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Holy 75 years, Batman!

Local stores celebrate "Batman Day" today

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 TEC STAFF

DC Comics has declared today "Batman Day" and two local stores; Nostalgia Newsstand and Barnes & Noble are joining in the festivities.

Nostalgia Newsstand, a Greenville institution since the '70s, is celebrating the Dark Knight's 75th anniversary with discounts on comics and toys, with one notable exception.

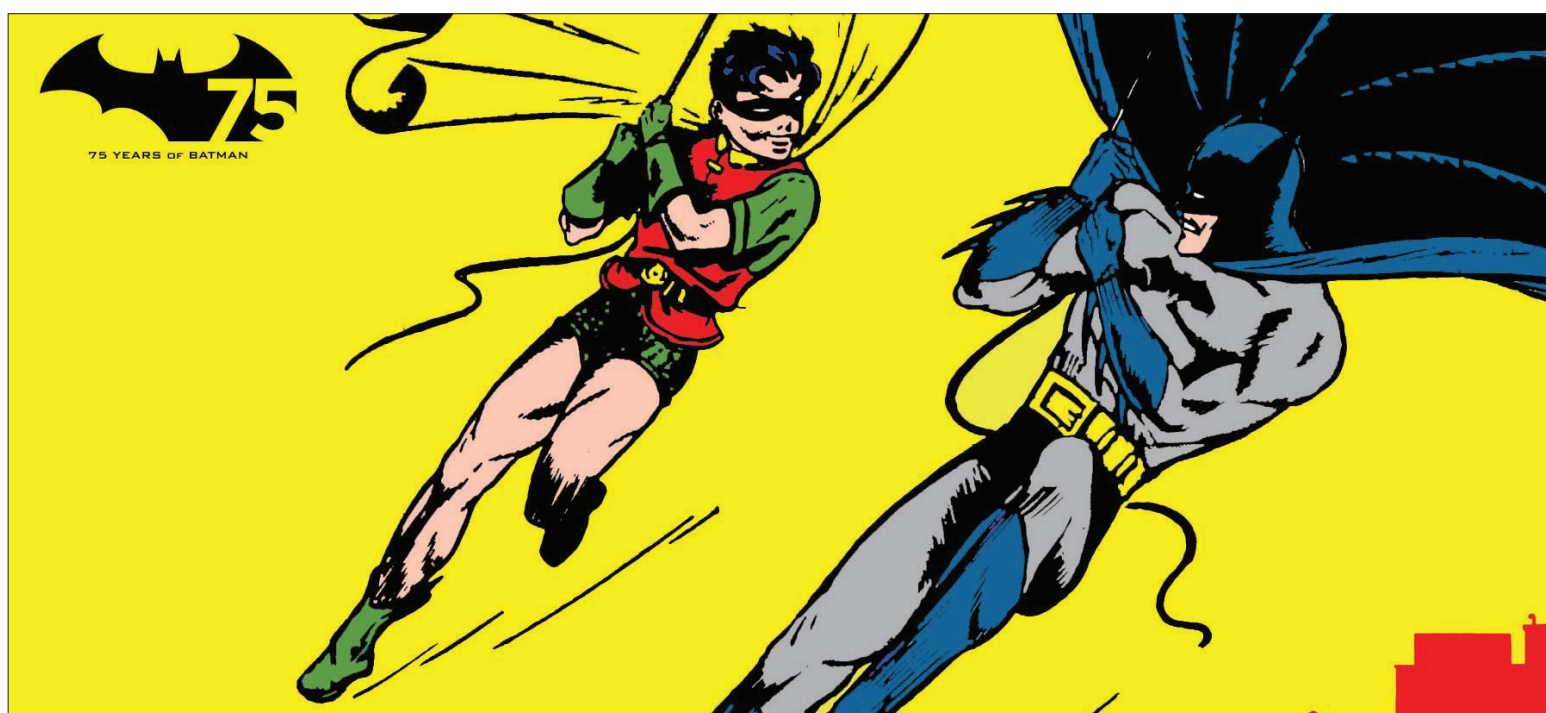
"We've got 20 percent off all Batman merchandise, except new releases," said David Tilley.

Tilley said that in addition to the Batman merchandise special, there would also be giveaways. Those include free copies of a special edition of "Detective Comics" No. 27—Batman's first appearance—a limited edition Batman 75th anniversary cape and a choice of masks shaped like the character's iconic cowl.

