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Shooter to be charged in Trayvon Martin death

Staff Reports

It was announced yesterday that George Zimmerman, the neighborhood watch volunteer who shot and killed Trayvon Martin, will be charged in Martin's death. According to the Associated Press, Zimmerman will be charged with second-degree murder and was arrested by police in Florida on Wednesday.

In a press conference in Jacksonville, Fla., Special Prosecutor Angela Corey stated that they do not prosecute by public pressure or by petition, and that they prosecute based on the facts of cases.

Corey also stated that Zimmerman's attorneys announced on Tuesday that they were withdrawing from the case and would no longer represent Zimmerman.

The attorneys say they have not heard from Zimmerman since Sunday.

Attorney General Eric Holder also announced that the Justice Department is conducting an independent review of the case after beginning its own investigation three weeks ago.

Zimmerman said that he shot Martin in self-defense in a gated Florida community outside Orlando on Feb. 26. He told police that Martin attacked him and that he shot him during the fight.

Performing arts series presents Natalie Cole

Staff Reports

East Carolina University and the S. Rudolph Performing Arts Series will present "An Unforgettable Evening with Natalie Cole" tonight at 8:00 p.m. in Wright Auditorium.

Cole is an eight-time Grammy-winning singer of such number-one hits as "This Will Be (An Everlasting Love)," "Inseparable," "Our Love," "I've Got Love On My Mind," "Pink Cadillac" and "Miss You Like Crazy."

Tickets are \$65 for adults, \$25 for students and youth. For more information, call the Central Ticket Office in Mendenhall Student Center at 252-328-4788.

Turn to Lifestyles for more on Cole's visit to ECU.

Officials break ground for new Greenville Walmart

Staff Reports

A groundbreaking for a new Greenville Walmart at the intersection of Portertown Road and 10th Street was held yesterday.

The store will be 148,401 square feet and will include approximately 40,000 square feet of other shop space and five outparcels.

Construction is expected to be complete in the spring of 2013.

ECU hosts English grad student conference

Staff Reports

The third annual ECU English Graduate Student Conference will be held on this Saturday in Bate 2020.

The conference will begin with a free breakfast at 8:30 a.m. and will also include a free lunch at 12:15 p.m.

Some portions of the conference include a roundtable on teaching ethnic literature

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Tobacco firms to list chemicals

Jamie Harper
STAFF WRITER

The FDA has announced the tobacco industry must list the potentially harmful toxic chemical ingredients on cigarette packages beginning April 2013.

Currently, the FDA has formulated a list of 93 different chemicals that can potentially harm smokers and non-smokers. Some of these chemicals include formaldehyde, nicotine, arsenic, cadmium, ammonia and carbon monoxide.

This is the first time tobacco companies will be forced to report the quantities of potentially harmful chemicals in all tobacco products that are sold in the U.S.

"We are well enough informed already about what smoking can do to us, so having a list probably won't matter," said Emily Price, a senior dance education major. "I don't think people won't take the time to look and see what is on (the packs)."

Also, the FDA announced that tobacco companies must back up any claims they make about having a "safer" product if they choose to market their product using the claim that it is safer than others.

This announcement occurred shortly after two other related changes. On Feb. 29, a judge blocked the federal requirement that graphic images were to be placed on cigarette packages, saying it was a violation of free speech. Additionally, on March 20, the North Carolina Court of Appeals upheld the statewide ban on smoking inside a bar or restaurant, after four Greenville bars had said the ban violated the

equal protection clause.

Many universities are adopting or are in the process of attempting to adopt a smoke-free policy on campus. "I think people have the right to choose," said Travis Dunn, a freshman environmental health major. "I don't smoke, but I think everyone has a right, so we should let them have the choice."

Currently, ECU has a policy which states, "Smoking is prohibited within 25 linear feet of all university buildings. Smoking may be prohibited in other outdoor spaces (beyond 25 feet) for safety or health reasons." The policy also states that "buildings includes, but is not limited to, building walls, exits, entrances, air intakes, windows, exterior stairs, balconies, porches, breezeways, or any other structure adjoining a campus building."

Deans, directors and department heads are the primary means of enforcement for the smoking policy. If a violation occurs and students, faculty or visitors refuse to obey the policy, they should be reported to the dean of students. ECU Police may issue a fine up to \$25 for violating the policy, as well as additional court costs if applicable.

"When the rule was made two or three years ago, there was no way to really enforce it," said Daniel Thornton, the student body vice president and president of the undergraduate student senate. "I feel like it was a good rule at the start, but without enforcement, there's no real way of implementing the rule."

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Freshman biology major Bhavin Patel has a cigarette between classes.

Fewer classes offered in summer

Jamitress Bowden
STAFF WRITER

Due to budget cuts, the number of summer classes offered in some departments will be affected.

The College of Business had a budget cut of \$1.5 million for the 2011-2012 academic year. The cut resulted in vacancies in faculty positions, which made classes harder to get into. Although a student might have difficulty getting into a class during the fall and spring semesters, the number of seats offered during the summer remained consistent.

Stan Eakins, dean for the College of Business, stated that face-to-face summer school classes are self-funded; the online classes are not. In order to cover the costs, the college uses salary reserve monies, which is the salary that would have been given to faculty members. But if a position is vacant, the money



A student registers for summer school classes in Joyner Library.

is able to serve other purposes. According to David White, the dean for the College of Technology and Computer Science, they use the salary money left over from vacancies to fund summer school courses.

White said that four faculty members resigned during the 2011-2012 academic year from his college. Instead of filling

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Greenville City Council opposes Amendment One



The Greenville City Council met Monday in the City Hall to discuss a resolution opposing Amendment One. Marion Blackburn brought the issue into discussion.

The resolution was passed after

students and residents voiced their opinions. Sophomore Alex Anders (far right) spoke against the proposed amendment.

Voters will take to the ballots in May to determine whether

Amendment One, a controversial proposal against gay marriage and rights for heterosexual domestic partnerships, will pass.

— Staff Reports

Graduate school faces decline

Melanie Jock
STAFF WRITER

Graduate school enrollment rates have been up and down since the recession began, increasing in 2008-2009 and declining in 2009-2010, despite the 8.4 percent increase in applications, The New York Times reports.

Similar trends are being seen in ECU's graduate school, with enrollment rates reaching a high in Fall 2008, but have continued to lower since.

Robin Armstrong, director of graduate admissions, said the spike in applications and enrollment around 2008 was caused by the economy, and various other factors. The falling rates since leave the economy to blame as well.

"The applications did a bump for a while ... but that bump has sort of gone down since the economy has stayed low," said Armstrong. "It's due to the economy, it's due to some of the professional programs like the MBA program that saw an increase and now they are flowing out, and then even some of the science programs."

