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BRIEFS

Heat advisories across eastern North Carolina

Staff Reports

A heat advisory was issued yesterday for eastern North Carolina and doctors are urging residents to stay in doors and stay cool.

According to the National Weather Service, a heat advisory was issued for Tuesday because the combination of hot temperatures and high humidity creates heat indexes between 105 and 110.

People who are most at risk are the elderly and people who work outdoors or heated indoor places. Officials are reminding people to check on the elderly during hot temperatures and make sure to bring pets inside and give them plenty of water.

Greenville shootings considered gang related

Staff Reports

Seven shootings in nine days have all been gang related between two rival gangs, the Bloods and the Crips.

According to WITN, at a news conference, Chief William Anderson said that all of the shootings have been connected. The most recent shooting happened over the weekend when two men were shot inside their vehicle at the intersection of 5th Street and Memorial Drive.

On Saturday, police responded to a shooting of a man on Kristin Drive.

No suspects have been named in the shootings and police are still investigating all of the incidents. Anyone with information is asked to call Greenville PD.

Mila Kunis to attend Corps Ball in November

Staff Reports

Actress Mila Kunis accepted an invitation from Sergeant Scott Moore to attend to the Marine Corps Ball on November 18 as his guest.

According to US Magazine, FOX 411 had asked Kunis if she knew that a marine had posted a YouTube video asking her to the ball. Justin Timberlake, Kunis' "Friends With Benefits" Co-Star replied, "You need to do this for your country."

Moore originally filmed the video in Afghanistan.

"Hi Mila, I just want to take a moment out of my day to invite you to the Marine Corps Ball with yours truly," said Moore. "So take a second to think about it, and get back to me."

ECU vs. Southern Miss. kickoff time changed

Staff Reports

The original kickoff time for the Conference USA game against Southern Miss was originally scheduled for November 5 at noon at Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium, but has been moved to 4:00 p.m. (EDT).

According to WNCT, Comcast/Charter sports Southeast changed the schedule to accommodate a programming conflict.

Victim chases suspects

Staff Reports

An armed robbery victim attempted to chase suspects down after they robbed him and other workers while painting a home on Rock Springs Road Tuesday.

WNCT reported that Miguel Morales said one of the armed suspects approached him with a gun and demanded money.

According to Morales, after he gave them the money, he and a co-worker chased after the man.

Dequan Boone and Al-Zumar Gibson were apprehended by police and arrested.

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ECU staff member dies over weekend

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STAFF WRITER

Chris Murphy, the assistant director of undergraduate admissions, died over the weekend after he was hit by a car at Nags Head on the Outer Banks.

Murphy, 37, died on Sunday at Sentara Hospital in Norfolk, Va., where he had been airlifted after being hit by a taxi on South Croatan Highway at around 9:30 p.m. on Saturday.

Murphy's death was first announced on the ECU Alumni Facebook page on Sunday.

According to Nags Head Police Chief Kevin Brinkley, the speed limit on the highway is 50 miles per hour and there are multiple restaurants and shops along the stretch. Brinkley said the taxi driver told police he did not see anyone in the road before the accident occurred.

In a WITN article, Brinkley said that several pedestrians had been hit in the same area in the past but he did not have statistics readily available.

"Our thoughts and prayers are with Mr. Murphy's family, friends and relatives," said Brinkley. The accident is still under investigation and no charges have been filed.

Murphy earned his undergraduate business degree from the university in 1996 and a master's degree in health and human performance, exercise and sports science in 2010. He was originally from Wakefield, Virginia.

"He was warm, friendly and genuine," said Anthony Britt, director of undergraduate admissions. "He was a true southern gentleman and he was a pirate in the very finest tradition of ECU."

Britt had known Murphy since 2002, when Murphy was working for another university. Britt first



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Those who knew Murphy felt that he had the qualities of a true Pirate.

worked with him when he began working for ECU in 2004.

"Anybody who knew Chris knew he loved ECU. He bled purple and gold," said Britt. "He was a passionate pirate."

Britt said that it can take years, even decades, to find someone like Murphy. "We certainly won't be able to fill his shoes anytime soon. It is rare you find such a perfect fit

for a job."

Murphy aimed his efforts at recruiting students from Virginia, mostly from the Tidewater area (since that's where he was from).

In a university news article, Britt said, "I can't tell you how many parents and students have come up to

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Student government looks toward the future

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STAFF WRITER

A total of 17 North Carolina universities met this past week to discuss the upcoming 2011-2012 academic year in the annual "ASG Planning Session & Student Trustee Orientation." The event was held by the University of North Carolina Association of Student Governments.

A press release on July 7 stated the importance of the planning session in light of North Carolina's budget proposal that will cut around 12 percent of their funding for public universities. The goal of the ASG is to "continue to protect and ensure quality education at an affordable cost" which is increasingly significant in the coming academic year.

David Thornton, SGA Vice President, attended the conference in place of president Josh Martinkovik. Thornton says that he is very pleased with the outcome of the event and the information he received from the other universities in the UNC system.

In preparation for the event, Thornton created a campus update report. This report goes over what went on at the university within the past year and plans for the future. This planning helped him decide what he should bring back from the conference and what would best help ECU students.

Thornton says that the main topics discussed this year were safety of the students on campus, student advocacy, and unity of organizations on campus.

"We are meeting with each department within the school to figure out how to get all of our organizations to work together and impact everyday life on campus," said Thornton.

Thornton also said that the budget cuts inspired Student Discount Cards at universities like North Carolina State University. These cards let students know the restaurants in their area that offer student discounts. Thornton and the executive board of the SGA have expressed their interest in bringing that system to ECU.

"We are talking about the program and the benefits of it. Right now, if the discount cards are approved, we are looking at them going into effect Spring of 2012," Thornton said. The cards would advertise discounts at places like Wendy's and IHOP.

Students are looking forward to any money-saving devices they can use for the upcoming year. Emilee Steen is a junior elementary education major who resides in Virginia with her family when school is not in session.

"Paying out of state tuition is ridiculous. It's worth it to go to a college you want to go to, but it's a lot of money," Steen said. "I like to save money in any way possible."

She likes the idea of the SGA looking out for student interests financially as well as academically. "Students can suffer academically due to financial restrictions. Anything that the school or campus organizations can do would be in the best interest of the university as a whole."

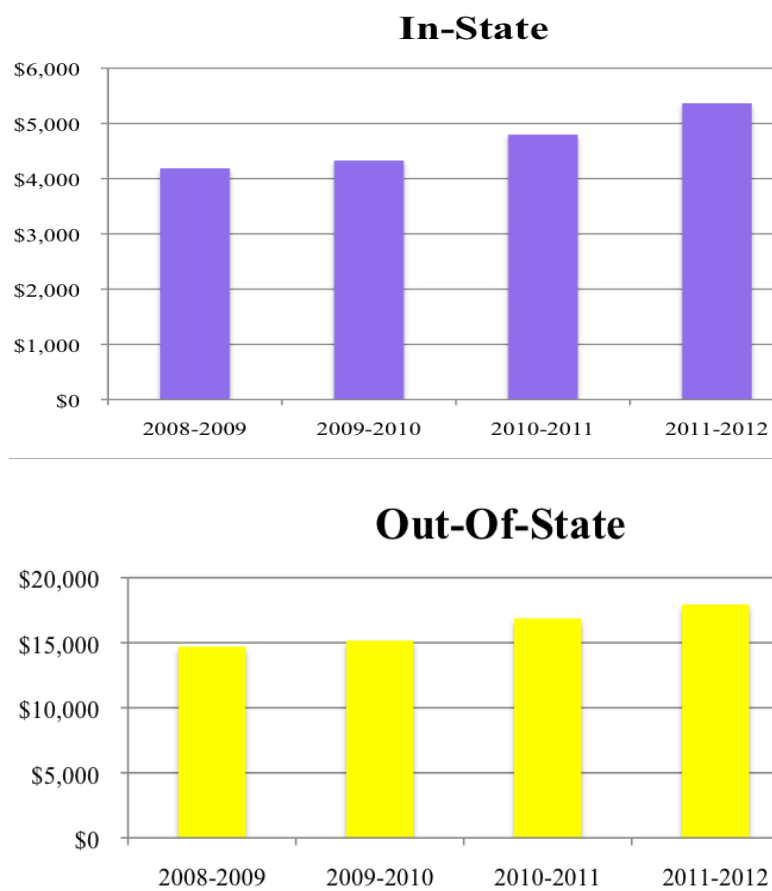
In addition to easing students' financial burdens, the SGA plans to help organizations make a greater impact on every day campus life. The SGA is hoping that with organizations working together, the campus can experience a greater sense of togetherness.

