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PCDC
Emanuel Davis; Michael Bowman

Football players charged

Staff Reports

Two football players were arrested over the weekend outside of The Other Place nightclub in downtown Greenville.

Police say the incident happened early Saturday morning when Emanuel Davis and Michael Bowman were allegedly kicked out of the club and were seen yelling. After authorities asked them to leave, Bowman and Davis refused and were arrested.

Bowman and Davis posted separate \$3,000 secured bonds and left the Pitt County Detention Center Saturday. Davis is charged with being intoxicated and disruptive and resisting a public officer, while Bowman is charged with disorderly conduct and resisting a public officer. According to PCDC, all charges were considered misdemeanors.

Head Football Coach Ruffin McNeill and ECU athletics officials made a decision Tuesday afternoon to discipline the players. Bowman and Davis will be suspended from the season opener against South Carolina. In addition, the two will have to serve 25 hours of community service and will be required to issue formal apology letters to all law enforcement officers involved in the incident.

Bowman is a senior communication major and an inside receiver for the Pirates. Davis is also a senior communication major and is a defensive back.

Both appeared in court Monday morning where their bonds were set and their next court date was given.

Man found dead in road

Staff Reports

A man was found dead around 3 a.m. Sunday on Greenville Boulevard.

32-year-old William Jesse Bailey was lying in the road when a car narrowly hit him. WNCT reports that police do not know what caused Bailey's death or why he was laying in the road.

Andrew Perry was driving down the road when a friend dodged what they thought was a pile of clothes. After realizing it was a body, Perry told WNCT that he started to direct traffic around the scene and put a sheet over the man until police could arrive.

Paramedics pronounced the victim dead at the scene and police are asking anyone with information to call.

FedEx employee arrested

Staff Reports

WNCT reports that a FedEx employee was arrested after he obtained property by false pretenses.

The Pitt County Sheriff's Office arrested 22-year-old Daniel Sacks, who worked in the shipping area, after he allegedly opened shipments and removed items inside. Sacks then sent the empty boxes to wherever their original destination was.

Sacks allegedly stole an iPad, iPhones and other cellphones and sold them all online.

The investigation is still ongoing and Sacks is out on a \$10,000 secured bond.

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Smoke-free campuses now more common

Cameron Gupton
STAFF WRITER

North Carolina colleges and universities are making a more concentrated effort to adhere to the American College Health Association's regulations on campus smoking restrictions.

According to an UNC-Chapel Hill School of Medicine survey of all North Carolina colleges and universities, 88 percent of North Carolina's colleges and universities have smoking prevention policies in place.

This means that 97 out of 110 colleges in the state are taking steps to completely eliminate or cut down on campus smoking, and all 110 have smoke-free buildings.

The report also reveals that community colleges in the state have more smoke and tobacco free policies in place than both four-year public and private institutions do. Overall, 53 percent of community colleges have completely smoke free campuses as compared to the zero percent of public universities.

Public universities do, however, have some policies in place to reduce the amount of secondhand smoke on their campuses. Twelve have restrictions on smoking outside of building entrances and exits as four of these confine smoking to 100 feet from all campus buildings.

The report mentions that only 13 of the state's schools do not have any restrictions on smoking and that there is one school that has yet to eliminate indoor smoking.

Many students on campus feel that the university's policies could be enforced more strictly.

"I do think that the rules for smoking on campus should be enforced harder," said apparel merchandising major Crystal Hawkins. "If the rules are enforced harder, it could possibly change some people's habits."

"North Carolina clearly leads in the United States in its promotion of tobacco-free colleges," said Dr. Adam Goldstein, professor of Family Medicine and director of the UNC Tobacco Prevention and



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Lyndsey Stuchel takes a smoke break 25 feet away from Joyner Library.

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Lawmakers override budget veto

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State lawmakers overrode Governor Bev Perdue's historic veto of the state's two-year budget with a late midnight vote in the House last Wednesday, and a final Senate vote the following afternoon.

On June 12, Perdue vetoed the \$19.7 billion budget, which she felt severely cut from education spending, becoming the first governor in North Carolina history to veto a state budget. However, the House had to wait until June 15 to vote to override the governor's veto.

Shortly before the override took place, five house Democrats told the Associated Press that they would side with Republicans if there was a vote to override Perdue's decision. One of the defectors included Representative Dewey Hill.

Hill said he felt positive about the override and that it was a necessary decision on the group's behalf.

"We thought it was the best we could do," Hill said after the vote. "It's a good budget. I can go to sleep tonight on it."

On June 15, the House overrode the veto 73-46 with the assistance of those five Democrats.

Many in the House stress that the budget is not as brutal as Perdue seems to think it is. Representative Harold Brubaker, head budget writer, said the budget is only 1.5 percent smaller than the plan Perdue wants to put into action.

"Ladies and gentlemen, the sky is not falling," Brubaker said. "North Carolina will be living within their means."

Sophomore and family and community services major Hannah Fortune said she disagrees with Brubaker's statements.

"North Carolina is a state founded on education, and I am opposed to a budget aimed at cutting education," said Fortune. "This budget will more than likely

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New SPF guidelines benefit consumers

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Last week, the Food and Drug Administration announced their new SPF guidelines, which are designed to help consumers choose a sunscreen that will better protect them from skin cancer and premature aging.

The reason for these careful changes is to "modernize their product information, and consumers can be well informed on which products offer the greatest benefit," stated Janet Woodcock, director of the Center for Drug Evaluation and Research, in a press release from June 14.

The first stipulation made by the FDA is to label products that pass special tests for protection against both UVA and UVB rays as a "broad spectrum" product. UVA rays are the rays that age and damage the body's skin cells without causing sunburn, but UVB rays are more powerful and play a key role in the development of skin cancer.

Dr. Heidi Manglesdorf is a doctor working at Cary Dermatology in Cary, North Carolina. She said that because sunscreen does not completely block out the sun, the only way to avoid skin cancer and skin damage is to avoid the sun. However, in light of the fact that many people cannot avoid the sun, Manglesdorf recommended taking the new SPF guidelines seriously. "Previously, there was no number identification system for UVA rays, which is why, under the new sunscreen guidelines, sunscreens that protect against both UVA and UVB rays are being called 'Broad Spectrum,'" said Manglesdorf.

In addition to the broad spectrum test, the FDA is allowing manufacturers who sell sunscreens with an SPF of 15 or higher to claim that, if used regularly, their product will help prevent not only sunburns and skin cancer, but will also reduce the risk of early aging as well.

Manufacturers that produce sunscreens with an SPF lower than 15 will not be allowed to claim a reduction in the risk of early aging, because products of SPF 14 and below have not been proven to have the same effects as higher SPF products.

Sunscreen labels can no longer claim to be "waterproof," "sweat proof" or "sunblock," nor can they state that they "protect on contact."

Sunscreens must be proven to meet these new FDA measures, as well as provide evidence to the FDA if the manufacturers want to label their products differently.

