



## BRIEFS

### Hospital unveils children's emergency department

#### Staff Report

On Monday, Vidant Health officials held a ribbon cutting and tour of the new children's emergency department at the medical center.

The department is about 12,800 square feet, has 16 examination rooms and is located next to the hospital's main emergency department, reported The Daily Reflector.

Two of the rooms within the department are fully functional resuscitation rooms containing state-of-the-art equipment.

A team of patient families, physicians and clinical staff guided by architects and center officials, designed the new department.

The main goal of the design was to incorporate a sense of "positive distractions" including: interactive video projections, large-screen video nature scenes, soothing, adjustable lighting elements and simulated stars on the ceilings of examination rooms.

The center will separate the care-giving experience from that of adults and will allow emergency physicians to better collaborate with pediatricians in the community.

The emergency department is projected to care for nearly 20,000 patients in the coming year.

### More arrests made in downtown homicide

#### Staff Report

Police have made two additional arrests in connection with a downtown homicide that occurred on June 30.

On Monday, Shawndre Lavon Dixo, 18, of 200 Gum Road was charged with being an accessory after the fact in the death of 21-year-old Dontae Montrel Haddock.

According to The Daily Reflector, Taquone Rasheen Barksdale, 27, of 3020 Spring Creek Road, Apt. 1 was charged on Tuesday with two counts of assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill inflicting serious injury in connection with the case.

Broderick Stephen Harris, 23, and George Herman Perry Jr., both of Greenville were arrested earlier this month for involvement in the homicide.

Leonard Earl Williams, 23, the main suspect has been charged with Haddock's murder.

The shooting occurred near the intersection of Evans and East Fourth streets and was gang related, stemming from a fight that began at a downtown nightclub.

The incident occurred shortly after 1:30 p.m. and injured four people. Haddock died at Vidant Medical Center.

Dixon was booked under \$250,000 secured bond and Barksdale under a \$400,000 bond, both at the Pitt County Detention Center.

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# Student Athlete Audit

## Internal audit on student-athletes finds no academic fraud



CONTRIBUTED

Stacie Tronto, director of ECU's Department of Internal Audit, delivers the findings of the audit to the Board of Trustees at their most recent meeting.

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An internal academic audit completed last week concerning student-athletes found no evidence of academic fraud.

The audit was a preventive measure after the scandal at UNC-Chapel Hill found a former football player ineligible during the 2008 season due to academic fraud.

"When you hear this type of news about a sister-university you have to ask, 'is there any way this is happening at East Carolina?'" said Provost Marion Sheerer. "We're taking every precaution."

The Department of Internal Audit at East Carolina studied the university classes and proceedings for the past 12 months and found no instances of academic fraud. This included looking into whether or not athletes were clustered into easier classes or receiving similar grades in the same classes.

"Audits like this one are necessary and I'm glad they're doing it, but I think if caught cheating, non-

athletes don't have as much to lose," said junior construction management major Kaitlyn Umphlet. "I've had a class with a cheerleader and a few football players, but I've never felt like I was treated any differently than they were when it came to attendance or assignments."

The examination found that there were a higher number of athletes enrolled in classes that did not interfere with practices and had no correlation to the level of difficulty. The study also looked into the majors of the athletes but found no instances where there were an overwhelming number of athletes in one major over another. Majors such as communication and sports management had a higher number of athletes, however, the study found reason for this. This slight increase of student-athletes in the two fields is likely due to interest in a continuing in the sports field.

"Athletes sit together in classes and do projects together, not because they're cheating, but because their schedules match up, they know when they have practice

and when they have to be out of town," said senior business major Andrea Coble. "They also probably have similar majors because they have similar interests. There's a lot of athletes in the business department because you can do a lot with it, it's a good back-up plan to professional sports. I don't think anyone has made it any easier on them."

Recently the Academic Affairs Department has begun to oversee the student-athlete support system and has introduced stricter guidelines when it comes to student-athletes. Implementing a system of consequences with both professors and coaches for student-athlete absences. The department maintains the university's integrity by ensuring that athletes and non-athletes are treated exactly the same in the classroom. This change in the hierarchy of responsibility also prompted this audit.

"We see them as students first and athletes second. We're doing our best to make these new enforcement show just that," said Sheerer. The slightest anomaly or

coincidence was looked into during the audit, with detailed records for every athlete and class. A suspicious case could be as little as two members of the same team having similar schedules or multiple athletes receiving the same grade in a class. If an instance of academic fraud were discovered, an immediate investigation would have begun.

This audit is coupled with attendance checkers by the university. In an effort to ensure attendance is being enforced, the university has employed "checkers" to monitor student-athlete's class attendance. The checkers affirm that the student is attending a regularly scheduled class in the correct location at the correct time. The checkers as well as the audit reinforce East Carolina's mission to treat student-athletes and non-athletic students equally.

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## North Carolina important in determining presidential election

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North Carolina has been named a swing state in the 2012 presidential election. Candidates President Barack Obama and hopeful, Mitt Romney will attempt to capture 18-25 year old voters by sending campaign representatives to East Carolina.

The campaigns intend to spread their messages and sway undecided voters to their side. Students will begin to notice signs supporting each side. Booths may be set up in busy parts of campus promoting the election and candidates. Organizations are targeting college students, which is a demographic of notoriously unpredictable voters.

ECU and other universities in North Carolina are getting special attention because of the state's reputation as a Swing State, according to national surveys. A swing state is a

state that is not known as Democratic or Republican. Meaning that while some states are labeled a certain party, it is possible that North Carolina could vote for either side. The way the state will vote is usually determined by the turn out.

The election results are calculated by electoral votes. These are votes appointed to each state to cast toward a candidate. Each vote stands for a member of the state Senate and House of Representatives members. Of the 270 votes assigned, North Carolina holds 15 ballots. Those ballots are enough to significantly affect a candidate's chance of winning and college students have an opportunity to affect the results.

Last year, 50 percent of North Carolina voters elected Barack Obama, making him the winner of the state. John McCain followed closely with 49 percent of votes while the independent parties took

1 percent. In 2004, numbers were similar with 56 percent voting republican for George W. Bush. Other previous elections have been just as close. This small gap is common in swing states.

When asked about North Carolina's label as a swing state, student responses varied. "I wasn't even sure what a swing state was. It surprises me to know that I'm registered to vote in one," said junior Preston Abernathy. Abernathy is not alone. Many students do not know how important North Carolina is in determining election results.

Representatives for the two parties intend on changing this. Candidates are focusing their campaigns on relevant issues to college communities. This tactic may help drum up student interest in the election. The more students each

## Higher One faces scrutiny for hidden fees

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Higher One Holdings Inc., the University's choice for a refund option for students receiving financial aid, is under scrutiny, being blamed for taking advantage of students by charging hidden fees.

According to two people with direct knowledge of the matter, Higher One is near a deal with

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party can convince to vote, the higher their ratings will increase.

"Now that I know how close the election gets in

North Carolina, I am definitely voting," said senior Ethan Simpson. Many students agreed and say they intend to vote this November.

"The fact that we are in a swing state makes voting especially exciting for me this year. Not having a label is encouraging me to research

candidates policies," said Simpson.