Decreases in state funding have also significantly impacted enrollment.

"What has happened is the graduate school isn't able to provide as much funding for students to come and study, in the form of graduate assistantships and tuition remissions," Armstrong said. "So we are not able to put more packages out for students to come study with us. State funding has tapered off as well, so it has all sort of been a trickle effect."

Applications to the university's graduate school were also affected by talk about doing away with the automatic raises teachers would receive with a Master's degree.

"They were saying, 'I'm not going to start school if that's going away.' So, we saw an impact from that," said Armstrong. "That really showed in our Spring 2012 class, and probably some in Fall 2011."

The post-baccalaureate teaching program was changed from graduate to undergraduate after 2008, which caused a significant drop in graduate enrollment. Armstrong said this is a reason the number of students enrolled in 2008 was so high.

Despite the economic factors, some

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the vacancies, he used that money to offer seats, which would have otherwise not been offered to support the students' needs. The College of Technology and Computer Science lost \$750,000 from its budget, which resulted in a loss of \$42,000 from operations.

"It's sad that all this money is in the education lottery, yet all these budget cuts keep happening. Teachers aren't paid and students have to wait until fall semester to graduate," said David Chaney, a senior communication major.

But another two or three percent budget cut would drastically affect summer school, said White. With the cost of attending school

increasing, White said students are probably using the summer time to save money and get real-world experience in their respective fields.

The College of Fine Arts and Communication has not experienced changes in class offerings because they have not had any budget cuts. Michael Dorsey, dean of the College of Fine Arts and Communication, said that summer offerings will be the same as last year. Dorsey also said that the program was able to offer more distance education classes in the second summer session than last year.

"This summer will be better for students as far as class offerings," said Glen

Gilbert, dean of the College of Health and Human Performance.

Last summer, the amount of classes offered within the College of Health and Human Performance decreased, particularly in the second summer session. This year, the college will be able to offer its full summer course load due to funds that were set aside and assistance from the office of the vice chancellor of administration and finance.

Some colleges are preparing for another budget cut as significant as three percent. Sophomore biology major Ryan Cook said that he is taking summer classes this year.

Cooks feels that summer

school is a good opportunity for students to pursue their interest in getting ahead, and budget cuts might keep interfering with that good opportunity.

John Swope, associate dean of the College of Education, said that the college will be offering fewer seats and course options this summer. In order to accommodate the amount of students that wish to enroll in summer classes, the college will be offering larger class sizes. Also, to assist with cost, the college will be using part-time staff as instructors.

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Approximately two years ago, the Student Government Association discussed placing smoking gazebos on campus, but the 25-foot policy was established around the same time, so the gazebos were not implemented.

"I could foresee campus

becoming a non-smoking campus. No motions have been made or resolutions (have) been written, but in five or 10 years, I could easily see it," said Thornton.

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to middle and high school students, and thinking about creative writing and creative readings.

Humanities lecture to be delivered

Staff Reports

James A. Leach, the ninth chairman of the National Endowment for the Humanities, will discuss "Humanities, Citizenship and the American Spirit."

The presentation will be held in the auditorium of the Willis Building at

300 East First St. at 4 p.m.

Leach served with distinction in the United States House of Representatives for 30 years; he was a professor at the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs at Princeton University; he served as Interim Director of the Institute of Politics and as a lecturer at the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University.

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students are realizing how important it is to go to graduate school after completing undergraduate courses.

"I've known that I want to go to grad school since freshman or sophomore year," said Brian Beckum, a senior chemistry major. "In any science field, you have to further your learning to a higher degree."

Armstrong believes undergraduate students are turning to graduate school more than before.

"More students are at least looking for graduate school right out of undergraduate, because the job prospects aren't there," she said. "It's a known item for them. You've been going to school for four or more years, so you know how to go to school. And if you can get the funding for it, then it's a comfortable option to go from undergraduate straight into graduate school."

But the burden of extra loans leaves some students not wanting to attend graduate school. David Wygonik, a senior sports studies major, said he is undecided on whether he will attend graduate school after he graduates.

"It's going to be more expensive on top of the loans I already have," said Wygonik. "But I would also like to have something more specific or isolated, like a sports management master's degree."

Other graduate schools had different luck over the past four years. According to UNC-Chapel Hill's graduate school website, the number of applicants has increased each year from 2006-2010, with the highest number of enrollment occurring in 2009.

Law schools are also seeing a jump in applications. The number of people taking the Law School Admissions Test rose 20 percent from October 2008 to 2009. Similarly, the number of Americans taking the Graduate Record Examination increased 13 percent in 2009, The New York Times reports.

Armstrong said an increase in applications occurred between Fall 2011 and Fall 2012 and hopes that the number of applicants continue to increase.

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The East Carolinian ad department is now reserving the Early Bird Special ad space for Pirate Preview 2012. The Pirate Preview will be in the Freshman Orientation packets and distributed during the summer at the New Student Orientations.

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Why is A.L.E. always downtown? THEY DON'T EVEN GO HERE.

Dear SGA President, You look worse when you defend your salary and complain about paying summer tuition in the same letter. You make money, shut up.

I can't tell if I'm actually smart, or if I just know how to get A's on tests.

Yo, Mr. Bus Driver, easy on the turns.

I need to teach my d*** to make coffee, since it's always up before I am.

I am contemplating whether or not to give my girlfriend cunnilingus for our one-year anniversary ... decisions, decisions, decisions.

Had sex with my girlfriend on her period. #YOLO

I signed up for Second Life about a year ago. Back then, my life was so great that I literally wanted a second one. In my second life, I was also a paper salesman and I was also named Dwight. Absolutely everything was the same. Except I could fly.

You may hate me, but your dad likes me enough to buy me a drink.

Barriers, which were placed there to increase the safety of downtown, are now being taken down to increase the safety of downtown ... Makes sense.

Pirate students need to unite and overthrow Greenville Legislature.

Our Greek Week really makes me realize how piss pour our Greek life is. If you build it, they will come.

Our new SGA president tried to ruin his fraternity. Will he ruin the school too?

I don't hate you 'cause you're fat. You're fat 'cause I hate you.

I spend more time in math calculating my grade than I do actually doing math.

"Here's some responsibility. Let me slap you across the face with it multiple times as hard as I can." - Sincerely, college.

Sometimes girls just want to dance by themselves ... being dry-humped and forced to work out in heels is not necessarily our idea of a good time.

The nats at The Landing's pool are not acceptable. Spray that s**t.

ECU should hire Bob Petrino ... the team would get so nasty.