Andrea Wehrle, a communication major, thinks that these guidelines could not have come at a better time. Wehrle is currently studying abroad in Australia and follows the guidelines every day. "We're outside most of the day here and my family has a history of skin cancer. That's why I always make sure that I have the best protection possible," said Wehrle.

Among other changes to the SPF guidelines, the FDA also released a proposed rule that would make the maximum SPF value for every sunscreen product "50+." This is because sunscreens with a higher value have no discernable difference in protection than SPF values of 50.

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Tim Kelley is now chair of Department of Health Education and Promotion.

New chair of Dept. of Health Education and Promotion

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After a national search, the Department of Health Education and Promotion has appointed a new chair.

Tim Kelley came to the university in January 2008 as a professor of environmental health sciences and has held the position of interim chair since 2010.

Kelley attended The University of Georgia and earned his bachelor's degree in environmental health science in 1980, his master's degree in science education in 1987 and his doctorate in ecology in 1992.

Kelley has taught courses such as anatomy and physiology, waste management practices and food protection and sanitation. He has authored or co-authored more than 30 publications.

Kelley came to ECU as a faculty member and quickly took over as program director of Environmental Health Sciences in the summer of 2008. He previously held this position at Illinois University for about 13 years.

David White was the chair of Health Education and Promotion for around eight years until he had an opportunity to be the interim dean of the College of Technology. Then, Sharron Knight stepped in to be the interim chair in 2008 and served for two years until she had an international research opportunity. Kelley then took over as interim chair and

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The FDA released this proposal so that they can receive public opinion on this new plan before they make any additional changes.

Carson Morris, a pre-nursing major, lives in Phoenix, Arizona and travels to Greenville for school. Noting the difference in her sun exposure between here and Arizona, Morris said "There is obviously less tree cover in Phoenix. If I decide to go on a run in the afternoon, I'm

in the sun most of the time."

Morris hopes to help reduce her risk of sun damage and skin cancer by using a high SPF sunscreen. She does, however, agree that sunscreen products should not have a high SPF, if there is minimal difference in coverage. "I want my money to go to a product that is proven to do what it says. If an SPF number higher than 50 makes no difference, then obviously I won't buy anything higher,"

she said about the new rule proposed by the FDA.

The U.S. is not the only country to understand the benefits of the FDA's sunscreen guidelines. Health Canada has also reported that they are going to revise their guidelines with similar changes to the FDA.

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raise tuition at universities to make up for the loss."

Many Democrats in the House also agree that the override was a mistake on the legislature's behalf.

Minority Leader Joe Hackney said it was a "sad, sad day" for the state and criticized the verdict to override Perdue's decision to veto.

"You cannot hide this budget in the dead of night," Hackney said. "It is the worst education budget in modern history."

Rising Junior Chris McPhail said he does not support the legislature's decision to enact a budget that will cut education among other things.

"Being a physical education major, it hurts to hear something like that," said McPhail. "I feel like getting a decent education is the basis for establishing a good career, and cutting back on education just means that there are going to be a lot less fortunate people that aren't going to be able to go to school."

After the override, Governor Perdue attacked the Republicans and left Raleigh to visit Eastern North Carolina, where she discussed the future under the new spending plan.

According to a WITN article, Perdue stopped in Greenville to speak to religious leaders at the Zion A.M.E. convention on Friday.

"North Carolina is in the race to the bottom," she said to the crowd. "No longer can we say the sun will come up in the morning, and help is on the way, they cut those services to the bone to limit services."

She spoke of the cuts to education, mental health services and voters' rights, and the crowd commended her attempt at vetoing the budget.

Perdue said she will not give up quite yet; she plans on continuing to fight.

"I'll be out like I am today, on the stump talking to people. We will watch the damage that has been done to North Carolina."

Rick Niswander, the vice chancellor for Administration and Finance, said the budget will impact colleges and universities across the state and especially at ECU.

"The numbers are big enough that it's going to have an impact no matter what, but we have planned for this," said Niswander. "Most cuts have been administrative cuts and there will be some now just like in the past."

According to Niswander, the budget calls for a 15 percent cut in state appropriations, which means about \$46 million dollars in cuts.

The Senate voted to override Perdue's veto one day after the House vote. The budget override passed the Senate 31-19, with all Republicans voting in favor of the override and all Democrats against.

The budget proposed and overridden by legislators will go into effect on July 1.

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Evaluation Program. "The North Carolina Health & Wellness Trust Fund deserves significant recognition for its successful promotion of this initiative."

Goldstein performed the analysis of the information included in the survey.

The N.C. Tobacco-Free Colleges Initiative Goldstein speaks of is an organization which helps institutions to employ tobacco-free policies, and the survey was executed to assess it. The initiative receives its funding from the North Carolina Health & Wellness Trust Fund, which obtains its money from settle-

ments in cases made against the tobacco industry.

"The investments in North Carolina's Tobacco-Free Colleges Initiative through the N.C. Health & Wellness Trust Fund are paying off in creating a healthier environment for staff, students, faculty and visitors to campuses across the state," stated Goldstein.

In conjunction with the survey, a list was produced which contained 44 schools in the state that provided "maximum protection allowed by law from secondhand smoke."

Schools which made the list include UNC-Chapel Hill,

Winston Salem State University, Elizabeth City State University and UNC-Pembroke; ECU was not mentioned in the listing.

"ECU's policies are a pretty decent compromise for both the smoking and non-smoking students," said Michelle Kolzowski a junior health services major. "Designating areas for both smokers and non smokers allows campus to please both groups. I don't think the campus will ever be completely smoke free."

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was appointed the official chair in May 2011.

According to Kelley, the chair of the department is responsible for coordinating the faculty, overseeing the budget and helping to make teaching assignments. The chair works closely with the program directors and faculty of the college to decide what is appropriate for them to teach.

Kelley also helps to promote research in the department. He helps people get what they need to conduct research such as peer-reviewed publications. The chair submits grant proposals in hopes of receiving funding, which generates money for the university and department.

Kelley said that he helps coordinate and guide service activities of the faculty. In the fall, Kelley will work with the faculty to develop their "goals and waitings," which

are things that they would like to accomplish during that year.

Kelley said, "We want every faculty member that we hire to be successful. And we want to work with them to figure out how we can do that in the areas of teaching, research and service."

In the spring, Kelley will conduct an annual evaluation of all faculty members to evaluate their goals and see what they have accomplished and what they did not. This evaluation helps to determine raises when funding for raises is available.

Kelley said that his leadership style is one of consensus building. Kelley said, "It is sort of a facilitator role. I don't decide things; I help and facilitate the faculty to decide things and then try to implement what they want to do." He said he tries to get everyone to agree to move in

a particular direction.

"We are a very strong department currently, but we always want to be stronger and look for new ways that we can contribute to the college, the university, the community and the region. We are going to be in the process of deciding what the mission and vision for the department is and how we can better serve. Part of that will be deciding how to accomplish what we want to during difficult budget times," Kelley said.

In an interview with ECUNow, College of Health and Human Performance Dean Glen Gilbert said, "As an accomplished faculty member in the department, Tim Kelley brings valuable campus experience to this role. His commitment is genuine and visible."

