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Arrington to appear in court on vehicle deaths

Staff Reports

Kamil Arrington, 20, will appear in court today after being charged with falling asleep at the wheel killing two passengers and injuring another last November.

Arrington is facing two counts of misdemeanor death by motor vehicle. According to WNCN, police say Arrington fell asleep at the wheel with three others in the car. She lost control and ran off the road at the intersection of Greenville Blvd. and Rosewood Dr.

All girls were aspirants of the Delta Sigma Theta sorority at the time. Briana Gather and Victoria Carter, both 20, were killed in the accident. 19-year-old Taylor King was treated for her injuries and released from the hospital.

FDA requires sunscreen rules for manufacturers

Staff Reports

Regulators will force sunscreen makers to test the effectiveness of their products against sun-rays that post a risk of skin cancer. Manufacturers also have to follow strict guidelines when stating how their products work against ultraviolet B rays.

According to the Associated Press, the FDA requires testing for UVB rays that only cause sunburns, which is what the SPF measure is based on.

Next summer, products must be tested for how they deflect the dangerous UVA rays, which are mostly related to skin cancer.

National contest held for dog park makeover

Staff Reports

Purina Beneful is holding a nationwide contest to give a local dog park of a dream makeover to make the park more fun.

The winner of the contest will get a \$500,000 makeover to the dog park in their area, and also receive \$10,000 and a year's supply of dog food.

The city of Greenville is asking dog owners and lovers to enter the contest and make the dog park a better place for dogs and their owners.

Dismembering bodies now considered crime

Staff Reports

The General Assembly agreed to pass a law banning the dismemberment of a body to hide a potential crime or other evidence of an unnatural death.

The Senate gave its final legislative approval and the bill will now go to Governor Beverly Perdue.

The bill was introduced after the prosecutor in the Zahra Baker case charged Elisa Baker with second-degree murder after allegedly dismembering Zahra Baker and spreading her remains across two counties.

If passed, the bill would create three different felonies, with the most serious charge being punishable with a maximum of 13 years in prison.

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Professor Matthew Egan is one of many professors who has the ability to give one-on-one attention to his students, but all of that could change if the budget passes. The proposed budget would cut teachers and student aids from schools.

Budget vetoed

Class sizes safe for now

Cameron Gupton
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Governor Bev Perdue has become the first North Carolina governor to veto a state budget; she said she believed the budget cut too deeply from education.

The \$20 billion budget proposed by the General Assembly, according to Perdue, would have slashed pre-kindergarten programs such as "Smart Start" and "More at Four," would underfund K-12 classrooms and create thousands of teacher layoffs.

Within community colleges and universities, programs would have been cut, tuition possibly raised and would have created a longer period until graduation for most students.

The UNC system would have been cut by 14.6 percent, which equals \$407 million under the legislative budget, reported a News and Observer article.

UNC System President Tom Ross stated in the article that, "we have a responsibility to the people of North Carolina, that we've been educating students since 1795 and that we're not going to stop and we're not going to stop doing it with excellence."

Junior sports studies major Pete Peterson said he feels if the budget had been passed the smaller universities and colleges would have taken a huge hit.

"If the government cut the budget, smaller schools wouldn't be able to survive," said Peterson. "It would be harder for the smaller schools."

Perdue felt the budget would create what she referred to as generational damage and destroy the very foundation that North Carolina was built upon.

"For generations, we North Carolina have distinguished ourselves from other southern states as a place of opportunity, and a place that understands the value of investing in our people," said the governor as she delivered a speech from the Old Senate Chamber of the State Capitol building. "Education has been our hallmark -



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If the budget passes, classrooms such as this could potentially double in size.

the one area that set us apart from our neighbors and propelled our economic success."

Before the budget reached Perdue's desk, she had been travelling the state listening to parents, grandparents, business people, teachers, superintendents, law enforcement officials and community leaders. She said she saw "worry in their eyes and frustration in their voices."

According to Perdue, most of the damage that would be done by the proposed budget could be avoided with the extension of the state's sales tax by less than a penny.

Perdue in her final statement during her address condemned the budget the General Assembly proposed.

"I will not put my name on a plan that so blatantly ignores the values of

North Carolina's people. I cannot support a budget that sends the message that North Carolina is moving backwards, when we have always been a state that led the nation," said Perdue. "The General Assembly may be satisfied with a state in reverse, but I am not. Therefore, I veto this bill."

Michelle Frierson, senior elementary education major, said she applauds the governor for a job well done.

"I think trying to fix the deficit by raising taxes a little will be a lot more efficient than cutting that much funding. It wouldn't be fair," said Frierson. "I commend the Governor for standing up for university funds and students."

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Remembering Tom Minges



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Tom Minges was chairman board of directors for Minges Bottling Group.

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Thomas Eugene Minges, 56, a businessman and philanthropist of Eastern North Carolina, was laid to rest after suffering a heart attack Thursday.

Tom Minges was chairman of the board of directors and chief financial officer of Minges Bottling Group Inc., a distributor of Pepsi-Cola products in Eastern North Carolina. He also graduated from ECU in 1976 with a degree in business.

Minges Coliseum was named after the Minges family in 1966 when John

Minges, the president of the bottling company at that time, donated \$25,000. This was the largest single private gift ever received by the college. Afterward, the ECC trustees voted unanimously to name the building after the M. O. Minges family, not only for the donation, but for the growing support that they offered.

The Minges family formed The Orange Crush Bottling Company in 1923. The family then purchased the rights to sell Pepsi-Cola products in Eastern North Carolina in 1935. Tom Minges joined the company in 1976 along with his cousin Jeff, now the president and CEO of Minges Bottling Group.

Tom Minges was a leader in a merger between three family-owned Minges bottling companies in Greenville, Kinston and New Bern, into one central plant now located in Ayden. That plant now employs about 250 people and serves 14 counties in Eastern North Carolina.

Jeff Minges told the Daily Reflector, "It's terrible this has happened to a 56-year-old, vibrant, wonderful human being. He gave so much to people, to his family and to this company."

Lenoir County Commissioner Tommy Pharo has worked for Minges Bottling Group for the last 10 years as a consultant with the company's business development division. He told ENCToday, "Tom was really down to earth. The entire Minges family, this generation especially, you are not just an employee, you are family. He was always good for a joke or two and seemed to always have a smile on his face."

Minges is well known for all that he did to give back to his community and especially his alma mater. Tom supported the school and its athletics program, especially the football team. His father, Dr. Ray Minges, served as the team physician in the 1960s.

The businessman volunteered his time and money in supporting a number of outreach organizations across the region, including the Greenville Boys and Girls Club and Pitt Memorial Hospital Foundation.

Just last month, Tom Minges attended an event at Pitt Community College where Minges Bottling group announced a \$250,000 donation to North Carolina community colleges over the next five years. That donation will provide one-year scholarships to 144 recipients.

