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## BRIEFS

## Staff Reports

## Dental school opens Elizabeth City center

Yesterday, the School of Dental Medicine opened its second community service-learning center in Elizabeth City.

The center will offer the community dental care from ECU dental faculty members, dental residents and students. The 7,700-square-foot facility cost \$3 million and hopes to offer general, preventative and emergency dental care.

North Carolina ranks 47 out of the 50 states in the number of dentists per capita, according to the Sheps Center. By opening centers in Elizabeth City and in Ahoskie, the school hopes to increase the ratio of dentists to people.

## Shelton Leadership Challenge to be held

The Office of Engagement, Innovation and Economic Development will be hosting, The Shelton Leadership Challenge at ECU, a six day residential experience to help students expand their knowledge and skills of what it takes to be a leader.

The program that will run from July 21-26 applies to youth going into the 9-12 grades including graduating seniors with a 3.0 GPA or higher. The staff for the challenge stems from prior Shelton Challenge participants who have maintained their 3.0 GPA average during university.

The summer challenge is named after General Henry Hugh Shelton who founded the leadership center at NC State University.

## Man found dead in Greenville apartment

Police have identified 47-year-old Geoffrey Kenan as a victim of possible homicide early yesterday morning. Officers found Kenan dead inside the apartment at 3230-F Moseley Drive around 3:25 a.m., according to a police report.

Kenan, a motivational speaker, was a paraplegic who lived in the apartment alone.

Chief Hassan Aden said in a press release that the incident was not random, involved a specific group of people and posed not threat to public safety.

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## Pirates taken in MLB draft

**Craig Barnes Jr.**  
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

East Carolina University has had at least one player taken in the Major League Baseball draft dating back to 1997.

That tradition continued in 2013 when two players were drafted from the Pirates roster. Junior shortstop Jack Reinheimer and junior first baseman Chase McDonald were drafted in the fifth and twelfth rounds respectively.

Reinheimer, who started 56 games at shortstop improved his draft stock by 797 spots during a stellar junior season. Drafted by the Atlanta Braves in the 31st round (pick 944) in 2010, Reinheimer was taken with the 147th pick by the Seattle Mariners on the second day of the draft. This selection was the eighth highest draft selection in school history. Reinheimer ranked fourth on the team with nine double and 32 runs scored while also batting .271 with two home runs and 21 RBIs on the season.

This season, Reinheimer flexed his muscle on the field and ranked fourth in the conference in several statistical categories. Reinheimer recorded a career-best 192 assists, a career-best .966 fielding percentage, a career-low 10 errors while also leading his team with 10 sacrifice bunts. His 192 assists ranked him fourth in C-USA and his 10 sacrifice bunts placed him fourth in the conference and 123<sup>rd</sup> in the nation.

A three-year starter at shortstop, Reinheimer ranks second all-time at ECU with 549 career assists and is the schools all-time leader in sacrifice with 34.

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Junior shortstop Jack Reinheimer (8) was taken in the fifth round of the MLB draft by the Seattle Mariners last weekend.



Chase McDonald (42) followed Reinheimer by being selected by the Houston Astros in the twelfth round with the 347th pick.

## Potential cuts loom in fiscal future

**Jamitress Bowden**  
STAFF WRITER

With less than a month left in the fiscal year, the state is awaiting the new budget and the potential deeper cuts into higher education funding.

Over the past four years, there have been about 25 percent in cuts to the higher education budget and that is sending a subliminal message.

"As a faculty member, my sense is that people outside of the university system think there is a lot of fat left to cut," said Dr. Phillip Rothman, economics professor.

The state Senate has voted on their proposed version of the budget. Now it is time for the house to complete their proposal and then vote on it. There is an expected vote to come from the house floor sometime this week.

Once the house finalizes their proposal, the two republican-led groups will come together and present one bill to the governor.

"The general buzz is that these are not going to be bountiful years," said Rothman.

In anticipation of what the final bill will have in store, ECU officials have been making plans for the good, the bad and the ugly. Each department, academic and non-academic, at the university has been preparing for scenario-based cuts.

Dr. Frederick Niswander, Vice Chancellor for Administration and Finance, said the university is trying to be proactive with their approach to this uncertain future.

"We're not waiting to see what it will be," said Niswander.

The budget proposals so far have been: Gov. Pat McCrory proposing \$92.7 million in permanent cuts and the state Senate proposing \$73.8 million in permanent cuts. The governor's office proposed temporary cuts of \$43.8 million and the Senate proposed none.

On top of total state budget cuts, increases and stagnates, the state legislators can propose tuition increases. Gov. McCrory suggested that the university implement a six percent increase for out-of-state students. The senators took that increase out of their proposal.

This state proposed increase would be in addition to the increases that were approved by ECU's Board of Trustees. The board already

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From left: Steven Baker, Terrance Copper, Dwayne Harris, Vontae Leach and C.J. Wilson will be visiting Washington, N.C. as part of the Project Second Chance.

## 'NFL Day' on the Washington Waterfront

## Staff Reports

The Washington Police Department will be hosting 14 NFL players to celebrate NFL day during the weekend of June 14.

Five of the players are former ECU football players: Terrance Copper (Kansas City Chiefs), C.J. Wilson (Green Bay Packers), Vontae Leach (Baltimore Ravens), Dwayne Harris (Dallas Cowboys) and Steven Baker (Kansas City Chiefs).

The event is part of the Project Second Chance, which was created last year in an effort to keep kids

out of trouble as well as contribute positively to the community.