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BRIEFS CONT.

Nine-month-old drowns, family mourning loss

Staff Reports

A 9-month-old child died after drowning in a backyard pool Friday night. The Pitt County Sheriff's Office said a boy had drowned in a pool that was

above ground at a home on Stoneybrook Road. According to WNCT, officials report that the child was playing outside and crawled up the steps to the

pool while the father was working in the yard. Family members found the boy and took him to the hospital where he was pronounced dead.

Police investigate early Sunday morning shooting

Staff Reports

According to WNCT, police say 22-year-old Travis Pittman was shot around 4 a.m. Sunday morning on West Third Street. He was taken to

Pitt County Memorial Hospital and his condition is unknown at this time.

Police are still searching for information on

why the shooting happened and who the suspects are. Anyone with information is asked to call Pitt County Crime Stoppers at 252-758-7777.

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Raising tuition? Oh that's cool I'll just go to the man-made beach instead...

To the guy who kissed his lab partner to find out he isn't gay: I am! And I'm single!

Just because you're here for orientation does not excuse you from learning how to park correctly. I will start slashing tires!

Thanks for the drink, jerk.

To the guy riding his bike in the Sci Tech building: You have a nice smile.

Who do I have to talk to about being able to stop in the middle of Tenth Street near Christenbury and not get a ticket like ECU Transit does every day?

If I get hypothermia when I get out of the shower, there's a huge problem.

//ECU: Let's get this going.

ECU girls know how to do the "Walk of Shame" better than any other school!! ARRGH

I hate it when people say 'You know you go to ECU when...' because it's usually followed by something slutty, trashy or stupid. It perpetuates the stereotype and makes it seem like we're all stupid trashy sluts.

The fathers of the girls here for orientation keep looking at me like they know that in a few months I will know what their daughter's "O face" looks like. I love college!

Today I saw two parents passed out in the chairs at Mendenhall. Some people just can't handle G-Vegas.

Annoying chick in my algebra class: Stop begging the teacher to give us less and easier homework all class long. You are extremely distracting and your antics remind me too much of high school.

ECU should hire more hot grad student teachers. Never would I think I'd like kinesiology so much!

Attention: "Ghetto" is a noun not an adjective. Thanks.

If you are ok with drug testing welfare recipients then are you also ok with drug testing every person who receives government money such as Pell grant recipients, tax return recipients and many more.

Every Monday and Wednesday night, I sit in my summer classes wondering why they couldn't be offered in Hawaii so I could kill myself with a coconut tree.

You should really re-evaluate your own life before ever judging someone else.

I CANNOT WAIT TO MOVE OUT!

I have a problem: I can't make left turns while driving.

Hey campus living officials discussing how to connect with students today in Starbucks: Foursquare isn't going to help, but maybe asking any of the handful of students sitting five feet away from you just might.

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Finding some quiet in Greenville

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OPINION COLUMNIST

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A Greek philosopher once claimed that all sound is the result of motion and that, likewise, all motions result in sound. One pupil pointed out that this could not be so. For in the silence of night, one could see the stars wheeling overhead. "Nonsense," retorted the philosopher. "How do you know what silence sounds like? For you have never heard it."

It is becoming increasingly difficult to find a place in Greenville where the ear is not under constant assault from loud music, blaring televisions and bad acoustics. Who can blame the businessmen? Research by Nicholas Gueguen at the Université de Bretagne-Sud has shown that customers drink more and faster when the music is cranked up. Perhaps the tempo of the mind is increased, or perhaps the customer sips more often when making conversation is difficult. Either way, noise makes for a high turnover and high profits, and we the consumers have unwittingly purchased for ourselves a world of inescapable din.

If volume makes for excitement, it does not make for intelligent thought. The Founding Fathers recognized that serious deliberation required silence when they ordered that the street in front of Independence Hall be covered with soil in order to muffle the sound of passing carriages. How might the Constitution have looked if it had been composed while muzak hummed in the speakers overhead? Loudness has always been associated with intolerance and brute force. Hitler himself claimed that he could never have conquered Germany without the loudspeaker.



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In the Bible, the first book of Kings tells us that God does not reveal himself in the tempest, but in the thin voice of silence. Devotion to God in all religions has involved some level of quiet, be it from the silence of a monastery or the hush of the bedside prayer.

An atheist who wished to wage a war against spirituality could find no better strategy

than to fill the world with a chaos that disrupts meditation and bludgeons thought. If the Evangelicals' endless efforts to bring prayer back into school will result in any good, it will be that students, for perhaps the only time in the school day, will experience at least one moment of quiet.

The exponential rise in cases of attention deficit disorder may even be linked to the increasing amounts of sensory stimuli that accost the brain in our advanced society, according to Dr. Theodore Gross. And how can one concentrate when sounds are constantly competing for our attention? It is worth noting that Theodor Lessing once declared that culture is "evolution towards silence."

If we often find ourselves in shallow conversations and superficial relationships, we might reflect that we live in a world whose public places do not even give the allowance of getting to know one another, where screams and frantic laughter are the only thing we will ever hear over the deafening music and indecipherable voices.

Our sanity desperately requires moments to reflect and to gather our wits.

All of this makes me grateful for the few public places that give relief from the blaring soundscape: the beautiful Greenville that winds alongside the Tar River, the little visited courtyard within Joyner Library, and Starlight Café, where you can still hear the clink of ice as the bartender mixes your drink. And sometimes, when the breeze dies down or my companion pauses to take a breath, I like to think that I can hear – behind it all – the music of the spheres.

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Scribbles to the Captain

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Dear Editor,

Allow me to start off by saying that I am a twenty-two year old Caucasian female, and few other phrases and sayings bother me more than the "N-word" does. I totally agree with Morgan in the sense that it should be expelled from everyone's vocabulary, including those to whom it historically refers. However, we clearly do not see eye-to-eye on why.

Unfortunately, reality tells us that the day this word ceases to exist most likely will never come - at least not for our generation. In that case, it is unbelievably wrong to assume then that only black people have the right to use it.

If offense is taken when someone of another race uses the word, then it should be taken just as seriously when someone of your own ethnic group utters it as well. After all, the meaning of it remains the same. How can you possibly expect others not to repeat it when they hear you constantly calling each other N*****S?!

I was outraged when I read the author's statement, "It's not bad when we say it. It's actually humorous and sometimes it just sounds cool. But let anyone else say the word, there'll be an issue." It's ignorant statements like this one that sometimes cause people of other races to use the N-word in its derogatory sense when referencing a black person!

It is no secret that, commonly, people of various races play the "race card" when they feel things aren't going their way. There are constantly black people (and many others) rallying in various places for more fair and equal treatment. By no means am I suggesting that it is wrong for anyone to do so.

I'm glad to say that I feel that our government and society has succeeded in making equality really

happen for minorities. In fact, some opportunities have been increased for minority groups beyond the realms of what is available to "white" people. How many scholarships can you think of that are only offered to white people? How many fraternities and sororities can be named that openly only hand out pledge information to white people? None. That would be "racist," right? Yet, it seems that some African Americans tend to engage in precisely this kind of race-based behavior.