Jim is on his honeymoon, so I started using his office to fart in.

You know ECU should just fire your teacher when you go to class high and the b**** is still boring.

"Hold on, let me hit this then I'll tell you," is one of the most common phrases a stoner can use.

Brother Ross makes my job easier when he points out all the whores.

You're never going to get any a** with a limp, whiskey penis.

The G-Vegas Sorry for address: party rockin'



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LISA TREADWAY | THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Four years and seven months ago, I announced to my high school peers that I had chosen to attend ECU over Howard University. Their mouths dropped.

"You know that's a party school, right? You're not going to get any work done," they told me.

And for the most part, they were right. My freshman year, ECU had so much to offer to a virgin club-goer. Bars lined Fifth Street, all within walking distance of my dorm. The Brockmeyer pool parties and holidays like Halloween and St. Patrick's Day provided absent-minded memories. Just the people in general promoted party rockin'.

For those of you who got here prior to the class of 2013, you must recall the beerfests at Riverwalk. The entire neighborhood was shut down, and people walked from carport to carport, playing cornhole, chugging beers and socializing. All colleges party, but at that particular moment, I knew that ECU was indeed a party school, and I was not going to get much work done.

Playboy noticed this as well, and in April of 2010, they recognized us as the number five party school in the nation. I remember how excited everyone was and how we had hoped to get the top spot the next year. False.

Now, we are engaged in a great civil war, testing whether the rule makers or partiers can endure more.

Apparently, city officials aren't too proud that ECU sports this title, and are taking measures to prevent our claim to party fame. This has led to the removal of downtown barricades protecting stumbling Pirates. But hey, why the need for a barricade when all the penny liquor is gone, right? And don't even get me started on the disappearance of \$2 32-ounce well drinks at Rumors Nightclub.

Bob Morphett, assistant director at the ECU Center for Counseling and Student Development, feels that, "ECU is moving beyond a

reputation as a school that is known for parties. We have an excellent student and alumni base that are very successful. A negative perception held by others toward ECU is a disservice to our students, our alumni and all their effort"

While out-drinking students at N.C. State is great now, no one wants to be known as the person who graduated from a party school and only partied. That title alone will place you no further in life than an Everest graduate.

On the contrary, a group of students have taken it among themselves to reinstate ECU's party legacy. The ECPA, or East Coast Party Animals, are a growing compilation dedicated to the nightlife that once was G-Vegas. Their Facebook page has acquired 755 "likes" and offers information on clubs, house parties and other major events. Tomorrow, coincidentally Friday the 13th, is definitely going to be bad luck for anti-partyers because this could potentially be the wildest night ECU has seen in years.

Rehab Lounge is hosting the Barstool Blackout Tour, the World's Biggest Blacklight Party. Sorry, advanced tickets are sold out, but based on occupancy, you may be able to get in at the door.

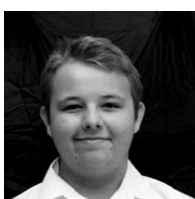
Barstool Blackout, a product of BarstoolU, tours the country, throwing very large blacklight parties at different colleges. Among the universities Barstool has already visited this year are Hofstra and East Stroudsburg. And the party is set to reach South Carolina, Virginia and Clemson in the near future.

Lance Brimpage is the creator of ECPA and promoter for the Barstool Blackout Tour in Greenville. "I feel that students need more events than just the normal downtown experience," he said.

And so, despite anti-party regulations going into effect, ECU students will find new ways to party and also find that we shall continue to promote a party rock of the Pirates, by the Pirates, for the Pirates, and the legend lives on with Barstool Blackout.

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Closed Sunday, closed minded



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tion of our great constitution, this company has the right to endorse whatever bigotry and hate they choose to. The question is then directed to the university and the students who fund it.

By having this company on campus and eating there almost everyday, are we not funding this message? Does the notion that another human is being demoralized and undermined not make your hair stand up?

At NYU, there is already a campaign to remove Chick-fil-a from their campus. Not because they're not allowed to endorse stupidity, but because the students of that university do not condone such idiocy.

Many students on this campus respond with a sort of indifference. From "Well, they can do what they want," to, "It isn't my place to say how they spend their money." And while a lack of passion is socially acceptable, it seems rather pathetic if you ask me.

If your rights were being threatened, would you have the same level of intolerance? Would you purchase food that directly paid for the discrimination of your race, religion or sexuality? Would this be the same if Chick-fil-a were donating to anti-Christian groups? These questions will lay dormant until students feel the need to stand up for the rights of fellow

A good friend came home to visit from NYU and we planned to get lunch. As an ECU student deprived of his daily routine, I suggested Chick-fil-a. What followed was an elaborate discussion of the restaurant's latest donations.

As we all know, Chick-fil-a is a Christian company, which we are reminded every time we go into 360 to eat on Sunday. And despite criticism, Chick-fil-a has stuck by their beliefs. But judging by their latest investments, I feel they've gone too far.

From 2003-2008, Chick-fil-a made donations of nearly one million dollars to anti-gay groups. This pales in comparison to the two million dollars donated in 2009. One particular group, "Exodus International," practices therapy that they believe can "cure" homosexual behavior. These donations were made through the Chick-fil-a charity, "WinShape."

As an individual who firmly believes in free speech, I am in no way saying that this is not well within their rights. By the direc-



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humans and Pirates alike.

It is very rare that individuals have the opportunity to stand together against a common enemy for the greater good. But we have that opportunity. Not to fight for gay marriage and not to disregard

your belief system, but simply to say that every individual has a place on this campus without fear of persecution.

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Hello hair and makeup trends



Lindy Maddox
COLUMNIST

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Whether it's a haircut, a new nail polish craze, a facial hair fad, or a makeup mistake, the way we present ourselves with what God gave us is just as important as how we display ourselves with the clothes we wear day to day.

First, let's start with ladies' makeup trends. As we all know, certain looks never go out of style. Chic smokey eyes or classic red lips have been popular for decades. This year, the latest crazes are metallic eye color, statement lips and cat eyes. Metallic eye color is a simple way to take your look from drab to fabulous in a matter of minutes.

When you're wearing a metallic eye color, make sure that you pair the look with a more subtle background. Nude lips and dewy blush tones look amazing when juxtaposed against vibrant eyes. Metallics tend to be overbearing, so you want to decorate your baby blues in a way that shows off your eye color. Blue eyes should aim for opposing tones like rich golds and glittery chocolate browns to make the eyes really pop. Brown-eyed girls can search for bright teals and shimmering purples, while ladies who were blessed with unique green eyes should seek out steely blues and stark silvers.

