much debate over this

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## Students nationwide petition Chick-fil-A from campuses

*Staff Reports*

College students nationwide have been demanding that Chick-fil-A be banned from campus because they think the company promotes homophobia and support of anti-gay organizations.

In January, one of the franchises donated food to the Pennsylvania Family Institute for an event emphasizing traditional marriages and the company also has donated money to organizations such as the National Organization for Marriage, Focus on the Family and the Ruth Institute, which displays the saying on their website, "one man, one woman for life."

Although the company has made many sizable donations to groups, Chick-fil-A is a private business operated and owned by private individuals; the business has a right to hold and express its own views.

Chick-fil-A posted a video on its Facebook page afterward, which stated the company values all people, but some of the LGBT community and its supporters have continued support for the grassroots movement.

Also in response, Chief Operating Officer Dan Cathy issued a written statement claiming that the accusations are inaccurate. "In recent weeks, we have been accused of being anti-gay. We have no agenda against anyone. At the heart and soul of our company, we are a family business that serves and values all people regardless of their beliefs or opinions."

Freshman Trinity Sondys said that Chick-fil-A is a business first. "They need to make money but not turn people away at the same time," said Sondys. "I would keep shopping at Target and

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Cooley said that Tar River Estates has also implicated the same fine of \$25 for residents not picking up after their animals. "The community and buildings are smaller than larger apartment complexes so residents are held more accountable for picking up after their dogs because neighbors are known to see others when they do or don't clean up after their pets," said Cooley.

Another amenity that Cooley said sold him to reside at Tar River with his dog Empress is because of the easy access to the dog park. "It gives residents more freedom for dogs to have other alternatives than just walking your dog inside of a gated community or on busy streets with heavy traffic."

Cooley lived at North Campus Crossing last year and says dogs were common. "A lot of residents at North Campus Crossing have pets. Almost everyone who lived on my floor had dogs and it made

it difficult for my dog, Empress, to have the sufficient amount of space it needed to be comfortable."

Next year, Barley and the Melina sisters plan on moving to North Campus Crossing. "North Campus Crossing is a lot more pet-friendly and you can have more than one animal in each apartment," said Lauren.

"North Campus Crossing isn't as strict on pets. If it doesn't cause a problem, it's fine," said Casey.

Cooley is more than content with his relocation with Empress. "Tar River employees know most, if not all, of the pets and owners' names, which makes the dogs feel more comfortable and the residents feel more personable with the staff."

Most apartment complexes like Tar River Estates, North Campus Crossing and the Bellamy have pet depots, where residents are offered poop bags and are expected to clean up after their animal.

North Campus Crossing requires tenants to pay a non-refundable \$250 fee and an additional \$10 a month for non-aggressive breed canines. North Campus also has a weight restriction to 30 pounds and offers residents pet depots at every corner of each courtyard.

Tar River Estates, The Bellamy and North Campus Crossing do not welcome the usually aggressive breeds, such as Akita, American Staffordshire Terrier, Bull Terrier, Chow, Doberman, German Shepherd, Husky, Pit Bull, Presa Canario, Rottweiler and Wolf or Dingo Hybrids.

According to the City of Greenville's official website, "The City of Greenville has a 24-hour leash law. Every person owning or keeping a dog must keep it on his/her premises. Dogs are permitted off the owner's property if the dog is on a leash or is under some other means

of physical control. Dogs found running at large will be picked up and taken to the Pitt County Animal Shelter on County Home Road. Owners will be cited and fined for these violations."

The City of Greenville offers an off-leash dog area behind Tar River Estates for dog owners who need an area to let their dog run free. The dog park is open from sunrise to sunset and has two sections: one for large/adult dogs and a section for puppies and smaller dogs. Handlers in the dog area must carry their leash in their hand and the dog's ID and proof of rabies vaccinations.

The Melina sisters say the Greenville City Dog Park is a great option for students with dogs. "A lot of people live in apartment complexes and can't take their dog off a leash, so this is a great place to let your dog run around," said Lauren.

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do monthly meetings, journals and even portfolios at the end.

Coordinator for Undergraduate Studies Todd Fraley keeps a close eye on his interns, sending emails and holding meetings to make sure that they really like the experience they're having at the internship. Fraley also makes sure he's in touch with the companies and the person the students are interning under. "The benefits are networking opportunities and just practice at the career you're pursuing," said Fraley.

According to the New York Times, the annual number of interns locally ranges from 20,000 to 40,000. Chief executive of the website Internships.com, Robin D. Richards, told the New York Times that only 34 percent of internships

listed by employers are paid positions. "Students need to view unpaid internships as an investment for their future," said Richards.

Some students' majors require students to have internships or they cannot graduate. In a study according to InternBridge.com, a large internship-focused research base, 60 percent of students reported internships were now mandatory for their university. If students decided to take them during the semester for class credit, it will just be added on as another class, but if students would rather take them during the summer, they will have to enroll into a summer session.

There are two summer sessions and an 11-week session at the university. For most students, their internships are off campus and the

fees are \$113 per credit hour for in-state and for out-of-state it's \$521. The fees for graduates are \$169 per credit hour for in-state and \$693 per credit hour for out-of-state.

Tabitha O'Brian, a senior recreational therapy major, is required by her major to take an internship.

"For my major, I have to take 12 credit hours of an internship either over the summer or for the fall," said O'Brian. "I don't only have to pay for one credit hour but for 12 and the prices are really ridiculous, especially since I'm not getting paid, which means that I would have to pay for my living expenses, food and also almost full-time tuition."

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new proposal. Some say that alcohol is already too accessible while others say that since alcohol is available at restaurants and grocery stores on Sundays, it should be available at ABC stores.

The Christian Action League is

concerned that this would change the role of the state from one of alcohol control to active marketing.