In an interview with The Daily Reflector, Jeff Minges said, "Tom felt strongly about higher education. He also realized the recent downturn in the economy made it difficult for many students to afford a higher education. He was a strong proponent of leveraging some of our initiatives for 2011 toward a scholarship program for the eight community colleges Minges Bottling Group serviced."

Tom Minges is survived by his wife of 37 years, Kay Minges, four daughters, Michelle Minges, Heather Wiggins, Kristen Nobles and Blair Minges, three grandchildren and two sisters.

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Joyner reaches \$100,000 goal

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Joyner Library has met the \$100,000 goal for the Donald R. Lennon University Archives Endowment Fund.

All of the official records of the university are collected and made available to researchers in the university archives in Joyner Library.

This \$100,000 endowment fund will help provide the funds needed to process the extensive information in the archives. Included in the archives are correspondence, minutes, student records, rare film footage and nearly 500,000 images of the university dating from 1909 to today. This will allow students, faculty, alumni and people of the community to access items that were unavailable before.

Larry Boyer, the dean of the Academic Library and Learning Resources, said, "About a year ago, we looked at our services and what we hope to accomplish here as a library, and we decided one of the most important things would be to ensure that the university archives was funded adequately."

Boyer said that about 80 percent of the university archives files are unprocessed thus far. This funding will help to process these files. Boyer said that the money will be used for supplies such as archive quality paper, folders and boxes that will ensure that documents will not decay further. The fund will also be used to hire additional students and graduate students to help organize and process the files and make "finding aids," which help researchers find the information they are looking for more quickly.

Kimberly Wade, senior biology major and employee of the library, said, "It's great that the money will make the archives more accessible for students, because ECU and its history is a big part of everyone's life that goes here."

The endowment was named in

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Final draft of master plan to be presented

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Consultants from the Smith Group and JJR will be on campus to discuss the final outline of the university's campus master plan.

The representatives will be on campus both June 29 and 30; faculty, staff, students and community members are invited to the open forum which will be held on the day of their arrival.

According to the Institutional Planning, Assessment and Research webpage, the master plan aims at facilitating, "a coming period of unprecedented growth and expansion that will be a logical extension of the university's heritage."

The webpage also says the plan is meant to "establish overall goals, objectives and design principles that serve as a framework for future physical development and provide long range planning for architecture, land use, space use, landscape, transportation, parking and utilities."

The master plan is designed to deal with the next 15 years of growth and integrate the needs of East Campus, Health Sciences Campus, West Research Campus, varsity athletics and student housing, as well as the campus interface with the city of Greenville.

The university initially presented its preliminary master plan on March 22 and 23 and then accepted suggestions on the draft from the campus and local community until April 22.

According to a preliminary draft survey of 978 respondents, which was taken mostly faculty and staff, most people said they did not attend previous presentations of the master plan but had concerns regarding it.

Junior and criminal justice major Danielle Mullen said she will be unable to attend the final open forum; however, she feels there is much that can be done to improve campus. Many of her concerns fall under the final draft's provisions.

"I think a more updated version of everything will be better for students," said Mullen.

Mullen also said she feels the parking on campus is inadequate and needs to be improved. "The parking on campus is ridiculous; students shouldn't have to fight for the parking that we pay for."

These concerns included: preserving open spaces, employ ample parking on campus and connecting the medical campus to downtown and main campus.

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honor of Donald R. Lennon, director of the East Carolina Manuscript Collection and coordinator of Special Collections. It was established with support from private donors and supporters, Friends of Joyner Library and with funds from a gift to the library given by Mamie P. Daniel of Grimesland. The Friends of Joyner Library is a nonprofit organization made up of volunteers, students, alumni, corporate partners and community members who support J.Y. Joyner Library.

In an interview with ECU News Services, honoree Donald R. Lennon said, "A major endowment to support the work of the ECU University Archives is both exciting and vital to the program's future. I am honored beyond words to be associated with this wonderful endeavor."

Fundraising for the University Archives began more than a year ago with support from former U.S. Senator Robert Morgan and from Friends of Joyner Library. Robert Morgan donated papers to the Special Collections Department. The Friends of Joyner Library coordinated a raffle of Bob Pittman's oil painting, "Harbor Reflections." Pittman is a respected regional artist and the raffle of his painting raised almost \$6,000 for the endowment fund.

ECU News Services reported that Maury York, assistant director for Special Collections, said, "We are delighted to establish this endowment in honor of Don Lennon, who devoted his career to building the Special Collections Department, including the University Archives, into an important research repository. The income derived from the endowment will be instrumental in preserving the heritage of ECU and in making it accessible to the public."

Katie Wicker, counselor and adult education graduate student, said, "Definitely I think this will be useful to students. Especially those that are into that kind of stuff, and students that do a lot of research, like history majors and history grad students."

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MASTER PLAN

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The plan separated needs into immediate and future opportunities and utilized possible ideas from already existing structures on other campuses across the country, including safe pedestrian pathways and shared service.

Sophomore Clair Parker said she feels the pedestrian walkways already on campus can use some improvements themselves.

"Some of the walkways are kind of unsafe, they could use more lights or emergency stations close by," said Parker.

Parker who is a nursing major would benefit from the closer connection of the medical campus with main campus.

"There should be more buses offered through the night, however," said Parker.

All drafts of the plan were created after a consultant planning team and advisory com-

mittee conferred with a finance committee, land planning committee, athletics committee and a safety and security committee among many others.

In conjunction, the plans were presented through the open forum method to community citizens, students, alumni and both faculty and staff.

Three different forums will be held on June 29 to discuss the final draft for faculty, staff and community, from 4 to 5:30 p.m. in the Croatan Greene Room; from 4 to 5:30 p.m. in the Allied Health Room 1305; and from 6 to 7:30 p.m. in the Greenville Centre Conference Room 1200.

The university invites anyone who is interested in providing input regarding the final draft of the master plan to attend.

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AmeriCorps grant to engage 170 student mentors

Staff Reports

Communities in Schools of North Carolina announced a partnership with NC Campus Compact. A grant from Corporation for National and Community Service gives 170 North Carolina college stu-

dents the opportunity to serve as AmeriCorp members in the ADVANCE program, AmeriCorps Dedicated to VA and NC Children Excelling.

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ATTACK OF THE INCOMING FRESHMAN!

Orientation has started: Let the slutty freshman commence!

My favorite part of accounting is Wednesdays when I read the best Pirate Rants out loud at the beginning of class.

A tip from me to you: Use the buddy system when going downtown.

Can calculus be used in anything but calculus?

There are 79 days till Pirate football starts. Yes, I am counting. Yes, you should be counting also.

The Greenville PD is looking for ways to cut costs? How about stop using pepper spray like it's silly string.

Are you trying to gain a pound for every guy you sleep with this year? Because you're up 20 for both. Congratulations!

Why isn't "friends with benefits" a relationship status?

So I just realized that my final is the day after my 21st birthday. FAIL.

How could a drunk bus that stops drinking and driving be lame? The DD Express bus is a great service, it's packed with students every time I see it. Props to who started it and thanks for making the Pirate community a safer place!