"Last year, we began a football camp but this year we made it much larger due to additional sponsorship. These kids give athletes a lot of respect and they can be great role models for them," said Kimberly Grimes, crime prevention community outreach manager.

On June 14, from 4 to 7 p.m. on the waterfront, the players will sign autographs, give out souvenirs and explain to the youth the amount of hard work and dedication it

takes to be a professional athlete. Free hotdogs and drinks will be provided and games to play. Live entertainment from The Victor Hudson Band will be provided.

"I think just showing these kids that they can accomplish anything when they put their mind to it is something very powerful," said former Police Athletic League employee and senior education major Jessica Watson. "They need to realize that people from their hometown have accomplished so much."

After the waterfront event, the

NFL players will play a celebrity basketball game at Washington High School against the Washington police officers. The game will begin at 8 p.m. and is free to the public.

The following afternoon the NFL players will host a football skills camp from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Washington High School. The football camp will be free; however, pre-registration is required to participate.

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# Parking deck funds to be voted on Thursday

Staff Reports

A City Council budget meeting will be held on June 13 on the third floor of City Hall at 7 p.m. to vote on subjects brought up on Monday, specifically the financing of a new parking deck.

The original proposal had \$1.8 million coming from the city's reserve funds and was borrowing an additional 2.3 million to put an office building next door that would have supported the deck. The office project, however, collapsed and the proposal is not to borrow 4 million, according to a newsletter from the Calvin Mercer Campaign.

A proposed solution offered by the council would be to lessen the amount of funds dedicated to street resurfacing, which has escalated from \$389,000 to \$3 million for this year's budget.

The council voted 5-1 to fund a contract with Barnhill Contracting of Tarboro for pre-construction developments that will cost the city \$43,500. Councilwoman Marion Blackburn opposed the motion during Monday's meeting.

"While these projects will improve many aspects of our city, they will also leave us

with fewer cash reserves in the future. In that sense, we will have less flexibility on other projects," she said in a letter to the public on her website.

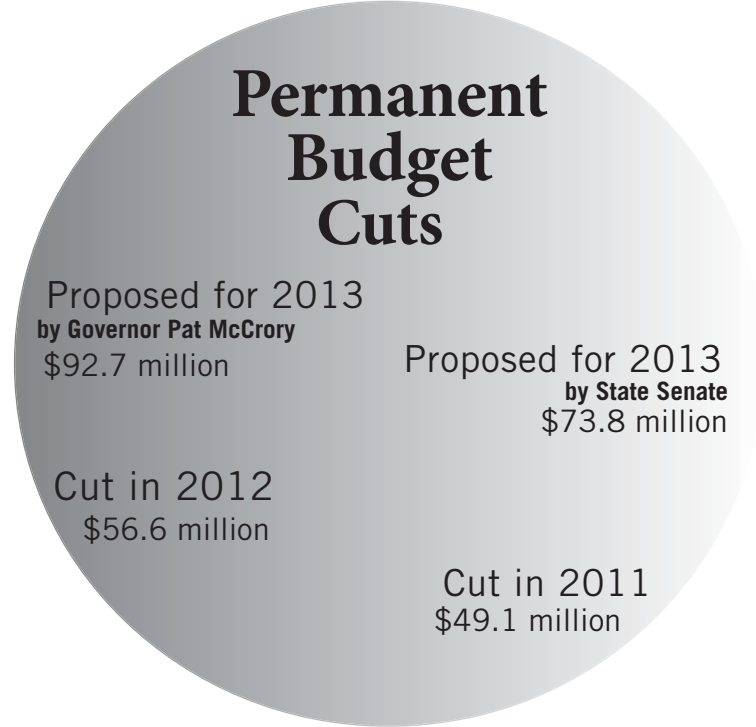
The master plan for East Carolina included usage of this parking deck as well as many other plans to combat parking problems. The university plans to close Founder's Drive and Chancellor's Way to car traffic. Students living in residence halls on these streets will have to park in the new parking deck near Mendenhall Student Center.

"They're trying to convert Greenville into a metropolis and the first step is to make everything more pedestrian-friendly which also means having someplace to put our cars," said junior biology major Amy Bradshaw.

The planned 1,000-space city parking deck will be adjacent to Fifth and Reade and proposes mixed-use development with an urban streetscape. Voting this Thursday will determine from where this funding will come from.

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voted to increase undergraduate students in-state tuition by a little more than five percent. The out-of-state tuition will increase by almost three percent.

Niswander said the university has "protected the classroom as much as possible." He continued that the affect of the cuts to the university budget has not been proportional to the changes made in classroom sizes and availability. "This time that may not be true," added Niswander.

"They've been cutting from education for years. If they keep cutting what will be left?" said LaTosha Bell, senior communication and fashion merchandising double major. "How can they keep cutting from what our future relies on?" added Bell.

Mentally the state of the university is still good, according to Niswander, but he said the pressure is on fiscally.

Rothman says more budget cuts could result

in fewer classes and fewer faculty members, which makes it harder for students to get their necessary classes, and graduate.

The proposed budget changes that will be voted on will be for the next two years. If the governor agrees with the consensus from the state's legislators, the budget will take effect.

The fiscal year begins on July 1.

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McDonald, who was a First-Team All-Conference Selection this season, was taken with the 347th pick by the Houston Astros. McDonald was the second Pirate taken in the draft and was a leader in the conference in several categories.

McDonald led the conference with 11 home runs, 46 RBIs and a slugging percentage of .519. McDonald was a mainstay at first base starting 53 of 55 games

for the Pirates. McDonald recorded 15 multi-hit games and 11 multi-RBI games with five game-winning RBIs. McDonald raked 44th in the nation in home runs and 48th in home runs per game.