The bill would also change advertising laws for ABC stores. The stores would be allowed to display ads for their liquor tastings

in their store, published in print or broadcast on radio, TV or the Web. Under current law, ABC stores do not advertise.

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eating a Chick-fil-A because they haven't done anything to me or say my views are wrong."

Chick-fil-A has been under similar claims before and is known for its obvious Christian practices such as being closed on Sundays. Also, according to the New York Times, they require potential operators of branches to discuss their marital status and civic church involvement. A 2002 lawsuit was made by a Muslim owner in Hous-

ton who claimed he was fired because he did not pray to the same God at a training session.

Chick-fil-A also sponsors many conferences such as the South Eastern Conference, Atlantic Coast Conference and the Chick-fil-A bowl.

Freshman and nursing major Alison Whitley says that she'll keep eating there. "I would eat there regardless of who they donate money to," she said. "It's their

business." Whitley also said that companies should get respect for believing in something instead of just making money.

No petitions have started here or at nearby UNC and N.C. State, but Chick-fil-A is a central component as far as eating goes on campus. The first online petition was started at Change.org, a website that allows any user to start a petition for social issues. So far, the universities combined have 25,770 signatures.

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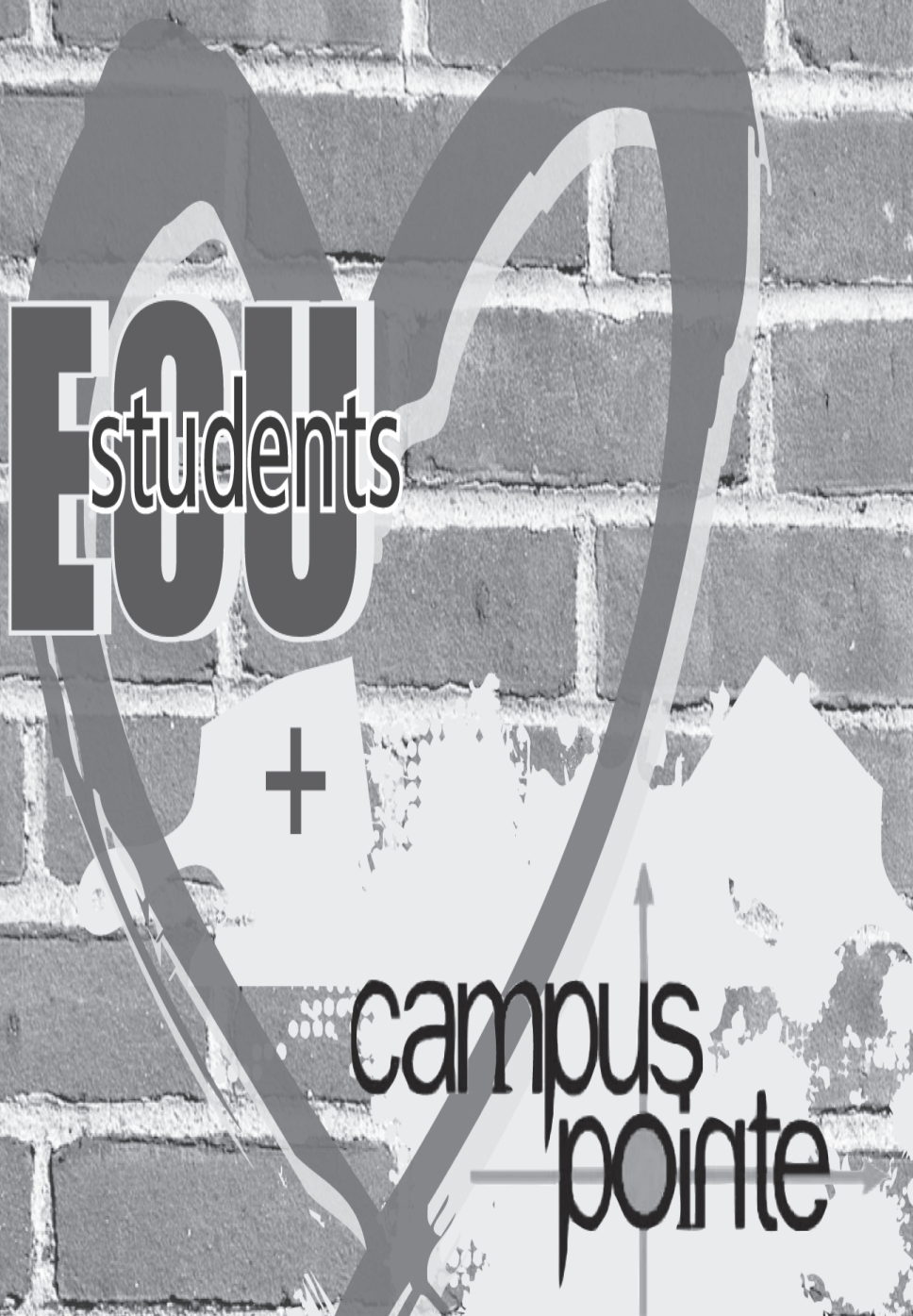
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Did I really just now figure out that TEC stands for The East Carolinian?

I'm really tired of the people on the ECU home page pointing and laughing at me.

Did anyone else notice the severed goat head with a cigarette in his mouth hanging from the tank on Tuesday's front-page photo?

If you're going to post on someone's Facebook wall and call them stupid, please make sure you know how to spell first!

Just who do I have to sleep with so they'll sell Cherry Dr. Pepper on campus?

If we "let the hate rants die," will we still be "ranting?"

It's quite disgusting that we're in college and people still don't understand the basic concepts of brushing their teeth and showering.

You know you go to ECU when you have to drop the "never" from "Never Have I Ever."

I love having male waiters. I just like the idea of a guy getting ME a sandwich.