Through this, the SGA expects to get a larger variety of students participating in things like campus elections and One-Stop voting.

If all goes as planned, students at ECU can expect an exceedingly different academic experience next year.

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University cuts \$49.1 million from budget



In-state tuition rose 28% from 2008 to 2011, out of state tuition rose 22%.

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In a news conference held last Friday, Chancellor Steve Ballard announced the \$49.1 million budget cut that the university will be facing for the fiscal year of 2011-2012.

This 16 percent cut to ECU's state funding is on top of nine percent cut two years ago and a 3.5 percent cut in fiscal year that just ended. Budget cuts over the last four years now exceed \$140 million, according to a message sent July 8 to faculty, staff and supporters. This

message was signed by Chancellor Steve Ballard and Vice Chancellor for Administration and Finance Rick Niswander.

"Every part of the institution has been or will be affected. The fiscal year that has just begun will not be easy; we will not be the university a year from now that we are today," said the message.

The University of North Carolina system had to cut \$414 million, overall. The budget bill said that the cuts could not be made evenly across the board for all UNC system schools. The Board of Governors used six criteria to determine the cut

to individual campuses: retention goals, degree efficiency, whether a component can raise tuition, economies of scale, proportion of Pell Grant recipients, and whether a campus had access to significant other funding sources.

UNC Chapel Hill took the biggest cut at 18 percent, which totals to about \$100 million. UNC Charlotte was 16.2 percent, North Carolina State was 15.1 percent, UNC Chapel Hill was 17.9 percent, Appalachian State was 16 percent, UNC Greensboro was 15.3 percent, UNC Wilmington was 15.8 percent, and Western Carolina was 16.4 percent. Last year, state funding made up approximately \$300 million of ECU's \$800 million budget, according to The Daily Reflector.

Some of the money cut was covered by funds the university had set aside for this purpose. One quarter came from an already approved increase in student tuition of \$567 per semester. Colleges and departments will absorb the remaining \$25.7 million. With some variation, each college or department will have to cut about seven percent of its budget, Chancellor Steve Ballard announced at a news conference Friday morning.

Tuition for the 2011-2012 year is \$567 per semester more than it was last year. In spite of the recent announcement, this number will remain the same, because students have already been billed for this year. Tuition for the 2012-2013 year has yet to be determined.

Many things will be forced to change across campus. Ballard said that class sizes will be larger, fewer sections will be offered, operations and activities will be reduced or eliminated, task completion will be slower, and fewer people will be employed at ECU. However, the new dental school is still on track and the first students will begin their classes

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Beach opening soon at North Recreational Complex

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The much-anticipated beach at the North Recreational Complex will be finished in August.

An official grand opening for Phase II of the complex is scheduled for Sept. 15. It will include special guests, food, giveaways and activities that will showcase the new opportunities for the facility. There will be transportation provided for this event, which will be from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. on Sept. 15.

Phase II of the North Recreational Complex includes a 51,000-square-foot beach on a 5.6-acre lake for boating and fishing, and a 2,000-square-foot boathouse. But the beach is not the only new addition coming to the recreation center.

Phase II will also have an odyssey course that includes a 300-foot zip line, a fitness course, two sand volleyball courts, six walking/running trails around the lake, a 5K trail, a gazebo and a patio area. The complex will also be equipped with wireless internet.

There will be volleyballs, canoes, kayaks, grills, corn holes, horse shoes, an 18-hole Frisbee golf course and a sitting wall for students to enjoy. ECU students, faculty and staff may check out canoes and kayaks and participate in nearly all of the site's activities for no charge; however, all participants are strongly encouraged to have their ECU OneCard with them.

Gray Hodges, the assistant director of Club Sports and Facilities, said that because of the policy controls and safety issues there will be no swimming allowed in the lake. But they will require lifeguards to be present when there are groups with kids ages 16 or younger

in the lake area and there will be a facility manager present at all times to enforce the rules.

Hodges said the entire project cost about \$1.2 million.

The North Recreational Center is located on Highway 264 East behind the North Campus Crossing apartments about ten minutes from the main campus. It opened in the fall of 2008 and already offers the community eight multipurpose activity fields spread over 129 acres. The fields can be sized for soccer, flag football, lacrosse, ultimate frisbee and rugby. These fields are used almost every day for club and intramural sports by college students.

Janis Steele, associate director of facilities for Campus Recreation and Wellness would not return any phone calls, so she was unable to comment on the beach. Steele said that phase II was really designed for the students that do not get involved in competitive sports. They are trying to have a little bit of something for everyone. In a press release, Steele said, "We



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Students can submit their ideas for what the new beach should be called. Submit your vote to the Recreational Center.

are very excited about the opening of Phase II because it adds a whole other dimension to the North Recreational Complex. Phase II is a major attraction for students with diverse recreational needs and is an amazing addition to what was launched in Phase I."

Steele said that, at this point in time, there is no set transportation to and from the Recreational Complex. However, they have talked with North Campus Crossing about in the future maybe partnering with them for transportation purposes, if students express a need.

Campus Recreation and Wellness is sponsoring a contest in the coming weeks that will allow students to have a role in naming the new beach area. Steele said that they will narrow down the ideas to the top 10 and send it out to all students so they will get a chance to vote. This is similar to how students voted to name the student section of Dowdy "The Boneyard." "It is important for the students to be involved in naming the beach because it is the students' facility. They should have some say in what the beach will be

named," Steele said in the press release.

Steele said that this complex is unique to ECU. "I don't think there is anything like this nearby. It will be a nice addition for students that want to have some free-time," Steele said.

Students have mixed reactions about ECU building a beach. India McGowin, a senior health physiology major, said, "They definitely need to stop and think about what they are doing with the money they are taking from us. When they make so many budget cuts and fire professors it affects everyone, not just them. Tuition has risen about \$3,500 since I started here in 2008. It shouldn't go up anymore."

Sophomore Michael Rogers will be living at North Campus Crossing next year, the closest apartment complex to the North Recreation Center. Rogers said, "ECU could have spent the money on something else, but I think the people that will use it the most are those of us that live at North Campus. I can't really see other students driving out there that often, especially students that live on-campus."

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College hiring spikes first time in two years



Graduate student Melvin Mendoza is getting a masters in counselor education, meets with MAEd associate director Larry Donley to go over his career options.

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After a two-year downtime, major corporations are attending college career fairs and hiring more college students.

According to a CNN Money article, Bank of America will offer 1,300 new graduates jobs in 2011 and Microsoft will begin visiting more business schools. This will be the first time Microsoft has attempted to expand since 2009.

Despite the fact that new hiring will start taking place, college students may not be in the clear quite yet. Bank of America's headcount goal is 10 to 15 percent higher than 2009's headcount but is still close to 2008 levels.

"We ask our members kind of what they're anticipating for the next year, and those who have an idea are basically expecting more of the same, or maybe even a little bit more in terms of hiring," said Ed Koc, research director at the National Association of Colleges and Employers. "But everything is dependent on the economy in general."