"We've got four masks, one per customer," Tilley said. "They're in the style of Adam West, Frank Miller, Bob Kane and Neal Adams."

According to Jessica Lawrence, the community business development manager of the Greenville location, Barnes & Noble's contribution to the Batman Day celebration is part of its larger "Get Pop-Cultured" event.

"Get Pop-Cultured means to take things like 'Star Wars' or superheroes



Today DC Comics celebrates 75 years of the Batman comic. Greenville will join the celebration with two local stores hosting Batman activities and sales.

and make them cool," said Lawrence.

For Batman Day, specifically, the store has a variety of activities starting at 10 a.m. These include giveaways and a collectible show that will serve as a kickoff event for Barnes & Noble's "DC Comics Spectacular."

"We have a comic collectables showcase, so we're inviting the community to come out and bring all of their personal Batman collection

and show it off," said Lawrence. "We're going to have trivia, a costume contest and then in the morning, we'll also have a special story time for the kids."

Customers will have the opportunity to win a mini Bat-Signal, in addition to the giveaways of Detective Comics No. 27, bags, bookmarks and buttons.

Batman was created in 1939 by artist Bob Kane and writer Bill

Finger in response to the superhero craze caused by the creation of Superman. Kane has said that 1930s contemporary culture helped shape the character and that Zorro, Dick Tracy and Sherlock Holmes heavily influenced him.

Originally, Batman carried around a gun and occasionally used it and other guns that he picked up from villains. This stopped around the creation of Robin, which led to

increased sales in Batman comics and caused the creation of other kid sidekicks.

Nostalgia Newsstand is located at 201 West Ninth Street and is open until 6 p.m. every day. Barnes & Noble located at 3040 Evans Street in the University Commons shopping center.

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Rates for interest loans spike

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Students who are seeking federal aid to pay for the upcoming school year are facing an increase in their loan's interest rates.

As of July 1, 2014 the interest rates for Stafford subsidized and unsubsidized loans as well as PLUS loans will increase from 3.86 percent to 4.66.

In order to compensate for this increase, Julie Poorman, Director of Financial Aid at East Carolina University, says the way students choose to consolidate their loans is key.

"Truthfully, most students can't pay their student loans back within just 10 years," said Poorman. "What they are going to do is have the Department of Education buy up all of them and create a new loan and stretch that out over 15 years or 20 years."

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University conducts pregnancy study

ReAnn Melaga
 TEC STAFF

Researchers at East Carolina University are studying the effects exercise can have on pregnant moms and newborn babies.

Dr. Linda May, Assistant Professor of Foundational Sciences and Research at ECU, is leading the study. May says that her passion for researching pregnant moms started early on in

her life and is what drew her to the topic.

"It was really more personal and kind of planning for the future," said May. "As a young woman at that point I thought 'Wow, you know what, exercise is really cool so when I get married and have kids I want to keep exercising because this is a neat topic.'"

May's research, which began almost a year

and a half ago, focuses on the effects that various types of exercise can have on pregnant moms and their newborn babies. The areas of exercise May has the moms participate in are normal daily activity, strength exercise such as weights and resistance training, aerobics and combination workouts.

"I really wanted to find out what exercise program is most beneficial for mom but more specifically, which one's more beneficial for baby," said May.

Along with the 60 moms who are participating, May also has ECU students helping her throughout the research process.

"This particular project could not work if it wasn't for the wonderful students that we have," said May. "We have awesome, awesome students that are learning exercise physiology and this allows them to not only use and apply what they've learned in class as far as training people, but this is a completely different population than what they've seen or maybe what they've talked about in class, so it gives them a unique perspective to work with."

May says that having the students help out is not only beneficial for the study, but for the moms as well.

"Sometimes you know, it's really hard to continue to go into the gym, especially when



East Carolina University is currently researching the effects of exercise on expecting mothers.

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BRIEFS

High school students help ECU archaeologists at digging site

Ten high school students were able to help ECU archaeologists as a part of the Summer Ventures program at Grimes Plantation. ECU professor Charles Ewen oversees students during the program, which gives academically advanced high school upperclassmen a chance to engage in research activities. During the program students were able to sift through 18th century dirt where a slave cabin once stood.

Planning and Zoning board changes ordinance on private roads

The Planning and Zoning board has amended an ordinance on private roads after receiving many requests for a change. Concerns were raised after many private roads suffered damage and drainage issues, leaving residents responsible for repair. The ordinance now requires developers to meet standards of public streets when building any road, whether it is public or private.