The best thing about headphones is as a male getting swole in the gym, you can totally jam out to "Whip My Hair" and nobody is the wiser.

That hacking cough you've developed is just as ugly as your dead beat boyfriend who gave it to you.

I saw a commercial for Michelangelo's today and I didn't recognize the restaurant. Maybe I should try going there sober.

Saw a girl get her belly button pierced today. It would have looked nice if it wasn't an outie. Yikes.

Why do they wrap the paper inside the bottom of the Chick-fil-a cool wraps? I know I'm not the only one who gets pissed when the whole thing falls apart because I try to avoid eating paper by pulling the wrapper out.

Dear Weather: Why do you suck? Sincerely, ECU.

I should start a band called "Free Beer" because when people see a sign that says "Free Beer tomorrow at 9 p.m." everyone will come.

U TEXT U DRIVE U DIE -- that sign is such a distraction that reading it while driving will kill us before texting will!

To the sexy girl in my class: You might as well sleep with me because I'm going to tell everybody we did it anyway!

Sometimes, I feel that my boyfriend doesn't think school is that important to me. Please don't make me choose between you and school. You'll lose.

Did you ever go out with someone and then look at their Facebook picture and wonder how you could possibly be attracted to them?

Does the 25 ft smoking rule only apply to cigarettes because my dorm smells like straight weed.

For a guy who claims to hate hipsters so much, you sure do act enough like one.

To the idiot in the library who decided to continuously laugh out loud about your video games while I try to study: Shut up or go to community college.

To the person complaining about ROTC running their drills: They're working to fight for our country while you're busy ranting about your precious sleep schedule. Grow up!

## Kickin' in the front seat



**Ryan Chandler**  
OPINION COLUMNIST

There's a new trend in popular music. This is a change from the usual type of music students funnel onto Fifth Street to hear until the earlier hours of the morning. Music has become more of a comedic relief to our lives as we ponder how popularity was achieved through such horrendous vocals.

Now I've heard the Kim Kardashians and William Hungs of the entertainment industry, but a new phenomenon was brought to my attention recently. Her name is Rebecca Black. I then went to complete my usual critique of a new artist on the scene by checking my YouTube sources and stumbled upon a video with over 60 million views and counting.

My initial thought was "Wow, this chick must have some serious vocals." My world has never been turned upside down more quickly. I'm talking jaw dropped, stunned in disbelief, wondering if I should shoot myself because it couldn't be any more painful than what my eardrums were enduring.

When Kim Kardashian had her video playing on MTV and VH1, I figured it was because of her beauty and I completely understood; sometimes a big booty and pretty face can get you places. Her song, "My Jam," is a disgrace, by the way. She can stick to the Shape-ups.

When Rebecca Black's hit single, "Friday," reached top 100 on iTunes, we reached a different situation. Please, fellow students, inform me on why this monotone, Auto-Tuned, ear-wrenching song has become a hit amongst our society. It's irritating to know that someone can so easily be overexposed into the limelight.

What happened to the days of real music that came from the soul? Have we advanced so far into the technological era that all of our music is now computerized? Andy Hildebrand created the Auto-Tune

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Wait aren't you like... an 8th grader?



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technique in 1996. The invention came from a simple challenge from a friend who bet that he couldn't get his voice to sound perfect. It would change the music world forever.

Now, almost every artist we know has used this technique in some form during their recording endeavors to fix fumbled notes. T-Pain released an Auto-Tune application for iPhones, so now everyone who wants to sound like a "good singer" has the chance. I guess the technology is here to stay and, as proven, can do wonders for a career no matter how big or how small the popularity of the user.

I do commend this girl for her hopefully short-lived run through the media and music industry. How many of us get to be on "The Tonight Show" and "Good Morning America"?

Money really can buy anything these days. All of

this is just a huge lesson on what a zero-cost market can do for someone. With the evolution of Twitter, YouTube and iTunes, Rebecca Black had everything she needed to build an infrastructure for temporary stardom. YouTube is where she uploaded the video, Twitter was where we gossiped and iTunes is where thousands boosted her to the Top 100.

In a recent interview, Rebecca Black said that she is not scared of the haters and criticism. She plans to follow her hit single with another song titled "LOL." I promise this is exactly what we will all be doing. Just not with her, more like at her.

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## The obsolete landline



**Ben Cochran**  
OPINION COLUMNIST

Despite what you may have been told about unexpected pregnancies and how you were all of a sudden going to have a little brother, it's actually cell phones that are God's little miracles.

Before we were blessed with such technological wonders, we were strapped down to the confines of the reach of a 25-foot cord. Now we can walk around as we please, just yapping away.

A wireless trinket that bounces waves off satellites to other receivers is pretty nifty, but the ability to text, play uber-hot games and surf the web, all from the tiny, hand-held device, blows away all other divine gifts. What did Moses get? A stick that turned into a snake and a burning bush? People still experience burning bushes, but they usually have to seek some antibiotic treatment instead.

Whether or not you believe in miracles or divine callings is irrelevant. What matters is that a genius named Martin Cooper stepped out of the darkness and into the light in 1973 when he unveiled the most revolutionary device that would start the entire wireless communica-

tions industry: the cell phone.

Until the last decade or so, cell phones were a status symbol reserved only for the high and mighty. But now, cell phones are a necessary part of everyday life.

In general, the population of the United States is trending more toward cell phone-only households. In fact, in a study conducted by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, spending on cell phone services matched that of residential landlines in 2006. That's five years ago. Today, you'd be hard-pressed to find many people with a dedicated landline.

Almost everyone has cell phones. Whether a two-year contract or a month-by-month, pay as you go arrangement, people from every walk of life and every socioeconomic class are gravitating toward using cell phones as not just their primary source for telecommunications, but also their only source.