Other notable swing states include New Hampshire, Florida and Ohio. According

to national polls done by ABC news, Barak Obama will take the election. Currently North Carolina is predicted to vote for President Obama but Mitt

Romney is close behind.

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federal regulators that would end an 18-month investigation of overdraft fees charged between 2008 and 2011, the Associated Press reported.

"We do believe the claim is without merit," said Lauren Perry, campus relations coordinator for Higher One. "The fee schedule is so transparent and out there for everyone to see. We're a transparent company, so we have no hidden fees."

Using Higher One, students face the possibility of paying charges to access their money, including a \$2.50 fee to use the card at a non-Higher One ATM. Higher One ATMs are located on the campus in Mendenhall Student Center, Jones Residence Hall and on the medical school campus near the cashier's office. In addition, a \$10 charge monthly charge is placed on accounts that have been inactive for six months.

Shoba Lemoine, Higher One's marketing representative, said the company's contacts the account holder via email to ask whether they want to keep the account open. She said this contact happens multiple times before the fee is charged.

Other fees include a 50-cent charge for running the card as debit instead of credit at merchant stores and a \$20 card replacement fee if it is lost or stolen. Lemoine said the replacement fee is a charge that occurs at most national banks.

"Our fees are low cost compared to other low-cost options," said Lemoine.

Started by a college student in 2000, the company markets bankcards and checking accounts to college students through exclusive deals with colleges and uni-

versities. The U.S. Public Interest Research Group Education Fund, a student advocacy group, reports that the company has card agreements with 520 campuses that enroll a combined 4.3 million students.

"We've had a great partnership with ECU since 2005," said Lemoine. "Students appreciate the service we provide."

However, there are mixed emotions around campus as to whether students like the Higher One service.

"I used to use it," said senior English major Devon Falls, "but I don't use it anymore. It's terrible."

Falls said he went to the store with money in his account, but when he went to pay, the money was gone.

"I tried to call them (after the incident), and I got an automated response," he said. "There's not an office in Greenville, there's not a bank in Greenville... There's not accessibility."

According to the University's website, when receiving a refund check from financial aid, students are given three options: Higher One, where the money is disbursed in the student's ECU Account the day it is received; depositing the aid at the student's bank, which takes two to three days; or have it mailed as a paper check, which takes five to seven days. Opting to send his refund money straight to his account, Falls no longer faces issues with Higher One.

"It's so much better," he said. "When I go to the bank, I can see someone and talk to someone. I can't do that with Higher One."

Starr Chauvaux, a senior biology and chemistry major, said she also chooses the

direct deposit option to avoid using Higher One.

"My dad didn't want me to have one, because he was unfamiliar with the company and didn't know exactly what it did," said Chauvaux.

Chavaux said she does not like the fees that accompany the card, like the debit fees, and the ability to only take out \$500 at a time. "I'm happy my dad didn't want me to use it, especially with what happened last year at University Book Exchange (an incident when Higher One credit card numbers were stolen)," she said.

But Junior health service administration major Betsy Wentworth said she uses the card without any problems. She said she avoids extra fees by using the credit option rather than debit at the store.

"It's easier and more convenient to receive my refund money," said Wentworth.

David Barges, a senior hospitality management major, said he used the card during his freshman year after money was refunded to him by the University for dropping one of his classes. "I didn't notice any extra charges to the card," said Barges.

To help students become aware of the fees, the company's website includes a video that shows students how to avoid some of the charges, focusing specifically on the 50-cent charge when the card is used as debit instead of credit. Also listed on the website is a link to OneforyourMoney.com, Higher One's online community for financial literacy.

Along with a fee schedule available on the Higher One website, Lemoine said that when students choose

the company for his or her refund, a box pops up to inform the students of all the fees charged. Students must read and agree to the terms before choosing the option.

"It's really kind of unorthodox, it's not like traditional banking," said Lemoine. "We wanted to do this to educate students."

Perry said schools choose Higher One to help streamline the process of disbursing financial aid money, and eliminating the paper and postage cost.

"The primary benefit of using the card is that we provide the students with a choice for checking account options," said Perry. "It's safe and secure, and free to receive."

The choices, listed on the website, allow students to select between the free One-Account option, the \$5.95 per month One Account Flex account, or the \$8.95 per month One Account Premium.

The benefits of Higher One listed on its website include refunds available the same day they are released by the institution, the flexibility to use the card as Debit MasterCard, protection under the MasterCard Zero Liability policy, and online money management as the convenient features of using the card.

The university's cashier's office was contacted for comment but could not be reached.

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Students have the option to bank with Higher One or local banks.

## Board of Trustees inducts new members

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On Thursday, East Carolina University's Board of Trustees inducted new board member Justin Davis and elected officers to one-year terms; the governing body is comprised of 13 members.

Davis, who is ECU's new Student Government Association president, was sworn in as an ex-officio member of the board. Also, Robert V. Lucas, a Selma attorney and ECU alumni, was re-elected as chairman.

Two nominees for vice chair presented by the nominating committee were presented. They were current vice chair Carol Mabe of Oriental, N.C. and Robert Brinkley of Charlotte.

Brinkley got the nomination for vice chair after winning on an 8-5 vote over Carol Mabe. Butler from Grimesland was re-elected secretary after both Kieran Shanahan and Steven Jones declined the position.

Nominating committee chair Ken Chalk spoke before the officers were presented and said the board has 90 percent of the time elected officers to serve consecutive one-year terms. In accordance with the past, the vice chair has usually moved on to the chair position.

One of the advantages of the current system the

board employs is that there is a continuation of leadership; however, a perceived disadvantage of the current system may be that there are limited opportunities for certain members to serve. This is because the process appears to be a "rubber stamp" one, according to committee chair, Chalk.

Despite the potential disadvantages in the current system, Shanahan expressed support for annual elections stating, "I think it's important going forward we consider every year the person and the strength they bring to the table." Mark Tipton concurred as he felt one-year terms strengthen the board.

Lucas was humbled and quite appreciative in the confidence the board displayed by choosing to re-elect him. Lucas is not only the founding partner, but also the senior partner of the law firm Lucas, Denning & Ellerbe.

In 1974, Lucas served on the board as SGA president and graduated with a degree in political science. He received his law degree from the Cumberland School of Law at Samford University, which is in Birmingham, Alabama.

Brinkley serves as a partner with the McGuireWoods law firm in Charlotte; he also serves on boards of directors/trustees of copious charitable and civic organizations. Brinkley has practiced law

for approximately 24 years around Greensboro and Charlotte; he received his bachelor's degree in business administration at ECU and his JD degree from Wake Forest University.

Butler serves as chief external affairs and president of foundations at Vidant Health; as a matter of fact, Butler is the healthcare system's primary contact with a myriad number of organizations in Eastern North Carolina. Butler received a master's degree in public administration from ECU and served as former chair of the university's Board of Visitors.

Davis is a senior at ECU majoring in political science. Davis is part of a number of organizations such as the ECU Marching Pirates, Phi Mu Alpha Music Fraternity, Phi Gamma Delta Fraternity and the ECU Symphonic Wind Ensemble, to name a few.

Additionally, Davis also served two consecutive terms as treasurer for the SGA as well as volunteering at the Volunteer and Service Learning Center. Perhaps, Brinkley put it best when he said, "We have lots of strong leaders. We just have so many qualified people to serve."