Thousands of dollars seized in Wal-Mart parking lot Thursday

Three New York men were arrested for drug trafficking in the Wal-Mart parking lot on Greenville Boulevard, Thursday. Pitt County deputies say \$27,290 in cash was seized during the arrest, ending a three-week-long investigation by the Greenville Regional Drug Task Force. The three men were charged with conspiracy to traffic cocaine. Bond was set at \$1 million for two of the men and \$1,010,000 for the other.

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Pitt Sheriff's Dept. hosts national event

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The Pitt County Sheriff's Office is set to celebrate its 31st Annual National Night Out at two locations on Tuesday, August 5 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

One will be held at the Grimesland Fire Department and the other at the Bell Arthur Fire Department. Both will feature demonstrations, information about the department, and emergency vehicles for attendees to see and explore. The PCSO K9 Unit and Mounted Patrol Unit will also be in attendance at both locations.

The event will aim at raising crime prevention awareness, strengthening neighborhood unity and fostering community-law enforcement partnerships. However, it will be a casual atmosphere brought about by a bouncy house, face painting and cornhole games.

"National Night Out is a great way to strengthen our neighborhoods and to create partnerships and stronger relationships between the deputies and the communities," said Sheriff Neil Elks. "I enjoy the personal interactions I have with people in our county and this event is a great way for people to get to know us."

"National Night Out sends a message to criminals to let them know that neighborhoods are organized and united in fighting crime," Elks added. "By banning together, we can make our community safer."

The event is celebrated throughout the country. Last year over 35 million people in 15,325 locations participated from all 50 states, U.S. territories, Canadian cities and military bases.

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Colleges slack on rape charges

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MCT CAMPUS

U.S. colleges and universities are failing to effectively investigate sexual misconduct cases on campus, with efforts hobbled by inadequate training and limited reporting channels, according to a national survey released Wednesday.

The survey, which yielded responses from 319 four-year public and private campuses, was conducted by U.S. Sen. Claire McCaskill, D-Mo. The former sex crimes prosecutor has helped lead growing federal efforts to crack down on campus sexual assault.

"Unfortunately, the disturbing bottom line of this unprecedented, nationwide survey, is that many institutions continually violate the law and fail to follow best practices in how they handle sexual violence," she said in a statement. "These results should serve as a call to action to our colleges and universities."

The survey, which did not provide names of participants, included responses from a national sample of 236 four-year institutions that receive federal financial aid, 49 large public four-year campuses and 34 private, nonprofit schools. The samples yielded different results. In general, the smaller campuses reported fewer resources to assist victims of sexual assault.

Among the findings: Only 16 percent of



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Universities around the United States are failing to provide sexual assault victims with justice.

colleges in the national sample conduct surveys to assess the campus climate toward sexual misconduct. Such surveys are regarded as one of the best ways to get an accurate picture of campus sexual violence, which law enforcement officials say is widely underreported. The federal government, however, is pushing all campuses to conduct the surveys beginning this fall.

Hotlines to report sexual assault are operated by 51 percent of institutions in the national sample, 73 percent of large public campuses and 82 percent of large private schools. Online reporting options are available at 44 percent of campuses in the national sample, 88 percent at public colleges and 74 percent at private schools.

About 20 percent of colleges in the national sample fail to provide training for staff and faculty on how to respond to sexual assault allegations. The report noted an improvement since 2002, when 49 percent

failed to provide training. About 8 percent of public universities and 15 percent of private schools did not provide training.

Nearly a third of campuses provide no training for students on sexual assault. The federal government, however, is asking all campuses that receive federal funds to launch prevention programs this fall.

About 9 percent of campuses in the national sample and 21 percent of private schools conducted fewer investigations of sexual offenses than the number of incidents they reported to the federal government. The figures indicate that they are failing to aggressively probe sexual misconduct, the report said.

The survey also found what McCaskill called flaws in how sexual misconduct cases are investigated and resolved. Students are allowed to participate in the process at 43 percent of large public schools, for instance,

despite an "overwhelming majority" view of experts that they could present conflicts of interest or jeopardize the privacy rights of those involved, the report said.

Nearly three-fourths of campuses in the national sample had no system established to work with law enforcement on sexual assault cases. And although the federal government has instructed all campuses to use a "preponderance of evidence" standard in determining cases, 15 percent of campuses in the national sample still use a higher standard, the survey found.