I'm not ignorant enough to say that there aren't racist people out there. My race certainly isn't anywhere close to being blameless. However, one cannot deny the fact that in more ways than one, the black community practically encourages this behavior. In fact, Ms. Logan's assumption that it's only acceptable for black people to use the controversial word is racist in and of itself!

Many African Americans spend so much time trying to be equal. Yet, so many other practices and behaviors are set in place that directly counteract and contradict those efforts. How can you possibly expect others to behave in a color-blind fashion when in many aspects, you cannot seem to behave in such a way yourselves? Just as, how can you expect a word to be acceptable when it comes out of your mouth, when it's an "issue" coming out of someone else's?

My point is, black people should stop using the "N-word" NOT because it encourages others of different races to use it, but because it's wrong. PERIOD. Otherwise, don't get your panties in a bunch when you hear it come from someone else, simply because they aren't the same color as you. After all, it's equality you've always fought for, isn't it?

-Kristin Sartorius

Government following the trends



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In today's face-paced world, it's often difficult to find the time to eat healthy. Back in the day, it used to be socially acceptable to eat fast food. Now if you're caught with a paper bag from Bojangle's, translucent from all the chicken grease, you're looked down upon as if you were somehow morally inferior.

The savior of our eating patterns has traditionally been the rock-solid Food Guide Pyramid. But now, Michelle Obama and those shiftily democrats have introduced a new food icon, affectionately dubbed "MyPlate," to help us make better nutritional decisions.

The Food Guide Pyramid was first introduced by the USDA in 1992, the third year of the glorious reign of George H.W. Bush. It was an illustrated graphic of a hierarchical nature which helped concerned individuals visualize the proper dietary intake. Not only were the groups specifically labeled, but they also had a range of servings per group that would help you meet your daily-recommended allowance of nutrition to maintain a healthy lifestyle.

At the base, you had the bread, cereal, rice and pasta group. Listed right beside it was the number of servings per day. On the next tier, you had fruits and vegetables listed. On the tier above that, you had the meat, poultry, fish, dry beans, eggs and nuts group. At the same level was the milk, yogurt and cheese group. And at the very apex of the pyramid was the fats, oils and sweets group.

Everybody loves the food pyramid. For one, it caters to everyone's affinity

for ancient Egyptian architecture. Secondly, it had pictures of the foods you should be eating so your mouth would water for the healthy stuff. Thirdly, it included a group for fats, oils and sweets.

This new MyPlate icon has none of that. First of all, I take issue with its name. The U.S. government is trying to be too trendy by not putting any spaces between the words "my" and "plate." That gimmick might work for preschoolers and other illiterates, but I am an educated American, and I demand to be marketed to as such.

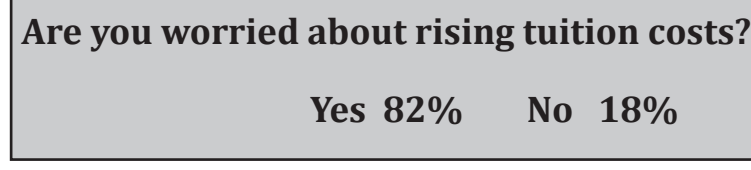
Secondly, they tried to make it sound too much like an Apple product by utilizing a literary technique known as "assonance." Notice how the "y" in MyPlate sounds just like the "i" in iPhone, iPad or any other product that the crazy genius Steve Jobs creates. It's a clever tactic by the government, but it assumes we're all Apple sluts. I'm a PC, and Justin Long can suck it.

Thirdly, there are no pictures. MyPlate is just a plate with different colors arranged that represent food groups. And the groups listed aren't even foods. Instead of the meat, poultry, fish, dry beans, eggs and nuts group, you have a hyper-sensitively labeled "protein" group to ensure that no feathers are ruffled on the vegetarian commune. Should I apologize if I don't want my nutrition guide to be passed through the debilitating filter of political correctness?

Ultimately, colors aren't foods and "protein" simply refers to a long chain of amino acids linked together by peptide bonds. The federal government's new MyPlate is a cute graphic, but it in no way helps me with my nutritional decision making paradigm. Vote republican: reinstate the Food Guide Pyramid!

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Things we're
obsessed with

1. End of Summer Session 1

For those only taking classes during the first summer session, SUMMER HAS OFFICIALLY BEGUN! And for those headed into Session 2, summer is only a few weeks away!

2. Slip-n-Slide

You're never too old for slip-n-slide! The weather in Greenville is like the Sahara, so right after class, it's fun to hit the "waterpark" in someone's backyard instead of figuring out what pool will have enough room to hang out at.

3. Beach Music

Nothing says summer like swaying along to the sweet sounds of The Embers, Chairman of the Board and other beach music legends, whether you are at the beach or just wishing you were there.

4. Peppermints Frozen Yogurt

The perfect way to cool off, Peppermints' frozen yogurt still has Greenville buzzing with its array of toppings and creamy goodness. And we can't wait until the new one opens!

5. Angry Birds

Whether you are sitting by the pool or putting off finishing that 5-page paper, Angry Birds never gets old. With three versions to choose from (Original, Seasons, Rio), this addicting game is never-ending fun and is incredibly hard to put down.

6. Summer Accessories

Now that summer has officially begun, sandals and bathing suits are now in season! Nothing says summer like putting away those sneakers and putting on a good pair of Rainbows!

7. Netflix

We can't get enough of all that Netflix offers! With so many new and old TV shows and movies to choose from, you can easily find yourself sitting in front of your TV for hours, without even realizing it!

A remarkable career

ECU Professor retires after 42 years of teaching

Sindhu Chandramouleeswaran
STAFF WRITER

After 42 years of teaching, 11 of which were at ECU, Roger Schlobin is retiring from his career as an instructor, scholar, mentor and friend to countless students and appreciative colleagues.

Schlobin began teaching in 1969 at Ohio State University, while pursuing his Ph.D in Medieval Literature and Language with a minor in Arthurian Literature. While enrolled as an undergraduate in C.W. Post College in New York, Schlobin contemplated a career in medicine.

However, ultimately, he said "having a love for the literature" and wanting "to do something with the rest of [his] life that [he] enjoyed" swayed him toward graduate school at Ohio State. Schlobin joked that his high school English teacher would have been surprised to hear how long he has taught English, since he was very much interested in math and science during his younger years.

While Schlobin contemplated his future career options, he kept up with literature as a hobby while a high school and undergraduate student.

"I read a lot of science fiction and fantasy on the side, which back then was not an approved academic discipline," he explained. "There were no courses [on fantasy and science fiction works]."

Thirty-three years ago, when Schlobin co-founded the International Association for the Fantastic in the Arts, he states that "there was not much acceptance in the academic world" for the budding discipline. Through the dedication of Schlobin and his team members in the organization, the organization is still thriving today, holding annual conferences in Orlando that its members are eager to attend.