The next popular look for this spring is bold lip color. Lipstick trends change in very speedy increments and always compliment the latest runway looks. Since this year's runway presented pastels and muted tones, in contrast, it was obvious that the lipstick trends would be bold and over the top. Bright hot pinks, rusty burnt oranges, and deep and sultry magentas were delicately smeared onto the lips of the tall and lanky models that stomped down the catwalk. Wearing lipstick is all about measurements.

If you were blessed with very large lips, leave a little in the tube and just dab it on the middle inner part of your lips. This will create a freshly bitten appearance that'll still show off one of your hottest features. If you have skinnier lips, you have the privilege of going all the way. Coat on a large amount of lipstick in a dramatic color of your choice, and then hit the streets of campus. No matter what size lips you were born with, after you add lipstick, make sure you top it with a smooth polished gloss that'll make your lips really stand out.

Lastly, the third hottest makeup trend is cat eyeliner. Cat eye makeup looks great on eyes of any shape and size; it just depends on how dramatic you make it. If you have big eyes, a strong-winged tip can help them stand out even more than before. If you have small squinty eyes, a delicate tip pointed up in the right direction will add some spark to your spectacles. When applying cat eyeliner, be sure to point the tip of the eyeliner up towards the bottom side of your eyebrow. This approach will help maintain the right shape of your eye and will create a wide-eyed look.

Not only is makeup an ever-changing fashion trend, but hairstyles are also evolving. Many people don't realize how detrimental your hair is to your appearance. Want to look feminine and sexy? Long locks are the way to go.

Aiming for an edgy rock-star look, fellas? Try out a faux-hawk. If you're into the latest model trend, go for an asymmetrical long bob.

While bangs were very

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'This will be an everlasting love'

Nine-time Grammy Award-winning singer Natalie Cole visits ECU

TJ Weaver
STAFF WRITER

Beautiful, humble, soulful and talented are only some of the words music enthusiasts have used to paint a description of the legendary Natalie Cole. Tonight at 8 p.m. in Wright Auditorium, the nine-time Grammy Award-winning singer, performer and songwriter will grace Pirate Nation with her sultry vocals and warm personality.

Born into a family of entertainers — her father is the legendary crooner Nat "King" Cole, and her mother, Maria Cole, performed as a Duke Ellington Orchestra singer — Cole thrived in a world filled with blues, jazz and soul. And at the age of six, she stepped foot into the studio, recording vocals for her father's Christmas album.

Although her mother and father introduced her to music, Cole didn't depend on the family name to get her places. In the early stages of her music career, when she sang at clubs with her band Black Magic, most people only knew her as "Nat 'King' Cole's daughter." However, determined to make a name for herself, she performed covers of rock and R&B tunes, disappointing audiences expecting a replica of her father's style.

After catching the attention of producers Chuck Jackson and Marvin Yancy during a set in a Chicago venue, Natalie was back in the recording studio, this time on a mission to attract record labels. After several months of promotions, she signed to Capitol Records and became a star



Singer, performer and songwriter Natalie Cole will perform tonight in Wright Auditorium at 8 p.m.

overnight.

Natalie's debut album, "Inseparable," gave birth to one of her biggest hits, "This Will Be (An Everlasting Love)," and in 1976, she won two Grammys — Best New Artist and Best Female R&B Vocal Performance.

Over the next 30 years, her light continued to shine in a sky of fading stars. Her number one hits such as "Our Love," "On My Mind," "Unforgettable," and "Pink Cadillac" proved that she was a true

artist, unafraid to step out of her comfort zone and challenge the status quo.

Beneath her glowing smile and youthful eyes, Cole hides many years of hardship and pain. When she was 15, she lost her father to lung cancer, and in 2009, her only sister, Casey "Cookie," lost her battle with cancer. Cole was in the hospital next to her sister's side when she received the call asking her to come in for a kidney transplant to save her life. Casey passed during

Cole's surgery. Strong-willed, Cole pushed on and healed her soul with time and music.

While Cole has become a household name for older generations, many students aren't familiar with the singer's music. However, sophomore theater major Jaimar Brown, along with a handful of other students, understands the level of impact Cole has had on the music industry.

"Her voice is soulful yet jazzy, and she has several amazing hits," said Brown.

"Most of my friends don't know about her, but I'll be spreading the word."

Thanks to Michael Crane, the associate dean of research marketing and outreach for the College of Fine Arts and Communication, and his fellow colleagues, students and the general public will now have the chance to see her live. According to Crane, booking Cole was no easy task.

"Bringing a guest artist to ECU is a committee-based process. Our members had seen her before in concert and said she delivered a stellar performance, so we decided to book her," said Crane. "Booking an artist can be really easy, but in this case, it wasn't. We spoke with her agent in efforts to find a date that fit her schedule and ours, but for someone of her magnitude, scheduling can be difficult."

Tickets are \$25 for ECU students, \$60 for faculty and \$65 for the public. Molly Otis, the vocal teacher for ECU's School of Theatre and Dance, believes everyone should take advantage of such a rare opportunity.

"Watching any performer live provides a great learning opportunity and can be hugely valuable," said Otis. "While you're at college and not having to pay huge ticket prices, why not attend? These artists are sharing their talent with humanity and it's that kind of impact that great artist such as Natalie Cole, can have when they come to a place like Greenville. Students can really get a lot out of it."

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Do you have friggatriskaidekaphobia?

Exposing Friday the 13th frights

Leila Falls
STAFF WRITER

Would seeing a black cat sleeping on ladder, which happens to be blocking the only exit from a building, create discomfort? Would this scenario be more intense if it took place on — cue the eerie music — Friday the 13th? Well be prepared, because tomorrow, that dreaded day arrives.

The Stress Management Center and Phobia Institute in Asheville, N.C., believes that between 17 and 21 million Americans suffer from a fear of Friday the 13th; a phobia which is called Friggatriskaidekaphobia, according to History.com.

"I know some people who refuse to leave the house or travel and they won't touch anything that could break, like electronics," said folklorist professor Andrea Kitta, in regards to possible Friggatriskaidekaphobic behaviors.

Numerology signifies that 12 is a complete number, since there are 12 months in a year, 12 hours pictured on a clock and other sets that involve 12 making numerical sense.

"We even have a word for 12 (dozen)," said Kitta. "When something falls out of a category, we tend to be weird about it."

The un-holiday combines the oddball numerology of 13 to the unlucky nature of Friday, which is tied to biblical roots. Eve handed Adam the fruit that got them kicked out of paradise on a Friday, while it is also the day of the week that Jesus died on, according to History.com.

"Judas was the 13th guest at the last supper with Jesus, which didn't end well," said Kitta, who's also familiar with the superstition that if a project is started on a Friday, it

won't be finished.