In addition, one in five small colleges has failed to designate a Title IX coordinator to monitor compliance with the law, which bars discrimination at schools that receive federal funds.

Teresa Watanabe is a reporter for the Los Angeles Times. This article was originally published on July 9, 2014.

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Poorman says at this point the interest rate would be based on the weighted average of all of the student's loans. This is because interest rate for the Stafford and PLUS loans are set to change and likely increase on July 1, 2014.

"It is likely to [increase] as the U.S. economy begins to recover," said Poorman. "As the economy begins to recover, the prime interest rate is going to go up, so student loan interest rates are going to go up as well."

Students who choose to take this step and consolidate their loans will then have multiple options on how they can pay back this debt, including the option to make the payment contingent on their salary. This is something that Poorman says is important to get the payment amount to a manageable level.

With their payments at a manageable amount, Poorman says that students should approach paying their loans off in a manner that will allow them to maintain a good credit score, while also getting rid of their debt quickly. In order to do this, she believes that once your income begins to increase, you should

begin making two payments a month.

Due to the long term nature of these loans, Poorman says that students need to think of them as an investment in their own future, comparing the interest rates to those of mortgages and car loans.

"Students need to think of these as the same kind of investment as an investment in a home," said Poorman.

Like a mortgage or a car loan, Poorman says that students should have a plan for how they will pay these investments off. She believes that students prioritizing their money and budgeting their money is something that is good to do, even before graduating.

"Make your decisions with information at your fingertips, don't make emotional decisions," said Poorman.

Students who would like to learn more about their debt and repayment options can visit nslds.ed.gov and create an account. By creating an account, students can see their debt and figure out what their monthly obligations will be.

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The statistics are bringing further evidence that on-campus safety is low and sexual assault victims are slighted by universities.

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they get to that third trimester, but it's always helpful to have the trainers there and to have somebody else there going 'Yay we're really excited to see you' and it helps you to be motivated," said May.

So far, May says she has received nothing but positive feedback about her research. Participating mom, Emily Brewer, says she heard about the study from a friend and was instantly hooked.

"It was something that was really important to me prior to getting pregnant and also once I got pregnant, I knew it

was something that would be important for me during my pregnancy to help me remain in good mental and physical health for my baby," said Brewer.

Brewer said that her experience has been a great one and she recommends it to all of her friends.

"I had a very positive experience overall. I really enjoyed my time going to the gym, I enjoyed the benefits form working out with

personal and student trainers," said Brewer. "I tell everybody about this study. I think it's so wonderful."

Overall, May is satisfied with study and the results it has yielded. If nothing else, May says she wants to help spread the word of the benefits

exercise during pregnancy.

"I really want to be that educational person whether it's just verbally or as I'm training them in the gym and saying 'This is what you can do and this is what you should be doing to keep you and your baby healthy' and not just here but I really want it to spread throughout," said May.



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Corrections for July 16

- Student fees will be altered in the 2015-2016 school year. Not as previously reported in last week's paper.

If there is any inaccurate information please contact Jessica Richmond at editor@theeastcarolinian.com

PIRATE RANTS

Want more Pirate Rants? Make sure you submit every week at theeastcarolinian.com

You could see your rant in next week's issue.

Now I know why guys like to be shirtless. It feels so good.

We aim to please. #Fifty Shades of Grey Am i the only one who cant wait for the trailer to come out this Thursday! ! ! ! ! !

I'm in the mood for some fava beans and a nice chainti. Any body want to join? Just bring some liver.

Will these new bus shelters be safe with all the flooding their foundations keep getting? If a shelter collapses on me will I get free tuition?

Students. Please prepare yourself for football season. If you don't know the fight song and chants, get to studying. The student section has been weak.

I just feel like Peter Parker had a rough enough life without Gwen Stacy dying.

I came out to have a good time and I'm honestly feeling so attacked right now.

God, why does our friend only date bimbos?

Holy s**t I actually survived the weekend.

I guess good looks are better than good ideas.

Can this summer just not end. #summah

Acting like a B*tch does not make you a good manager.

I don't care about your attitude. You are asking to borrow my stuff. So what if I live on the third floor, you better walk up those stairs to get what YOU want. #Imtheonewithasthma

Anyone want to throw a party with some throwback 90's rap?!

Anyone stealing my bike is in for a rough surprise - I haven't had brakes for the last 3 years.