I wouldn't ride my bike on the sidewalk if drivers could stop forcing me into the curb.

Ah, the republican primary. Just like shark week!

It bothers you when a non-black person says the "N-word," but it's perfectly fine to say it if you're black? Yeah, that definitely makes sense.

Seriously though, when's that beach out by NCC gonna be ready?

To my hot TA: You're the only reason I went to class.

What makes me so undateable? I can't lower my standards much more, boys. Half-decent looking and willing to feign enough interest to actually call. That's all I'm asking.

To the ghetto people walking on campus blasting music from their phones: Really?

Rhinos are just evil unicorns!

Why does it take 10 minutes to log onto the computers in Austin? I only need to print one thing!

After taking summer classes, I realize how unnecessarily drawn out semester-long courses are.

You know you go to ECU when you try to sit near the windows in class to tan while learning.

My lab partner and I took the elevator after class. Out of the blue he kissed me and I pushed him back. I shouted at him "I'm not gay." I felt bad because he kept apologizing. If you read this, I forgive you and am sorry for the way I handled the situation. You can still be my lab partner instead of working by yourself.

Who comes to ECU to look for a husband? Not only did you choose the wrong campus but it's not the 50s anymore, honey.

When the test average for the class is a 30 percent, something is wrong.

Why is Adele so amazing?

ECU: If you're going to make me pay outrageous rates for insurance, make it a decent one that pays for stuff. Patience Level: Beyond outraged.

Tax money for drugs



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Sometimes life can be hard. Sometimes, certain conditions make it difficult to make ends meet. When you find yourself in the midst of those conditions, the federal government is there to bail you out by providing you with welfare.

Over the years, however, the welfare program and other forms of government assistance have been chronically abused, and a certain feeling of entitlement has cropped up among some of those receiving government benefits.

The question arises: is the system abused because it's easy to abuse or is it abused because those on welfare are predisposed to being abusers?

Public Law 104-121 was created in 1996 because of the belief that welfare recipients spent the money on drugs and alcohol and that welfare was effectively "aiding and abetting addiction." To that end, the law states that alcoholism and substance abuse will no longer be considered disabilities. Recently, the ACLU filed a lawsuit against Florida governor Rick Scott because Scott believes, and rightly so, that Florida residents should be able to trust that their tax dollars aren't being distributed to welfare recipients and then on to drug dealers.

Generally speaking, a person suffering from severe drug addiction does not have a lot of money — mostly because every dime he can get his



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hands on is going towards drugs. So the government wants to step in and offer these individuals some assistance in paying for necessary items like food and shelter.

The problem is this: if Uncle Sam is footing the bill to cover Maslow's hierarchy of needs, then what scant amounts the addict was diverting towards necessities are now freed up

because the figure is so staggering that I can't keep an accurate tally. Frankly, it's out of control, and something must be done about it. Come on, Bev. Make it happen!

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and totally expendable. Guess where he will choose to spend that money? I'll give you a hint: it's not going to be on Junior Mints or Kung Fu Panda 2 in 3-D (which was totally awesome, by the way).

According to the Sun Sentinel, Scott ordered that many "of the state's poorest people will have to take a drug test if they want to qualify for welfare assistance."

The ACLU claims that "requiring job applicants to 'pee in a cup' to test for drugs and randomly selecting current public employees to do the same is unconstitutional."

If it is deemed that drug testing is unconstitutional, I have a lot of former part-time employers that better give me my fricken' job back.

This is an excellent stance, and Scott should be congratulated for his steadfastness. Then again, allowing oneself to be spooked by the ACLU is a lot like jumping at something as benign as your own shadow.

Currently, Florida is the only state that has a law in place to drug test welfare recipients. North Carolina needs a law like that — something fierce. Working in my clinical at Pitt County Memorial Hospital, I couldn't tell you how many drug abusers I encounter who are also on welfare. Partly because the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act won't let me, and partly

Cutting holes in logic

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ECU was founded as a teaching university in 1907 and was later called the "East Carolina Teachers' Training School." Today, ECU's College of Education is still one of the largest colleges at the university. ECU is one of seventeen universities in NC involved with "Teaching Fellows."

The North Carolina Teaching Fellows is not just a scholarship. It's like teacher ROTC. It's an eight-year commitment, with four years in college and four years teaching in North Carolina public schools.

The students in the program, recruited from high schools across the state, must maintain a C+ average and attend all Teaching Fellows activities and enrichment experiences. They live, study, travel and learn to lead together.

The program lists "providing opportunities and experiences that encourage the development of leaders and decision makers" and "instilling a sense of mission, service and professionalism in the Teaching Fellows" among its goals.

If we cut the program from our schools, especially at ECU, we will be diminishing the foundation of society and our heritage.

Students can tell when a teacher doesn't love what he or she does. A bad teacher is little more than a glorified babysitter. We have all probably had a teacher at some point that reads for countless hours out of a textbook, or did something equally as mundane and uncreative.

Thankfully, though, most of us have also been inspired by a teacher whose job is not just a paycheck, but a calling.

According to Jo Ann Norris, administrator of the Teaching Fellows program, 84 percent of recent graduates of the program have remained in education. Nearly 4,000 former fellows were employed in 99 of 100 counties in NC during the 2010-2011 school year.

It seems to me that the vast majority of Teaching Fellows graduates see teaching as their calling.

Without this program, however, many students will never be able to realize or afford this calling. Without the \$26,000 scholarship from the Teaching Fellows, many students and their families would not be able to afford a four-year university.

The Teaching Fellows program was started in 1986. If the proposed budget cut is approved, then the freshmen entering college in 2012 will be the last class of Teaching Fellows.

Students, parents and alumni have written thousands of letters to North Carolina legislators, urging them not to cut the Teaching Fellows program. But it seems the public outcry is not enough.

I don't have a solution for the budget crisis. Figuring out which programs to cut must be a grueling and heartbreaking process; but no matter what, someone will feel shafted.

If NC government approves the proposed budget cuts, the North Carolina Teaching Fellows program will be phased out by 2015. This would mean that our future classmates, our younger siblings and, someday, even our children would be the ones getting shafted.

As of June 12, Gov. Bev Purdue vetoed the GOP-authored state budget proposal. Her veto is likely to be overridden by Republican leaders in the Senate.

Teaching is one of the most important jobs in the world. The Teaching Fellows program is important because it is designed to turn future teachers into leaders. Ending a valuable program with a history of success and the potential to drastically improve K-12 public education in NC would be worse than a shame. It's grossly illogical.

There are not enough good teachers in the world. In this time of economic turmoil, we need dedicated, skilled and enthusiastic educators now more than ever. These educators and the children they teach are our future, and they need to be led by people who care. The North Carolina Teaching Fellows must stay.

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Advances for LGBT community



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President Obama has declared June as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Heritage Month. As I watched the story, I thought about what this recognition may mean to thousands of teens and young adults as they embarked into their future after graduating high school or college.