McDonald turned 50 double plays and posted a .989 fielding percentage. He finished his career with a .300 batting average with 19 home runs, 77 runs, 106 RBIs, 66 walks and 43

extra base hits. He finished his career as a Pirate with 45 multi-hit games and 25 multi-RBI games.

The duo has until 5 p.m. on Friday, July 12 to decide whether they will pursue a professional career and sign with their respective teams that drafted them as stated in the new collective bargaining agreement signed in 2011.

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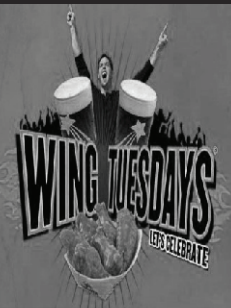
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I'm not sure if having windows without blinds makes me want to walk around naked more or less.

Screw you, plus/minus grading scale. Screw. You.

If you have ever wondered what taking the LSAT feels like, imagine running a marathon blindfolded after donating blood.

The Hangover 3 movie poster should just be a few young adults setting \$15 on fire.

I am secretly jealous of every interracial relationship in the world.

DON'T BRING GLASS TO THE POOL.

That awkward moment the guy you have a crush on tells you he is in an "open relationship" with his girlfriend. Bye.

Every time I try to quit drinking or doing drugs, I remember that I live in Greenville.

Natural beauty is more important than how much make up you can fit on your face. If you leave make up on my pillow in the morning, you're out of the running.

I hate when someone says to me, "Hey, how are you?" and I say, "Good, how are you?" and they ignore me like I didn't just ask them a question.

I didn't even notice you had no butt; I was busy staring at those BOOBS.

There is a fine line between a guy having emotions and acting like a female. Grow a pair, boys.

Guys that say, "size doesn't matter" definitely aren't packing much heat.

The OP on Sunday is so ratchet. I love it.

Is summer school over yet? I don't even know if I am about to pass this d\*\*n class.

Arrgh you interested in writing for Opinion?



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## EDITORIAL

# Our view

# Appreciating life

With the many young lives lost recently in Pirate Nation, we would like to take a moment to appreciate the small things in life and the beauty of the life we live. It hits home when we receive the grave news that any of our fellow students have died so young.

College years are intended to be some of the best years of our lives. Lessons are learned, great

friends are made and knowledge is gained. Unfortunately, some are never able to walk across the stage on graduation day. The friends and cohorts that sit beside us in class, make us laugh and help us through stressful times are not invincible.

Appreciating friendships and not taking anything for granted should be some of

our top priorities in college. Recall the friends that picked you up on the side of the road in the rain, pulled all-nighters with you after a breakup and helped you study for the test that gave you the most stress. These little actions may not mean too much at the time, but when put into perspective, they make all the difference.

Although times are stressful, life should never be taken for granted because it could be gone in a second. Take a minute to count your blessings, hug your friends and remember the lives that were taken too soon.

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# Accepting the unfamiliar



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## Changes in media portrayal of 'traditional' families



Jessica Powell  
OPINION EDITOR

INSIDE THE MIND OF JOURNALIST JESS

As the media is beginning to evolve, not all viewers are accepting of this transition. In the year 2013, it is truthful to say that racism is still rampant. With recent television commercials portraying interracial and homosexual families, many people are not fond of the reality that the idea of "traditional" marriages

and families are expanding.

Recently, a Cheerios commercial included a white mother and a black father which received much criticism online. As the white mother sits at the kitchen table, an adorable bi-racial little girl runs into the room, grabbing a box of Cheerios which she pours on the heart of her black father, asleep on the couch, as an attempt to make sure his heart is healthy. If the commercial would have had an all-white or all-black family, the commercial would have never been spoken poorly about. The concept of the commercial is great, but the fact that the family was "different" than what most viewers consider the norm, it received a lot of backlash.

It is very clear that people are developing slowly when it comes to the acceptance of the people and world around us, which includes people and situations they are not familiar with.

Raised in Massachusetts, I was not exposed to the plethora of different races and ethnicities

that many people are. Throughout kindergarten to 7th grade, there were only two black kids in my school. At that young age, racism was not a word in any of our vocabularies, unless it was discussed in history class. I was in for a rude awakening after my arrival to Farmville Central High School, where everyone's world seemed to evolve around racial issues.

During my stay in Farmville, my eyes were opened to the unequal view of races from both sides. The white people hung out with the black people, but would use unmentionable words to describe the group as a whole behind their backs. Black people would associate with white people, but the underlining thoughts of inequality were still present. Friends would disown friends if they dated someone out of their race, and the "n" word was still a part of many people's vocabulary.

As a white, blonde-haired, blue-eyed female, I got many stares while hanging out with my black friends, which perplexed me because I am color blind when it comes to people. If you are a good person, I will like you regardless of your skin color. If you are a bad person, I will not associate with you whether you are white, black, gay, Chinese or anything different than myself.

I view the concept of love the same way. Whether you are in a "traditional," interracial, or homosexual relationship, love is still love. Love is colorblind. If you prefer to keep your close-minded views on interracial or homosexual relationships, you are not obligated to be in that type of relationship, but you also have no right to judge others if they

are not affecting you in the least.

I am unsure why people get so offended by something they are not used to. I tend to use these instances as learning experiences, but the vicious judgmental cycle will continue if our elders do not start teaching their children that what we once viewed as "normal" is no longer black and white, but a large grey area encompassing all of the humans on the earth.