Why does this have to be my last year here?

Please tell me that this school year is going to be as great as the last one!

Well good to know I am not the only one counting down the days until classes start...

I guess good looks are better than good ideas.

It's more rude not to look than to look I mean she's a dime.

Anyone else love Orange is the New Black?

I love when people get all salty over rants.

It's not much of a pop quiz if you have it every class... take a hint.

It will be nice when the freshmen will stop walking around with their lanyard.

If you see me walking on the sidewalk by myself and you're walking with a group of people, just know that I'm not walking on the grass just to accommodate ALL of you!

The East Carolinian does not endorse statements made in Pirate Rants. Questions regarding rants can be directed to William Franklin at opinion@theeastcarolinian.com.

Our view

Just the name of a building

In lieu of Duke University's decision to remain their campus building, which was formerly named after Charles Aycock, ECU has a decision to make as well. ECU has not made a decision whether they will or will not change the name and that has caused a stir amongst the newsroom. We at The East Carolinian believe that a name doesn't really matter in the grand scheme of things. The building doesn't represent the past history of the person it is named after whether it's a good or bad history. If that is the case

then every building name would have to be researched and discussed whether it should be renamed. If ECU named the building decades ago and didn't think twice, then does it really matter in 2014? Aycock no longer represents the person, but the history of the building. Many people have spent time in Aycock and it is a historical landmark when it comes to the ECU campus. With all of the new renovations, Aycock dormitory still stays the same.

Old conflict is difficult to grasp

Theus' Thoughts



Alexandra Theus
TEC COLUMNIST

As the death toll in Gaza approaches 600, it seems that no amount of twitter updates can keep up with this latest surge of violence in the region. The availability of information, along with its virtually instantaneous delivery, is a godsend for the noble and conscientious keeper-upper. Still, there's an eerie quality to an arguably ancient conflict adorned with hash tags.

There's no denying the urgency and widespread efficacy surrounding Israel's recent offensive. Among the casualties are Israeli-Americans who have moved to Israel and fought in the Israeli army. Meanwhile, #stopisrael and #freepalestine flood twitter feeds. Chilling reports of family homes being targeted by Israeli forces bring the true nature of the bloodshed to light: this is personal, and it's been personal for longer than the past two weeks.

From ancient Rome to the 1979 treaty with Egypt and beyond, Jews have been butting heads in Israel for much of its recorded history. They stake their claim to Israel based on divine right, an attitude that hasn't changed not just since the founding of Israel in 1948, but in the preceding millenia. Now, though the nation is inhabited by several religious and ethnic groups, it still maintains its status as a Jewish democratic state. Israel is actually the only official Jewish state in the world.

Israel has been at odds with its Arab neighbors almost constantly for nearly seventy years. Try as the global community might, negotiating will be difficult, if not impossible, to achieve. Modern diplomacy is, unfortunately, no match for a dispute that goes back to biblical times. How, in an world of truce, cease-fire, and social networking, can ancient battles be won? While the context and weapons change, Israel's motivation and resolve does not,



Palstinians in the Gaza strip carry the bodies of their dead after a bombing.

and they are currently being met with equally passionate Palestinian force. It is inevitable that even as the effort for peace trudges forward, generations to come will bear witness to the conflict just as generations before.

Eventually, as with the Arab Spring and Ukrainian crisis, Gaza will be pushed out of the top spot in world news headlines. The tension between Israelis and Palestinians goes far beyond politics, power, or a spot on the map. The war is not simply about a border; it is a struggle rooted in pride, people, and God.

While this isn't necessarily an argument to assign blame, nor is it one to resign to hopelessness, we might just have to be okay with not understanding.

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Drug prohibition should end

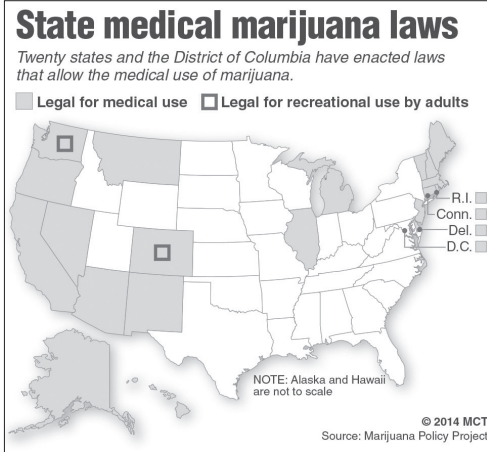


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We live in an era of prohibition of drugs—it's quite similar to the way that alcohol was treated 90 years ago. The structures that are in place seem to resemble or mirror the structures in place in the 1920's.