Cell phones have everything that a landline could hope to offer: caller ID, voice-mail, call waiting, three-way (giggity), push-to-talk, video conferencing, speakerphone — it's all there!

In Greenville, our choices for communications, Internet and cable are somewhat limited. Because many of us live in some type of student housing apartments, we are unable to use the services of superior companies like satellite television; the requirement of a dish is a hindrance as many apartment complexes will not allow the installment of a dish on or near the buildings.

And if we have to go with a cable provider to get our must-have television fix, it only makes sense to get our Internet service from the same company. Fewer bills, easier life.

So using cable companies for Internet service isn't such a huge problem. They offer varying speeds of Internet service and the cable packages are tolerable, albeit much more limited than its satellite counterparts. Because our demographic uses cell phones almost exclusively, there is no reason to purchase their phone service, or anyone else's for that matter, which they will inevitably try to sell you incessantly.

According to Jonathan Carson, CEO of Telecom for the Nielsen Company, "People start carrying mobile phones at younger and younger ages." This doesn't bode well for retailers of landline services — especially in college towns like Greenville. No one needs to be hassled by local cable companies for an obviously outdated service.

I don't know what these companies are thinking, but maybe they could use some of their "leftover easy" to help them see that people in the college-aged demographic have absolutely no use for landlines.

So the next time you get called on your cell phone by someone trying to sell you a landline, just tell them, "No thanks, but I'm already connected."

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-Michael Melton

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## Revamped fairy tales invade the silver screen

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Classic tales of evil queens, hideous beasts, hungry werewolves and damsels in distress are returning to theaters with a new look in the era of "Twilight" and "Harry Potter."

In the lull between franchise installments and summer blockbusters, new genre crazes are always ignited, and this year is no exception. With the recent releases of films like "Beastly" and "Red Riding Hood," Hollywood is finding that there is interest in the retooling of the mystical tales made famous by The Brothers Grimm and other folklore writers.

"Beastly" is a modern version of "Beauty and the Beast" that replaces the prince-turned-beast with an uptight, hotshot high-schooler and the "beauty" with a lonely girl whose father is a drug addict. While the film featured attractive young stars Alex Pettyfer and Vanessa Hudgens, it was only a mild success.

Same goes for "Twilight" director Catherine Hardwicke's "Red Riding Hood," which takes the classic story of girl-versus-wolf and builds on it by including a love triangle, religious themes and indie rock music. While the film does feature a very impressive cast that includes Amanda Seyfried, Gary Oldman and Julie Christie, it didn't have the same instant success that infamous Hardwicke's vampire love story did and was slammed by critics.

However, Sydney Houghton, a sophomore English education major, saw "Red Riding Hood" and likes the idea of retelling these stories with a new twist. "I loved the look of the film and how they built this entire backstory around this classic tale that we all know," said Houghton.

Regardless of whether audiences and critics like these films, within the next two years, several bigger fairy tale projects will be hitting theaters and a few have the potential to strike it big.

In 2012, there will be not one, but two retellings of Snow White, and each project has its own buzz surrounding it. The bigger of the two is "Snow White and the Huntsman," which is set for release on Dec. 21, 2012, and will feature "Twilight" star Kristen Stewart as Snow White, Charlize Theron as the Evil Queen and Viggo Mortensen as the Huntsman. For this telling, the character of the Huntsman has been added and will work as a mentor for Snow White in her battle against the queen.

The other film, simply titled "Snow White," recently secured an even earlier release date of June 29, 2012, to get ahead of its competition and has garnered one of the most beloved actresses of the time to play the ruthless evil queen. Julia Roberts, known for her romantic comedies and signature laugh, will step into the shoes of the villain for the film. In this version, the queen must deal with a vengeful Snow White who, after her father is killed, bands together with several dwarfs to take on the queen.

Snow White isn't the only fairy tale character getting their chance on the big screen next year. "The Town" star Jeremy Renner and "Clash of the Titans" star Gemma Arterton are set to star in "Hansel and Gretel: Witch Hunters." The film, which will hit theaters on March 2, 2012, will portray the infamous candy-loving kids all grown up and working as witch hunters, searching for the very witch who they encountered as children in the famous tale.

Plus, these fairy tale creatures are also setting their sights on television. NBC is currently producing a pilot entitled "Grimm," which is described as a "dark but fantastical cop drama about a world in which characters inspired by Grimm's Fairy Tales exist."

Sophomore communication major Tyler Davis thinks these new

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Jana Tyler (right) and Katie Darden (left) are both subject to practical jokes.

# Famous fools

The origin of April Fools' Day and a look back at the most infamous pranks

Rebecca Blanchette  
ASSISTANT LIFESTYLES EDITOR

Everybody has known that feeling of obliviously falling for an April Fools' prank. Pranksters are notorious for drawing mustaches on friends in their sleep, telling drastic lies or sticking signs on people's backs.

Boyfriends may jokingly break up with girlfriends, or vice versa, and people will undoubtedly be questioning what is real and what isn't all day. Even big companies celebrate the holiday, leaving any news that happens tomorrow up for speculation.

"I used to play them on my mom," said student Courtney Armstrong. "We'd put salt in the sugar shaker." Student Jordan Brown said, "We used to put Vaseline on all the door handles at school."

Though some jokes are silly, others are more serious. Student Katie Riley recalled a time when a prank was pulled on her. "My boyfriend's friends called me freaking out saying he was in the hospital," she said.

Though the origin of April Fools' Day is not definite, historical events reveal the probability of its start. According to April-Fools.us, the tradition began in France around 1582 when the French calendar changed the day of New Year's from April 1 to January 1. Some citizens were appalled by the change and refused to conform to it. Others didn't learn about the change until years later, since communication at that time was slow.