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I would love to date you.....but you drink too much.....sh\*t faced is not a good look on you. And girl you are an 11 out of a 10.

That awkward moment when you go out to eat with your boyfriend's mother and your waiter gives you his number and tells you your'e beautiful.

Whoever left that nasty a\*\* condom in the trash can of a study room in the library...props to you bro.

When the boogie man goes to sleep every night, he checks his closet for Chuck Norris.

If she's never heard of the NCC ninja, SHE'S TOO YOUNG FOR YOU BRO!

To the guy that farted in class, yeah, we all heard it.

Besties with testes, don't you test these besties.

So broke I thought about prostitution. Then I realized being a fat white guy I'm better off not doing that.

Yolo? That's nice cuz if you say it again you'll realize how important that one life was.

Drive me closer! I want to hit them with my sword!

Boobs are proof that God loves us and wants us to be happy, like beer and Doritos Tacos.

Girl, if he'll cheat WITH you, he'll cheat ON you. Stop bragging about how you've slept with so many of your friend's boyfriends.

I'll save you...TREE POWERS ACTIVATE!!!!

No Llama No!

I've decided that I'm not going to focus on my past anymore...so if I owe you money, I'm sorry.

Correct grammar is sexy.

That awkward moment when you're walking outside and make eye contact with an attractive person, then proceed to walk straight into a swarm of gnats.

Girl scouts? I don't know...I think it's dangerous to teach young girls self-esteem and leadership skills.

If TEC were a text message, the Pirate Rants would be its emoticons

If I knew the tuition would increase 20%, they'd abolish my favorite down town deals, and ALE would have immortal authority I wouldn't have come to this school. Sincerely, a young junior.

I may not look older than you, but I can assure you that I am... so get your nose out of the air and respect your elders.

If you make me wait forever for your next move on Draw Something, I'll draw my drawings verrrrrrrry sloooooowwwwwillyyy

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# 'Twas a dark night



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With the recent happenings in Colorado related to "The Dark Knight Rises" premiere, a startling realization has presented itself. After talking to family and friends alike, many people have said that they now fear going to a theatre to see a movie. But isolated events, such as this, should not have such a drastic impact on the population's everyday lives.

The media has such an overbearing impact on our lives, and many of us fail to realize it until it is revealed in a comment voiced by a concerned friend. Car crashes occur every day, yet we are persistent in our efforts to test posted speed limits. What is the difference? Publicity. Sure, every now and then, a particularly morbid wreck is mentioned on the evening news, but shortly after the report, the story changes and we continue our mundane tasks.

The media publicized James Holmes (the accused shooter), and his actions, to the nation for over a day. As more information of the story surfaced, the news channels were the first to let the

people know. As a result of the extended exposure, it is only human nature to begin to over-think an appropriate course of future preventative action. Wild assumptions were made as well, while factual information was lacking.

First it was said that 14 people were dead, along with another fifty-some injured. While there were 58 injuries, the more accurate casualty numbers later were later revealed to be 12. Next were the wild accusations that the accused shooter's attire was an imitation of "The Dark Knight Rises" villain, Bane. In reality, Holmes dressed accordingly to protect himself from his own devices and ammunition.

However, the last wild assumption is one that is taken to an extreme. Now many people, as previously mentioned, have stated that they fear going to future movie theatre events because of the tragedy. This is not the only time in U.S. history that such a drastic event has yielded this type of response.

Any time there is a plane crash or a cruise ship that goes down, we see a drop in the amount of people that buy seats from airlines or tickets for a cruise. However, just as the sun eventually comes out after a storm, people will buy tickets again. If people eventually set

back into the way they behaved before the tragedy, what is the point of acting differently for such a short period of time in the first place?

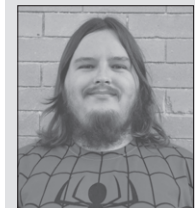
These drastic measures of withdrawing from an activity all together are unnecessary and, frankly, pointless. When people stop going to movie theatres, they are hurting the business for no reason. It is not the theatre's fault that a homicidal person picked their establishment to commit his act of tyranny.

Honestly, it is selfish of people to stop going to movies because of something that no one could have prevented. It was an isolated incident that should be treated and dealt with as such, and nothing more.

I hope everyone that reads this will continue to live as you were before we were informed of the event in Colorado. If not the same, I hope that we all will value life a little more in memory of the victims. As a final note, my condolences go out to the families affected by this tragedy.

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# From geek to chic



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I was used to getting picked on in late elementary and early middle school for the things I liked. I was what most modern people consider a geek. I went to school wearing Star Wars and Star Trek stuff, Metal Gear Solid, Final Fantasy, Dragon Ball Z, and other related things. The popular kids at school liked to make fun of the fact that I liked anime, video games and science fiction things and consistently made my life absolute hell every chance they could. I tried to get into the stuff that the popular kids liked and found that I just really didn't fit in with them, moreover, they saw right through my ruse and it made them dislike me even more.

I talked to my father about it at the time, about how frustrated I was with the whole situation, and he told me that one day, all of the stuff that they love and adore will be looked on as really stupid, and the geeks will inherit the culture. He explained to me that popular culture works in a cycle and things that today are really awesome will one day be looked down upon. He gave me the example of the box of Pogs in my closet upstairs, how cool they were and how nobody cares about them anymore.

One day, Star Wars, Star Trek, my video games and anime that I enjoy will become popular on a mainstream level, and when they day happens, I will be the cool one. So he told me to just keep being myself and always stay true to who I am deep down, and the day shall come that the things that I enjoy are popular and I can impress everyone with my knowledge and wisdom from being a fan for so long.

That day arrived in high school. I met so many friends that shared the same interests as me, and everyone thought we were awesome for being so into comic books, video games and anime. It was a really shocking experience to go from being the outcast to suddenly being looked up to for having this almost encyclopedic knowledge of Final Fantasy and the Star Wars Expanded Universe.

With The Avengers and The Dark Knight Rises being such huge successes, and the rise of casual gaming, never has there been more support for what I would consider the Geek culture. People that couldn't have cared less about whether Han shot Greedo first, (he did, by the way,) what the future holds in store for the Master Chief, or whether the Yuuzhan Vong, the Borg, or the Cylons would win in a three-way battle royal, have suddenly found an interest in such things, and I absolutely love it. In what other slice of pop culture can you fly to distant galaxies on a faster-than-light ship and poorly dance around in a club with a race of attractive blue-skinned women that have psychic powers, while expressing your love of every store on a particular space station, (referring to the Mass Effect series of games.)

The point is that the Geeks have inherited the mantle of pop culture leadership and I think we need to start acting like it. We need to continue our takeover of popular culture. I would like to see studios invest more time and money in science fiction shows that get kids to think about the future of aerospace engineering and space travel, rather than spend their money on staging bar fights on whatever stupid reality show garbage MTV thinks up next. I think it would do wonders toward directing our culture further toward innovation and thinking outside the box, and less on whether the Kardashian family actually matters in the grand scheme of human existence, (spoiler: they don't.) Shows like Heroes, Firefly, Buffy the Vampire Slayer and Battlestar Galactica have rekindled in many a sense of wonder and imagination that our society so desperately needs. It is imaginative minds from which the future blossoms.