Although everyone is entitled to their own view, it saddens me to think that people are not more accepting of people as people, but rather judge them on their skin color or sexual preference. At the end of the day, does it really matter if a man is going home with another man that he is in love with or that a black woman is going home to her white husband? I do not believe so.

American Christian minister, Alveda King, once said, "Racism springs from the lie that certain human beings are less than fully human. It's a self-centered falsehood that corrupts our minds into believing we are right to treat others as we would not want to be treated."

The key to an evolutionary change, is to change your own views first. I am positive that one day, racism will not be a common word used in our vocabulary. With the help of the media, I believe people that have not been exposed to such diverse people will begin to be desensitized to things they consider different, and our generations to come will prosper because of this.

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Acasia's Tippy Teapot's menu features over 20 different types of tea along with homemade desserts and fresh and organic entrées. Pictured from left: Michael Turgen, Sarah B., Joey Harker, Kelly Chaplin.

## Acasia's Tippy Teapot: The total uptown experience

**Melissa Phillips**  
ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

Acasia's Tippy Teapot is the jack-of-all-trades in food and entertainment scene in Uptown Greenville. At any hour of the day, someone can enter the venue and be in a completely different atmosphere. If a person is there to study or write their dissertation, Tippy Teapot can be a safe haven for productivity with just enough white noise.

Locals, who are looking for a bit of culture and entertainment, will find an evening that is live with native musicians, poets and artists that draw hipsters in with their creative expressions.

Acasia's Tippy Teapot, named after owner Delia Liuzza's daughter, opened its doors to Greenville in 2005 with the hopes of offering healthier, organic options to

Greenville and uptown visitors.

Liuzza has always had a passion for baking, which is why Tippy Teapot is known for their desserts.

"Everything is made from scratch right here. Baking was always something that I loved, so it came naturally to me," says Liuzza.

Some of its other unique food options are their sandwiches made on their homemade bread.

"It's not your everyday pub food," said Samantha Clarke, fine arts major concentrating in metals. "You could go and have a Brie and pear sandwich."

Though they offer food not obtainable at many other eateries, they've become more known for their diversity of live performances.

"Our food is really, really good, but it's not the first thing people think of when they think of Tippy. They think of music...they

think of tea," said Liuzza.

Clarke said Tippy Teapot is one of her favorite places to study.

"They have super comfy chairs," said Clarke.

She also enjoys attending the concerts. "It's a fun, lively atmosphere and they have a nice venue for shows," said Clarke.

The extension of Tippy Teapot was added four years ago after near by business went under and Liuzza seized the opportunity to expand the coffee shop. The section is used to host local artists, creative readings and comedy acts, to name a few.

They've had well-known artists perform, such as Kimya Dawson, known from the soundtrack for the movie "Juno."

"She came here [and] the place was packed," said Liuzza. "She was just entrancing and it was the first time I've ever

been star struck."

To merge the morning and afternoon crowds, changes are being made to bring more business to the shop and cater to the different patrons. Future plans will include themed high tea parties, such as the Victorian themed tea party being hosted June 29, as well as more appetizers offered for the afternoon menu.

But even with all of the upcoming changes, Tippy Teapot won't lose their identity that made them the social hotspot for culture and cuisine.

"It's like a big community...it's really diverse, and everyone talks to everyone else," said Liuzza. "There are so many people who have met here. We've had people who have met here and got married."

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### PHOTO STORY



### Staff Reports

## First Friday ArtWalk

Last Friday, Uptown Greenville hosted the First Friday Artwalk, exhibiting local artists at Pitt County Arts Council at Emerge. The artists' work is on display for about a month.

The events include participating local business that offer discounts during the monthly ArtWalk series, upcoming musicians that perform during the shows and refreshments for all to enjoy.



### EVENT CALENDAR

#### Tippy Teapot

**Thursday**  
7 p.m.  
Comedy Open Mic

**Friday**  
8 p.m.  
This World Is A Serious Place  
Pitty Sex  
Dads  
Soft Talk  
Daylight

**Saturday**  
7 p.m.  
Stop Light Party

#### Peasant's Pub

**Thursday**  
10 p.m.  
Redhorse Black

**Friday**  
10 p.m.  
The Deluge

**Saturday**  
10 p.m.  
Dubtown Cosmonauts

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# Professor Profile: Joe Horst

Jessica McGettigan  
STAFF WRITER

There are many professors here at East Carolina University. One professor in particular is not like all the rest. Joe Horst, an English professor, is also an actor in his spare time.

Beginning June 14, Horst will perform in the upcoming production of the comedy, "Don't Cry for Me Margaret Mitchell," which he describes as an irreverent comedy about the writing of the movie "Gone With the Wind."

In the play, which will be shown at the Music Academy of Eastern Carolina on Red Banks Road, Horst plays David O. Selznick, who was the original producer of the film version of "Gone With the Wind."

"The cast is of three men and one woman and the play is based on real life events," said Horst.

The three leading men play the roles David O. Selznick, a film producer, Victor Fleming, the director of "Gone With the Wind," and Ben Hecht, the screenwriter.

"Selznick and Fleming basically kidnapped Hecht and had him write a script, even though Hecht hadn't even read the book, while Fleming and Selznick acted out the scenes. The three men held themselves up in Selznick's office for seven days until they had a new screen play," said Horst.

Director of the play, Andrea Croskery, truly believes Horst was the right person for the role of Selznick.



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"Joe is a very dedicated actor. He is willing to do what it takes to put on a good show," said Croskery. "Joe listens to what the other actors say to him and his reaction is based on what he hears. We call that being very generous."