We were able to move past the prohibition of alcohol, yet we still seem to be stuck in the thought that forbidding drugs will accomplish something.

One of the main issues with forbidding drugs is that it doesn't really prevent people from getting them. Rather it just adds another step in the process, which people have found a way to profit from. Drug cartels operate in the same way that the mob did—which has proven to be lucrative. Which is one major reason that the government should repeal prohibition of drugs: if its legal it can be taxable and it would also detract from the money going into organized crime.



Marijuana has already become legal in many states for both medical and recreational use.

The money of the issue doesn't even touch the fact that it is an issue of personal freedom. The government doesn't have a right to regulate the substances that a person chooses to put into his or her body. But

just because it's legal doesn't mean that everyone would suddenly choose to try everything. Rather it's a matter of personal choice—it is up to people to decide for themselves.

Prohibition is not the right way to prevent people from doing drugs, which the government doesn't understand. It's misinformation. Rather education is the answer that people should begin to consider as the right one. With education people would be able to make their own informed opinions and decisions, without having some sort of moral judgment placed on them.

The government should consider the benefits of education and the repeal of prohibition of drugs as a meaningful way to combat the drug problem in the United States. Because the way it's being handled now is quite obviously not working.

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No - 28%

Poll question

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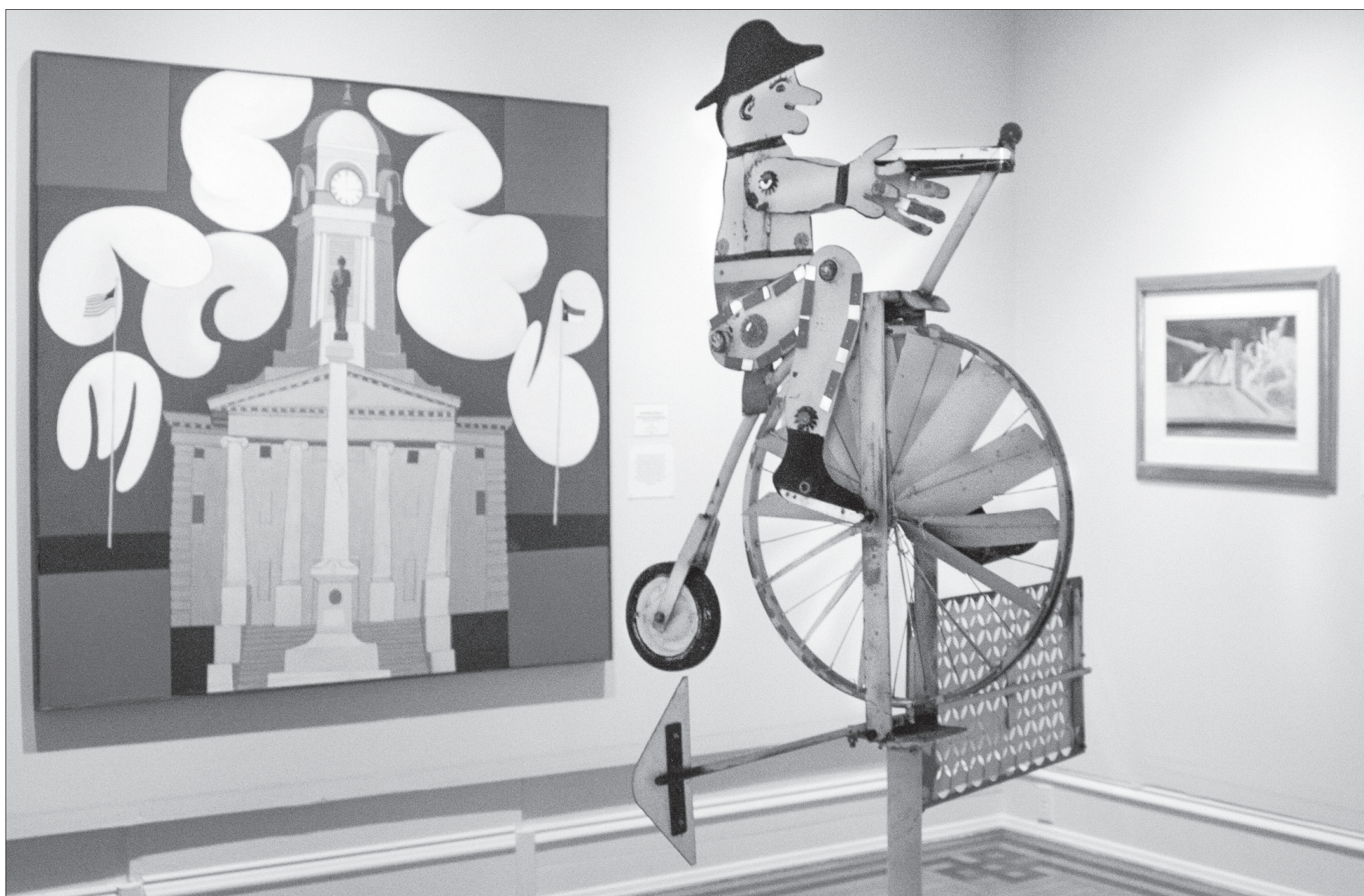
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The Greenville Museum of Art will host the Dean Martini event this week to help raise money and give back to the public. The event will feature music, caricatures and multiple flavors of martinis.