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# Attempting to discover the meaning of life



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The question of the purpose or meaning of life is one that has plagued mankind far into history. There are a variety of ways to try to answer this question. For some, religion may suffice and a philosophical view will do for others. Here are some different perspectives I have come across.

One interpretation is that there is no inherent purpose and that we just have to make our lives have meaning. This is one that I don't think holds much water, as it still necessitates an "accomplishment," which we honestly may never think was enough. So is there some concrete thing we have to do in order to die with satisfaction? When we are dying, will we think we lived a good life, or will we be full of regret about things we could have done differently?

Alan Watts, an eastern philosopher, had an amazing analogy for this question--we don't go to a concert just to hear the final note in the chorus. Just the same, we don't ever arrive at some definite goal in life. Watts summed up his view on life: "But we miss the point the whole way along. It was a musical thing, and you were supposed to sing or dance while the music was being played."

We all have a variety of short-term goals, whether it is passing the next test, graduating on time, getting a job, marrying the woman of our dreams, having kids with her, or buying our dream house. With the completion of this constantly updating list of tasks, are we ever really "there?" I face this predicament constantly, which can make me feel like perfection is unreachable.

The ancient Stoic philosophy offers many insights to this question that are still helpful to us today. I became interested in Stoicism when I picked up the book "A Guide to the Good Life: The Ancient Art of Stoic Joy" by William B. Irvine. He explains this philosophy of life from both the historical context and the practical application. One of the core points of the book is to help people deal

with the issues we face in life.

In the wake of the mass murders in Aurora, Colorado, I wondered how I would deal with the loss of a loved one so abruptly. We often have this tendency to take for granted what we have in life, thinking that our loved ones will be there tomorrow. How do we manage with such a tragedy when it occurs? The tendency to do this is called hedonistic adaptation, says Irvine, which makes us become used to what we gain. For example, we may really want a lover, and strive to earn their affection. But once we gain it, our hedonistic adaptation causes us not to strive as hard as we used to for what we have gained.

The solution to dealing with grief and human suffering, according to the Stoics, is to practice negative visualization. If we reflect on the possibility of such an event happening to one of our own loved ones, we won't be taking them for granted like we used to. Realizing that such a tragedy is possible, however unlikely, we will want to make the most of the time we are given. So that lover whom we spent so much time trying

to win over will receive just as much attention as he or she did when we first met them.

If there is one thing that holds true, especially regarding the material, it is that life is impermanent. Be it in the evolution of organisms, to the human condition, or of our material possessions. We cannot control this fact, but there are certain elements that are within our control. Just as a disease can be prevented with regular visits to the doctor, we must do what we can to ensure that we have a good life. Money does not bring this, as hedonistic adaptation shows, but through maintaining tranquility and taking joy in what we do have, it is one way to make our life much more meaningful.

No matter what path or what belief we choose, an answer of some sort should be provided regarding our purpose in life.

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### Taurus (Apr 20 -May 20)

If you've got a gym buddy, things should go much better for both of you. If you hate gyms, find a running partner or try yoga class, as your health routines go better when you're partnered up.



### Gemini (May 21 -June 20)

Your brainy energy is fierce and ready for some serious challenge! Make sure that you have a way to get your people to understand your 11th-dimensional reasoning, though!



### Cancer (June 21 -July 22)

Try to stick to the same project today — adding new work is sure to backfire. You may have to check out some alternate means of getting work done today, but try to say no to requests.



### Leo (July 23 -Aug 22)

You can't get everything you want on your own today — so make sure that you're asking for help as much as you can. Things should get a lot better once you've got a team working on your side!



### Virgo (Aug 23 -Sep 22)

It's the little things that get to you today — so make sure that you're not worrying too much about the big picture too. You can handle these little setbacks as long as you focus and stay energized.



### Libra (Sep 23 -Oct 22)

You're feeling deeply appreciative of what you have today — and things are looking up for everyone! Someone close is sure to make a play for something big, but you just want to chill.



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### Aquarius (Jan 20 -Feb 18)

Your intellectual life is much richer and more varied today — and since you set the bar pretty high, that means a lot! Enjoy new puzzles and challenges — and share them with those in your life.



### Pisces (Feb 19 -Mar 20)

You're choosing a path today — and remember, not choosing is a choice in itself! You may find that guidance is harder to come by than usual; but if you look within, you should find what you need.



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# "Capital"-izing on certainty



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It is hard to deny that the local music scene in Greenville is one that tends to have a smaller following in its almost underground movement. However, among this group, one pirate is leading his band into a more hopeful future.

Will Davis, a senior and double major in psychology and religious studies, wanted to start a band in January. With a love for music, and a drive toward creativity, Davis gathered together his friends Daniel Hall, Aaron Rackley and Hunter Klein to begin a project where he could portray his lyrics, songs and love for music. The finished product was The Capital.

The band's name comes from a combination of the other members being from the Raleigh area, but more uniquely is the fact that Davis writes all his songs in capital letters. "I never really noticed it until one day I looked down and realized the

entire lyrics for the song where in capital letters," said Davis.

Since the formation of the band in January, The Capital has gone on to play numerous shows and even had the opportunity to record their music at The Sound Barn in Kinston.

"Safe and Sound" was the first recorded song The Capital released to the public. The song was put on the band's YouTube channel in March and currently has over 3,000 plays. Davis says it was incredible going to the first show after releasing the song and hearing the audience sing along.

"It is one of the craziest feelings hearing people sing the lyrics that I wrote, especially as it all comes together with the band playing it live. It is surreal," said Davis. Although it is his favorite song on the EP (Extended Play), Davis also says it is the most difficult. "Safe and Sound is a hard song to play because of the guitar delays and the falsetto notes in certain parts."

With the success of their first song, the band recorded four more songs for their EP, "Finding Certainty." The songs, all written by Davis, tell a story of life's lessons and its obstacles.

"The EP has a theme about finding yourself and finding enlightenment. It is about growing up and discovering a sense of security," said Davis.

As for his favorite lyric in any song, Davis chooses the third song on the EP "The Love Note Part 2" where he sings, "I know that perfection does not exist, but you are the closest anyone will come to it." The song is a sequel to "The Love Note" which Davis wrote as a solo project for his fiancé, Danielle Griffin, who was at the time attending N.C. State. The original song was about the long distance relationship they experienced while attending different schools. Griffin has since transferred to ECU and fulfilled her role as Davis's muse.

Although it is tough to say where

the future will take The Capital, Davis knows that music is something that will forever be a part of his life.

"I can speak for myself when I say I will never quit writing music and right now The Capital is at a better level than I ever thought possible," said Davis. "I am so happy with what we have achieved, and I just hope the rest of the guys are willing to stick with me."

As for the upcoming EP release show, Davis is optimistic. "I don't know what to expect because we are a newer band, but I know it will be a good time. We have some awesome opening acts and it is great to be a part of local music scene."

The Capital will play their EP release show at the Tippy Teapot Saturday July 28 at 7:30 PM

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The Capital EP "Finding Certainty"

#### Track List:

- Over The Edge
- Real Messi Situation
- The Love Note Part 2
- Light vs. Dark
- Safe and Sound

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# 'The Dark Knight Rises' to a fitting finale



Hunter Ingram  
COLUMNIST

## Grade: A

Seven years ago, Christopher Nolan reignited the Batman saga, creating a dark and gritty reimagining that has redefined the superhero genre. But as the trilogy begins its exit stage left, "The Dark Knight Rises" faces the challenge of building on its predecessors and tying up the franchise with a nice bow and a satisfying bang.