Getting this organization off the ground was no easy task, according to Professor Schlobin's colleague, ECU Professor Donald Palumbo. When Schlobin served the organization as president, he and his team had to oversee and develop the organization's infrastructure extensively.

"I admired his willingness to take on the responsibility and put himself out there at a time when the

organization was budding and lacked funding sources," said Palumbo.

In addition to the organization and its annual conference, "The Journal of the Fantastic in the Arts," also founded by Schlobin, is also thriving successfully and is well regarded among the vastly developed scholarly circle for this discipline.

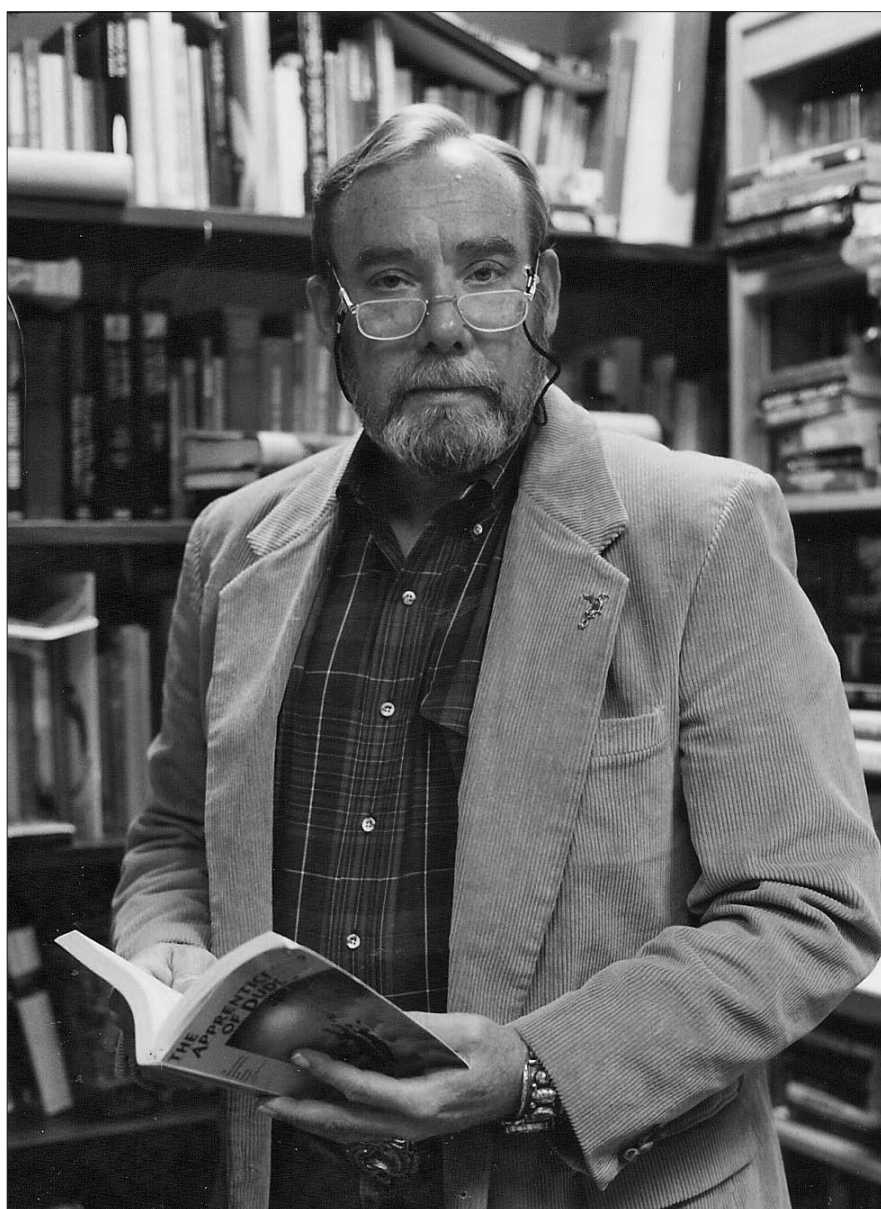
Adding to an array of scholarly accomplishments in the form of more than 100 essays, poems, short stories and articles, Schlobin's hobbies in life are wide and varied. Among other things, he is an auto-enthusiast, proud of his 1977 highly modified 280Z, which has run only 32,000 miles.

"I take the point to make the extra time to seriously pursue other things I am interested in," he elaborated, when asked about his integrated work and hobby lifestyle. "As opposed to people who say they will get to [their hobbies] one day or in the future, I felt that it was very important to do it now."

As Schlobin sets the example as an individual following his passions in life, he also encourages his students to do the same. A former student was harboring a deep interest in archaeology while enrolled in business school to appease his parents. In conversation, Schlobin advised him, "pay attention to yourself, not your family."

Schlobin also encourages students to take an interest test in Career Services and to avoid "the pressure to major in something and realize that there are great advantages to hopping around."

Professor Schlobin is a strong believer in reading and getting as much exposure to fields that spark an interest prior to deciding a career path. It is this self-reflection and



Professor Roger C. Schlobin co-founded the 'International Association for the Fantastic in the Arts' in 1978 to help increase awareness for the science fiction and fantasy genre.

wisdom that has led him to pursue a passion that has resulted in such an extensive and rewarding career life.

When asked about Schlobin's positive qualities, Palumbo praised not only his dedication to his scholarly efforts but also his ability to get students to talk in class.

"I never take notes to the class," Schlobin stated. "It's harder that way but far more conversational. I like to talk with my students, not at them."

According to his curriculum vitae, a 12-page extensive list of accomplishments, Schlobin has

taught and developed over 40 courses during his time at Purdue and East Carolina universities, providing students with a great array of course choices.

"Students have always been the most important thing," said Schlobin. "And quite frankly, they'll be what I'll miss the most."

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A decade of music and fun

A writer's experience at Bonnaroo 2011

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'Tis the season... the season for music festivals that is. Every summer, millions of music lovers choose from several different festivals that showcase their favorite musicians, comedians, movies and non-profit organizations. Arguably, there was no better opportunity to experience the music festival scene than spending June 9-12 at the 10th anniversary of the Bonnaroo Music Festival.

With over 120 acts, 5 stages (and several other smaller ones), 4 days and 100,000 people in attendance, Bonnaroo, held in Manchester, TN, seemed like it would offer any music or art lover an amazing experience.

Not knowing what to expect, a first time attendee might be a little nervous, but with a lineup including the likes of Arcade Fire, Mumford & Sons, Eminem and The Strokes, a few anxious butterflies are easy to put behind you.

The festival kicked off around 4 p.m. on Thursday (the 9th). The second the music started, the whirlwind of acts made the hours fly by. Running back and forth to the different tents and stages, "Roovers" got to experience Wavves, up and coming rapper J.Cole, American indie-rock band The Walkmen and then a crowd favorite artist of the day, Childish Gambino.