Playing the role of a very difficult, particular person is a challenge. However, Horst manages to embody the role of Selznick with grace.

"Joe plays the role of a larger than life character and he plays him well. He is hilarious and very good at what he does," said Croskery.

Being the main character in a play might be a bit difficult for some aspiring actors to pull off, but it doesn't daunt Horst at all.

"In this play, Joe is always on stage except for intermission but he's perfectly adapted to the role," said Croskery.

The play has showings beginning June 14-16 and then again on June 20-22 with show times starting at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Friday and Saturday and a 2 p.m. Sunday matinee.

Tickets are \$12 in advance and \$15 at the door.

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## ALBUM REVIEW

David Cucchiara  
STAFF WRITER

### Daft Punk

Album: "Random Access Memories"  
Released: May 21

The fourth studio album by the French EDM duo, Daft Punk, titled "Random Access Memories," is a breath of fresh air for modern day electronic music. Guy-Manuel de Homem-Christo and Thomas Bangalter decided to throw out the book on EDM and created this album using session musicians to record each of their tracks.

The duo has literally given life back to electronic music. It's only fitting that the first track on the album, titled "Give Life Back to Music," features Paul Jackson Jr., a gritty urban jazz musician, and Nile Rodgers, a talented guitarist who's collaborated with names like Diana Ross, Duran Duran and Madonna in the past.

This is an album made for the ear, not the dance floor. Songs like "Within" and "Instant Crush" fail to emulate that classic Daft Punk sound and don't really fit in the flow of the album. That being said, "Lose Yourself in Dance" is a track straight out of the Euro disco age of the 1980s, proving that Pharrell Williams can still belt out that falsetto. The signature track, and undoubtedly the best track on the album, "Get Lucky," will soon enter Grammy conversation in the coming months. The funky flow of this album has Daft Punk lighting up the charts and bringing in positive reviews from all over.

**Grade: 8/10**

### Capital Cities

Album: "In a Tidal Wave of Mystery"  
Released: June 4

Two years ago, Ryan Merchant and his band, Capital Cities, released their first track, titled "Safe And Sound." The song took the alternative rock scene by storm, finding its way to the top of Billboard's Alternative Rock chart. Today, the artists, who were once jingle-writing for commercials and advertising campaigns, have released a full length album, "In a Tidal Wave of Mystery."

The album blends a cool 80s rock sound with a synthesizer-carried modern feel. Excellent vocals, fun lyrics and an addictive indie-pop feel from some talented musicians puts this album at the forefront of alternative rock albums this year. "Kangaroo Court" delivers with a progressive, yet diverse, beat that keeps the listener's head bobbing throughout the track. "Center Stage," a song that was featured on ESPN's First Take earlier this year, is proving to be one of the premier and funkiest songs of the year.

In retrospect, this is an album that can be enjoyed by any age and will soon receive the credit it deserves. "In a Tidal Wave of Mystery" is the first album this year to receive a perfect 10 from The East Carolinian.

**Grade: 10/10**

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## Compher named Athletic Director of the Year

East Carolina University Director of Athletics Jeff Compher, who began his leadership duties with the Pirates on April 29, has been named one of four Football Bowl Subdivision (FBS) Under Armour Athletic Directors of the Year by the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics (NACDA).

Compher was recognized for his commitment to student-athletes and higher education, administrative excellence and community contributions while guiding Northern Illinois University to unprecedented levels of success during the 2012-2013 academic year.

Compher is joined by Arkansas' Jeff Long, Duke's Kevin White and Kansas State's John Currie as the four FBS winners and, along with 24 top administrators at other levels, will be honored at NACDA's 48th Annual Convention during the James J. Corbett Awards Luncheon at the World Center Marriott Resort in Orlando on Saturday, June 15.

Carden added to College Performance Awards (CFPA) Offensive Watch List

Junior quarterback Shane Carden has been named to the 2013 College Football Performance Awards Offensive Watch List, according to a release by the organization Monday. Carden was one of 30 quarterbacks selected on the FBS level. Carden played a key role in leading the Pirates to a divisional co-championship and the program's sixth bowl appearance in the last seven years. All CFPA recipients are selected exclusively based upon objective scientific rankings of the extent to which individual players increase the overall effectiveness of their teams. All players are eligible for awards at their respective positions. Players are not preemptively eliminated from consideration. More than 130 CFPA recipients have signed professional contracts and 21 have been first-round NFL Draft selections.