Nolan is in a league with very few directors when it comes to creating a sharp and pulsating epic. For Batman's last time in the cape, Nolan has orchestrated a brilliant no-holds-barred, end-of-the-line, do-or-die film that brings his themes of redemption and sacrifice to a head, forcing his heroes and villains to go toe-to-toe in the name of all they stand for.

Set eight years after the events of "The Dark Knight," this film chronicles Batman's unpopular return to Gotham's streets after shouldering the blame for, among other things, the death of Harvey Dent, the man seen as Gotham's true savior. Waiting with an army and a grudge is Bane, a beefed-up, bone-breaking machine that has decided to act as Gotham's own personal liberator from oppression of the elite and privileged.

Just as any closing chapter should, "The Dark Knight Rises" builds on its now-or-never urgency, placing all its players in the roles they were always meant to fill. The city is under a deceiving veil of peace following the loss of Dent and all the good done in his name; a time when crime is down but something is brewing under the surface.

A broken man, Bruce Wayne has become a recluse after Batman's shunning, sulking in the shadows of his mansion and slipping

back into the elusive billionaire status that plagued him as the series began. Christian Bale again commands a powerful presence as Wayne and his dark knight alter ego, giving both an emotional arc that is unparalleled in superhero films. You can see the conviction and torment in his eyes as he pumps heartache and determination into a character that must thrive on those to rise from the ashes.

By his side are three people that have become as much a part of Nolan's trilogy as Batman himself: Wayne's trusty and loyal butler/guardian, Alfred (Michael Caine); the wise technology genius behind Batman's toys, Lucius Fox (Morgan Freeman); and the hero's man on the inside, police commissioner Jim Gordon (Gary Oldman). It can be said that behind every great man is a great team, and Wayne's team is a sturdy and steadfast as ever.

When the film begins, we meet the villainous Bane (Tom Hardy), escaping on a plane midflight and speaking of a plan not yet known to the audience. But based on how his voice is sinistinely muffled by the oxygen mask over his face, the plan can't be bode well for Gotham. Bane is ruthless, powerful and a big cement block of a man — all wildly expressed through Hardy's eyes, piercing voice and mean right hook. And while he doesn't have the brilliant mannerisms and personality that made Heath Ledger's The Joker legendary and chilling, Hardy does bring a bone-chilling demeanor to Bane.

Anne Hathaway and Marion Cotillard fill the femi-

nine void left in this man cave of a movie, each portraying strong, resilient women. Hathaway sizzles and surprises as Selina Kyle, the future Catwoman who pickpockets her way into Batman's line of fire. Scorching in the skin of the leather-clad, butt-kicking, stiletto-wearing vixen, Hathaway owns every one of her scenes with a clever mix of prowess and complexity.

Cotillard holds up the business side of things as Miranda Tate, a wealthy investor in Wayne's company and eventual bedfellow that gives him an even more personal reason to fight for Gotham's safety. Her whirlwind romance with Wayne is one of the film's minor flaws, in that it moves at an unnaturally rapid pace. But both women are in their element and more than make up for the apparent lack of females within the Gotham city limits.

But the most fascinating addition to the Batman universe has to be John Blake, an average joe cop played with such humanity by Joseph Gordon-Levitt. Blake becomes a vital player in the fight for Gotham's future, but does so as a stark comparison to those around him. Blake embodies the pure selflessness that Wayne hoped to inspire when he first decided to don the mask of the Caped Crusader. Blake is an ordinary citizen fighting for the people because he sees them bound by injustice. He doesn't have money, power, strength or even the fear of the people to further his charge — only his will to make a difference. Gordon-Levitt's portrayal of such

untainted humanity is so rich and potent in these, Gotham's darkest hours.

Amid it all, Nolan anchors his characters, actors and story with his familiar brand of tragic realism that is, as always, awe-inspiring. For this franchise capper, Nolan, and his brother Jonathan, have crafted a story that brings in elements of the ripped-from-the-headlines economic battle between the one percent and everyone else, the ever-terrifying threat of nuclear detonation, and the steep cost of personal sacrifice. The brothers' story finds Bane plunging Gotham into chaos and isolation, forcing its citizens to stand up for themselves on these matters and not rely on a vigilante to fight for them.

With a plot that is grim and grand (which was to be expected), "The Dark Knight Rises" never sells its soul to the overt "blow everything up" gene that befalls so many summer blockbusters and sequels. There are massive scenes of destruction, losses that hit close to home, and betrayals that literally leave their scars, but Nolan, with all his skill, never lets the audience forget that everything has a purpose in Batman's journey. It's all a haunting but necessary evil in the fight for Gotham and Bruce Wayne's souls — a fight that was always the foundation behind this unsettling yet beautifully poignant trilogy that comes to a close on cinematic high note.

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# Henna: The history and how-to of the seasonal body art

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Experimentation tends to be more common during the summer when compared to other seasons, especially when it comes to clothes, hair and essentially anything involving appearance. Trends are things that are either dissolving or changing, yet one thing that always reappears during summertime are henna tattoos. Unfortunately, many people are unaware of what henna truly is and what it is used for.

Henna is a plant that is crushed into a powder and made into a paste where the active ingredient, lawsone, stains the skin a reddish-brown color.

"You mix it with water and another solution, which people who traditionally make it are secretive about it because that is where the strength of the plant lies--the way it is mixed into a paste," said ECU art history professor Punam Madhok.

Depending on the mixture and how long one leaves

the paste on determines the strength of the tattoo.

"In current practices, it has become a very swift application because nobody has the time. So it is done very quickly and it also fades away just as quickly, usually within a week," said Madhok. "But when I was growing up, you would put it on your hand and you left it on your hand for a few hours. The longer you left it on your hand, the better, because the color would be that much richer on your palm. It would last a month or so."

The usage of henna originated in Egypt. "Henna was used during the embalment process because it kept the flesh fresh and kept it from decaying," said Madhok. "It was an old Egyptian tradition to apply henna on the mummies." The Egyptians use of henna explains why the mummies' skin colors have a reddish tint to it.

Henna eventually made its way to different parts of the world where it was used for more decorative purposes. Henna tattoo art arose during the Bronze Age and was tradi-

tionally used for celebrations such as marriage and fertility. The meaning behind henna tattoos is unlimited, but in many cultures, henna tends to represent good luck, joy and beauty, especially when it comes to marriage celebrations. In America, the appeal tends to vary from person to person.

"I like the natural look and the nice brown tint it leaves on the skin. The fact that you can wear many different designs without it being permanent makes it very appealing," said Jessenia Lumpkin, a henna tattoo artist who lives and works in Jacksonville.

Lumpkin charges only about half of what regular henna artists charge, which can range anywhere from \$30 to \$50 per tattoo. "Some girls that are interested just don't have much money," said Lumpkin. She explained how easy it was through a few simple steps.

First, you pour only a couple of spoon-fuls of powder, depending on how much paste you are trying to make, into a bowl.