Koc says that businesses were not expecting the 2008

decrease in hiring, and it was not until 2009 that people realized they were not going to be hiring that year.

The NACE hiring index jumped 5.4 percent from January to February, becoming one of the highest spikes in hiring so far this year. And so far, the trend has continued.

According to a Class of 2011 Hiring Market report, hiring projections were up 20 percent in March and graduates can "expect employers from nearly every sector to be interested in hiring entry-level employees with bachelor's degrees."

"Twenty percent is a big increase in hiring and it's good that it isn't just in business," said junior Sarah Young. "Graduates in other majors will now be able to find jobs in their fields too."

College students and campus career centers are pleased with the rise in hiring and see it as a sign of the gradual return of the nation's economy. They welcome the corporations to their campuses for career fairs hoping to boost employment.

"We've had a major financial event, but the outlook for our graduates is not nearly as dire as it was," says Wendy

Kuran, an associate dean at Duke's Fuqua School of Business in the article. "It's coming back, slowly but surely."

Since 2010, planned job offers for graduates has risen 19.3 percent, according to a report from the National Association for Colleges and Employers.

"It's great to see that there will be more jobs available for graduates," said art education major Anna Hajjar. "I know that doesn't mean the economy is better but it's a start."

The hiring (which took place during 2010) was most noticeable in the northeast, where hiring reached a high of 25.6 percent. The southeast reached 7.9 percent, the Midwest 20.2 percent and 19.3 percent in the west.

Koc stated that jobs in engineering and technology have come back and grown considerably since the economic downturn in 2008.

However, many experts say it is important to note that this does not necessarily mean the country is out of the recession. But, it is a sign of progress in the job market.

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Department chairperson chosen as project scholar

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The chair of the department of history, Gregory Prokopowicz, will offer his expertise and serve as a scholar to the community through the New Bern-Craven County Public Library during its annual "Let's talk About It" read and discuss series.

The library has hosted the series for 10 years annually (twice a year) with a mix of fiction and non-fiction topics, according to head librarian Joanne Straight.

This year's topic, where Prokopowicz will serve as scholar and facilitator, is called "Let's talk About It: Making Sense of the American Civil War."

The series is funded through a competitive grant given to 65 libraries around the nation by the American Library Association and National Endowment for the Humanities. Straight, who applied for the grant, felt that this year would be a great time to apply because 2012 marks the 150th anniversary

of the Civil War in New Bern. Straight thought the citizens would find interest in the topic because of its connection to them.

The series will consist of 5 public discussions held every two weeks from February to April 2012.

It is not surprising that Prokopowicz agreed to take on the project. Specializing in public history and the Civil War Era, he is dedicated to removing artificial barriers that separate historians from reaching the public itself, according to the university's website.

"The war took place 150 years ago, but the underlying issues are still active in American culture and politics. Too often, those issues are oversimplified for TV cameras or debated in classrooms where only scholars and students can participate," said Prokopowicz. "This project creates an opportunity for people to have a meaningful, in-depth conversation and to share the many meanings that the war still holds for people in eastern North Carolina,"

said Prokopowicz, according to Gray.

The session will cover subtopics of the "Civil War Experience" such as "Choosing Sides," "Imagining War," "Making Sense of Shiloh," "The Shape of War" and "War and Freedom."

According to the director of marketing and communications, Lacey Gray, the grant will provide 75 books in total to the library pertaining to the Civil War. This includes twenty five copies each of "March" by Geraldine Brooks, "Crossroads to Freedom: Antietam" by James McPherson and 50 copies of the anthology "America's War: Talking about the Civil War" edited by Edward L. Ayers.

"A monetary portion of the grant worth \$3,000 will be used to cover program-related expenses and travel for Prokopowicz and Straight who will attend an orientation workshop mid October in preparation for the series," said Gray.

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Gerry Prokopowicz was chosen as a scholar to speak at a New Bern public library.

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me during orientation or the first week of school and said Chris Murphy is the reason that we are here today. He was so passionate about the university so we had to come down and see it for ourselves."

Britt said that Murphy attended every football game, but had never gone inside the stadium; he listened to the game on the radio where he

tailgated. According to Britt, anyone was welcome to join Murphy at his tailgating spot at the corner of 14th and Elm streets.

Purple, gold and black ribbons were handed out at Dowdy Student Stores for people to wear in memory of Murphy and friends have posted a YouTube video in

his memory. The ECU blog site has posted a blog where people can remember Murphy and can reminisce about the times they shared with him. Funeral plans for Murphy are currently being arranged.

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in the fall. The new building will still open next year.

While it is too early to tell which specific programs or positions will be cut, administration will be considering its options throughout the summer.

"There is no question that we'll have larger classes with fewer teachers," Ballard said, according to The Daily Reflector. "It may take students longer to get a degree. None of that is good."

Senior family studies major Chela Smith is a student employee hoping that her job will not be one on the chopping block. "I feel like ECU spends a lot of money on unnecessary things. That money could have been saved

for a time like this. Registration is going to be much harder with fewer sections available and when the class is at capacity students are going to end up waiting another semester to take the class, causing them to graduate late," said Smith.

"There are so many things that they can cut besides education. We spend so much money on sports, but sports should not come first. And it is very frustrating when we pay so much money to go here and still can't get into the classes that we need to graduate on time. Cutting teachers and classes affects everyone. In classes of 200 kids, all you are is a clicker number to the professor," said Kristen

Byrum, a senior pre-health major.

In Ballard's press release, he stated, "Unquestionably, losing \$49 million will hurt. It will harm the student experience, reduce the chances for student success, cause some of our best faculty members to leave North Carolina, and damage our mission of regional transformation. The fiscal year that has just begun will not be easy. We will not be the same university a year from now that we are today. But working together, we will deal with this challenge. Thank you for all you do for ECU."

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The song "Hide Your Kids, Hide Your Wife" must be about Casey Anthony and OJ Simpson.

If you don't want to "deal" with ECU or the Greenville community then GTFO. ECU needs students that are proud of the Pirate Nation.

It's too hot outside.

To the guy who openly reads a book in the back of the classroom every day: WHY ARE YOU EVEN HERE? Seriously, why waste the valuable next-to-outlet space when you aren't using a computer or paying attention? Go home!

Online courses are a little chaotic.

Some days you text me, some days you give me a call, other times you ignore me. I just want to know if it's friends or something more.

I am so glad ECU decided we should open our campus library to the entire Greenville community. While I am trying to take my online test, the women across from me is ranting about how "her baby daddy" is now a registered sex offender. Great learning environment.

Dear roommate: Please get over yourself. People think that you are quite trashy.

It's pathetic that I can't go pick up a prescription from student health without getting a ticket. ECU parking needs to figure something out.

To the big girl on the Brown bus: Please sit down and stop distracting the bus driver.

The new track is awesome minus one glaring flaw: No stands! ECU can't expect a big time meet with no stands for people.

Most of us like to have a few drinks from time to time, but getting so wasted that you are lying on someone's front lawn without the ability to stand up is dumb and dangerous. You leave yourself vulnerable to some bad people that take advantage of that.

Google+ is so much better than Facebook.

To the orientation guides: Why are you making the future freshmen stand in a circle and do awkward dances in front of Dowdy? This is college, not summer camp.

To the little girl that told me to "Stop looking at you" at 519. I was only looking at you because I was surprised by your easiness. Do not flatter yourself by picking on me.

Clearly I'm not that gay since I have your ex-boyfriend.

To the girl sitting in the hall before COMM class: No one wants to hear you talking about drinking and getting sick before your 21st birthday.

There are too many old guys creeping on girls who are at orientation.

I'm glad this week is the last of orientation so I can stop being confused for a freshman.