Those who still viewed April 1 as the start of the New Year were "labeled 'fools' by the general populace, were subject to ridicule and sent on 'fool errands,' were sent invitations to nonexistent parties and had other practical jokes played upon them," according to April-Fools.us. The tradition of playing pranks on April 1 continued with time and eventually spread to other countries.

According to April-Fools.us, the Scottish celebrate the holiday by playing jokes on each other involving the buttocks. In England, pranks are played only in the morning, as playing them in the afternoon is seen as bad luck. In Portugal, people throw

flour at each other, and in India, people "smear color on one another celebrating the arrival of spring."

Friends aren't the only pranksters to look out for, as big corporations often like to play jokes on the nation as a whole. MuseumOfHoaxes.com stated that in 1985, Sports Illustrated published a phony article about an incredible new baseball player who had allegedly just joined the Mets. "His name was Sidd Finch, and he could reportedly throw a baseball at 168 mph with pinpoint accuracy," said the website. "Mets fans celebrated their team's amazing luck at having found such a gifted player, and Sports Illustrated was flooded with requests for more information." To Mets' fans' disappointment, Sidd Finch was a made-up rookie and a joke well played.

Another nationwide prank was pulled by Taco Bell in 1996. The fast food company announced that they were buying the Liberty Bell and renaming it the "Taco Liberty Bell." "Hundreds of outraged citizens called the National Historic Park in Philadelphia where the bell was housed to express their anger," said MuseumOfHoaxes.com. "Their nerves were only calmed when Taco Bell revealed, a few hours later, that it was all a practical joke."

In 1989 in London, the chairman of Virgin Records, Richard Branson, gave the city a scare by creating a hot air balloon that looked like a UFO. Londoners gazed in awe at the craft floating over the city, and when it landed in the outskirts of London, people frantically called the police, warning of an alien invasion. "Soon the police arrived on the scene, and one brave officer approached the craft with his truncheon extended before him," said MuseumOfHoaxes.com. Branson then emerged from the "UFO" in a silver suit, causing the officer to run away.

In 1933, "The Madison Capital-Times solemnly announced that the Wisconsin state capitol building lay in ruins following a series of mysterious explosions," said MuseumOfHoaxes.com. "Many readers were fooled — and outraged." A photo of the collapsed building even ran next to the article. The Science Digest named this prank "one of the best hoaxes ever" in 1985.

So if you get a prank played on you tomorrow, don't feel bad; entire nations have been fooled on this hoax holiday.

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## The quest to be one of the seven strangers



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Staff Writer Madonna Messana auditioned for MTV's "The Real World."

Auditions for MTV's "The Real World"

Madonna Messana  
STAFF WRITER

MTV's "The Real World" casting came to Ri Ra Irish Pub in Charlotte Saturday looking for outgoing persons aged 18 to 24. Because I have wanted to be one of the seven strangers picked to live in the Real World house since I first started

watching the show, I decided this was the perfect opportunity to start chasing that dream.

A week before the casting call I had ultimately decided that I was not going to go — I figured it would be better to wait until I graduated. However, "The Real World" casting entailed me a VIP pass that entitled me to skip to the head of the line because they liked my email submissions that I had sent in weeks before.

Saturday morning I made my way to Charlotte with my

mom and friend. Once we arrived at the audition, I gave my name to one of the assistant directors who handed me an essay form and told me to find a place to sit and fill it out.

I sat down at a table with other people who were all after the same goal. A lot of the girls at the casting call were dressed as though they were heading downtown on a Friday night — after looking at them, all I could think was, "Cool, I'm wearing jeans."

My nerves were starting to get to me, because as I filled out the form, my hands were shaking. The form was only a single page and we were given a limited amount of space to answer, so I figured my answers would not be too important.

I took a deep breath and started reading the questions. Some of them made sense, but others not so much. Some of the questions asked on the application included, "What is your most embarrassing moment?" "Describe your parents and what is your relationship with them like?" and "What makes you unusual?" — I enjoyed this question because the answer was obvious: My name.

After I finished my application, I read over the front and back page of agreements and fine print and, as some of my friends would say, signed my life over to MTV. I then handed my application over to a guy in a green sweater — easy enough, I thought.

The guy placed me in a long line and told me I would be after some guy who was absorbed in his phone. "Great" I thought, "so much for skipping to the front of the line." I decided to make the best of it so I intro-

duced myself to the guy I was next to. He was friendly but did not say much to me to start off.

While waiting in line I was able to introduce myself to the people around me. We got to know each other a little as we discussed where we were from, what we did and why we hoped to make it on "The Real World."

Two of the people I introduced myself to were also ECU students; one was freshman Price Ryder, who is a communication major. "I went to the casting call because I love to do spontaneous things and meet new people," said Ryder. "I thought it would be awesome to be on TV as well — and to represent ECU!"

After waiting over an hour, it was finally our turn to go into the casting group, which was nothing like I had expected. "I thought we would be one-on-one with someone, not just thrown into a group," said Ryder.

Ten of us sat at a table with a casting director who asked us to go around the table and say our name, age, where we were from and something people would not know about us just by looking. Following our introductions, the casting director asked us to speak freely on a couple of topics, such as Charlie Sheen and comedian Gilbert Gottfried, who made jokes about the tragedies in Japan.

"I thought they were going to ask more questions that would help show off our personalities," said Ashley Fox, a sophomore nursing major at UNCW. "They basically asked how everyone felt about what was going on in the world, not why they should choose us to continue on (in the audition

process)."

After about eight minutes at the table, we were asked to finish the interview by describing ourselves in one word. Rather than describe myself as loud, boisterous, outgoing or unique as I normally would, I said I was "saucy" to avoid repetition.

"I feel like I didn't get enough time to really connect with the people who were holding the casting call," said Ryder.