What would this recognition of their community mean for their levels of confidence and optimism in the acknowledgment of LGBT issues and concerns by the larger community? Would events like these lead to a continued dialogue regarding the legitimization of concerns of interest to LGBT individuals, like combating bullying on school campuses or the ability to have a nationally recognized legal right to marry?

Within the context of higher education, resource programs that specialize in highlighting LGBT issues are instrumental in providing assistance for LGBT students and faculty.

The Advocate, a leading publication in the LGBT community, publishes an annual report on the colleges and universities with the best resources and services. UNC-CH is one of the universities mentioned in the Advocate's guide.

UNC fares well in regards to several key elements of campus inclusiveness. As of 2008, the university introduced a sexuality studies minor

and has been a prominent sponsor of the Unity Conference. Since 2001, this conference has been a venue to discuss pertinent LGBT issues among both the LGBT community and their allies.

But what about resources at ECU? How do we compare to our fellow North Carolina school? Programs and services for LGBT students have evolved significantly to ensure the voice of the ECU LGBT community is heard.

One of the primary influential programs on campus was the Safe Zone Program, which was championed by Aaron Lucier of the Department of Housing. It consists of a training program that involves faculty and staff engaging LGBT students regarding their experiences on campus. The goal is to make ECU a more inclusive environment. After a two and a half hour training time, the participating faculty member receives a sticker that they can place in their office that allows students the opportunity to know that they can discuss issues of concern with that person in a safe and non-judgmental environment.

Currently, the LGBT Resource Office is located in the B-wing of the Brewster Building. It has a multifaceted mission centered on being a voice for this community on campus. Some of its concerns include providing a secure and safe environment for LGBT students and faculty and their allies.

Additionally, the office has the goal of advocating for the LGBT community and increasing the awareness, knowledge and presence of the community. According to the office's director, Summer Wisdom, the issue of the safety of LGBT students on campus was central in a recent activity

by the office.

On June 10, the LGBT Resource Office compiled a campus-wide map of single-occupancy, gender-neutral restrooms on campus. This event related to the safety of students on campus who are transgender or express their gender identity in an alternate manner than what society regulates.

This identification of gender-neutral, single-occupancy restrooms is critical for students who wish to have the dignity and respect of being themselves without having to face scrutiny or harassment due to their gender identity from peers and faculty on campus.

Additionally, the LGBT Resource Office is a critical element in providing educational seminars to classes across campus and during orientation. As a result of the efforts of the LGBT Resource Office and other campus LGBT organizations, new classes within the Department of Sociology and the Women's Studies Program are being offered in the fall semester of this year. These courses will study the history and evolution of the LGBT community and the effect of its status on various socioeconomic factors like family and education.

Clearly, the LGBT Resource Office is a valuable tool for advocacy and a liaison between members of the LGBT student/faculty community and the ECU student/faculty community at large. Hopefully, ECU will be recognized for its continuous efforts in future national lists and rankings.

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E3 upgrades the gaming world

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For newcomers and veterans of the gaming world, this year's Electronic Entertainment Expo, held in Los Angeles, featured several unveilings to get excited about.

Perhaps the biggest announcement came from Nintendo, which introduced their new Wii U, which is the follow-up console to the Wii. The new system features a handheld controller with the usual controls, but now includes a touch screen and camera that faces the user.

"The Wii U is a big push towards more wireless gaming," said Jason Luther, a Greenville Best Buy employee. "The tablet-style controller offers a never-ending gaming experience within range of the system."

The creators of the system wanted users from all levels of experience to enjoy gaming with the Wii U.

"We've always been about bringing the gaming to the masses, but we've also tried to cater to the veteran gamers," said Charlie Scibetta, corporate communications representative for Nintendo, during an E3 All Access interview for the official E3 website.

Since online gaming is typically a veteran gamer's favorite, this newly developed system is going to be more "centralized" with the online world and less stressful for teams formed by multiplayer.

There is no need to worry about leaving the old Wii to accumulate dust since the Wii U is compatible, which means the Wii controllers and games will still work with the new console.

"U" meaning making the game system for you, the gamer. Also for the developer, we're giving them tools they never had before on a Wii," said Scibetta.

These tools are more user-friendly, so a large range of people can become a part of the gaming world.

"It's getting more involved and putting more players together with MMO's (massively-multiplayer) and FPS (first person shooter) games," said Luther.

The price has not been released, but discussion boards believe it will cost a great deal — impacting consumers' budgets. Scibetta also said it should be available sometime between April and late December 2012.

Other big announcements at E3 included Microsoft's plan to release Halo 4 in late 2012.

"It's a teaser. There's a few things in there that the hardcores (fans) are going to spot," said Frank O'Connor, franchise development director of 343 Industries, in another E3 All Access interview.

Sony also kept up with the competition by announcing their Playstation Vita, a new handheld system similar to their previous PSP system.

Two Vita models were created: the WiFi-only model that will retail at \$249.99 and the 3G model, which will retail at \$299.99.

Luther sees the changes happening with the unveiling of the new gaming consoles.

"Controllers have more and more buttons to allow for new actions," said Luther. "Now with the new consoles, the controllers get smaller... the consoles are making you the controller."

Microsoft's Kinect has thrown out the use of tangible controllers and made the gamer the controller.

"I believe the gaming world is heading towards augmented and virtual reality and away from a controller-based experience," said Luther.