The scorching heat had everyone "up and at 'em" early for Day 2, which included Bela Fleck & the Flecktones, a lively performance from Matt & Kim, Atmosphere, The Decemberists, Primus, Arcade Fire and last, but not least, an extraordinary performance from Lil Wayne that had the entire crowd going wild until 2am.

Sophomore English major, Charli McKee explained her favorite performance from the festival.

"Arcade Fire was amazing," said McKee. "They're a huge name and I've always loved them. Plus, they never tour, so I was excited to see them." More amazing performances filled Day 3

of the festival. Some artists to grace the stages included Old Crow Medicine Show, followed by Chiddy Bang and then an absolutely bone-chilling performance from Mumford & Sons that could bring just about anyone to tears. The Black Keys also owned the main stage and the attention of almost 60,000 viewers.

Shortly after, Eminem put on an amazing set, showcasing his latest album *Recovery* and old favorites from *The Marshall Mathers LP*.

The festival ended its run on Sunday with mind-blowing performances from artists such as: Neon Trees, Iron & Wine, Cold War Kids, Beirut and The Strokes.

Overall, the festival was subject to two major downfalls: the heat and the expenses.

The weekend of Bonnaroo, Tennessee reached record-breaking heat indexes that affected everyone who attended. However, there were many options to keep cool. Inside "Centeroo" (the central area where all of the stages are located), there was a giant mushroom that spouts water, making it easy for anyone to cool off.

Another option was the Fuse/HTC Barn, where you can wait in the air conditioning while the workers from HTC charge your phone. Trivia and an actual DJ helped keep everyone inside entertained.

With all of these options, artists, vendors and other attractions, tickets cost a pretty penny (General Admission started at \$200-300 and the VIP price is nearly double). Unfortunately, the \$6 slices of pizza and \$5 lemonades didn't help your wallet either.

On the bright side, Bonnaroo does offer volunteer programs that will help offset and even pay for your entire admission. You can also save money by packing your own food.

Although there were downfalls, the benefits of attending a music festival like Bonnaroo seem to heavily outweigh all of them. So what's the general summation of Bonnaroo go-ers? Good friends, good music and an absolutely unforgettable experience.

Jordan Allred, a junior health promotion and education major, is already making plans for Summer 2012's Bonnaroo.

"I'm already looking into pre-sales for next year," said Allred. "I had the absolute best time of my life at Bonnaroo."

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The shimmering archway welcomes music-enthusiasts to the 2011 Bonnaroo Music Festival in Manchester, TN.

Summer TV heats up

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Every year, the month of May brings about the end of the school year for college students, the opening of pools across the country and for TV fans, and the dreaded summer hiatuses of their favorite TV shows.

But in recent years, summer TV has risen from the wasteland of reruns and shown that quality TV can be produced year-round. This feat most specifically applies to cable networks, which have worked tirelessly to change this standard. And by looking at this year's summer TV lineup, it seems that the bar has been raised once again.

Possibly the biggest producer of summer TV hits, year after year, is the USA Network. As its catchphrase states, "Characters Welcome," this network is in no shortage of likeable characters.

Last summer's biggest new show, "Covert Affairs," returned to the network's lineup this month for its sophomore cycle. The show was a huge success for USA last year and garnered its leading lady, Piper Perabo, who received a Golden Globe Nomination for her role as "Annie Walker," a tough CIA agent who is quickly moving up the ranks as a covert spy.

This year, "Covert Affairs" has been teamed once again with fellow action-packed, crime-solving show "White Collar" on Tuesday nights.

In its third year, "White Collar" follows Neal Caffrey (Matt Bomer), a world-renowned thief, who now works as a consultant for the FBI, helping solve crimes that deal with some of the world's most valuable artifacts and paintings. Also returning to USA's lineup are veteran shows "Burn Notice" and "Royal Pains."

However, it isn't all about the experienced shows. USA will also be adding two new shows to its schedule. Premiering June 29, "Necessary Roughness" will follow a female therapist as she tries to handle her exclusive new clients, including a pro football team.



Anna Paquin, Alexander Skarsgård, Stephen Moyer and Joe Manganiello will join the rest of the cast when True Blood returns for its fourth season, beginning Sunday, June 26 at 9 p.m. on HBO.

And premiering June 23, "Suits" follows a young but brilliant college dropout who gets a second chance at being a hotshot lawyer.

But USA Network isn't the only one having fun this summer. Last year's smash hit "Pretty Little Liars," about four teenage girls trying to escape the mystery surrounding their friend's death, returned to ABC Family on June 14 for its second season.

AnnaMaria Gallozzi, a junior political science and communication double major, has been a big fan of the show since its premiere

last year and believes that many of the show's elements have played into its success.

"Pretty Little Liars" is so appealing because it has a lot of diversity in its characters," said Gallozzi. "And its stories are always very intriguing and captivating."

MTV, on the other hand, will be hoping to garner some attention of its own with its new drama "Teen Wolf." On the show, Scott McCall (Tyler Posey) is trying to navigate his ever-changing high school life when he is bitten by a werewolf. The show premiered after the

MTV Movie Awards on June 5.

MTV is also gearing up for the Aug. 4 debut of the fourth season of its hugely popular show, "Jersey Shore," which will be set in Italy for the first time.

This past Sunday, TNT and Steven Spielberg got into the high-concept TV game by premiering their epic new alien invasion series, "Falling Skies." Watched by more than 5 million people, "Falling Skies" may end up being one of the summer's biggest hits.

But even with all of these new and returning shows, the biggest and most talked about summer show of them all is HBO's "True Blood."

Now in its fourth season, "True Blood" has become a staple of the summer TV season, captivating audiences with its supernatural elements, sex appeal and sultry southern setting. While the show already deals with vampires, werewolves, fairies and shapeshifters, this season will add a coven of witches to the already complex equation.

But regardless of how much the show throws at its vast cast of characters, "True Blood's" massive worldwide fan base will no doubt be planted in front of their televisions to soak up every moment.

"I think 'True Blood' is a huge metaphor for our current society," said Farah Hussain, a graduate student in accounting. "It speaks on hot button issues in our society like racism and ignorance towards certain groups. By doing this, it has a depth that 'Twilight' just doesn't achieve."

So, while television may be deprived of shows like "Glee," "NCIS," "Grey's Anatomy," "Chuck" and "The Big Bang Theory" until September, there are more than a few shows willing to step up and take a shot at heating up your summer.

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Varner brings home N.C. Amateur Title

Staff Report

ECU rising senior Harold Varner rallied from a four shot deficit on the final 18 holes to become the first male African-American to win the North Carolina Amateur Championship at the Greensboro Country Club's Farm Course Sunday afternoon.

Varner carded a six-under 66 Sunday and finished 14-under 274 (71-67-70-66), three shots ahead of a trio of second-place finishers including Adam Stephenson, also a rising senior at ECU.

The Gastonia, N.C. native fired a 34 on the front nine, but seized control of the lead with an eagle on the par-5 13th. He followed with birdies at 14 and 17 and completed the back nine in 32 strokes.

"That eagle on 13 really got me thinking," said Varner. "I was able to birdie 14 and 17 to follow that eagle and then wait and watch the other come in."