Common superstitions are usually escalated to national phenomenon on Friday the 13th, indicates TIME.com. In 1939, a town in Indiana enforced a precautionary law to make all black cats wear bells on the dreaded Friday, Oct. 13. Stockbroker Thomas Lawson published a book entitled "Friday the Thirteenth" in 1907, which featured a plot that made people anxious due to its involvement with a stock market crash.

Hotels and most buildings have avoided officially assigning the label of a "13th floor" (even though the 14th floor is technically the 13th), since, according to Kitta, people would probably refuse to stay there.

"The movie didn't help either; it made people more aware of it," said Kitta, in regards to the 1980 debut of the first of the "Friday the 13th" films — known for the deranged hockey mask-wearing killer, Jason.

This slasher film franchise consisted of 12 films, including a 2009 remake of "Friday the 13th," intentionally released on Friday, Feb. 13.

"Horror films are seasonal, aimed to come out around Halloween or Friday 13th," said film studies professor Amanda Klein, who believes it is a smart marketing decision to unleash the films at a superstitious time.

The new thriller, "The Cabin in the Woods," will shatter into theaters this Friday, April 13.

Scary movies that feel realistic typically make audiences feel the most uneasy. "Open

Water,' about a couple that goes on a scuba diving vacation and the boat leaves them in the water, was (loosely) based on a true story. I'll never see it again, but I recommend it ... absolutely terrifying," said Klein, who admits that "Night of the Living Dead" was the one that emotionally scarred her at a young age.

Sometimes the "I-want-to-be-scared" desire found in films is eliminated when it comes to certain personal associations.

"My grandma told me that if you rock (a rocking chair with no one in it), you're rocking the devil. There's no rational reason but I will go over and stop a rocking chair," laughed Kitta.

The popularity of avoiding fears on Friday the 13th can, at times, reverse the "breaking-a-mirror" unluckiness. According to History.com, there are fewer crimes and accidents on this day, and CNBC determined that the stock market went up the majority of the most recent 140 Friday the 13ths.

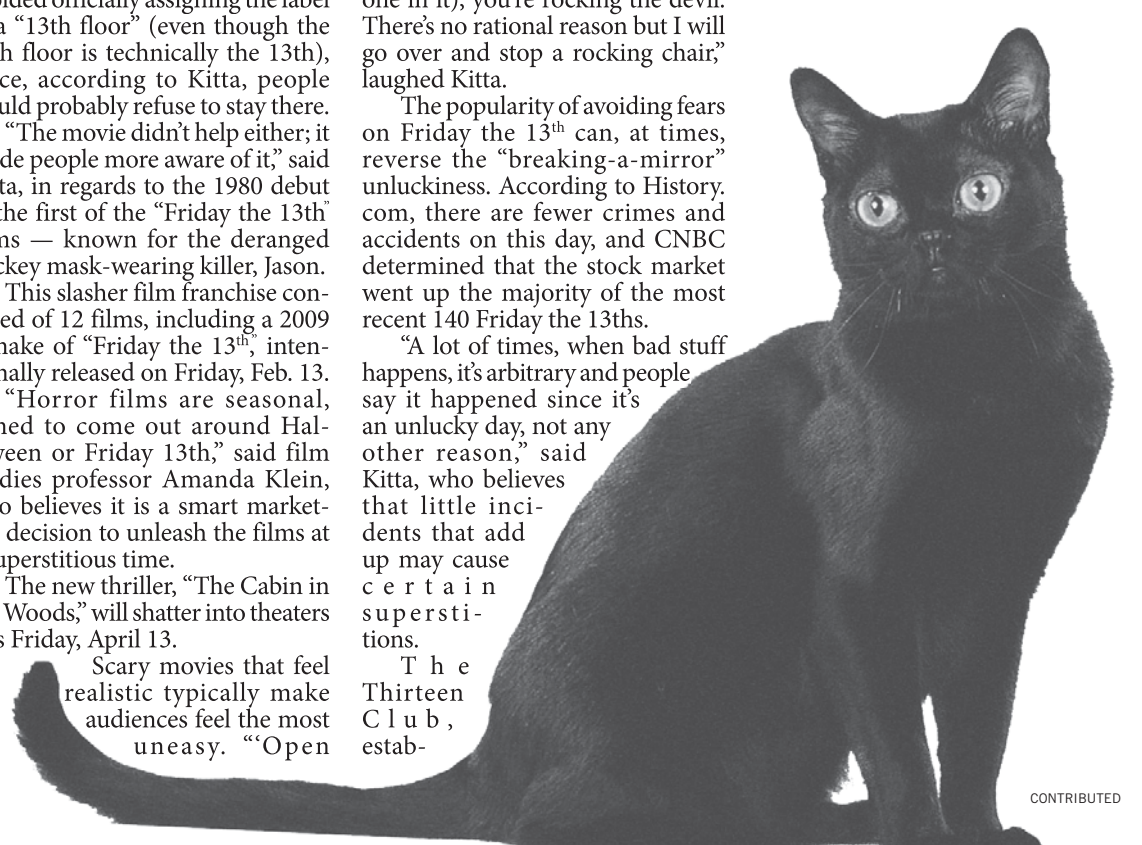
"A lot of times, when bad stuff happens, it's arbitrary and people say it happened since it's an unlucky day, not any other reason," said Kitta, who believes that little incidents that add up may cause certain superstitions.

The Thirteen Club, established

in 1881, tried to clear the number 13's bad reputation. The 13 original members entered the meeting under ladders to a decorated room with spilled salt, according to TIME.com. The first club dinner was held on Friday, January 13, adds History.com.

But don't count on Kitta to do something special come Friday. "I probably won't do anything out of the ordinary, just in case!"

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Fri.,
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PirateFest will be at the Town Commons 5 to 9 p.m.

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 April 16

The Billy Taylor Jazz Festival will begin at Wright Auditorium from 7:30 to 9 p.m.

Tues.,
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The Southern Circuit Tour of Independent Filmmakers presents 'Lunch Line' at the Greenville Museum of Art 7 to 9 p.m.

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Arrrrgh you ready for PirateFest?

Mike Davis
ASSISTANT
LIFESTYLES EDITOR

Created six years ago to commemorate ECU's centennial, PirateFest is an annual festival celebrating the region's history with pirates, and this weekend, it sails back into town.

PirateFest is a product of the community of Greenville coming together to create a festival unmatched by any in the state. This traditional pirate celebration has fanatics flocking to participate in a weekend's worth of activities.