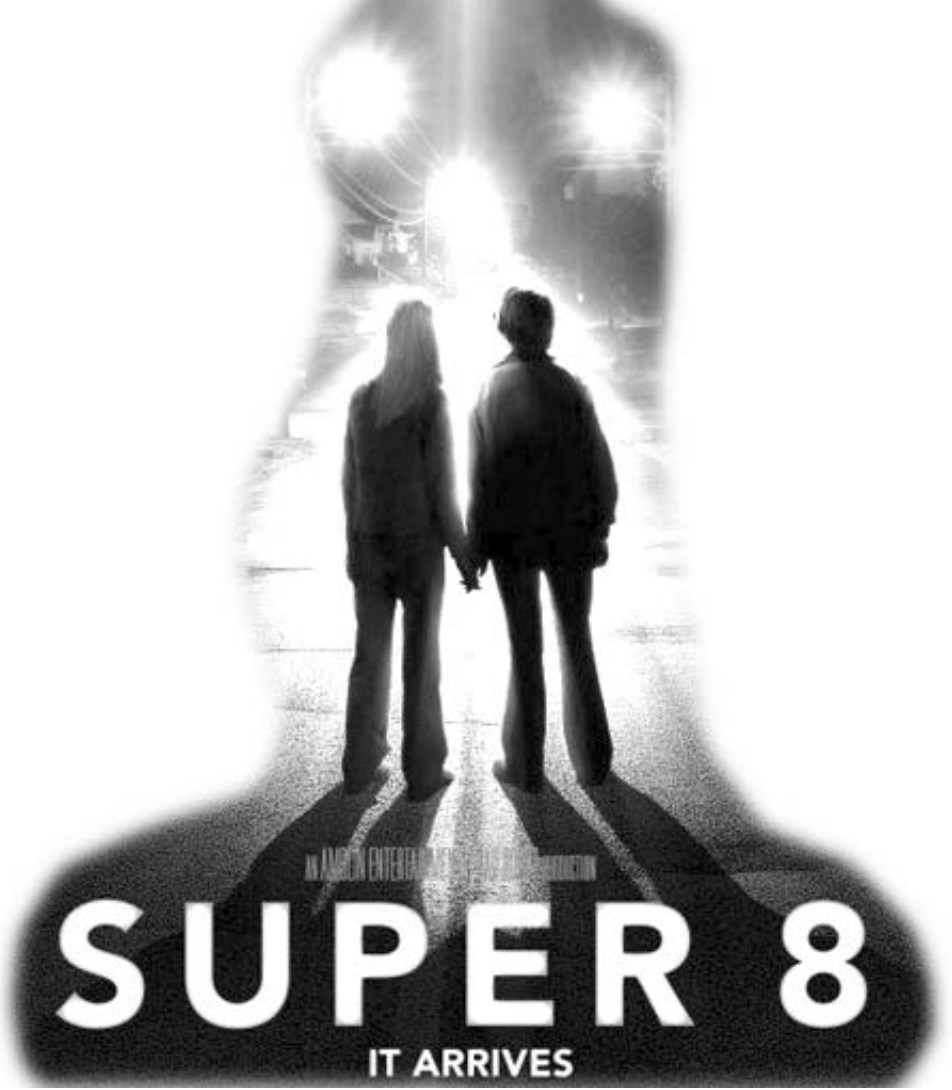
In addition to those announcements, Kinect Fun Labs, the Xbox Experience, FIFA 2012 and Call of Duty 3 were unveiled at this year's E3.

"Gaming has come a long way from repetitive levels and single player games; it is now about rich photo-realism and big multiplayer matches," said Luther.

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'Super 8':

A mesmerizing experience



"Super 8", starring Elle Fanning and Joel Courtney, brought in \$35.5 million over its opening weekend.

Movie Grade: A-

Hunter Ingram
LIFESTYLES EDITOR

Born out of love for a time when a movie's surprises weren't spoiled by the previews, JJ Abrams' "Super 8" easily achieves something that many films have forgotten how to do: blow you away.

For most people, Super 8 is just that mysterious movie where a train crashes, something breaks out of the wreckage and weird things start happening to a nearby town. But the beauty of this film is that it truly is so much more than that.

Set in the summer of 1979, the film tells the story of middle-schooler Joe Lamb, who, with his friends, witnesses the derailment of a train on the outskirts of their small Ohio town. But as they start to piece together the clues left behind, the group soon realizes that something has indeed escaped from the train and is hiding out nearby.

While this may sound like a very basic and generic set up for a sci-fi movie, the way the film is executed and what JJ Abrams does as director with this movie is awe-inspiring.

However, this film's achievements can't be solely placed on Abrams' shoulders. The cast of Super 8 really is the foundation of the film. They carry this movie in

a way that emphasizes how few recent movies have featured a cast with the level of chemistry and realistic qualities that this cast shares.

Newcomer Joel Courtney heads up the cast as Joe Lamb, a young boy who is desperately trying to find his footing in the wake of his mother's tragic death and the spotty relationship he shares with his father. 14-year-old Courtney is perfect for the role because it requires him to hold onto his innocence, while still stepping up and becoming the mature hero he has to be to face certain dangers.

And, like any young boy, Joe is rarely far from his misfit friends. Instantly relatable and a source of some of the movie's funnier moments, these friends each have their own quirks, like any group of friends does. One is a pyromaniac, one is very bossy but insecure, one is constantly nervous and paranoid and one is a geek. And as a group, they bring back fond memories of "The Goonies."

Elle Fanning, Dakota Fanning's younger sister, plays the lone girl of the group. Alice, her character, has secretly been the object of Joe's affection. Though a tough tomboy, Alice too has an imperfect relationship with her father, which provides a basis for her and Joe's sweet love story.

Together, these friends are the best part of the film. Their imagination and thirst for wonder provide some great scenes that revolve around the zombie film that

The Scullery aims to revitalize downtown

April Sharp
STAFF WRITER

Hundreds came to the corner of Evans and Fifth Street Saturday, excited to see the opening of The Scullery. For co-owners Matt and Erin Scully, this opening means the beginning of a shared dream.

After graduating from ECU in 2004, the couple initially moved to New Orleans, where Matt became manager of Community Coffee and both pursued careers in music. However, when Hurricane Katrina forced them to leave, they decided to return to Greenville.

The lack of independent coffee shops in the city always stood out to them. So, since they both have extensive experience in food service, they decided to open one.

The name for their new coffeehouse and creamery has several meanings, including a play on their last name, the word "creamery" and a tribute to a store in Matt's father's restaurant.

When the City of Greenville's Revitalization Commission held a small business plan competition earlier this year, The Scullery was one of six finalists to receive a financial award, based on their merit to promote business downtown.

Although the detailed economic plans began the summer before its opening, Matt thought of owning a store long before.

"Coffee and ice cream make people happy," explains Matt, "and it seemed like a need for the community to have a place where they can get those two things."

The decision to also serve food was influenced by the couple's experience in cooking for friends.

"People who came over for dinner always loved our food and showed interest in it," explains Erin.

The Scullys have strong connections here as well. Matt has served as an Episcopal Campus Minister for the past 5 years, and Erin teaches music at Oakwood Pre-K-12th grade school. Getting The Scullery started has been a community effort. A fellow church member designed the logo. Matt's younger brother made a sign of the coffeehouse's name out of wine corks that he collected while serving as a waiter.

Senior health education and promotion major

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Orientation Assistants welcome class of 2015

Kate Wiggins
STAFF WRITER

As high-school seniors graduate and begin the countdown to college move-in day, ECU's Orientation Assistants are prepping for the incoming freshmen's arrival.

OAs are a group of upper-classmen who ensure that all aspects of summer orientation run smoothly. OAs are the positive campus representatives that welcome incoming Pirates as they arrive for their first overnight stay on campus.

According to Alyssa Robinson, a junior communication major, "an OA's main goal is to help students leave East Carolina with all of their questions answered and excited to return in the fall."

Tori Pinchuk, a junior recreational therapy major, has aspired to be an OA since her freshman orientation two years ago.

"I've always been active and outgoing my entire life," said Pinchuk. "Being an OA is just something that fits my personality."

Pinchuk was chosen as an alternate for summer 2010; however, she reapplied and was chosen to be an OA for summer. Pinchuk is the leader of a small group during this year's first orientation. "I'm really excited about it. I'm a little anxious, but it really is an honor."

Ann Schafer, a junior theatre major, decided that she wanted to be an OA to show new students what to expect when they arrive at ECU in the fall. As an OA, Schafer has several different duties, such as: giving tours, answering questions and doing late-night rounds in the residence hall.