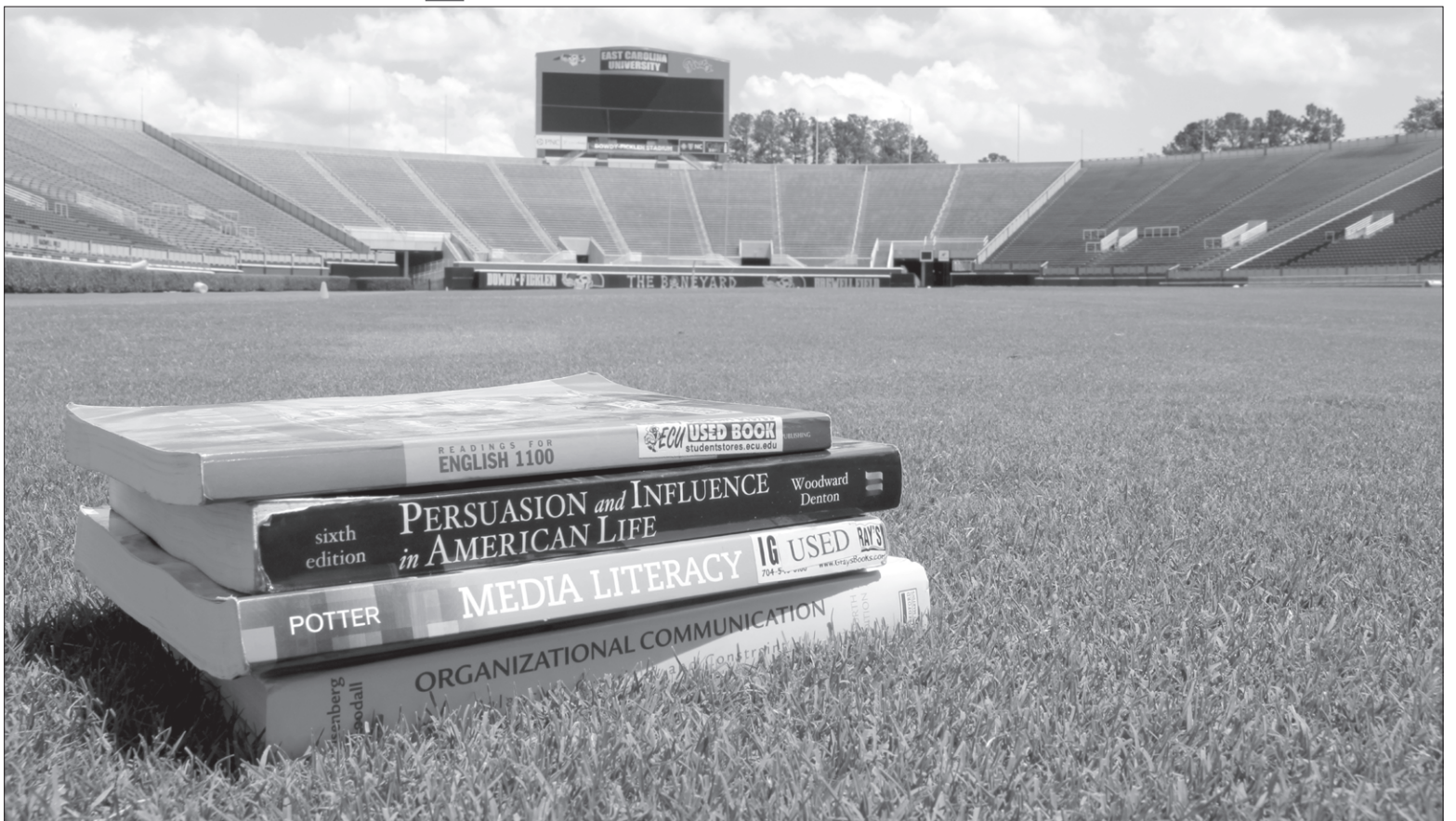
## Cameron Hudson collects first team All-America accolades

Freshman Cameron Hudson collected First Team All-America accolades in the men's long jump in his first-ever appearance at the NCAA Division I Outdoor Track and Field Championships Thursday.

Hudson earned a fourth-place finish with a career-best and ECU school-record tying mark of 7.86m (25-09.50). Hudson tied a 28-year old school record, which was set by former Pirate Chris Brooks in 1985. Hudson is the first-ever Pirate to collect All-America honors in the men's long jump and is the first ECU male student-athlete to garner All-America status since 2007.

## Jelnick earns C-USA Spirit of Service award

The award is designed to recognize the community service efforts of the league's student-athletes, based upon significant community service, good academic standing and participation in their sport. Jelnick maintain a perfect 4.0 grade point average while also serving as captain of the 2013 Relay for Life. Jelnick was also in charge of the softball team's 2nd Annual Pink Ribbon game to help raise awareness for breast cancer research.



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ECU's football program has seen several football recruits struggle to meet academic eligibility requirements coming out of high school.

# More than just football

Academic qualifying standards remain vital for incoming student-athletes

Dan Hunt

SPORTS WRITER

For some players, meeting the qualifying standards needed for college football can be a difficult task.

This is always an issue that takes precedent for the leaders of a college football program.

ECU traditionally extends a couple scholarship offers in each recruiting class to talented football players that BCS powers look over due to their qualification being in question. To ECU, the folks who strive to qualify these players, get them enrolled and keep them enrolled, are extremely valuable to the program.

Contrary to some belief, the NCAA sets the academic requirements for all programs. Entry requirements for recruits don't vary from school to school, although each university can pick and choose who will represent their university as a student athlete.

"It's basically the NCAA, followed by your own institution," says Director of Football Operations and Player Personnel, Brian Overton. "The NCAA breaks it down for [us]."

The NCAA requires that each player coming out of high school needs to have completed core courses that include four years of English, four years of math, two years of science, two years of

social science, one additional year of English, math or science and four years of extra core courses.

"They [NCAA] determine what a core course is because each high school has different classes with different names," says Overton. "For players coming out of high school, it's pretty cut and dry. Essentially, [players] must have the correct number of core classes completed."

Additionally, the NCAA requires that each player meets the academic standing set on a "sliding chart" that they provide to each school.

The basic principle of the NCAA eligibility sliding chart is that the lower a student's GPA is, the higher his SAT and ACT score must be and vice versa; so a player with a 2.0 GPA needs an SAT score of 1010 and ACT score of 86, while someone with a GPA above 3.5, only needs to score 400 on the SAT and 37 on the ACT.