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If looks could kill

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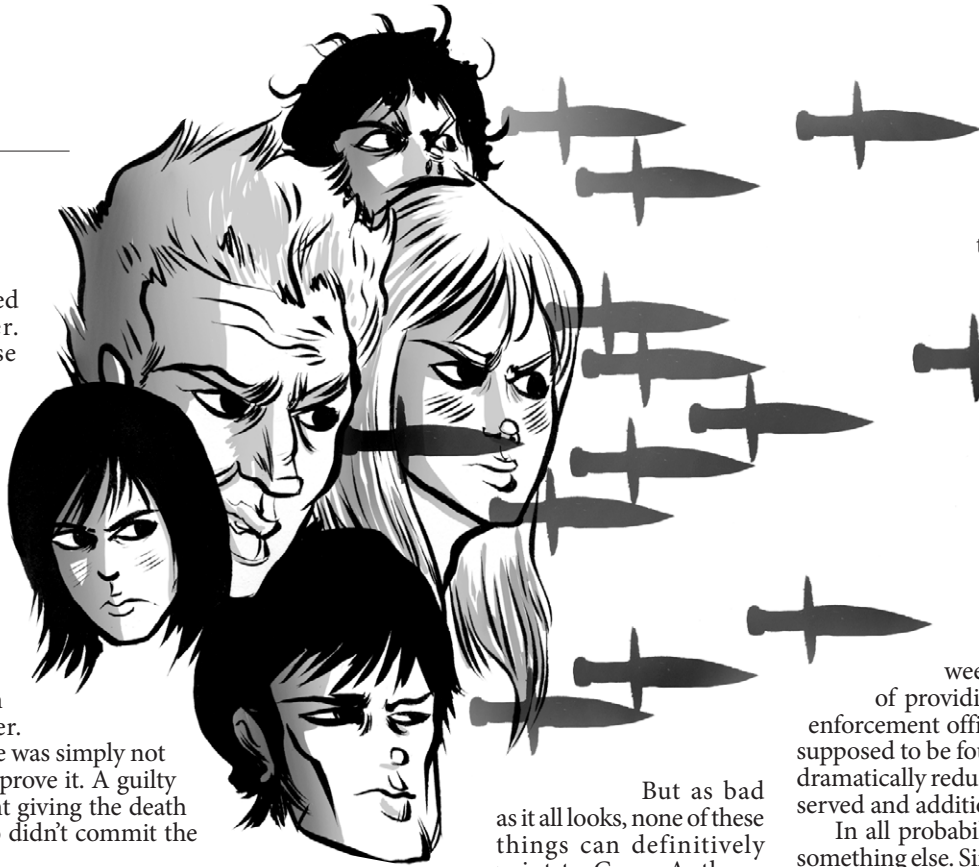
In 2010, NC reported 468 counts of murder. However, none of these cases became the public spectacle that recently took place in FL.

When I found out that Casey Anthony was found "not guilty" of first-degree murder, aggravated manslaughter and aggravated child abuse, I had a lot of mixed feelings. On one hand, I knew that in all likelihood, this woman had killed her daughter. But I also knew that there was simply not enough real evidence to prove it. A guilty verdict might have meant giving the death penalty to someone who didn't commit the crime.

If looks could kill, Anthony would have received about 5 million death penalties on the day of her verdict. That's how many people watched the verdict live on HLN on July 5, 2011. The jury decided on a "not guilty" verdict on all of the felony charges. This decision shocked and outraged people all across America and the world.

Anthony certainly looks guilty. Her mother was the one to report Caylee as missing. Only then did Casey say that her daughter had been missing for 31 days – a full month.

She lied multiple times to investigators. Her car was junked and her trunk smelled of decomposing flesh. Her home computer had been used to search "neck breaking," "how to make chloroform" and "death" on Google. And finally, Caylee's remains were found in a bag with duct tape on the face of the skull.



done about it. No amount of angry Twitter posts or Casey Anthony hate groups on Facebook can change anything about the verdict. We cannot demand justice for Caylee.

The American criminal justice system works. It is founded upon the principle of "innocent until proven guilty." Logic must triumph over emotion or gut instinct in a criminal court case. Anthony was simply not proven guilty of murder.

She will spend just under 2 weeks in jail for the four counts of providing false information to a law enforcement officer. The original jail time was supposed to be four years total, but her time was dramatically reduced, thanks to her time already served and additional credit for good behavior.

In all probability, she will end up in jail for something else. Since the investigation alone, she has been arrested multiple times on charges of petty theft, forgery and fraud. I don't expect her to have a change of heart to suddenly become an upstanding citizen.

She might not be in jail past July 17, but she will be living in a prison of sorts. Her name and face are everywhere. Millions of people now hate and ridicule her. She will probably never be trusted or taken seriously again. Her reputation has been destroyed. She's alive, but her life is ruined.

That seems like punishment enough to me.

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But as bad as it all looks, none of these things can definitively point to Casey Anthony as the

Since the verdict, members of the jury have expressed that they were sick to their stomachs over the verdict. They also said that if it had been based on feelings and emotions, Anthony would have been found guilty. However, the jury members knew that a person cannot be given the death penalty on circumstantial evidence.

Charging someone for murder without concrete evidence is just appeasing the masses who have created a villain. Yet it shows the stability of a fair trial system. And hastily creating a federal law based on one specific and over-publicized case doesn't help out our justice system either.

As much as we might believe that Anthony is guilty (and as outraged as we might feel at the jury's decision), there is nothing that can be

Immigration reform in N.C.



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As the weather warms up, many people are preparing to go on vacation for a quick beach getaway, a study-abroad opportunity or a family visit. On the other hand, many people across the country and locally are still concerned with securing either employment or educational opportunities to establish a career, which can allow for luxuries like vacations.

One of the issues that many unemployed or underemployed people are concerned with is whether illegal or undocumented immigrants are a concrete threat to securing a desired position.

As the political stage takes shape for the 2012 presidential election, immigration regulation is definitely a concern not only in regards to employment, but in relation to international and domestic security concerns.

A recent policy was approved by the state legislature regarding immigration and citizenship. This law requires employers in North Carolina that have a business that employs 25 or more people to check and ensure that potential applicants for positions are legal citizens or foreigners with legal employment documentation.

The bill does not require employers who are involved in the agriculture sector and employ people for 90 days or less to identify the citizenship status of potential hires. According to a report by the Americans for Legal Immigra-

tion Political Action Committee (ALIPAC), 80 percent of Americans want legislation to ensure that employment opportunities, voting rights and government entitlements like welfare benefits are not abused by illegal immigrants. With this concern, immigration regulation will continue to be a hot-button political issue.

The bill was a response to the above-average 9.7 percent unemployment rate that is prevalent in our state. This law will affect at least 40 percent of employers within the state. The dialogue regarding immigration and employment continues to be assessed and critiqued.

Although laws that combat illegal immigration have been formulated in states like North Carolina, the federal government still asserts that immigration and naturalization regulation is their responsibility.

According to ALIPAC, other states like Texas are assessing potential legislation that would end the prevalence of regions known as "Sanctuary Cities," which are areas that illegal immigrants frequently engage in illegal activity and are arrested but avoid deportation to

their home nation. Texas wants this cycle of avoiding legal responsibility for an individual's illegal behavior to end.

President Obama has been characterized by a concern with a multifaceted reaction to immigration concerns. One element of their agenda is concerned with increasing the federal regulation of employer compliance with immigration regulations already in place.

Obama's administration has also been adamant in their concern for establishing a "path to citizenship" for illegal aliens that includes several procedural elements, which require learning English, paying taxes and be assigned a financial penalty.

Another concern for citizens are privileges related to higher education. In 2008, Kansas approved legislation that granted the children

of illegal immigrants in-state tuition for state universities. The fact that this state passed this legislation was ironic due to the overwhelmingly conservative nature of the citizenry of the state.

The representatives of the Kansas legislature formulated a perception of the immigrants as potential legitimized elements of the professional pool that could be an asset to the state's economic foundation. The manner in which the legislatures formulated the perception of the immigrant students clearly affected the way the citizenry perceived the right to the privilege of securing in-state tuition.