"I love being a leader on campus and being involved in different organizations," Schafer said. "Everyone that is an OA has been a leader on campus before, so we bounce ideas off of each other. All of us are getting along great."

In preparation for the first orientation, OAs had training from 8:30 a.m.



Several 2011 OAs prepare packets for freshmen that came to the first orientation session, which began on Monday.

to around 6 p.m. for a week. According to Robinson, the OAs learned the many aspects of campus life and different resources for incoming freshmen, as well as the changes being made within Campus Living and Joyner Library.

"Actual training for orientation is a long, but very fun, process," Robinson said.

Pinchuk says that the best part of training was going to ECU's ropes course with her fellow OAs.

"The ropes course challenge really helped you get to know people on an emotional basis," said Pinchuk. "Through it all, we bonded, established trust and communicated to get out of sticky situations. It was a great experience."

Pinchuk, an out-of-state student from Connecticut, said ECU's campus made her feel at home right away. This year, orientation leaders will break students up into groups by region. Pinchuk is a leader for the Northeast region.

"Basically we'll talk about how people get home for holidays, which is really helpful for a freshman," said Pinchuk. "I think it's really amazing, I would've loved to have that at my orientation."

Other regions being represented include North Carolina, Southeast, Midwest and "Best of the Rest."

Robinson, also a part of ECU's Greek Life, loves introducing the newcomers to life as a Pirate.

"I love East Carolina," Robinson

said. "I want to encourage new students to love the university as much as I do. I hope to instill the same spirit that I have for ECU in (their) hearts."

Schafer says it's rewarding to know that she's made a difference. "It's nice to make an impact on the lives of incoming freshmen and make them a little more excited to come to college."

As a spokesperson for ECU, Pinchuk hopes freshmen feel that they have made the best choice of their lives by choosing ECU. "Pirate Nation really is a great place to be" said Pinchuk.

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Co-owner Erin Scully serves customers who came to The Scullery's grand opening on June 11. DOUG MACKENSIE | THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Alex Reichmeider went with a group of friends to clean up the building that had been unused for months. "Matt's a great guy so when we heard he needed some help, we were more than willing to give him a hand," said Reichmeider. "We helped with painting (the walls) and getting the place into shape." The Scullery is aiming to revitalize not only the downtown economy, but downtown culture as well. Among students, downtown is currently more popular for its nighttime scene

only. But Chef Micheal Blanchard, a graduate of Johnson and Wales culinary school, believes that The Scullery plays a role in changing downtown. "I think it's a great start," said Blanchard. "We're doing so much stuff that hasn't been seen in this town. Once people see what we're doing - it's going to be more popular and there'll be more businesses like this." Musicians can perform in a venue area. Every few months, different artists' work will be displayed on the walls. Even

amateur artists can doodle with chalk on the blacktop tables. A goal of The Scullery is to be a "third place" - a place that is not someone's business or home, but somewhere that they can call their own and spend a lot of time at. "We want it to be a friendly, comfortable place for everybody," said Matt. "We want people to feel welcome and relaxed." This writer can be contacted at lifestyles@theeastcarolinian.com.

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that the ending will by no means ruin everything that the movie is working towards. In fact, what Abrams has created isn't just a clever monster movie, but instead a multi-layered film that is part coming-of-age story, part family drama, part "Stand By Me" or "The Goonies," and then, part suspenseful creature feature. Super 8 has a depth to it that most movies would kill for. It is a great film because of the ability to be more than what it seems on the surface. Between its cool retro feel, lovable cast and eerie tension, Super 8 is more than a movie. It's an experience.

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Track and Field season ends at NCAA Championships

Staff Reports

Injuries hampered ECU's 4x400 relay tandem Thursday night as the weather-delayed NCAA Outdoor Championships continued at Drake Stadium in Des Moines, Iowa.

The team of freshmen Aiesha Goggins, Tyshonda Hawkins and Tania Minkins, along with sophomore Tiffany Harris, was unable to complete the event and did not record a time. The third and final heat was contested Friday afternoon.

Texas A&M won the event in 3:29.34, followed by Auburn, Oregon and Florida. North Carolina rounded out the top five.

The quartet still had a solid season, finishing third at the Conference USA Outdoor Championships and sixth at the NCAA East Preliminary Round to book a spot in the national meet. Their school-record time of 3:35.75 set at the latter championships stood as the 20th-fastest among all NCAA participants.

It was also the first relay participation for either gender since the 4x400 and 4x100 men's teams finished a respective fourth and seventh at the 2002 NCAA Outdoor Championships. Both times of 3:02.81 and 39.66 were fast enough to warrant All-America status.

On the first day of competition Wednesday, Goggins posted a time of 52.75 in the 400-meters to finish in 10th place nationally. Her season-best 51.94, a C-USA and school record, currently ranks among the top 40 in the world.

Paisley awarded C-USA Scholarship

Staff Reports

Toni Paisley, an ECU graduate who recently completed her eligibility with the Pirate softball team, has been named one of 12 Conference USA recipients of the Jim Castañeda Postgraduate Scholarship Award, according to an announcement Monday by league commissioner Britton Banowsky.

C-USA annually presents the \$4,000 postgraduate scholarships to graduates selected by the conference's faculty athletics representatives and approved by the board of directors. This is the third year the award has been named for Dr. Castañeda, who served Rice University for 46 years as an educator, coach and faculty athletics representative before he passed away in November 2008.

Paisley, the three-time C-USA Pitcher-of-the-Year, plans to attend Long Beach State and earn a master's degree in criminal justice.

The Lakewood, Calif., native graduated cum laude with a Bachelor of Science degree in social work in May 2010 and wrapped up her eligibility with the Pirate softball program in May after becoming the school and conference record holder in career wins, strikeouts, innings pitched and appearances. Last month, Paisley was named to the Capital One Academic All-District 3 Second Team for the first time. She also repeated as a C-USA Softball All-Academic Team selection following her nod to the team in 2010.

A five-time member of the Commissioner's Academic Honor Roll, Paisley also received national attention for her academic prowess in February, when she was named a top-30 candidate for the Lowe's Senior CLASS Award. An acronym for Celebrating Loyalty and Achievement for Staying in School, the Lowe's Senior CLASS Award focuses on the total student-athlete and encourages students to use their platform in athletics to make a positive impact as leaders in their communities. Paisley was the only student-athlete selected from C-USA.

SIX PIRATES SELECTED IN MLB DRAFT

Adam Bunn
STAFF WRITER

With the 2011 college baseball season over for the ECU baseball team, the attention of the coaching staff and players turned to what they will have for the 2012 season. The first step in determining what pieces the Pirates will have available was revealed last week as six Pirates were selected in the 2011 Major League Baseball First Year Amateur Draft.

Mike Wright, Zach Wright, Seth Maness, Shawn Armstrong, Brad Mincey and Seth Simmons were all selected in the draft after having stellar seasons this past year.

While all six of these Pirates had a tremendous 2011 season, they all got to this position by having consistent careers, rather than being one-hit wonders.