Then you mix a teaspoon of tea tree oil and a teaspoon of sugar, to keep the paste moist.

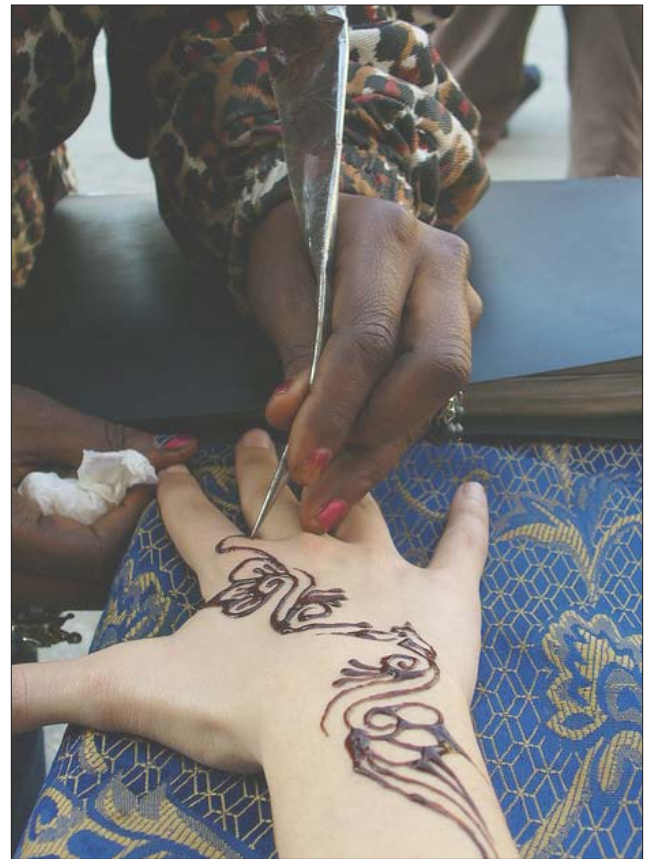
Add a little bit of lemon juice at a time until the mixture starts to resemble mashed potatoes.

After you make the mixture, you want to wrap a piece of cello paper, a see-through piece of plastic that usually comes in squares, into a cone-shape.

Last, you scoop the paste into the cone and you tie the end with either a twist-tie or rubber band and you can either cut the tip and start drawing write away or you can freeze the mixture and save it for later.

This henna art form is simple to make and is easy use, but having a steady hand and creativity is where the talent of the artist is allowed to shine through. Henna is a perfect experimental tool that one can use to either prepare them for a real tattoo, or just decorate their body for fun.

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Top left: Henna tattoos offer the benefits of a tattoo without the permanence. Top right: Henna tattoos are a great way to decorate yourself for the season. Bottom right: Artists have to know the proper way to mix the paste to ensure that the tattoo lasts the desired amount of time.

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## Three Pirates Named to Conference Preseason Team

### Staff Reports

ECU junior offensive guard Will Simmons and a pair of Pirate defenders, senior nose tackle Michael Brooks and sophomore inside linebacker Jeremy Grove, have been named to the 2012 Conference USA Football Coaches Preseason Team, according to an announcement from the league office Monday.

Simmons established himself as the Pirates' leader on the offensive line a year ago, opening all 12 games at the right guard position. After making his initial collegiate start against South Carolina, he helped guide ECU to a No. 20 national rank in passing offense (286.1 ypg) that included 300-yard efforts in six of the last 10 contests.

Brooks concluded his junior campaign topping all Pirate linemen with 55 tackles, 18 solo hits and 37 assists in 12 starts. Of Brooks' overall 55 stops, 50 came on rushing plays.

During his first collegiate season in 2011, Grove set a Pirate rookie record with a team-leading 122 tackles - the third-highest total by an ECU player in the last 14 years. Grove stood third in C-USA and 10th among all FBS defenders with 11.1 tackles per game to earn Freshman All-America honors from the Football Writers Association of America (FWAA), CBSports.com, FOXSportsNext.com and Yahoo! Sports. He was also the C-USA Freshman-of-the-Year and an honorable mention all-league selection.

The Pirates will open the 2012 season Saturday, Sept. 1 at noon when they host Appalachian State at Dowdy-Ficklin Stadium.

## Three Women's Programs Earn Academic Awards

### Staff Reports

The ECU women's basketball and women's swimming squads have earned the Conference USA Sport Academic Award for the 2011-12 season, according to an announcement Monday by the league.

The C-USA Sport Academic Award is given to the team in each conference-sponsored sport with the highest GPA for the 2011-12 academic year.

Women's basketball produced a 3.381 cumulative team GPA in 2011-12 with 11 of the squad's 13 members earning C-USA Commissioner's Honor Roll status.

The women's swimming team compiled a 3.573 cumulative GPA, ranking fourth in the nation among NCAA Division I programs. As a result, the Pirates were given Scholar All-America status by the College Swimming Coaches Association of America. ECU had eleven of its female swimmers make the Chancellor's List with a 4.00 GPA during the spring semester and an additional nine earning a spot on the Dean's List.

Also, the ECU volleyball team earned the 2011-12 American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) Team Academic Award, according to a release by the organization.

The award, which was initiated in the 1992-93 academic year, honors collegiate and high school volleyball teams that displayed excellence in the classroom during the school year by maintaining at least a 3.30 cumulative team grade point average on a 4.0 scale. Last season's squad produced a mark of 3.35 with three players maintaining a 4.0 average.

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# Baseball hopes to strengthen new season with changes

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After Pirate baseball's season came to an end, the team had six players selected in the 2012 MLB draft. Of the five players drafted, only Tyler Joyner will return for his senior season.

Joyner was one of three pitchers selected from Pirate Nation, after senior Kevin Brandt was drafted by the Tampa Bay Rays in the 18th round and junior right-hander Jharel Cotton was picked up in the 20th round by the Los Angeles Dodgers in the annual draft. Aside from the six draft selections, ECU also had two incoming freshman commitments selected on the last day of the draft (Quinn Carpenter and Justin Taylor).

With Cotton and Brandt taking their talents to the next level, rising senior Joyner will be expected to fulfill the duties of being the Pirate's ace pitcher. Left-hander Joyner, who appeared in 17 games last year, posted a 6-2 record last season. He also struck out 68 batters while only allowing 12 walks.

Behind Joyner, the Pirates will have a host of pitchers in the bull-

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Ben Sanderson, new assistant coach and recruiting coordinator for ECU baseball, accepted his position this July.

# Basketball dribbles ahead in NC sports

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Historically, the state of North Carolina has been a tremendous sports region and the top five universities in this region always tend to shine in certain athletics. Along with the four ACC schools (UNC-Chapel Hill, N.C. State, Duke and Wake Forest), ECU has moved into the category of a good school for athletics in a few major sports.

In the state of North Carolina, basketball is king and will probably always remain the number one sport overall for the five major schools. North Carolina is a natural hot bed for high school and college basketball. History has proven that.

Chapel Hill has set the standard for building a college dynasty program by winning with its great recruiting. They have had historic names like Michael Jordan, James Worthy, Dean Smith, and even recent alumni Tyler Hansbrough come through the program.

Duke's prestige is a close second with multiple national championships and names like Mike Krzyewski, Christian Laettner, Grant Hill and J.J. Reddick. This program's history will help them replenish year after year.