Students and families who are directly faced with the rising cost of tuition and costs associated with higher education may feel differently about letting illegal immigrants have access to in-state tuition.

If an individual is legitimately here and has followed the official procedural rules to have employment or educational opportunities, they should have access to them.

Conversely, if a person has not adhered to the official means of securing legitimate educational or vocational access, their concerns should not be placed before those who followed the law.

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"One of the issues that many unemployed or underemployed people are concerned with is whether illegal or undocumented immigrants are a concrete threat to securing a desired position."

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Cleopatra tested the efficacy of her poisons by giving them to her slaves.

Woman who are vegetarians are more likely to give birth to baby girls than boys.

Remembering Samantha Hamilton

Leila Falls
STAFF WRITER

Radiant smile, free-spirit, fun-loving, goofball, optimistic, spontaneous, passionate and genuine. These are just a few words that Samantha Hamilton's friends could come up with while remembering their "SamHam," who died on June 27.

"It's hard to come up with words to describe Sam," said friend Scott Jones, a junior art major. "She was her own adjective... Sam-ness is hard to describe."

According to her friends, Hamilton's "Sam-ness" was expressed every day, even through school. This fall, she would have been a junior working to finish up her communication major and film studies minor.

"She wanted to plan events like a film festival and concerts," said her girlfriend Kaity Rhodes, a junior music technology major. "She was so passionate about music."

Being the secretary of the university's GBLTSU, one thing Hamilton wasn't afraid to do was stay true to herself.

"Sam had many expressions she was known for," said former GBLTSU president Katy Ross. "Her thumbs up was her go-to and laughter was her outlet."

Hamilton graduated from Southview High School in 2009 in Hope Mills, NC, where she focused on dance—her signature pastime.

"Sometimes, she would just be talking, then randomly bust out a dance move," laughed Jones.

Those memories softened the tears for a moment for those who reminisced during the memorial held in Mendenhall Student Center on June 30.

"It's funny hearing about all the talk of her dancing," said Hamilton's mother, Shawn Davis. "She was the happiest when she was dancing."

During the last weeks of her life,



CONTRIBUTERD PHOTO

Samantha Hamilton was a communication major and would have been a junior in the fall.

Hamilton was able to see memorable concerts, including Bonnaroo, where she got to see her favorite band, Arcade Fire.

"We had a terrible drive to DC to see (the band) Beach House, but when we got there... the show was amazing," said Rhodes. "She had a smile on her face for two hours. Her happiness was radiating and it made me happier."

"Sam's contagious smiles were genuine," Rhodes explained. "The

way she was on the outside was the way she was on the inside. She had a real concern for other people."

According to her friends, "awkward moment eliminator" was Hamilton's specialty, with a little help from her laughter.

"Even if it meant putting herself out there," explained Rhodes, "she would do it to make someone else feel comfortable."

Many of her closest friendships started off when Hamilton broke the ice with her vivaciousness.

"I was sitting at the bus stop freshman year and she started talking to me—we just clicked and had dinner that night," laughed Jones, as he retold the beginning of their close friendship. "That's the thing about Sam, you could meet her at a bus stop and think, 'Hey, I'm going to hang out with you tonight!'"

Hamilton had an aura that made many people want a friendship with her from the moment they met.

"I'd seen her around and wanted to say something to her, but then, two Halloweens ago, she came up to me and said that she liked my nun costume," laughed Rhodes. "I liked her the moment I met her."

To Hamilton, family was most important. "If she could've done anything with a million dollars, she would've traveled with her family," believes Rhodes.

Also, her dedication to her siblings was permanent. "She had two red hibiscus flowers tattooed on her (one on each hip). One was for her little brother Christopher, and one was for her little sister Summer," said friend Amanda Holland, a junior theatre arts major. "(The reason was because) they were both born in Hawaii"

Since Hamilton came from a military family, traveling was a part of her life. She lived in Texas, Virginia, Massachusetts and Hawaii. But Europe always caught her attention. "Paris, she loved it," said Jones.

Jones also emphasized her love of hanging out with friends.

"Even if she would just sit around and chill with people, she enjoyed it," said Jones. "The last thing we did together was lay around and watch Futurama. She loved those ridiculous cartoons."

Hamilton was also notorious for goofy phrases.

"She never said that she missed me... it would always be 'I miss you face,'" said Rhodes.

But drama, sugarcoating and negative memories didn't exist with Hamilton.

"She could shrug anything off" said Jones. "Even if she was frustrated, she never talked (bad) about people."

One of her favorite albums, "Funeral" by Arcade Fire, was played at her memorial and funeral.

While the cause of death is uncertain, upper respiratory complications may have taken her away on June 27, but her radiance still remains with her friends and family.

Some of Hamilton's things were given to her friends so that these tangible memories will keep the Sam-ness glistening.

"I just wanted the flying pig keychain," said Jones. "This beautiful woven beaded pig that she would goof around with. It was very Sam."

Samantha will be missed by the many people who adored and admired her vibrancy.

"When I think of Sam, I know what kind of person I want to be," said Holland.

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Friends and family remembered Samantha Hamilton at a memorial service on June 30.

Making the most out of summer traveling

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STAFF WRITER

When thinking of summer, one of the first things that comes to mind is traveling.

New places and long hours in a small car are two things that bring friends and families together in this season. May it be the beach, the mountains or grandma's house in Ohio, traveling is just one of those key parts of every summer.

Unfortunately, drives can be long and gas prices are currently not affordable. These things can do some wear-and-tear on not only the vehicles, but on a college student's budget.

Luckily, there are a few very simple things that can be done in order to maximize gas usage and make sure that the gas tank can be completely filled without the wallet going completely empty.

One of the most effective tips on saving fuel is to drive at 60 miles per hour or less. It has been proven that once the car exceeds speeds of 60 mph and above, the gas mileage steadily decreases. Avoiding speeding is great way to conserve gas, as well as avoiding those nasty speeding tickets.

Another popular way to help out the gas tank is to use cruise control. When traveling on a major highway

or interstate, take the opportunity to set the cruise control on to avoid fluctuating speeds and let the savings begin.

Nina Wenzinger, a junior media production major, explains how she and her friends use these techniques.

"We generally use cruise control," said Wenzinger. "The less fluctuation in the speed has a little bit of an impact on the use of the gas, and my car has a light that pops on when I'm driving economically, so I base it off of that."

In an effort to raise awareness about summer traveling, Amica Insurance recently released a few tips that they feel are useful in conserving fuel:

1. When not moving, turn off the engine because an idling car wastes fuel and is bad for the environment.

2. Try and keep your trunk as clean as possible because extra weight can weight lower your fuel economy.

3. Avoid putting stuff on the hood of your car because those items can cause wind resistance and use up more gas than

needed.

4. Make sure to tune up the car's engine by following the guidelines laid out in the owner's manual. Staying on top of this can help car's gas mileage.