Mike Wright: RHP/Jr.
Selected: 94th overall
(Baltimore Orioles)

Wright, from Laurinburg, started 16 games for the Pirates this season and posted a 6-4 record with a 2.79 ERA. Wright led Conference USA in strikeouts looking and starts, while also ranking among the leaders in innings pitched, opposing batting average, ERA and strikeouts. His six wins in 2011 came against Youngstown State, No. 10 Virginia, Rutgers (twice), Delaware State and Tulane. Coming into the season, Wright was named the No. 14 overall prospect by Perfect Game and with his selection he became the highest Pirate drafted since Pat Watkins was drafted 32nd overall by the Cincinnati Reds in 1993. Wright gained his first collegiate win against South Carolina on June 1, 2009.

Zach Wright: C/Jr.
Selected: 211th overall
(Philadelphia Phillies)

The Goldsboro native Wright earned second-team all C-USA honors after starting all 62 games behind the plate for the Pirates. Wright led the Pirates in home runs for the second-straight season after smashing 13 home runs. Wright ranked among the league leaders in total bases and slugging percentage. In his ECU career, Wright batted .272 with 30 HRS, 93 runs scored and 94 RBIs.



Senior Seth Maness pitching against Rice during the 2011 season.

Seth Maness: RHP/Sr.
Selected: 350th overall
(St. Louis Cardinals)

Maness is one of the most consistent pitchers in Pirate history. The Pinehurst native was named first team all C-USA for a fourth time in his Pirates career. On the year, Maness posted a 10-3 record with a 1.71 ERA, ranking second in C-USA. Maness fired five complete games on the season while ranking

among the league leaders in fewest walks allowed, wins, opposing batting average, innings pitched, fewest runs allowed, starts and strikeouts. He has recorded wins against Youngstown State, Pepperdine, Monmouth, Memphis, UCF, Delaware State, Tulane, Southern Miss and Navy. Career numbers of 38-11 with a 3.54 ERA in 411.2 innings pitched in 61 starts.

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Self investigation saves ECU

OPINION



Carlos Olivera
STAFF WRITER

The past year to year and a half, it seems the NCAA has been filled with scandals from major college programs. First there was USC with Reggie Bush back in 2005, then Lane Kiffin in Tennessee, last year UNC had its share of problems with some athletes taking extra benefits from agents, and just recently there was a scandal with Terrelle Pryor and Ohio State.

ECU has found itself in its own academic fraud scandal involving four baseball players and one woman's tennis player. It was reported last spring that the four baseball players were caught passing off their tutor's work, the women's tennis player, as their own.

It was reported that the women's tennis player wrote a paper for two of the baseball players. She also did a PowerPoint presentation for another player, and reportedly wrote eight papers for the fourth athlete.

"ECU is embarrassed by the unacceptable academic fraud committed by a few student athletes who acted on their own volition," Chancellor Steve Ballard said in a statement.

The Pirates sanctions include probation, but do not include any reduction in scholarships, no sanctions in recruiting, nor does it prohibit any postseason play. The NCAA did not impose any further penalties and actually reduced the probation from two years down to one.

ECU, however, will have to vacate wins in both sports due to the academic fraud. The Pirates baseball team must vacate 17 wins from the 2010 season, including the big win over South Carolina. Also, the woman's tennis team must vacate eight of their wins.

I believe ECU got off easier than most programs for two reasons. First, ECU did an excellent job with their compliance office. They investigated the situation thoroughly, took the proper steps to make sure it doesn't happen again, and most importantly reported

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Reliable *play* defines success



No. 14: STEPHEN WHITWELL, JR. - MEN'S TENNIS
2006-2010

Jordan Anders
STAFF WRITER

Our fourth edition of Premiere Pirates is here. Up this week, we've got a premiere athlete from the world of men's tennis, and a swimmer who just finished up a career that ranks among the greatest in school history.

No. 14: Stephen Whitwell, Jr.
Men's Tennis
2006-2010

Throughout this countdown, a lot of emphasis has been put on individual accolades such as Player-of-the-Year awards, individual championships, and the like. But our No. 14 athlete is an example of how you don't have to have a full trophy case to be an outstanding athlete.

Stephen Whitwell came to ECU by way of Little Rock, Ark. As a freshman, he posted a singles record of 18-11 for the Pirates, while amassing a record of 10-19 in doubles play. While those numbers may seem unassuming enough, Whitwell was just gearing up for the two unbelievable seasons to follow.

Over his sophomore and junior seasons, Whitwell posted a combined singles record of 46-11, good for an outstanding .807 winning percentage. During the 2007-2008 campaign, he went 21-6 in singles play, going 6-1 in the fall and 15-5 during the spring schedule. Additionally, he teamed with two different partners to post a 15-7 record in doubles competition.

Whitwell peaked during his junior season in 2008-2009 when he won 16 of his first 18 matches on his way to a 25-5 record, including a perfect 11-0 mark at the No. 2 position in the lineup. His singles accomplishments that season included capturing the B-2 singles flight at the UNC-W Seahawk Fall Invitational in October 2008. On the doubles side, Whitwell played alongside two partners to post a career-best mark of 18-5 on the season. He ended the year by earning a spot on the C-USA All-Academic team.

Whitwell earned second-team All C-USA honors his senior season, going 13-12 in singles play and 15-7 in doubles competition. A four-year letter winner at ECU, Whitwell graduated with a 77-34 singles record and a career singles winning percentage of .667.



No. 13: THIAGO CAVALCANTI - MEN'S SWIMMING
2007-2011

No. 13: Thiago Cavalcanti
Men's Swimming
2007-2011

Our No. 13 entry adds a little bit of international flavor to our countdown. Hailing from Pernambuco, Brazil, Thiago Cavalcanti arrived at ECU in 2007 and has promptly put a decided stamp on the swimming history books.

Cavalcanti currently holds the men's varsity records in the 200-, 500-, 1000- and 1650-meter freestyle events. Additionally, he is also a part of the record-holding 200-, 400- and 800-meter relay teams.

In his freshman season, Cavalcanti earned All C-USA honors in the 500-meter freestyle by placing third in the event at the C-USA Championship meet in Feb. 2008. He set varsity freshman records in the 1000- and 1650-meter freestyle that still stand today. He continued breaking records as a sophomore and capped that season off by going to the C-USA Championships and garnering all-conference honors in three different events: the 200-, 500- and 1650-meter freestyle. His times in the 200- and

500-free still stand as the school record in those events.

As a junior in 2009-2010, Cavalcanti bested that mark of three All-Conference finishes by breaking two more varsity records and earning All C-USA honors in four events at the conference championship meet. In the 500- and 1650-free, he posted an NCAA B-cut time, which means he came in just short of the standard A-cut time that the NCAA uses as the automatic qualification benchmark for its championship meet. His 1000- and 1650- times from that event still hold the varsity records.

In his final year at ECU, Cavalcanti was a part of more history as he and his 800-meter relay partners set the school record in that event at the C-USA Championships. Cavalcanti ended his career as a four-time recipient of ECU's most outstanding male swimmer award, and promises to be remembered as a great Pirate for years to come.