PirateFest, which is expected to draw 30,000 people from all over eastern North Carolina, runs from 5-8 p.m. Friday and 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Saturday. The event features food, art and crafts vendors, as well as musical and stage performers.

To kick off the festivities on Friday night, "The David Dixon Trio," "Blackbeard Lives!" "The Shadow Players Stage Combat Crew" and "Donovan Carless and the Posse" will perform at the Buccaneer Bash stage at Fourth and Evans streets.

Saturday morning starts with "Motley Tones" musical group, while the "Shadow Players" pirate re-enactors will lead the Parade of Pirates. People have been encouraged to wear pirate regalia — hats, swords, and eye-patches — and to decorate their bikes for a cruise down Evans Street to the Town Commons.

The festival will hold a costume contest immediately after the parade. "It makes it even more fun to get dressed up and be a part of

it and celebrate the history of pirates at both ECU and in eastern North Carolina," said Denise Walsh, executive director of Uptown Greenville.

At the "Pirate Encampment" at the Town Commons, merchandise vendors will be set up "so all of

With two days chocked full of activities, shows and entertainment, PirateFest requires months of preparation. "Putting a festival of this size together is very time intensive and requires a lot of volunteers, but also a lot of behind-the-scenes work," said Walsh. "I think

those true pirates out there can get some authentic gear and come out and participate," according to Walsh. Other activities at the encampment will include a climbing wall, an inflatable pirate ship and educational pirate performances.

Throughout the day, re-enactors will present black powder demonstrations, sword fights from "Shadow Players Stage Combat Crew," and a re-enactment of Blackbeard's life. Pirates will also roam the streets for sword-fights and pictures.

The Toyota Amphitheater, located at the Town Commons, will play host to the International Ports O'Call. The stage will host classical Indian dance, salsa, Turkish music and folk dance, as well as other international acts.

PirateFest 2012 will also incorporate high-flying BMX stunts. To celebrate Greenville's biking history, the Protown BMX Stunt Team will perform and give safety tips at the courthouse on Saturday at 1 p.m., 2:30 p.m. and 4 p.m.

of it like a great play. You go and you don't realize how many hours were spent to put that great production on."

PirateFest is a free event, and the proceeds from vendors will be split between Pitt County Arts Council at Emerge and Uptown Greenville, both non-profit organizations.

For more information, go to piratefest.nc.com.

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ALLISON ZAUCHA | THE EAST CAROLINIAN
Sophomore Anna Graves rocks red lips and smokey eyes, both popular trends for women this spring.

popular last season for ladies, this spring, it's all about straight hair that has a distinct middle part. While the middle part definitely isn't for everyone, you can do a subtle side part and still accomplish this up-and-coming trend. Pull out your flat iron and make your hair have a straight, yet air-dried look. Rumble it up and make it a little messy, so it doesn't look as sleek as perfectly straightened hair. This will give the appearance that you woke up with perfect locks.

The biggest trend for this year is extremely, bold, dark and dramatic eyebrows. No matter what hair color you have, leaving your eyebrows a little darker and bushier than what was popular in the past will have your look rivaling that of runway models. It may be one

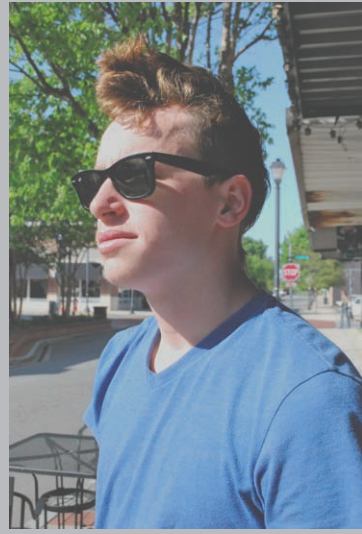
of the easiest moves in The Man Repeller's handbook, but that just means its number one on the list of hot spring trends. For men, you may not like to hear it, but this year, you can definitely take a tip or two from Edward Cullen. Sorry guys, but his shorter-on-the-side, long-and-ruffled-on-top look is one of the hottest runway hair trends. It elongates your face and gives you an "I care, but I look like I don't care" look.

Another trend for men is loose, short and curly waves. Embrace what your momma gave you and cut your hair a little shorter on the sides, but leave the top as curly and wavy as you please. This is ideal for men who were born with frizzy hair that has a natural twist to it. Lastly, the hottest hair trend for

men is slightly parting it on the side for a "1950's business man off the job" look. While this hairstyle may seem juvenile to some, it's a very handsome style that will appear as mature and professional on pretty much every man.

No matter if you're tall or short, skinny or full-figured, or male or female, staying up to date with fashion trends and beauty trends is key to presenting yourself at your up most potential. This spring, it's all about standing out and making a statement. Fashion is about taking what you are given and manipulating it into something that is trendy, in style, and sure to blow your peers away.

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Sophomore Chris Rock sports one of this spring's funky male hairstyles.

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Monarchs dethrone ECU

Club paintball heads to national tourney in Florida

Staff Reports

The ECU club paintball team left for Lakeland, Fla., today to compete in the National Collegiate Paintball Association National Tournament.

The Pirates will compete in the AA Division against 60 other schools including Georgia Tech, Georgia Southern, Liberty, Florida State, Clemson, Ohio State, Texas A&M and Virginia Tech.

Competition begins Saturday at the Central Florida Paintball facility and will continue into Sunday.

The NCPA will stream a live webcast of the tournament on ncpaintball.com

Former diving coach dies at age 43

Staff Reports

Former ECU diving coach Mark Lenzi died Monday at Vidant Medical Center, after suffering from fainting spells for two weeks.

In 1992, Lenzi won a gold medal in men's springboard at the Barcelona Olympics and he was the first American male to do so since.

Lenzi was the diving coach for the Pirates from 2009-2011.

Survivors include his wife, the former Dorothy Koncsol of Greenville; his mother, Ellie Lenzi of Fredricksburg; two brothers; a sister; and a grandmother.

Senior golfer ties for eleventh place

Staff Reports

ECU senior Amy Otteson carded a final round 1-over par and claimed her sixth top-20 finish of the season, taking a share of 11th at the Knights & Pirates Invitational Tuesday afternoon. The two-day, 54-hole event was held at the Suntree Golf Club Classic Course and hosted by East Carolina and UCF.

Otteson, the Pirates' lone finisher in the top 20, started her final round by birdieing the par-4, 351-yard third hole and closed out her front nine with another birdie on the par-4, 338-yard eighth for a two-under 34. But three consecutive bogeys on holes 15-17 dropped her to 3-over on the back nine for a final round 73. Otteson would finish the event with a 6-over par 222.