We were then told that we would be contacted by 10 p.m. that night if we were needed to come in the following day for a follow-up interview. And that was the end of our casting call.

Although a part of me wanted my phone to ring at 10 p.m., a larger part of me did not want to make the trip back to Charlotte the following day.

By 11 p.m. Saturday night, I came to the conclusion that I was not going to get a phone call, and I was OK with that. I still plan on attempting to make it on "The Real World" one day and anyone who has gotten to know me knows how determined I am.

"Overall, it was a great experience and I would do it again," said Ryder.

Regardless of the outcome, the casting call was rewarding. I made new friends and had the opportunity to branch out and try something new; it was definitely an experience I will never forget. And who knows, maybe one day I will finally be picked as one of the seven strangers.

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takes on classic stories could be a good thing. "If I'm not mistaken, these stories were originally written as gruesome tales and the concept of bringing them back and showing them in the light that the authors intended is cool and is a new twist on the stories we know and love."

Like so many genres have in the past, reimagined fairy tales will no doubt fade out of style. But for at least the next year or two, expect to see more of these retellings grace silver screens across the country, because in Hollywood's eyes, fairy tales are cool again.

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New movie 'Red Riding Hood' recently premiered in theaters. MCT

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East Carolina University Parking and Transportation Services is happy to Introduce "Pirate BikeShare". This program that will be rolling out on **April 1, 2011**, is being developed for Students to increase options for mobility around the East Carolina University campus without the use of an automobile.

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### Spring football game tickets on sale

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Tickets for the 28th Annual Great Pirate Purple/Gold Pigskin Pig-Out Party are now available. The traditional event, set for April 15-16 and sponsored by Trade-Wilco Hess, features ECU's spring football game, baseball, barbecue, live music, entertainment, kids' games and its famous Pig Cookin' Contest.

Barbecue plates and football game tickets can be purchased through ECU's Online Ticket Center or by visiting the Athletics Ticket Office location adjacent to Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium on Blackbeard's Alley (between gates 1 and 2). Fans are encouraged to buy their plates and tickets for an early look at Ruffin McNeill's 2011 Pirates in advance of the weekend at \$5 each.

Award-winning Eastern Carolina-style barbecue will be served starting at 10:30 a.m. Saturday with a football kick-off to follow at 2:30 p.m.

On Friday night, the annual Pig Cookin' contest will be conducted with 40 contestants vying for first prize in the Purple, Gold and Showmanship categories. All entry spaces are full for the '11 contest.

### Women's tennis falls to Richmond

#### ECU Media Relations

Richmond rallied back after dropping the doubles point and used Alexandra Smyth's 7-6, 6-3 victory over Yilian Zhang in a No. 5 singles match to earn a 4-3 non-conference win over ECU Tuesday afternoon at Westhampton Courts.

The Spiders, who won for the sixth time in their last seven outings, improved to 10-5 with the triumph while the setback dropped the Lady Pirates' record to 15-7.

ECU used victories by tandems Jessica Cook and Zhang at the No. 3 position and Natalie Collins and Petra Vogel at No. 1 to capture the doubles point. Cook and Zhang pushed their record to 4-1 after posting an 8-3 win over Elizabeth Sims and Alexandra Smyth while Collins and Vogel extended their team-best spring pairs mark to 12-5 after defeating Sydney Grant and Joanna Matuszczyk 9-7.

After Richmond opened singles play with victories at the No. 2, No. 6 and No. 4 slots to take a 3-1 lead, Vogel helped ECU close to within one with a 1-6, 6-3, 6-1 decision against Grant before Smyth clinched the Spiders' team win. Cook closed out the match and tallied ECU's last point by outlasting UR's Helen Cunningham 3-6, 6-4, 6-4 in a No. 1 meeting.

The Lady Pirates will return home to face Gardner-Webb Saturday at 11 a.m., which will mark ECU's last weekend match of the season at the ECU Tennis Complex.

### 'Remember the Titans,' favored by many

#### Staff Reports

Following a column by sports writer Jordan Anders about his favorite sports movies, TEC received lots of feedback from our readers about their favorite sports movies. The following films are the top 10 most popular movies mentioned by the readers:

1. "Remember the Titans" (2000)
2. "We Are Marshall" (2006)
3. "Field of Dreams" (1989)
4. "The Sandlot" (1993)
5. "The Mighty Ducks" (1992)
6. "The Blind Side" (2009)
7. "Rudy" (1993)
8. "Bull Durham" (1988)
9. "Hoosiers" (1986)
10. "Slap Shot" (1977)

# SPORTS



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# RAIN, RAIN GO AWAY

## ELON GAME CANCELLED, PIRATES PREPARE FOR UAB

**Adam Bunn**  
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

The ECU baseball Pirates were supposed to play a non-conference game Wednesday night against Elon, but Mother Nature had different plans.

With inclement weather persistent all day, ECU athletic officials decided to postpone the game until a future date, meaning that the Pirates won't return to the field until this weekend against conference foe UAB.

This postponed game may be coming at the wrong time for the Pirates, as the offense has finally begun to turn around. Tuesday night against UNCW, ECU recorded a season-high 20 runs and a season-high 20 hits on its way to a 20-5 victory.

The Pirates jumped on the Seahawks early, scoring four runs in the first inning. Trent Whitehead led off the ball game with a home run; the knock was the first of the season for him and the 15th of his career. John Wooten would follow with a one-out triple to left field, and Ben Fultz walked to put runners on the corners.

Jack Reinheimer then smacked a single through the left side, scoring Wooten. Chris Gosik then knocked a bases-clearing double to left center field to cap the four-run first that chased Seahawk starter Ryan Leach.