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Weak NBA Draft class looks to stun critics

OPINION

Alex Serkes
STAFF WRITER



Now that the NBA finals are over, the NHL finals are nearing a conclusion, and the fact that Major League Baseball doesn't tend to get real exciting until late August early September, the upcoming NBA draft is one more event we have to look forward to this summer. What makes this draft especially interesting is the possibility that there could be no basketball next year, as a new collective bargaining agreement must be negotiated.

Sunday, to the liking of many (not all, but most), we witnessed King James and

the Big Three in Miami fall at the hands of Dirk Nowitzki and company of the Dallas Mavericks in a thrilling 4-2 championship series conclusion. So, at the season's end, the villains fell, the hero's prevailed and we are now treated to another summer and fall season full of LeBron James media hating and critiquing of every aspect of his life.

They may be partying like its 1995 in Dallas, but it's safe to say that one other town may be celebrating just as hard. Can you guess? Cleveland obviously. The town of losers and loveable misfits can finally wipe the sweat off their foreheads, take a deep breath, and once again taunt viciously at the long-time worshiped, turned pariah,

James. But wait, that's not all, the Cleveland Cavaliers were awarded the No. 1 overall pick and the No. 4 overall pick in May's NBA Lottery Drawing. Call it reparations for the city of Cleveland losing of LeBron, or call it a rigged conspiracy by David Stern and the corporate heads of the Association's front office. Whatever you think of it, Cavaliers majority owner and media deviant Dan Gilbert could not be happier. When he saw that the top spot open up for his team, he might as well have taken a glance over at former Duke point guard Kyrie Irving, who

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was in attendance.

As far as draft stories and projections go, the Cleveland Cavaliers will most likely take Kyrie Irving with the first overall selection. The Cavs are desperately looking to rebuild in the post-LeBron era. If such is the case, that will be the third time in the past four years that a point guard has been taken with the first overall pick. A pretty

clear distinction on what NBA teams are trying to build around, right? However, aside from maybe the top 10 or 8 picks, this draft class shows to be very weak. Nine overseas players are projected to go in the first round, which shows the drawback of the NCAA to produce quality stars for this upcoming draft. Last year, only one foreign player was drafted in the first round, and

five the entire draft.

Aside from Duke's Irving and Arizona's Derrick Williams, who I believe will certainly be an impact players in the future, there are a few hidden gems to be found in this year's draft. UConn's Kemba Walker, projected to go in the top ten, I think could be a Dwayne Wade type athlete. A guard with energy and unlimited potential, passed up

by a few teams, he can find the hoop and who can put a team on his shoulders. However, he will need to improve his jump shot. The Morris brothers out of Kansas, I feel, will be your old fashioned power forwards, inside bangers who grab rebounds,

get second chance points, and play great defense. I'm not sold on Brandon Knight and Enes Katner, the top foreign players in the draft. These players seem risky as top 5 selections. My sleeper pick goes to Kansas point guard Josh Selby, who has a

sort of under-the-radar, raw and unpolished point guard feel to him. Given some time, he could become a premier point guard in the NBA.

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Shawn Armstrong: RHP/RSo.
Selected: 548th overall
(Cleveland Indians)

Despite only being a Pirate for a little over two years, Armstrong from New Bern has become the go-to guy in the Pirates' bullpen, appearing in 19 games posting a 3-1 record with a 4.63 ERA. Armstrong was listed as the No. 7 prospect by Perfect Game and the No. 8 prospect by Baseball America entering his red shirt sophomore season. Career numbers: 4-3 overall record with a 4.45 ERA in 95 innings pitched in 43 games.

Brad Mincey: RHP/Sr.
Selected: 853rd overall
(Florida Marlins)

Named second team all C-USA, the Wilmington native closed out his senior season with a 1.57 ERA which not only led C-USA, but ranked seventh nationally. Appearing in a team-high 31 games, Mincey picked up wins against Pepperdine, High Point, Buffalo, Rutgers, Marshall and St. Johns. Ranked among league leaders in games in relief, fewest walks allowed, fewest hits allowed, games finished and wins. Career numbers: 22-13 with a 3.65 ERA in 249.0 innings pitched in 100 games.

Seth Simmons: RHP/Sr.
Selected: 1,204th overall
(Arizona Diamondbacks)

Appearing in 29 games, the Lewisville native posted a 6-2 record with six saves. Simmons, who became ECU's all-time saves leader on March 19 against Rutgers, recorded saves against No. 10 Virginia, Pepperdine, Monmouth, Rutgers, UCF and Tulane. Ranked among the league leaders in games finished, games in relief and saves. Career numbers: 13-8 with a 3.91 ERA in 117 games while recording 26 saves.

For Pirate baseball fans, it's important to note that only Brad Mincey, Seth Simmons and Seth Maness are the only ones of these six Pirates who will be 100 percent joining major league teams in the next few weeks. As for Shawn Armstrong, Zach Wright and Mike Wright, they have a major decision to make in the next few weeks and none of them have given any indication that they are close to making their choice.

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the infractions to the NCAA.

The one thing that will always make things worse is to lie. Take Jim Tressel and Ohio State for example. Five players were suspended for selling their own memorabilia for tattoos in December. The players had sold the memorabilia back in April of last year and it was first reported in December, even though Tressel knew along. If Ohio State had properly reported the sanctions, I can't imagine they would have received more than probation and maybe a scholarship reduction or two.

Now because Tressel lied about the incident for almost a year, he lost his job, Terrelle Pryor has left school, they will most likely face scholarship reductions and possibly vacate wins just like USC. Reggie Bush was ruled ineligible during the 2004 season for receiving improper benefits and the Trojans have been stripped of their 2004 National Championship.

The situations are a little different as Ohio State players received improper benefits and the ECU athletes cheated, but the way it was handled by each school is the reason for the penalties they will receive.

After hearing about the academic fraud, ECU took swift and proper action to make sure something like this doesn't happen again. Those actions included hiring an additional senior compliance officer, making sure student-athletes are no longer

hired as tutors in the Student Development Office within the athletics department. Also the Division of Academic Affairs, not athletics, oversees the Student Development Office. They have implemented more rigorous training for tutors and student-athletes.

The second reason I believe ECU got off a little easy is because the NCAA has bigger fish to fry than a relatively unknown university tucked away in Eastern North Carolina. Unfortunately, Pirate Nation still lies in the shadow of Duke, Carolina and even rival N.C. State for that matter. But that in no way takes away from the success in recent years for our athletic programs that include back-to-back C-USA titles for the football and softball teams as well as a title for woman's soccer and a regular season championship for men's baseball.

I am currently a senior and every time I go back home to Boston my friends and family still ask me "How's South Carolina?" Even though I believe the relative anonymity of our university played a small role in the NCAA not imposing further penalties, I believe the self investigation by the school was the major reason the NCAA didn't step in and conduct their own investigation or hand out stiffer penalties.

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