"This is a blessing to actually win the state amateur. It is really cool."

The Pirates' Conner Sock and David Watkins finished tied for 27th at two-under 286.

Goggins named All-American

Staff Reports

By virtue of a 10th-place finish in the 400-meter dash at the NCAA Outdoor Championships, freshman Aiesha Goggins has earned Second-Team All-America accolades from the United States Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches Association.

The Durham, N.C., native is the second female in the ECU track and field program to garner All-America honors in as many seasons, as Tynita Butts was a first-team honoree last year after placing seventh nationally in the outdoor high jump.

Goggins was the second female runner in school history to earn a place at the NCAA Outdoor Championships after Dava Rhodes competed in the 10,000-meter run in 1994. She was also part of the first-ever female relay team (4x400) in the program annals to earn a bid to nationals, as that group holds the school record at 3:35.75.

Winner of both the indoor and outdoor Conference USA 400-meter dash, Goggins qualified for the NCAA East Preliminary Round by running a 51.94 at the league's outdoor meet. That time was the 19th-fastest in the world that week and is currently in the top 40. Additionally, she set the C-USA Indoor Championships record in February with a time of 54.15 seconds.

They said it...

"Representing East Carolina University is a privilege and any behavior which contradicts that is simply unacceptable. There's a level of expectation with conduct standards we have in place, especially with seniors who are in leadership roles. I'm both disappointed and embarrassed with the decisions Michael and Emanuel made and we will continue to hold one's accountability very seriously."

-Comment made by head football coach, Ruffin McNeill, in regard to the arrests of Emanuel Davis and Michael Bowman.

NEW PITCH TAKES ECU TO THE NEXT LEVEL



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The new soccer stadium will be the next piece of the ECU Olympic Sports Complex project to be completed.

Carlos Olivera
STAFF WRITER

The ECU Olympic Sports Complex is in the midst of finishing off their construction of four state-of-the-art facilities. The new facilities include a new track for the track and field teams, a new softball stadium, an Olympic sports support building and a new soccer stadium.

The soccer stadium comes at a great time as the women's soccer team has enjoyed recent success, including a regular season Conference-USA championship in 2008.

"I've always said we've had a lot of potential here at the school, but the only thing missing was a soccer stadium," head coach Rob Donnenwirth, who is in his 11th year at the university, said.

The Pirates called North Campus Recreation Facility home last year due to the construction of the Olympic Sports Complex. Prior to that the Pirates called Bunting Field home for 12 seasons. Bunting Field served its purpose but lacked the home-field advantage without an actual stadium or lights to play night games.

"Bunting Field served its purpose. We're appreciative of Mike Bunting for building the field, but it didn't have lights and it wasn't a stadium. It only had a few bleachers for spectators," Donnenwirth said.

Donnenwirth was quick to give a lot of credit to Chancellor Steve Ballard and Athletic Director Terry Holland for their efforts in improving all of the athletic facilities. Holland, who is currently in his seventh year at the school, has committed

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Bing and Parker round out the top half

Jordan Anders
STAFF WRITER

This week marks the halfway mark of our countdown. After this edition, we'll have 10 down and 10 to go. This week, we're hitting the hardwood with a past star from men's basketball. Then, we head back to the pool to find one of the most decorated stars that the women's swimming program has ever seen.

No. 12: Erroyl Bing - MEN'S BASKETBALL 2001-2004

This is a countdown of the greatest players of ECU's first decade as a member of Conference USA. Our No. 12 athlete just squeaks his way into that threshold. In fact, Erroyl Bing played basketball so long ago for the Pirates that when he was named to the conference all-rookie team at the end of the 2000-2001 season, he earned that honor in the Colonial Athletic Conference, where ECU athletics competed before joining Conference USA.

A four-year starter from Largo, Fla., Bing earned that spot on the CAA all-rookie team by averaging 10.4 points and 7.8 rebounds during his freshman season. He also grabbed an ECU freshman record 218 points during that rookie campaign. The next season, Bing led the Pirates in scoring as a sophomore, averaging 12.4 points and 8.7 rebounds during ECU's first season as a member of C-USA.

In his junior season of 2002-2003, Bing saw his productivity slip slightly, with his points-per-game average dropping four points while his rebounding average stayed at 8.7. The highlight of that season came on Jan. 25, 2003, when ECU welcomed South Florida to Minges Coliseum. Bing scored only seven points, but pulled down a school-record 24 rebounds, including 12 offensive boards, as the Pirates outlasted the Bulls, 68-62, in a double-overtime thriller.

Bing's senior season brought with it a C-USA Player-of-the-Week award in mid-February. He currently is ranked 13th on ECU's all-time scoring list with 1,137 points, and ranks second on the all-time list of rebounds with 937. His 24 career double-doubles rank fifth in school history, and he is fourth all-time in games played with 112.

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Former men's basketball player Erroyl Bing.

We are all witnesses

OPINION



Alex Serkes
STAFF WRITER

Lebron James' numbers in Game 6 of the NBA Finals: 21 points, 6 assists, 4 rebounds, 1 steal, and 1 block. Insert those same statistical numbers, in the same situation, except this time, cover up the name who got those numbers. Would you think that was a great performance given the magnitude of the situation? If Mario Chalmers put up those numbers, would you say it was one of the best performances he had in



Lebron James tires during Game 6 of the NBA Finals.

the finals? But, since it was Lebron James's name on the stat sheet, the NBA's new antagonist, we look at it as an underachieving performance by a man who cannot keep up with the big game or show up when it

matters. Keep in mind that James averaged a 23-8-5 for the entire postseason, which really isn't as bad as people make it sound.

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Strong presence for ECU in summer leagues

Michael Perry
STAFF WRITER

Every summer, thousands of college baseball players continue to play through the summer, long after the season has ended for their university. This year, 16 Pirates will be playing in summer leagues throughout the country.

Summer leagues allow young athletes to keep their skills sharp until they can return to their respective colleges to begin fall workouts. Of the 16 ECU student-athletes, 11 will be playing in leagues in and around North Carolina.

The state is home to the Coastal Plain League, a 15-team wood bat league that brings in talent from all over the country. Shawn Armstrong, Austin Chrismon, Jacob Davis, Lance Honeycutt, Chase McDonald, Tanner Merritt, Dario Santangelo and Corey Thompson are all competing in the CPL. Last week, McDonald was named CPL Hitter-of-the-Week as he led the league with a .636 batting average. The Pirates are also represented in the Southern Collegiate Baseball League, an eight-team league that covers the Carolinas and part of eastern Tennessee. Austin Blake and D.J. Jauss are playing together for the Lake Norman Copperheads. John Wooten is the only Pirate who will be performing in the nation's top summer league, the Cape Cod League. The following is a complete list of ECU athletes who are sharpening their skills across the country this summer.