Sophomore Fanny Wolte finished tied for 21st after a final round 76 for a two-day total of 225. Faith Hardison took a share of 41st, while freshmen Emily Eng and Katie Kirk finished tied for 51st and 81st, respectively, to round out the Pirates squad. Playing as individuals for the Pirates were senior Julia Strandberg and freshman Devan Murphy.

Tournament co-host No. 41 UCF rallied to earn its first win of the spring, erasing a four-stroke advantage by No. 39 Texas Tech. The Knights shot a combined 877 (13-over) to top Texas Tech by one stroke, 878 (14-over). Texas Tech's Deborah DeVilla emerged as the overall top finisher with a 3-under 213. Paul Reto (Purdue) joined DeVilla as the only other golfer to finish the event with a score under par, falling two shots out of medalist honors.

The Pirates will enjoy a break from competition before heading to Gulf Shores, Ala., for the Conference USA Tournament on April 23-25.

Adam Bunn
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

Normally when a baseball player drops a pop fly, an onlooker immediately wonders if the sun got into a player's eyes, distracting them for just long enough that the player can't find the ball.

When Old Dominion designated hitter Shawn Sizemore lifted a pop up just in front of the pitcher's mound with two outs in the top half of the ninth, the sun wasn't out, instead it was a crisp April evening. With the score tied and the ball falling quickly out of the sky, four Pirates converged but no one took command.

When third baseman Corey Thompson finally charged the ball, it was too late with the ball glancing off his glove allowing the winning run to score, as ODU defeated the Pirates, 3-2, Wednesday night.

"I saw it off the bat good, but I honestly thought it was hit to Jack (Reinheimer)," Thompson said. "It's just one of those things where the wind caught it, but it's not an excuse and should still have been caught."

While that play may have drove home the winning run, according to coach Billy Godwin, it wasn't the determining factor in the ballgame.

"That play capped off the night for me," Godwin said. "I thought we played like we were in molasses.

You can bring intensity and energy everyday. I felt like we were swinging underwater. It was a bad effort on our behalf and not acceptable."

Coming into the game, both teams were planning a "staff day," basically, a day when a team throws out numerous pitchers, with most working just an inning or two. For the Pirates, that plan disappeared quickly once it became clear that it was going to be a dogfight.

Getting his first career start for the Pirates was right hander Deshorn Lake, who pitched well in an albeit short outing, firing off two and one-third innings and giving up two runs on five hits while striking out two. Replacing Lake was Jake

Harris, who has went four and one-third frames, giving up no hits and walking just one.

Just when the offensive problems seemed to be turning around for the Pirates, they put together two runs on six hits that left their pitching staff out in the cold. ECU only managed more than one multiple-hit inning, with that coming in the Pirates' two-run fifth inning, where they knocked three hits.

Through the entire contest, ECU failed to convert on several opportunities. In the second inning, John Wooten and Jay Cannon both reached base safely, giving the

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Infielder Jack Reinheimer (8) slides into third base Wednesday night during the Pirates' 3-2 loss to Old Dominion at Clark-LeClair Stadium.

Football readies for spring football game



Adonis Armstrong (3) will hit the field Saturday for the Purple-Gold game.

Josh Graham
STAFF WRITER

After nearly a month of spring practice, the ECU football team is ready to make its return to Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium for the spring's culminating event, the Purple-Gold game. The game time is set for 2:30 p.m. Saturday and it will be the first time this group of Pirates has taken the field in front of Pirate Nation. Head coach Ruffin McNeil expects it to be a great atmosphere.

"There is a lot of excitement

here. It's not quite like a normal Pirate game day, but it will be similar," said McNeil.

"It's going to be a great energy for the fans," said junior defensive back Damon Magazu, who among others is looking forward to the opportunity to get on back on the field. He said, "It's fun for us to get out there and compete against each other."

Even though the game is technically nothing more than a glorified scrimmage, the players know that it's the final date on the spring calendar

and they will want to leave a lasting impression on the coaching staff going into the summer.

ECU will open its regular season against Appalachian State on Sept. 1, but that is still a long way down the road. Truth be told, the season really began following the Pirates' disappointing 34-27 overtime loss at Marshall in the 2011 finale. Ever since then, all eyes have been set on September.

The coaching staff sees Saturday as just another step in the process for preparing the team for the fall schedule. "I want to have planned situations and I want to see the game flow on both sides of the football," said McNeil.

Here are a couple storylines to watch for going into Saturday's game:

Quarterback situation
When asked at practice earlier this week, McNeil was quick to say that he would not have a quarterback picked out after Saturday's spring game. The competition is between junior Rio Johnson, sophomore Shane Carden, red-shirt freshman Cody Keith and senior Brad Wornick. It appears that Johnson is the favorite at the moment, given that he appeared in four games last season, backing up Dominique Davis. Carden will not play in Saturday's game after sustaining a broken index finger on his throwing hand and having surgery on it last week.

Secondary
Of the 13 graduating seniors on the 2011 roster, three were perennial starters in the secondary (Emanuel Davis, Derek Blacknall, Bradley Jacobs). The one returning starter in the secondary is Magazu. "I think

we've molded together pretty well. We still have a lot of people coming back who have some experience," said Magazu. Some of these experienced players include cornerback Jacobi Jenkins, who has started four games over the past two seasons, and Leonard Paulk, who only has one start under his belt, but has shown a lot of promise so far this spring. Some new faces to watch for are junior-transfer defensive backs, Adonis Armstrong and Godfrey Thompson. Both players enrolled at ECU in January after transferring from Hinds Community College in Mississippi and are expected to vie for a starting position.

Crowded backfield
All throughout the 2011 season, the Pirates' backfield was riddled with injuries. It even got to the point where they only had one healthy back and had to give carries to tight end Zico Pasut.

That is not the case this season. The Pirates will return three tailbacks (Reggie Bullock, Torrance Hunt, Michael Dobson), in addition to UNC-Chapel Hill junior-transfer, Hunter Furr, and red-shirt freshman Chris Hairston. It will be interesting to see how offensive coordinator Lincoln Riley distributes carries between all of the backs.

With the Pirates working in a new starting quarterback in 2012, a steady running attack is going to be paramount for the offensive unit to be effective.

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Pirates abound in Major Leagues

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OPINION COLUMNIST

During the 2000 World Series, thousands watched as the New York Yankees beat the New York Mets to become the world champions of baseball.

Among the thousands of viewers of this historic event, a very large portion of them, myself included, were Little League baseball players. As a Little League player, nothing could possibly seem more glorious than playing Major League Baseball. As the final seconds of the game commenced, the dream of one day being in the same spot as the men we watched ran through the minds of thousands of us little leaguers.