The majority of ECU's recruits do make it to school, but there are usually at least a couple that do not make it before their freshman year. If those players still wish to play Division I ball, they can elect to either go to Prep school, which essentially consists of a curriculum with all the NCAA core classes that the players can take until they meet NCAA requirements or they can go to junior college, which requires them to graduate from that junior college after two years.

Although these players may have their struggles academically, school rarely paints the full picture for each situation.

"Sometimes it's not just academics. There's always more to it than meets the eye in the kid's life. Readers and fans couldn't really know what each kid and each family goes through," says Overton.

For player personnel coordinators like Brian Overton and the rest of the football staff, getting players qualified is only half the battle. They must also do their best to ensure that the players keep their grades up and stay out of trouble once they arrive on campus.

"Football is unique to any other sport in that [my] job is tied to these kids," says Overton.

The team is filled with 125 "real players, real families and, in some cases, real problems".

Part of what makes Ruffin McNeill and the rest of the ECU football support staff so valuable is their effectiveness with keeping kids in class, graduating, and for the most part, out of trouble.

Entering the 2012 season, the Pirates had their highest collective GPA for scholarship players at 2.49, as well as their highest cumulative GPA at 2.63.

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ECU's new basketball practice facility, located in front of Minges Coliseum, is under construction and is expected to be ready in early August.

# Practice makes perfect

New facility looks to make impact on basketball programs

Craig Barnes Jr.

ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

Practice time is key for success in any sport but especially in basketball.

The women and men's basketball programs will begin to enjoy the fruits of the construction worker's labor as early as late summer when the \$15 million basketball practice facility will be available for use.

The impact on the women program is going to be exponential.

"This facility will help with the product we put on the floor. This will allow kids to come in and work on their game," said Head Women's Basketball Coach Heather Macy.

The Lady Pirates showed a great deal of improvement on the court last season upping their win total to 22 and a Women National Invitational Tournament berth after finishing the 2011-2012 season with 12 wins overall.

During practice, philosophies

are established, team chemistry and teamwork is developed and improved, leadership and motivation is found and having that extra time after practice to work on jump shots or drill is vital.

Practice is important for the success of a program and this new practice facility grants the players and the coaching staff with opportunities that were not present

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# Sports: a tough industry to crack

David Cucchiara

STAFF WRITER

A seven year-old playing catch with his father, bursting with ambition to someday make it to the big leagues is as American as apple pie.

For most students entering college, that dream has likely turned to fantasy. However, for some, that childhood desire remains and has morphed into the hope to one day become a part of the sports industry.

Sports are multifaceted businesses. Occupations like sideline reporters, agents and athletes fall under the same sphere. The aesthetically pleasing graphics and amiable personalities of ESPN depict the sports industry as a colorful field of money and entertainment, but most industry veterans see it differently.

"I think for sports media and sports journalism it's tougher than it's ever been in terms of job security," said Clay Walker, vice president

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## CALENDAR

"I think they have done an incredible job, it has given us what we need as far as with the accessibility of the kids to come in and work," - said Women's Basketball Head Coach Heather Macy when discussing the new practice facility.

Monday 6/15	Monday 6/15	Tuesday 6/16	Tuesday 6/16
College World Series	College World Series	College World Series	College World Series
Mississippi State vs. Oregon State	Indiana vs. Louisville	North Carolina vs. N.C. State	UCLA vs. LSU
3:00 p.m.	8:00 p.m.	3:00 p.m.	3:00 p.m.



# Two triangle teams face-off in Omaha

Josh Graham  
SENIOR WRITER

After two weekends of pulse-pounding college baseball, the field of 64 has been trimmed to just eight teams, each of which having the opportunity to realize their dreams of winning the NCAA Baseball College World Series in Omaha, Nebraska.

Of those eight teams, one fourth of them reside nearby in the Triangle, N.C. State and North Carolina, both of which are searching for their first College World Series title. To make matters even more interesting, they will face each other for the fourth time this season Sunday at 3 p.m. Only this time, their seasons are in the balance.

After splitting the first two games of their regular season series and having the rubber game cancelled due to rain, the Wolfpack and Tar Heels met in the ACC Tournament in one of the most memorable games of the season.

N.C. State ace Carlos Rodon pitched 10 spectacular innings – only allowing a single unearned run – but it wasn't enough as the game went into the late hours of the night and melted over into the morning. In the eighteenth inning, North Carolina finally broke through and outlasted their in-state rival 2-1.

Even though they fell short, that experience didn't go to waste for the Wolfpack. On Sunday, they were dead-

locked with the Rice Owls, 4-4, with a trip to the College World Series on the line. Just fifteen days after their heart-breaking defeat against UNC, the baseball gods returned the favor.

Senior centerfielder Brett Williams, who spent his first two years of eligibility at Pitt Community College, lined a double to right field that was mishandled, allowing Tarran



Senay to score from first base and give N.C. State the lead 5-4.

"I think during the Carolina game, we were pressing too much. Everybody wanted to walk-off or hit a home run," said Williams. "You don't have to be the guy to end it, just refuse to get out."

"I don't think the baseball gods owe us anything," said Head Coach Elliott Avent. "Occasionally it will give you something back, and when it does, it's like the sweetest thing there is. It gave us something back tonight and we appreciate it."

In the bottom half of the inning, Rice was threatening with runners on the corners

and second baseman Christian Stringer at the plate. Stringer, who had already hit two home runs in the game, couldn't deliver again, flying out to the left field to seal the Wolfpack's first trip to Omaha since 1968.

Meanwhile in Chapel Hill, UNC was the last team to advance for the second consecutive weekend. In the regional round, it took a thirteen inning win that required the Tar Heels to make a pair of rallies of at least two runs past the ninth inning.