Shawn Armstrong: RHP, *Soph.*
Morehead City Marlins
(Coastal Plain League)

Austin Blake: OF, *Fr.*
Lake Norman Copperheads
(Southern Collegiate Baseball League)

Austin Chrismon: RHP, *Fr.*
Peninsula Pilots
(Coastal Plain League)

Will Connerley: C, *Fr.*
Mechanicsville Post 175
(American Legion)

Jacob Davis: OF, *Soph.*
Wilson Tobs
(Coastal Plain League)

Lance Honeycutt: RHP, *Soph.*
Wilson Tobs
(Coastal Plain League)

D.J. Jauss: RHP, *Soph.*
Lake Norman Copperheads
(Southern Collegiate Baseball League)

Chase McDonald: 1B/DH, *Fr.*
Morehead City Marlins
(Coastal Plain League)

Tanner Merritt: RHP, *RFr.*
Asheboro Copperheads
(Coastal Plain Leagues)

Joseph Hughes: RHP, *Soph.*
Newport Gulls
(New England Collegiate Baseball League)

Jack Reinheimer: SS, *Fr.*
Newport Gulls
(New England Collegiate Baseball League)

Drew Reynolds: INF/RHP, *Fr.*
Cherryville Post 100
(American Legion)

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around \$60 million to the improvement to the athletic facilities.

"Chancellor Ballard and Terry Holland deserve a lot of credit for putting the time and effort into making us as a whole a better program and a better university," said Donnenwirth.

The new stadium, which was recently finished but not opened due to the construction of the Olympic Sports Support building next door, will fulfill those needs and more. The new stadium, which is slated to open in August in time for preseason camp, will accommodate 1,000 fans, including 192 purple chair backs. It will also include a press box and added fan amenities to go along with a video scoreboard.

The field itself will also be larger than Bunting Field,

measuring 360 feet from goal line to goal line and 225 feet from sideline to sideline. There will also be extra room behind one of the goals to set up extra bleachers, as Donnenwirth hopes and expects large crowds this season. The biggest upgrade to the new facility will be lights, giving the Pirates ample opportunities to play nights games.

The Pirates have seven night games scheduled for the 2011 season, including hosting last year's SEC runner-up South Carolina on Aug. 19. Donnenwirth believes the new stadium will help the program in a few different aspects.

"First, it definitely helps us with recruiting because now it's a wow factor," he said. "Recruits always love the campus, but the old stadium wasn't anything special."

Last year, the Pirates played their home games at North Campus Recreation facility, which had lights, so scheduling was a bit easier. But playing at Bunting Field without lights made scheduling a nightmare for the Pirates.

"It will certainly help with scheduling. It's very tough scheduling teams to play Friday games and not have them at night," Donnenwirth added.

With the completion of the new stadium and the added lights, the Pirates will be able to host bigger powerhouse teams such as Wake Forest and South Carolina as they take the program to the next level.

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Although, through all of the numbers and what's posted on the stat sheet, the best way you can discover who gave it their all and who flaked out is by just watching the game, and through this we saw James flake. Instead of taking it to the rim hard, he'd dish at the last second, occasionally causing unforced turnovers (most notably in the final five minutes in Game 6 of the Finals). He gave up knock down 15-20 footers and 3-point shots to other teammates that every so often resulted in scoreless possessions. Let's not forget that 0-point fourth quarter meltdown in Game 2. Because of this, LeBron will always be remembered for faltering in clutch situations and letting his team down in the 2011 NBA Finals.

Now that the critics have had their day and the wounds from a tough loss are beginning to heal as the players prepare for the next NBA season (if there is one in 2011), all LeBron can do right now is work and wait for the next opportunity to help seal his legacy.

But what is to become of LeBron James' legacy? Lets take a look back at how far he has come.

In April 2006, LeBron is pushing a lackluster Cleveland team to a 50-win season, with the help of guys like Larry Hughes, Boobie Gibson and Drew Gooden. Later, LeBron obliterates the New Jersey Nets with a string of huge performances in the Eastern Conference Finals, before falling to the broomsticks of the San Antonio Spurs in a 4 game sweep. Don't forget, he is only 21 years old.

The ensuing year, LeBron may have finally lived up to the nickname of "King James," as he finished off the Detroit Pistons

in the Eastern Conference Finals by torching them with a memorable 48-point performance. It was safe to say we all thought then that he would be the next Jordan.

Lebron would then go on to put together two more incredible seasons in 2008 and 2009, along with winning the league MVP in '09 and coming extremely close in 2008. It was also at this point that we began to question James. When will he win it all? When will he put up those Jordan like numbers in the playoffs? Sadly, it never came. After a terrible losing effort to the Celtics in the Eastern Conference semi-finals in 2010 (where it had appeared to be LeBron's last game in a Cleveland uniform), he put his home state in the rear view and never looked back. The rest, well you know what happened.

As fans, "The Decision" hit us all pretty hard. How could such an icon put on such a conceited, smug, arrogant and narcissistic show on national television? Along with a string of interviews, mocking commercials and a huge celebration in Miami, Lebron had become the enemy, the villain, and it had all happened virtually overnight.

Only James can control the conclusion of his legacy. Does he have it in him? Will he succeed or will he fail? All I know is, a majority of the world wants him to fail, and maybe in the end, that will be his driving force to success.

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No. 11: Diane Parker - WOMEN'S SWIMMING 2002-2005

Diane Parker graduated from ECU in 2005, having set varsity school swimming records in six different events. She still holds the school record in the 100-meter breaststroke and the 200-meter individual medley, while she still ranks in the all-time top 10 in five other events. In the two events in which she still holds the varsity record, Parker also holds the freshman records, along with the freshman record in the 100-meter butterfly.

The Tucker, Ga., native claimed eight

individual C-USA championships over her illustrious career, winning two event titles at each of the four C-USA Championship meets in which she competed. She was also a part of two C-USA Champion medley relay teams in 2002 and 2005.

In addition to winning the 2001-2002 C-USA Freshman-of-the-Year award, Parker was also a three-time winner of the Swimmer-of-the-Meet award at the C-USA Championships, earning that honor in 2003, 2004 and 2005.

Parker became the first Pirate to win C-USA's Swimmer-of-the-Year award in 2003. She won an outstanding 21 races that season and was honored as C-USA Swimmer-of-the-Week on three separate occasions.

She repeated as C-USA Swimmer-of-the-Year in 2004. Thanks to her performance at the C-USA championships, Parker became the first ECU swimmer since 1991 to compete in NCAA Championships, finishing 32nd in the breaststroke and 35th in the butterfly.

Parker was named ECU's most outstanding swimmer in each of her four seasons. She garnered eight C-USA Swimmer-of-the-Week awards over her four years as a Pirate. In 2005, she was named to C-USA's All-Decade team, further solidifying her place as one of the greatest swimmers, male or female, that ECU has ever seen.

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Dario Santangelo: RHP, Fr. Morehead City Marlins (Coastal Plain League)

Corey Thompson: 3B, Jr. Morehead City Marlins (Coastal Plain League)

Mike Ussery: INF, Jr. San Jose Fontanetti's (West Fall League)

John Wooten: INF/OE, Soph. Harwich Mariners (Cape Cod League)

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