State looks to be set to continue their winning ways and take the ACC title in basketball. That is how much potential Mark Gottfried's team has this upcoming season. Wake Forest also has some hopes in comparison to their recent seasons with the young talent on the roster.

ECU hasn't been tremendous on the hardwood in history but Coach

Jeff Lebo has the Pirates in good position to improve to a very competitive level in Conference USA.

Baseball isn't far from North Carolina's heart as the likes of UNC, State and ECU produce each season, while Wake Forest is in the process of rising through the ACC and Duke still struggles to close out games. This region is top heavy with dominant programs (UNC, State and ECU) that make the postseason almost every single year. UNC finished the season with a 46-16 overall record and they had the second best record in the ACC. State finished the baseball season with a 43-20 record and won the Raleigh Regional before being eliminated.

ECU had an "off" year in the minds of the fans but the Pirates still managed to finish the season with a 36-24-1 record. The Pirates look to rise with a good recruiting class and with the majority of the starters returning. Wake Forest barely missed a post-season tournament with a 33-24 record overall.

The most surprising sport on this list may be bass fishing. In the Tar Heel state, many of the universities have bass fishing clubs and schools like State, ECU and Wake Forest all have quality fishing teams that put up results.

This is the Wolfpack's best sport by far. Within the last five years, State has won national championships in multiple levels of competition, including one this year already. ECU has a fairly new club, but over their four-year existence, the Pirates have a number of good performances including a couple top five finishes and a fourth this season.

Wake Forest also has a seasoned club with a major tournament win early this year in southern Georgia. Out of the entire NCAA Bass Fishing Series, this region of the country is hands down one of the best.

Football hasn't been as dominant as many fans would have liked, but the state of North Carolina can still produce good football programs that can compete against good talent. Football has taken a backseat in North Carolina in the last few seasons in regards to wins and productivity with Duke's struggles, UNC's violations, Wake's inexperience, State's consistency and ECU being overlooked amidst conference realignments.

The fifth sport in North Carolina, and another surprise choice, would be Women's Cross Country. ECU finished 11th in the Southeast Regionals and all the other four schools were productive (with the exception of Wake who finished 10th at the ACC Championship). The Women and Men's Cross Country programs have often times been overlooked but those athletes have still performed at high levels and won for their universities.

In my opinion, North Carolina is a region with multitudes of talent in a variety of sports. This area is historically productive and these major schools seem to be improving with every athletic season.

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College basketball is regarded as one of the most popular sports in North Carolina, followed by baseball and football.

# Team USA prepares for Olympics

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The 2012 Summer Olympic Games are set to go underway in London, on Friday, where in which the traditional opening ceremonies as the historic Olympic torch concludes its relay around the world.

A total of 10,500 athletes from 204 different countries will be participating in the 2012 Summer Olympics. Athletes will be competing in a total of 302 events in 26 different sports. Olympic competition has been a historic and storied tradition ever since its first documented days dating back to the times of ancient Greece. Athletes from all over the world step onto center stage for everyone to see as they compete for the ultimate honor and glory of any professional athlete, to earn and receive an Olympic Gold Medal for themselves, and most importantly, their country.

Us bona fide patriots on our countries home soil will surely be tuning into and cheering our hearts out for our fellow countrymen and women participating in Olympic competition. In the 2008 Summer Olympics, which took place in Beijing, Team USA made another terrific performance coming away with the top medal count of any other country with 110 and second to China in Gold medals with 36. Most notably were the tremendous performances by swimmer Michael Phelps and the Men's Basketball Team. Michael Phelps broke an Olympic record for number of gold medals at a single Olympics as well as most career gold medals by an Olympian after winning eight swimming events in Beijing. The men's basketball team known as the "Redeem Team," finally brought home the gold medal after years of international disappointment following the gargantuan success of the 1992 "Dream Team."

This summer, Team USA will look to go above and beyond the heights soared over by USA's 2008 performance, hoping to once again display to the world the athletic prowess and dominance that we have possessed for years and will continue to possess for years to come. However, there are some intriguing storylines to follow, as the 2012 Summer Olympics gets ready to kickoff.

Michael Phelps versus fellow United States teammate Ryan Lochte is a compelling storyline that truly needs no introduction. Michael Phelps, announced retirement following the conclusion of the 2012 Olympics, needs just three medals to become the most decorated Olympian of all time, as well as the opportunity to become the first swimmer to win the same individual event three times if he trumps the 100m/100m butterfly and the 200m/400m IM. Standing in the way is his fellow countryman. Lochte has

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pen ready to compete for the Pirates on the mound. Drew Reynolds, Andy Smithmyer, Jeff Hoffman and Tanner Merritt all gained valuable experience on the mound last season and they all achieved at least three wins. Reynolds also had a team-high 10 saves, while Merritt was right behind him with eight.

With a stacked pitching staff returning, Dan Roszel has been promoted to associ-

ate head coach after being an assistant on the staff for the past two seasons. During his first two seasons, Roszel spent most of his time mentoring and coaching one of the best pitching staffs in all of college baseball. Of the pitchers he has coached, seven have gone on to become Major League draft picks. In his first year with ECU, Roszel put together a staff that was awarded the seventh-lowest

earned run average in the nation, and also was top 20 for many other categories.

Roszel will bring coaching experience and professionalism to the team, as he has done for the past two seasons. Head coach Billy Godwin said Roszel is ranked among the best pitching coaches and recruiters in the country and that his promotion is well deserved.

Also joining the coach-

ing staff is former Pirate Ben Sanderson. Sanderson has been named assistant coach and recruiting coordinator for the Pirates, and will also serve as the hitting and outfield instructor for ECU.

Before returning back to ECU, Sanderson served four years at Florida Atlantic University, where he worked with the hitters and outfielders, and was also a huge help with recruiting. Sanderson

was a four-year letter winner at ECU as a player, and was a huge contributor to four NCAA Regional appearances from 2000-2003. Coach Godwin says Sanderson has valuable experience as a recruiter and a coach on the college baseball level. Sanderson also has tremendous knowledge for the game of baseball and will help the team strive to win championships.

Without a doubt, all of these changes were made in hopes to win ball games and achieve the ultimate goal: a successful trip to the College World Series.

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given Phelps some tough and strict competition during the Olympic trials and his more energized physique has a lot less mileage on it than the aging Phelps.

As always a compelling story as any other, whether good or bad, is Team USA Basketball and its road to gold. The men's basketball team is coming off of a dominating performance four years ago in Beijing where they captured the gold with ease. Now, having added a few pieces to that team, while also having lost a few, Team USA will look to bring home back-to-back gold medals. Chris Paul and Kobe Bryant are two guards that will most likely prove very proficient in Team USA's starting backcourt, while the likes of Russell Westbrook and James Harden will give good minutes off the bench. One distinct area where this goal could be hindered lies in the team's frontcourt. With the lack of size on this year's roster, LeBron James will be forced to play a majority of his minutes at the power forward position, which he has proved capable of in the past, most notably the 2012 NBA Finals. Kevin Durant,

with the help of minutes from Carmelo Anthony, should prove fine holding down the small forward position. The big question, and I mean BIG question lies at the center position. Without Dwight Howard, the team lacks a true dominating center and Tyson Chandler is the only true

position center on the roster. It will be interesting to see how big man Kevin Love and 19-year-old rookie Anthony Davis fair into the team's rotation as well as their own productivity. On the flipside, the women's basketball team will also be looking to defend their dominant '08 perfor-

mance, and it doesn't look like much will stop them.