5. Gas mileage can be increased by up to three percent by making sure the car's tires are properly pumped up.

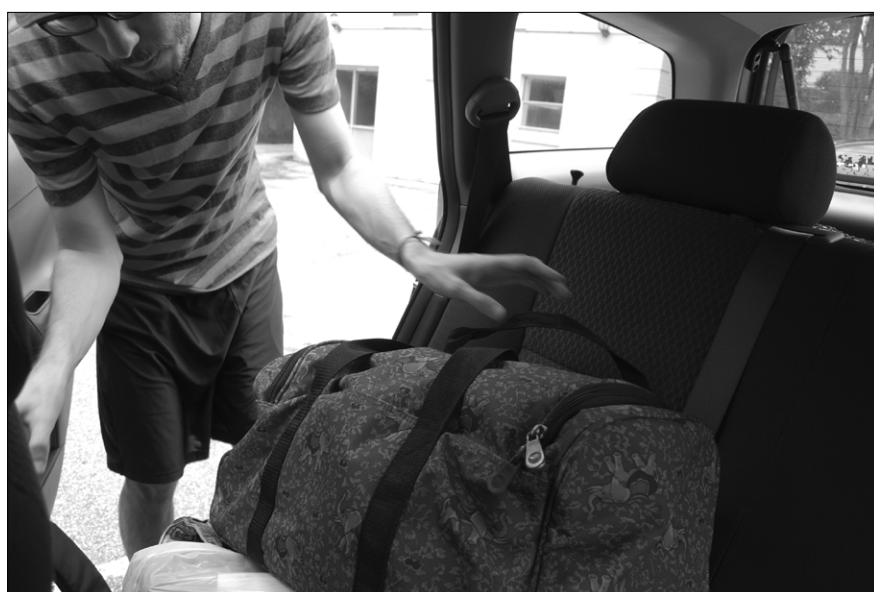
6. According to the U.S. Department of Energy, by using the manu-

facturer's recommended grade of motor oil, gas mileage can be successfully maintained.

7. Make sure that you know what octane level your owner's manual recommends and maintain it. Most cars will gain no improvement from a higher octane level.

These simple changes can dras-

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Dane Green carefully packs his car for a summer trip in hopes of saving gas money.

The R-rated comedy strikes back

Hunter Ingram
LIFESTYLES EDITOR

Summer movies have never had their shortage of big stars, flashy explosions, car crashes, alien invasions or magical wizards. But contrary to popular belief, in recent years, they have had their shortage of R-rated laughs.

R-rated comedy hits were scarce in the years before "Knocked Up," "Wedding Crashers" and "The Hangover," and ironically, are still few and far between.

When "The Hangover" was released in the summer of 2009, the only R-rated comedy competition it faced that summer was "Bruno," which didn't pose much of a threat. And even last summer, "Get Him to the Greek" and "MacGruber" stood as the summer's only R-rated comedies.

But the summer of 2011 is shaping up to be a very different story. Now, films that were developed in the aftermath of "The Hangover's" astounding success are finally seeing the light of day, meaning that summer 2011 is loaded with not one, not two, not three, but seven R-rated comedies. That's more than the last three summers combined.

The seven films ("The Hangover: Part II," "Bridesmaids," "Bad Teacher," "Horrible Bosses," "Friends with Benefits," "30 Minutes or Less," "The Change Up") all have the potential to strike it big at the box office, even though they are all crammed into the tight May-August time frame that is the summer box-office season.

Christina Kendrick, a junior exercise physiology major, is more partial to R-rated comedies over the general PG-13 release.

"I would rather go watch an R-rated comedy over a PG-13 one because the movie has room to be as funny as it can possibly be," said Kendrick. "There is no such thing as being too inappropriate in an R-rated comedy and that ability to go all out can really help a comedy."

Of the seven films, four have already hit theaters, beginning with "Bridesmaids" back in early May. While many believed this female-driven wedding comedy wouldn't have the same effect as "The Hangover," it has since found that impressive reviews and positive word of mouth can go a long way. The film, co-written by star Kristen Wiig, has grossed over \$150 million and has emerged as the summer's breakout hit.

Not surprisingly, going into the summer, many only saw "The Hangover: Part II" as a major contender in the competitive box office race, and with good reason. In its Memorial Day opening weekend, the film raked in over \$100 million and has since made over \$240 million.

But unlike "Bridesmaids," "The Hangover: Part II" has been hounded by bad reviews and one unfortunate tattoo-related lawsuit, prompting many to wonder if it will surpass its predecessor in both



"Horrible Bosses" scored big with its opening weekend, making over \$28 million.

popularity and box office revenue.

"Bad Teacher," which stars Cameron Diaz as just that, a very bad teacher, offered audiences a very different side of the comedy queen when it opened on June 24. This film, which costars Justin Timberlake and Jason Segal, had a little less going for it than "The Hangover: Part II" and "Bridesmaids," but still managed to make a \$30 million opening, despite bad reviews.

Those three films, however, were only the tip of the iceberg. On July 8, "Horrible Bosses" was the next R-rated comedy to step up to bat. Boasting one of the best casts of the year, "Horrible Bosses" tells the story of three guys whose respective bosses are ruining their lives, so they decide to kill them. Naturally, comedic mishaps will ensue, but for this film, originality will be key since no recent comedy has tackled the desire to get back at an oppressive boss, which so many people can relate to.

The same can't be said for "Friends with Benefits," out July 22, which is basically another version of January's "No Strings Attached." Only this time, replace Ashton Kutcher and Natalie Portman with Justin Timberlake and Mila Kunis.

Finally, August will see the release of two very different R-rated comedies. First up, "30 Minutes or Less" (out Aug. 5) will follow Jesse

Eisenberg and Aziz Ansari as they try to evade police while robbing a bank against their will. Fans of films like "Pineapple Express" will likely love this one.

Topping off the summer's comedic offerings will be "The Change Up," a body-swapping comedy starring Ryan Reynolds and Jason Bateman. Only in this case, it's safe to say it will be a little more risqué and a little less "Freaky Friday."

Overall, Catherine Bova, a junior health education major, has mixed feelings about all of the excitement being placed in the genre.

"I feel that this is a very adult genre and therefore not so kid-friendly, which can be great but can also leave out the younger crowd, which may look for comedies," said Bova. "But since these films are good and are doing so well, I think they should continue making them, but maybe spread them out a little."

Regardless of what may come of this popular genre, one thing is for sure: The summer is by no means over, and with three R-rated comedies still to come, moviegoers everywhere still have time to decide if this summer will end up being "the summer of the comedy overload."

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"Bridesmaids," the summer's first R-rated comedy, opened in theaters on May 13.

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tically improve the fuel economy of a vehicle and make the most out of any summer trip, even on a tight budget.

But for some students, having extra spending money can be the top priority over traveling. Senior physi-

cal education major Sean Thompson believes that traveling may not even be necessary to have a great summer.

"Don't waste money on gas to go somewhere just for the sake of going somewhere," said Thompson. "There are

always things you can do where you are at, instead of traveling."

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Lewis named to Biletnikoff Watch list

Staff Reports

ECU senior, outside receiver Lance Lewis has been named to the Biletnikoff Award Watch List, according to an announcement by the Tallahassee Quarterback Club. The award is given to the top receiver in college football. Lewis is the third Pirate this week to make a watch list. Quarterback Dominique Davis was placed on the Maxwell Award (most outstanding player) chart and Michael Barbour was selected to the Lou Groza Place-Kicker Award list.

After joining the Pirates in August from East Mississippi Community College, Lewis turned in a record-breaking campaign. He started all 13 games and finished with 89 receptions, 1,116 yards and a single-season ECU record of 14 touchdowns. Lewis was rewarded with a Second-Team All-Conference USA selection by the league's head coaches and Rivals.com while garnering third-team All-C-USA honors from Phil Steele Magazine.

The expectations for Lewis are high heading into 2011, as he has already been named one of the top 100 college football players by Rivals.com. The Concord, NC, native has been selected as a first-team preseason all-conference performer by Phil Steele Magazine, Lindy's Magazine, Athlon Magazine and Blue Ribbon Football Yearbook. In addition, Lindy's Magazine labeled Lewis the "8th-best NFL talent" in C-USA. He is also on the Consensus Draft Services Preseason All-America Team and a member of the College Football Performance Awards Wide Receiver Trophy Watch List.

A year ago, Lewis' reception and yard totals were the second highest in a year in ECU history, trailing only Dwayne Harris' 2010 totals. Lewis finished the campaign ranked second in C-USA in receptions per game (6.8) and fourth in receiving yards per game (85.8). He also stood 12th at the FBS level in receptions per game, 16th in total reception yards and 20th in receiving yards per game.