After jumping out to that quick lead, the Pirates would not look back, getting a strong pitching performance from Zach Woods. Woods, who has struggled at points this season, put it all together on this night, recording his first win of the year as he pitched five strong innings, striking out nine while allowing just two runs on four

hits.

After the four-run first, the Pirates refused to let up, scoring six more runs in the second inning, which basically put the game away. Wooten reached on a fielder's choice that scored Whitehead early in the second, and Fultz singled up the middle, allowing Corey Thompson to score. Reinheimer followed with an RBI fielder's choice and freshman Jonathan Holt doubled to right center, pushing across Reinheimer and Gosik.

The Pirates would score 10 more runs on the day with three runs in the third, two runs in the fourth, four runs in the eighth and one run in the ninth to give the Pirates 20 runs for the first time since April 10 of last year, when the Pirates put up 20 runs against Memphis.

In all, 13 Pirates recorded a hit, led by Reinheimer, who went 3-6 with a career-best 4 RBIs. Every starter for the Pirates scored at least one run and every player but Tim Younger recorded an RBI.

The Seahawks got on the board for the first time in second inning as Matt Campbell led off with a triple and then was able to steal home on a double steal. Pinch hitter Dakota Piver then hammered a home run off Woods in the fourth. The Seahawks then scored three runs in the seventh to set up the final score.

However, some controversy overshadowed the Pirates' dominating performance, as after the game Head Coach Billy Godwin announced that pitchers Patrick Somers and Kevin Brandt have been suspended indefinitely for violating team rules.

"I set high standards of

conduct for being a member of our baseball program," Godwin said. "I am proud of the many young men on our team that adhere to these standards. It is really important for me that we work with young men to achieve excellence in all areas of their lives on and off the field. I full expect Kevin and Pat to return to our program soon as better young men."

So with the Elon rescheduled for April 6, the Pirates will now turn their attention to their weekend matchup against UAB.

The Blazers baseball team has not been as consistent as the Pirates have been so far this season. Boasting just a 14-10 overall record, UAB sits tied atop the Conference USA standings with ECU, Southern Miss and UCF, all with a 2-1 conference record.

The Blazers are not an offensive team that produces a lot of power hitting; they have only six home runs as a club. Jamal Austin leads UAB in batting average, hitting .378 on the season, while Patrick Palmeiro leads the Blazers in home runs and RBIs with three dingers and 17 runs batted in.

On the mound, UAB will typically throw three pitchers, led by Dillon Napoleon with his 2.13 ERA in 42 innings pitched having struck out 36 batters on the season. Ryan Woolley has a 2.70 ERA in 43.1 innings, while David Hayes has a 4.39 ERA in 26.2 innings pitched.

The Pirates will travel to Alabama for this weekend's three-game set, with the first pitch scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Friday.

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## SOFTBALL TILT AGAINST WOLFPACK RESCHEDULED

**Carlos Olivera**  
STAFF WRITER

The ECU softball team's double-header scheduled for Wednesday, March 30, against in-state rival N.C. State has been postponed due to inclement weather. The doubleheader between the Pirates and Wolfpack is now scheduled for April 13, beginning at 4 p.m. inside the ECU Softball Stadium.

The Pirates are 6-2 in their last eight games, including two conference series wins against Marshall and Tulsa. The Pirates' record sits at 25-10, including 5-4 in conference play, tied for fourth with Houston.

The Pirates will now set out on a four-game road trip where they will travel to Hattiesburg, Miss., to take on Southern Miss before returning to North Carolina where they will finish the road trip with a game at UNC-Wilmington.

The next home stand for the Pirates is set for April 9 when they will face Conference USA foe Central Florida before taking on the Wolfpack.

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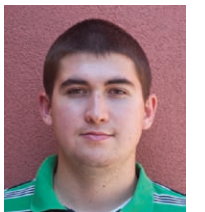


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Catcher Kai Clark at the plate against Tulsa.

## TAKING THE MOUND IN 2011

### OPINION



**Michael Perry**  
SPORTS EDITOR

Baseball fans, dust off your caps, find that jersey that's been hanging in your closet all winter and get your fantasy line up set. Today is that day. It's the Opening Day of the 2011 Major League Baseball season.

With March Madness almost over and ESPN not having anything better to cover other than the Barry Bonds/Roger Clemens trials, the cricket World Cup and the NFL lockout, baseball swoops in to rescue the fed-up sports fans of America. While the NFL has eclipsed the national pastime within the last decade or so, the game of baseball has been making strides to get back into the spotlight.

Fortunately for the MLB, they had a miraculous year of pitching performances in 2010. There was an interesting shift in power across the Major League landscape during the offseason and the current NFL lockout could keep viewers locked in for all 162 games, plus the playoffs, maybe.

As a fan of the game, I too

# THE ONE AND DONE RULE

### OPINION



**Alex Serkes**  
STAFF WRITER

The quick, popular and undeniably trending path for high school basketball superstars to reach the NBA as quickly as possible is the highly criticized "one and done" philosophy. The policy has reshaped not only the NCAA Tournament, but also college basketball as a whole.

The "one and done" rule has clearly put an emphasis on the way recruits think,

the way coaches recruit and how programs build their dynasties. Following the 2005 NBA Draft, high school star and now NBA juggernaut LeBron James took the huge leap from St. Vincent-St. Mary High School in Akron, Ohio, to the center stage of Quicken Loans Arena in Cleveland, Ohio. After that season, the NBA implemented a new age-limit rule of 19 years of age to be eligible for play, forcing kids to go to college to pursue their basketball dreams for a minimum of one year. Carmelo Anthony, while not popularly known, was the first of his kind, leaving Syracuse after one year – a year in which he and the Orangemen took home the NCAA Championship.