This past weekend, weather turned a conventional Friday-Saturday-Sunday series between the Tar Heels and South Carolina Gamecocks into a three-game classic that took place on Saturday, Sunday and Tuesday.

Tuesday afternoon's finale featured three lead changes, with UNC clinging to a 5-4 advantage going into the latter innings. After starting game one of the series, Louisville Slugger first-team All-American southpaw Kent Emanuel came on to finish the game with one out in the ninth inning.

Two pitches later, catcher Grayson Greiner grounded out to shortstop Michael Russell to clinch the Tar Heels tenth appearance in the College World Series and sixth since 2006.

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of USA TODAY Sports. "There are many more outlets, but because there's a change of people going from a print product to a digital product, advertising and revenues haven't caught up."

Walker has over 20 years of experience in the sports industry. A graduate of ECU, the seasoned veteran has held jobs as a senior vice president of the NFL Players Association, a sports studies professor at Georgetown and an executive vice president of Big Lead Sports.

As a journalist and businessman, Walker witnessed the sports media industries reshape from all angles. Purchased newspapers transformed into website hits and well-written journalism fell to blog saturated cyberspace. The Internet provides virtually unlimited outlets for expression and many students with the hopes of entering the sports industry are lost in the void of the web.

"The quality of journalism has suffered," said Walker. "It will take some time before people say, 'Enough is enough, enough of the gallery. I want to go to the real content.'"

It's no secret that sports media is struggling and jobs are minimal. Students interested in sports for a career need to think about what sets them apart from the other thousands of graduates fighting for that same job. And it's not just sports media.

Chris Hudgins is the general manager of Team Services, a sports agency firm that deals with sales transactions, marketing, naming rights and basically every other non-player aspect of the sports business. Hudgins had to climb the employment ladder and is familiar with the hard work it takes to be successful in the industry.

"Be willing to sacrifice," said Hudgins. "There's always going to be some sort of sacrifice that needs to be made to get into this business at an entry level. It can be taking on an unpaid internship or two. Just ensure that you have the passion to weather that initial storm. In sports the old adage is, 'If you don't want to do that job or internship, there will be 30 other people who will.'"

It's common for college students, even seniors to be unsure of what lies ahead. Most teeter back and forth between majors and many are unsure of which specific profession fits them best. For journalism, not only do you need to be certain of exactly what you want to do, you need to go above and beyond.

"To an extent, you can broaden and expand beyond journalism," said Walker. "You really need to become knowledgeable in search engine optimization, audience development and really understand the analytics."

The same concept applies to other jobs in the sports industry.

"It always helps if you can hone in on exactly what you're looking to do," said Hudgins. "It never really does me any good to have someone come in and say, 'Hey I want to be in sports. I'm a huge sports fan.' I'd rather have someone that comes in and says, 'I have a direct passion to do marketing in sports or to be part of a sponsorship group.'"

Both Hudgins and Walker are familiar with how tough it is for a college student to become integrated into the sports industry. But, both also realize that with a little desire, hard work and dedication, it's not as out of reach as the 7-year-old's dream of toeing the rubber or digging into the gridiron.

"As long as you can maintain that passion and separate yourself as you go through that process, I think those are the people who are typically successful in this business," said Hudgins.

For a select few, sports may be the perfect niche to excel and maintain a long, successful career. For the rest, other opportunities will open as many will find their calling in other industries.

"You need to follow your passion. You could go into other fields and make more money, but I would stay with what you're really passionate about," said Walker.

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before. Before the players and coaching staff did not have the luxury of sharing space. While in Minges the men and women teams were forced to practice at separate times. They frequently switched between Minges Coliseum and the North Campus Crossing basketball gym.

Now with the new facility and the lower levels being split into two sides with the men's team having its own branch and the women's team having the same, both teams will benefit from not having to compete for practice time.

The new basketball practice facility will feature two levels. The lower level will house gymnasiums, locker rooms, and classrooms for the students and coaches. The classrooms will be used to study film and complete course work. The upper level will house offices for the coaches and staff for meetings and everyday use.

The back and forth affair between Minges Coliseum and North Campus Crossing had an effect on both programs and even a bigger effect on recruiting.

"I think it [the practice facility] has the wow factor, its going to be an opportunity for us to get the recruits on campus and their families to see what kind of investment the university has made in basketball. ... I think they have done an incredible job, it has given us what we need as far as with the accessibility of the kids to come in and work," said Macy.

The women's program has witnessed how a great season along with the addition of the practice facility can impact recruiting with the signing of J'Kyra Brown. Brown named North Carolina Basketball Coaches Association Player of the Year is a 5-foot-10 guard and is regarded as a four-star recruit by ESPN Hoop-Gurlz, while also being ranked the 32nd best guard in the country. Brown finished her prep career as the all-time leading scorer in Rocky Mount girl's basketball history.

"I've said since her sophomore year she was the best player in the state and now she has proven that she is," said Macy.

Keeping a player of Brown's caliber speaks volumes to the direction of the Lady Pirates basketball program. Brown averaged 25.0 points per game, 6.3 rebounds per game and 3.5 steals per game during her senior season. Brown also showed a great deal of commitment to the Lady Pirates.

"J'Kyra committed to us early on in her career after an injury and when a lot of the larger in-state schools had put her on the backburner she realized the commitment we made to her... for us to keep an Eastern North Carolina kid on this side of the state says a lot about the direction of our program," said Macy.

The practice facility will also be the new home to the Hall of Fame for all ECU Athletics to honor the tradition and past successes of players and teams.



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