The award is named for Fred Biletnikoff, the Florida State University All-America receiver and Pro Football Hall of Famer. It has been given out since 1994 (with last year's winner being Oklahoma State's Justin Blackmon). This season, the Biletnikoff Award recipient will be announced as part of ESPN's College Football Awards Show December 8.

Barbour added to Groza Watch list

Staff Reports

ECU senior kicker Michael Barbour has been named to the Lou Groza Place-Kicker Award Watch List, according to an announcement by the Palm Beach County Sports Commission Thursday. The award recognizes the top collegiate placekicker and is named for National Football League Hall of Fame kicker Lou "The Toe" Groza, who played 21 seasons with the Cleveland Browns.

Barbour immediately provided stability to the Pirates' kicking game in 2010 after arriving as a transfer from Maryland. He established ECU single-season records for points after touchdowns (56) and total points by a kicker (104). The Oyster Bay, NY, native was a Conference USA Head Coaches Second-Team All-C-USA, Rivals.com Second-Team All-C-USA and Phil Steele Magazine Second-Team All-C-USA selection following the season. In addition, he was honored by his teammates with the program's newcomer-of-the-

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Senior receiver Lance Lewis in the endzone against the N.C. State Wolfpack in 2010 inside Dowdy Ficklen Stadium.

Adam Bunn
STAFF WRITER

With the departure of ECU's all-time leading receiver Dwayne Harris at the end of the 2010 season, some new faces will be lining up to be recipients of quarterback Dominique Davis's passes.

Almost certainly taking over the number one slot in the receiving core is Junior- College transfer Lance Lewis, who appears to be the new go-to guy.

Lewis, who ranked second on the team in receptions and yardage last season with 89 catches for 1,116 yards, beat out Harris in terms of touchdown grabs notching 14 to Harris' 10.

While Harris was the guy Davis would look for in crutch time to make the big catch, Lewis was definitely the home-run hitter. Lewis averaged 12 yards per reception, highlighting his big play characteristics. With five catches over 40 yards, Lewis will be a touchdown machine next year for the Pirates.

If there's one part of his game that Lewis can improve on, it's his ability to go across the middle. This may not be a weakness, though; as Lewis was not asked to go across the middle at all last season as that was Harris's domain. Harris made his living by going across the middle and making the tough catches. In the 2011 season, Lewis will have to step up and fill that void.

While it seems like a no brainer that Lewis will take over the number one spot, what is more cloudy is who will pick up the rest of the receptions? What could be most concerning for Pirates fans is the disparity between receptions in the receiving core. Of the 4,143 yards accounted for by ECU pass catchers, 2,239 of those yards (or 54 percent) were accounted for by Lewis and Harris.

Most likely setting up across the field from Lewis will be junior Michael Bowman. Bowman won't be on the field with the team until after the opening weekend showdown with South

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Amanda Malkiewicz in action during the 2010 season.

Soccer ready for new beginning

Alex Serkes
STAFF WRITER

With a brand new stadium erected, the ECU Women's Soccer Team now have a place to call home, as the Lady Pirates prepare for a special season which is merely a month away.

"The 2011 season will be a special one for us as we move into our new stadium," Head Coach Rob Donnemir said. "Our team has been watching this stadium being built over the last year and they can't wait to experience a game here. It's going to be an awesome feeling for our team, alumni, fans and everyone connected to Pirate Soccer when we open face South Carolina on August 19."

The Lady Pirates will be moving up from the place they called home

last season at the North Campus Crossing Fields to a stadium of their own. This catalyst will surely provide a little extra spark for the girls when they take the field for the first time with electrifying aspirations. Yet, the memories of the games played at North Campus last year will surely not fade, for the ECU Women's Soccer team boasted a stellar 4-2 record. Players, coaches and fans surely will not forget the dramatic win over N.C. State in 2010, where sophomore forward Chrissy Gratz put the winning goal into the back of the net in the 62nd minute.

Yet, as one season ends, another must begin. The Pirates will look to improve on their 9-9-1 overall record, as well as their sub-par

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The Cano Show

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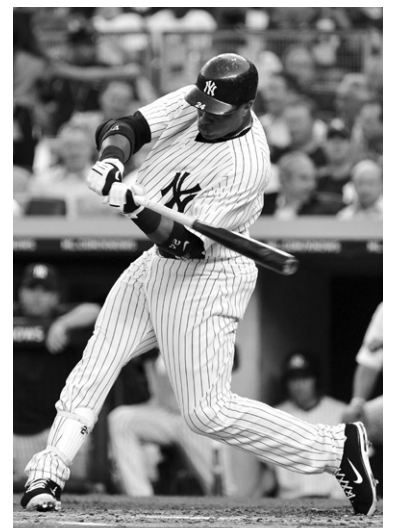
Stephen McNulty
STAFF WRITER

Between the skepticism behind captain's David Ortiz and Prince Fielder's picks and the continuous frustration with the All-Star Game festivities that many fans have, the Home Run Derby had a lot to prove on Monday night. And as you sat there and watched Robinson Cano launch one ball after another thrown from his father all over Chase Field in Phoenix, Ariz., you knew you were witnessing something special.

The event started off with a bang as Adrian Gonzalez blasted nine, including a pool shot in the first round. But the crowd was tough on National League Captain Fielder, possibly for not picking the hometown favorite Justin Upton. And when Rickie Weeks and Matt Kemp combined for five total home runs in the first round, the Arizona crowd let them hear it too.

The American League side was not without disappointment as well. Gonzalez launched nine, and Cano showed his strength with eight, including one that went a reported 472 feet in the first round. But more eyes were on Jose Bautista to see what the home-run machine from Toronto could produce. However, he managed just four long balls before he reached his ten outs.

Fielder, Ortiz and Matt Holliday all finished the first round with five homeruns. The tie called for a swing-off, with the most home runs in five swings winning. Holliday produced a realistic two home run total. Then, Big Papi stepped to the mound and put four out of five in the stands. Not to be outdone by either though, Fielder homered with his first swing, then second swing, and each one after, launching all five over



New York Yankee's second basemen Robinson Cano won the 2011 Home Run Derby on Monday.

the fence.

The second round did little to change the momentum from the first round. Cano and Gonzalez hit twelve and eleven respectively, while Fielder and Ortiz managed just four each. After the first two rounds, Cano and Gonzalez each combined for 20 homers, advancing to the final, past Fielder and Ortiz who hit just nine each.

Although the twenty-plus home run round that we had seen in the past from guys like Bobby Abreu and Josh Hamilton was absent, the contest in Arizona indeed did not lack power or excitement. Cano, who was certainly not a favorite by many to win the contest entering the night, was showing his true strength, and arguably the best bat in baseball. Gonzalez was doing pretty much what we expected of him.

Gonzalez led off the final round. With a few admirable shots, and a few average home runs, the left-hander from Boston tallied eleven home runs. That total matched Ortiz from last year, and Abreu from 2005 in Detroit (where he launched 41 total, the most homers in a final round ever). To put it in a little more perspective, since 2004 only Prince Fielder, with six to win in 2009, hit more than five in the final round.

Then, the Yankee second basemen dug into the batters box with his father on the mound. Jose Cano won just one Major League game in his short career as a pitcher. But these would be the most important pitches he had ever thrown. With each loud crack and monstrous drive, he counted down the number of home runs his son needed to win.

The only way Cano was going to win this thing would be to break the final round record. But as he launched moon-shots into the desert night, you had no choice but to believe he was going to do it.

First came one off of the NL-AL board out in right, then a 466-foot shot that almost cleared the

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No. 6: Jasmine Young
Women's Basketball
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No. 5: Brock Young
Men's Basketball
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Hardwood Heroes

Jordan Anders
STAFF WRITER

We crack the top five in this week's edition of *Premiere Pirates*. This week, we find a pair of basketball stars who happen to share a last name, as well as spots among the best in their respective sports.