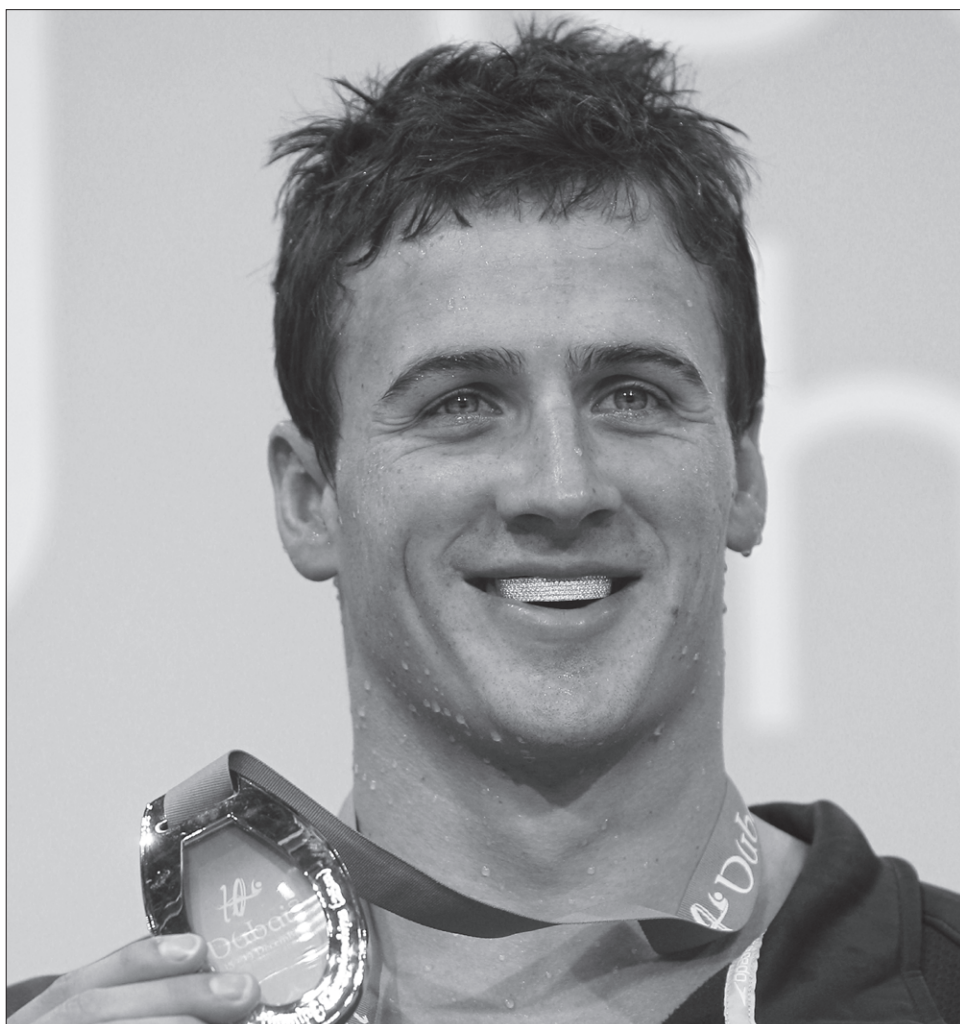
One last compelling story surrounding Team USA at the 2012 Summer Olympics is that a women's movement has begun to taken over. Team USA in 2012 will consist of a majority-female squad. Two hundred and sixty nine

women to 261 men led by swimmer Missy Franklin and gymnasts Jordyn Wieber and Gabby Douglas.

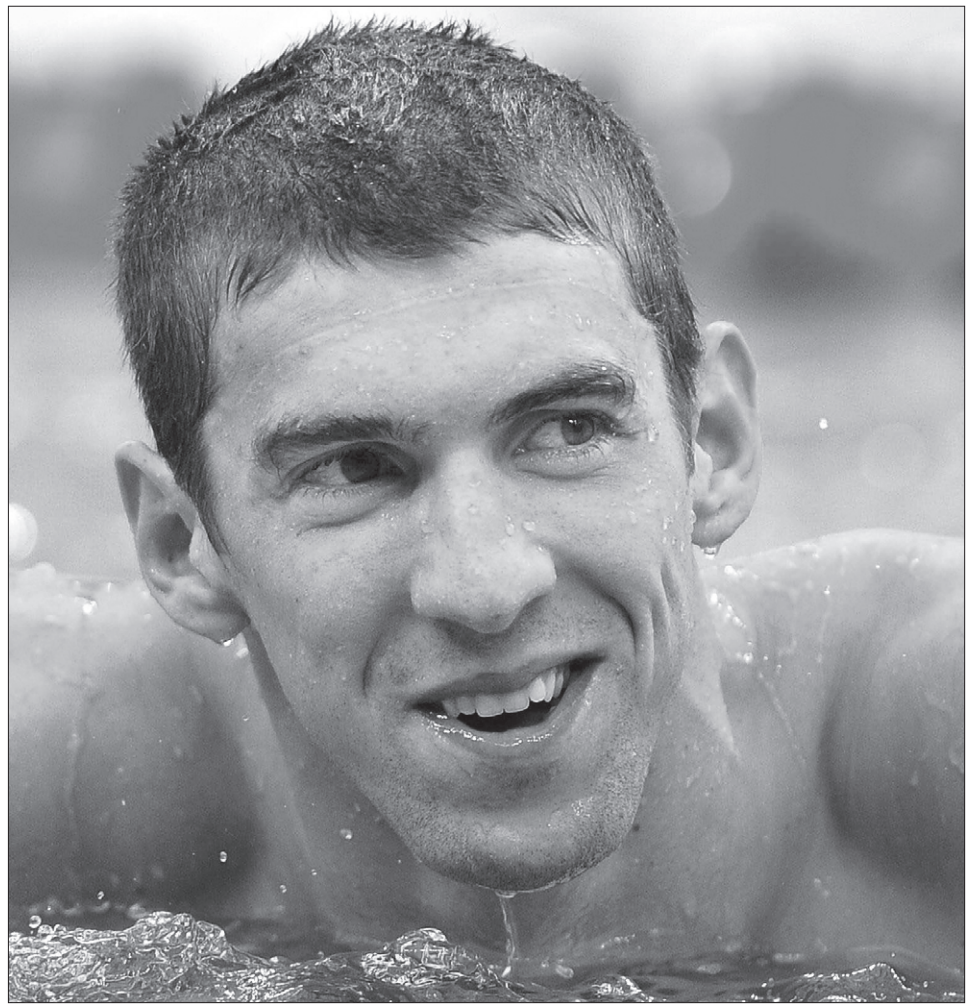
As you enjoy the Olympics, one of the greatest spectacles on Earth, be sure to keep an eye out for ECU's very own LaShawn Merritt. Merritt, who spent one

year at ECU before leaving to pursue his track career, will be aiming to defend his gold medals in the 400m and 4x400m relay.

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