Many Little League players hold on to this dream as they age and move through the years of grade school, continuing to play on school and travel teams. Upon proving themselves worthy, some

Club baseball prepares for Wolfpack

William Farrar
STAFF WRITER

The ECU club baseball team has been nearly unstoppable this season, starting off 23-1. After winning the 2011 National Club Baseball Association National Championship, the Pirates started off 18-0 before losing their first game against UNC-Chapel Hill.

After taking the loss, the team bounced back to defeat the Tar Heels twice and go on to win five straight. The defending national champs have been ranked No. 1 in every NCBA poll this year, which has been coming out bi-weekly since January. The Pirates are preparing to host N.C. State this weekend in a three-game series, starting Saturday.

N.C. State is also off to a hot start this season with a 13-2 record, while going 5-0 in conference play. The Wolfpack is at the top of the Mid-Atlantic South conference now, with ECU trailing behind them. With this being said, head coach Joe Caracci is expecting his players to go into the series with the same intensity as they do against all other opponents.

"There have been some heated battles over the years," Caracci said about facing N.C. State in the past. "Every game we play has major postseason or national implications, and it seems there is a little extra intensity in the dugout when the 'Pack is across the diamond."

This is an important series for the Pirates regarding their standings in the conference. ECU is currently second place to the Wolfpack, so winning two of the three games this weekend could catapult the Pirates to first place in the conference. Caracci explained the importance of winning these conference series, as all games can affect post-season positioning for each team.

"Our region has sent five different teams to the NCBA World Series in the last five years and has won two National Championships, it's the toughest in the nation and we love it," Caracci explained.

Offensively, the Pirates have been relying on a team effort as well. Billy Walling, Brian Burgess, Seth Moorman, Cory Shackelford and Juan Gloria are all hitting above the .400 mark. Dennis Butts, Moorman and Burgess have all driven in

over 20 runs so far. The Pirates have used speed and ability to employ the sacrifice, leading the region in stolen bases and the sacrifice department each of the last three years. Nothing seems to have changed in 2012 as the Pirates' 45 stolen bases and 28 sacrifices both lead the conference in their respective categories.

On the defensive side of the ball, the Pirates pitching staff this season has been anchored by a host of players. Instead of relying on two or three guys to carry the load of innings this season, the coaching staff has minimized each pitcher's role, in turn, minimizing the pressure they each have to deal with. Every pitcher on the team's staff has recorded multiple innings pitched, with 10 guys having at least 10 innings pitched, while no one has gone over 30 innings.

"No one guy has similar stuff to another, so making adjustments mid-game is very difficult for the opposition," Caracci explained.

Among the national leaders in ERA are Nash Blackley, Jim Leggett

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of these Little Leaguers are given scholarships to play baseball throughout college. Some, having a desirable skill set and good work ethic are even drafted to a major or minor league baseball team, fulfilling their own childhood dream, as well as that of many others.

Here at ECU, we celebrate a long history of Pirate baseball players getting "called up to the Bigs." More than 100 former Pirates have signed to professional contracts — 16 of which were on active rosters at the beginning of spring training this year for their respective organizations. Whether it is in the MLB or MiLB, many former Pirates are turning their dreams into reality.

Among those 16 former Pirates was Shawn Armstrong. The Cleveland Indi-

ans drafted the former ECU hurler in the 18th round in 2011. While at ECU, Armstrong finished with a 3 to 1 strikeout-to-walk ratio, and held opponents to a .268 batting average. With a current 96 mph fastball and a cutter ranging in the 80's, the 6-foot-5 pitcher is currently working with minor league coaches to improve his game so that he will one day be able to play in the majors.

Another former Pirate who has found his way into a professional baseball career is T.J. Hose. Also a pitcher, Hose earned second team All-Conference USA honors with his .397 earned run average in the 2007 season while at ECU. Drafted by the Arizona Diamondbacks in the 36th round of the 2008 June

Amateur draft, Hose is currently playing in the minor leagues with the Salem Red Sox.

ECU alumni have also been signed to professional contracts as coaches, as well as players. Johnny Narron, a Pirate baseball player from 1971-1974, was a minor league first baseman from 1974-75 for the systems of the New York Yankees and the Chicago White Sox. Narron has recently found his home as a hitting coach for the Milwaukee Brewers.

Former Pirate, Clayton McCullough, has also found a spot as a coach in the major leagues. McCullough played as a catcher in the minor leagues from 2002-2005 and has recently signed a contract as a field manager for the Vancouver Canadiens through the 2012

season.

Currently, ECU has only one active player in the majors and his name is Chad Tracy. Currently a third-baseman for the Washington Nationals, Tracy compiled a .339 batting average while at ECU, and was selected by the Arizona Diamondbacks in the seventh round of the 2001 Major League Baseball Draft. Before signing his current contract with the Washington Nationals, Tracy played on the minor league teams of the El Paso Diablos. Having shown more than adequate improvement on the Nationals' minor league team, Tracy was put on the opening day roster for this 2012 season.

At ECU, there is a universal standard of turning dreams to reality. Former

Pirate baseball players that are now signed to professional contracts are living proof that, as ECU's slogan states, tomorrow does in

fact start here.

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Pirates runners on first and second with no outs and a chance to take an early lead.

Bryan Bass whiffed on a bunt attempt that resulted in Wooten being picked off, costing the Pirates a run-scoring opportunity.

After Thompson's error put Old Dominion ahead in the bottom half of the ninth, ECU gave itself yet another chance to tie or win.

Zach Wright opened the inning with a single, followed by a Bass strikeout and a

Reinheimer single. ECU had runners on second and third with one out and Philip Clark coming to the dish. Clark hit a hotshot back to the mound that had the making of a double play, but the second baseman couldn't release the ball in time, giving the Pirates another chance with the tying runner at third.

However, that chance would be spoiled as Nick Thompson pinch-hit for an injured Tim Younger, who flew out to right to end the

threat as well as the game.

Wright led the Pirates at the plate going two for three, while Reinheimer also added two hits.

The Pirates will next take the field against the Memphis

Tigers in Memphis, Tenn. on Friday night.

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and Derek Carlyle. Also ranked nationally in saves are Alan Swain and Blackley. Among the national leaders in wins are RC Hubbard, Zach Woodley and Carlyle.

"There seems to be a sense of unrest with this group, that there is still so much to be proved. It's a hungry group, a talented group and a deep group. In my experience, that can be a dangerous combination," Caracci said about his

team. The Pirates will host the Wolfpack this weekend at Guy Smith Stadium in Greenville.

The first game of a Saturday double header starts at 5 p.m., and game three will be Sunday at noon.

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