No. 6: Jasmine Young
Women's Basketball
2005-2009

Jasmine Young made an immediate splash upon her arrival to Greenville. The Richmond, Va., native was the only Pirate to start all 29 games during the 2005-2006 campaign, averaging 13.0 points per game and winning Conference USA Co-Freshman of the Year. She also earned second-team All C-USA honors and a spot on the conference all-freshman team.

Young carried on her stellar play as a sophomore, earning second-team All C-USA for the second straight year, as well as a spot on the C-USA all-defensive team. She scored a game-high 23 points in the Lady Pirates' win over Rice in the 2007 C-USA Championship game, earning all-tournament honors.

The 2008-2009 season was Young's best statistical season. Not only did she average a career-best 14.1 points per game, but she knocked down a career-high 55 3-pointers and dished 186 assists, also a career mark. Those stats led to her making repeat appearances on the all-conference second team and the all-defensive team.

She wrapped up her career in 2008-2009 by earning third-team all-conference honors, as well as another spot on the all-defensive team. Young is the only player in conference history to be named to three all-defensive teams in four years.

Young led the Lady Pirates in assists all four years of her career, totaling 655, which lands her second on ECU's all-time list and third on C-USA's list. She is ranked fourth on the Lady Pirates' all-time scoring list with 1,591 career points. Her 177 career 3-pointers rank second in ECU history, and her 264 steals are tied for second on the career list.

One of the few bright spots of the past decade of Pirate basketball was watching our No. 5 athlete craft one of the best basketball careers ECU has ever seen.

Brock Young (no relation to Jasmine Young) traveled a short way down the road from Raleigh, N.C., to suit up in purple and gold. After getting his feet wet during his freshman season, he secured the starting point guard position as a sophomore and earned national recognition for his outstanding play.

Along with averaging 10.6 points per game, Young averaged 7.57 assists per contest as a sophomore, which led Conference USA and ranked second nationally. His 227 assists that season are a school record, and his 14-assist performance against Rice that season is tied for the highest single-game total in school history.

Young averaged a career-high 15.5 points per game during his junior season, and led C-USA in assists for the second straight season, averaging 5.5 dimes per game. During a home game against Houston on Jan. 16, 2010, Young took sole possession of first place on ECU's career assists list. He was named to the C-USA third team at the end of the season.

Young took a new role of key reserve for his senior season with the Pirates and was named C-USA's Sixth Man of the Year this past March. He graduated in May as ECU's career leader in assists (612), free throws made (430), and double-digit assist games (10). His 1,232 career points rank sixth on the ECU's all-time list, and he ranks second all-time in steals with 612 in his career.

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conference record of 4-6-1. While they played exceptionally well on their home turf in 2010, the Lady Pirates struggled on the road in non-neutral sights with a 4-6-1 record.

The Lady Pirates will be returning senior forward and All-Conference USA member Amanda Malkiewicz, who (in her junior campaign) led the team in goals (7), assists (6) and points (20). Nine starters return from last year's team, having only lost two to graduation. 18 letterman athletes return as well. The two biggest losses for the team this year would be Jessica Woodward and Amanda Broz, who both achieved All-Conference USA honors in 2010.

Taking a look at the Women's Soccer Team's schedule in 2011, a few games stick out above the rest (most notably the first two). The Lady Pirates open the season in Blacksburg, Va., against Virginia Tech on August 12. Immediately following that match, August 19 will be the home opener under the lights of the new stadium against South Carolina. Virginia Tech is a solid ACC program, having made it to the ACC and NCAA championships in 2010. South Carolina is also a tremendous SEC powerhouse, posting a 15-6-4 record in 2010. Wins against both these programs to start out the season would be an amazing accomplishment.

One last significant

matchup for the ECU Women's Soccer Team in 2011 is October 9 against our conference foe, UCF. UCF finished 15-5-3 in 2010, finished first in Conference USA, and made a decent run in the NCAA championships.

There surely is a lot of excitement stirring in the pot for the 2011 ECU Women's Soccer Team. With a brand new stadium ready to be unveiled and a plethora of returning talent and leadership, the Lady Pirates could easily spin heads, shock critics and make a huge splash in both the conference and national pools in 2011.

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Carolina. This is because he will be serving a one game suspension after his arrest earlier this month. Despite the suspension, it is expected that Bowman will move into the starting lineup. Bowman ranked third among receivers last season, hauling in 47 catches for 434 yards and three touchdowns.

Bowman will serve as a secondary option in the offense, but with the majority of defenders focusing on Lewis, Bowman will need to step up and not suffer from the hand problems that have plagued him through his first two seasons in Greenville.

As always, the forgotten man is Andrew Bodenheimer, who in 2010 caught 40 passes for 370 yards with two scores. Whenever there was the need for a big first down or momentum grabbing play, it seemed that Bodenheimer was in the middle of it. After joining the Pirates as a walk-on special teams player, Bodenheimer welcomed in the new coaching staff by giving him the chance to prove his worth. It worked as he gained a starting spot at the "Z" slot position in the Pirates 4-wide sets. Given the ability he showed at that position this past season, Bodenheimer would seem to have his place all but locked up heading into fall camp.

While the first three wide receiver spots seem pretty cut and dry, the fourth and final

starting spot seems a bit more unsure. The most likely candidate is the 6' 8", 252 pound sophomore Justin Jones. Jones burst on the scene in a big way at the start of last year by hauling in Davis's miracle throw in the final seconds against Tulsa, which gave the Pirates a heart stopping win. After that game, Jones appeared on "Sportscenter" as well as ESPN2's "First Take" to talk about the "Dowdy Miracle." Like most young players, Jones embraced his 15 minutes of fame.

Following that catch, Jones disappeared from the map, securing only 21 catches for 211 yards and five touchdowns. Heaping so much praise on a freshman may have been unfair, but Jones has no excuses this year, as he will be looked at to provide a consistent source of production for the 2011 offensive unit.

While replacing a playmaker like Harris will not be an easy task for the Pirates coaching staff, the pieces are there to ease the transition. It will take more than one player having a big season to fill that void. It will take a true team effort to make the ghost of Dwayne Harris leave the friendly confines of Dowdy Ficklen Stadium.

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lower deck. Even more magical though was the 472-foot bomb that tied it at eleven. As Cano stepped out of the batters box, his father approached the plate, holding up one finger. And on the next swing, Cano pulled another over the right field fence, his thirty-second of the night.

For Jose Cano and his son, an All-Star who has already won a World Series ring, this was clearly a night they will never forget. And that is the beauty of the "Midsummer Classic."

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year award. Heading into the 2011 campaign, Barbour has earned national recognition as a Consensus Draft Services Preseason All-America Team honoree. He is also on the watch list for the College Football Performance Awards Placekicker Trophy. Both *Athlon Magazine* and *Phil Steele Magazine* have Barbour as a preseason second-team all-league choice.

A year ago, Barbour finished 16 of 18 on field-goal attempts, good for the highest conversion percentage in the league (88.9). He drilled all 12 FGs from less than 41 yards away with the misses from 41 and 50 yards. During the Pirates' home finale against SMU, he misfired wide left from 50 yards away to snap a string of 12-consecutive three-pointers.

In the second quarter of a key Conference USA battle at UAB, Barbour made a personal-long 52-yard field goal. It was the first ECU field goal of 50 or more yards since Ben Hartman's 51-yarder against Marshall, Nov. 8, 2008, and the longest since Hartman's 52-yard make at UTEP, Oct. 13, 2007. With 16 field goals and 56 PATs, Barbour tallied 104 points to surpass Hartman's 94 points (20 FGs, 34 PAT) in 2009. Barbour's point total is tied for third on the ECU single-season record list, trailing only Chris Johnson's 144 in 2007 and Leonard Henry's 109 in 2001.

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