The idea seemed groundbreaking at the time; don't let kids jump so quickly to the professional level, instead focus on getting an education and building your game in the college ranks. The NBA, at that point, had its good share of straight out of high school athletes such as Kobe Bryant, Tracy

McGrady and Kevin Garnett. In contrast, guys such as Kwame Brown, Darius Miles and Jonathan Bender have either plummeted to the bottom ranks of the NBA's players or are not even currently playing. It's mind-blowing to think what some of these men could have done with a year or two of college ball under their belts; however, they bit off more than they could chew and are now suffering the consequences.

Now, what was thought to be a great idea by many has turned out to be an even worse decision by all. The "one and done" rule, stated by Hall of Fame Coach Bob Knight, "takes the 'student' part out of a 'student-athlete.'" Players who didn't want to go to college in the first place and plan to go pro after their freshman year don't even really have to go to class in their second semester. Others have said it hurts

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am excited right now; so let's go through some of the major storylines that could keep the season interesting, before we remember what it's like to watch baseball for eight months.

#### Mound dominance.

As mentioned before, 2010 was a great year for pitchers and also for defensive baseball in general. There were six no-hitters pitched last season -- should have been seven, but Jim Joyce ruined one for Armando Galarraga. For some, a no-hitter may seem boring, but there is nothing better in baseball than a hitless pitching performance. It's rare and mind-blowing, like an eclipse. The pitching movement is probably the best thing that could have happened to baseball following the "steroid era," when spectators became desensitized to moon shot home runs.

Last season, Colorado Rockies' pitcher Ubaldo Jimenez gave the MLB the first one of the season on April 17 and then Dallas Braden of the Oakland Athletics pitched a touching perfect game on Mother's Day. Adding to significance of the feat was the fact that Braden's mother had lost her fight to cancer years earlier and that his grandmother was in attendance -- sounds like the ending of a Disney sports movie.

Matt Garza (then with the Rays, now with the Cubs) and Edwin Jackson (then a Diamondback and now with the White Sox) also pitched flawless games last season, but no one was more dominant than Roy Halladay, who notched two no-hitters with one in the post season. Halladay became just the second man to pitch a post-season no-no since the Yankees' Don Larson in 1956.

There were several more near no-hitters carried into the late innings last season, meaning pitching is king right now and there would be no reason this shouldn't carry on into the 2011 season, especially with the moves the Phillies made.

#### Four horsemen of Philly

The Philadelphia Phillies have four aces in their hand in Halladay, Cole Hamels, Roy Oswalt and now once again Cliff Lee. There has not been a rotation like this since the mid-1990s Braves, which won a World Series in 1995. Hopefully the Phillies can keep these men healthy and effective. The main problem for the Phillies will be getting the offensive production they received in 2008. A pitching staff can only be as good as its run-support, and Ryan Howard and a broken-down Chase Utley might have trouble getting the job done. The Phillies will need to pitch well if they think they can hold off a youthful Atlanta Braves team and their rising star, outfielder Jason Heyward.

#### New faces in new places

Just as Cliff Lee made the move back to Philly, several other marquee players signed with new teams, so much so it could shake up the pecking order in the divisional races. The Los Angeles Dodgers got tired of "Manny being Manny," so he found a new home in Tampa Bay, along with Johnny Damon. Both players are approaching 40 (38 and 37), but the Rays are somewhat confident they'll get some good production out of these former teammates.

The Rays dealt Carl Crawford to Boston, the Red Sox also picked up a power-hitting first baseman in Adrian Gonzalez from San Diego and hired a new pitching coach in Curt Young. Boston is expected to beat out Tampa Bay and the star-studded cast of the New York Yankees to take the American League East.

Zach Greinke finally got himself out of the depths of mediocrity known as Kansas City, but his move to the Milwaukee Brewers is not a huge improvement. Greinke and the Brewers will have to fight past the Cardinals, and the Cubs, who are under new management, to knock the Reds off the top spot in the National League Central.

#### Too early to call it

With eight months of baseball to play, it is absolutely ridiculous to pick a World Series winner confidently. Many "experts" toss around the defending champion Giants, and of course the pitching monopoly in Philadelphia. We can almost say for certain it won't be the Orioles or the Nationals, but maybe somebody in the middle of the pack like the Cubs, Braves or finally the Twins. Whoever it is, let's hope they make it a good fight all the way to November.

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the college product on the court more than helping it. Often times, programs are caught in tough spots deciding whether to recruit a high school superstar who will likely leave after one season and are left with big holes to fill year after year.

It is an interesting corollary, however, to note that the best possible equation would be simple -- recruit the top prospects and win a championship. Such is the method that has been built around the recruiting style of former Memphis, now Kentucky, Head Coach John Callipari in his recruitment.

Although that seems to be the best theory, let's take a look back at some of the past NCAA Tournament champions. Duke last year was built around juniors and seniors. Kansas, with Mario Chalmers' miracle shot, was built around juniors and seniors. Florida won back-to-back championships because their big four decided to return for one more year to try and recreate the magic they had so eloquently conducted. It is clear that one and done blue chip recruits don't always lead to a team's success in the Big Dance.

While being a rule that has a recipe for disaster, several "one and done" players have gone on to thrive in the professionals. Guys like Rose, Wall, Anthony, Kevin Durant, Kevin Love, Brandon Jennings and Tyreke Evans have had tremendous careers so far. There still is a laundry list of guys like Michael Beasley, Greg Oden, O.J. Mayo, Steve Francis, Jerryd Bayless and others that have flopped thus far at the professional ranks.

Young athletes need to realize that the immediate jump to the professional level is not always the best path. Michael Jordan, Shane Battier, Tim Duncan, Dwayne Wade, Deron Williams and others who have had solid NBA careers with several, if not all four years

of college under their belts.

"One and done" trends have had positive and negative effects. I feel that a rule requiring more college experience should be implemented for the benefits of these young student-athletes.

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