Art fundraiser serves martinis

Anotnio Jackson
TEC STAFF

Sweet spirits will be readily available for those able to attend the Dean Martini event tomorrow at the Greenville Museum of Art at 6 p.m.

Dean Martin is an actor, performer, and singer from the '50s. Born in Steubenville, Ohio, he is known for his crooning-style of singing. Throughout the '60s and mid '80s, Dean Martin hosted two television shows in *The Dean Martin Show* and *The Dean Martin Celebrity Roast*.

The fundraiser will be a cross between a '50s costume party and an art experience, along with skinny tie attire and live music. Cosmos, Peach and Dirty martinis will be among the available sweet spirits.

"We get very little funds from the city of Greenville," said Megan Maxwell, operations and programs manager of The Greenville Museum of Art. "Most of our funding comes from fundraising, memberships, and the public."

As budgets are tight for the museum, the Dean Martini

event will run primarily through volunteer effort. Bailey's Fine Jewelry will also help by donating a set of earrings to be raffled off. For the men, a silver flask will be raffled.

As a small thank you to the donating members and attending public, the museum will give back by briefly elevating them to the local celebrity status they deserve.

"There is going to be red carpet for people when they arrive, and there will be paparazzi to take photos," said Maxwell.

Food will be provided by some local favorites in Starlight Café, China 10, and Marabella. Local musician, Joe Distefano, will provide the sounds of actor and performer Dean Martin, in addition to other tunes of the '50s. Local artist, Roger Kammerer, will be showcasing his drawings of Dean Martin during the event. He will also be providing live caricature drawings.

The Greenville Museum of Art has been doing "art-tini" related events for three years now and hopes to continue the tradition. Other "tini" related events revolve around popular holidays.

"There are three right now. We have the Halloweeni, Valentini, and Dean Martini," said Charlotte Fitz Daniels, Executive Director of The Greenville Museum of Art. "I kind of like the fufu martinis: I like the lemon-drop a lot."

Unfortunately, the lemon-drop martini will not be served during the event.

"We really just want to get people to love the museum as much as we do," said Maxwell. "We want to spread the word about our community outreach programs. We are trying to do more to get people in the museum and make it a fun community event."

Dean Martini is a fundraising event for The Greenville Museum of Art. Sponsors of the event include Halloween Express who will set up decorations, Starlight Café, and China 10. To attend, it is \$20 for members of The Greenville Museum of Art and \$30 for non-members.

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The Music Academy of East Carolina will hold multiple community drum circle sessions throughout the week.

Music academy holds community drum circle

Staff Reports

Catch the rhythm this weekend as the Music Academy of East Carolina hosts a community Drum Circle on Saturday at 4 p.m.

Drum Circles is an event that utilizes the rhythm of drums to promote positive energy through interpersonal relationships and personal well-being. The event will feature Christian Enojado, an instructor who recently completed the Remo Drum Corporation's HealthyRhythms group drumming program.

The Music Academy of Eastern Carolina began as a nonprofit community music school. The organization originally offered instruction in music as well as music therapy services.

"We are just hoping to have people have a great time

through the music," said Cheryl Stephenson, director for the Music Academy of Eastern Carolina.

Although they reached over 250 students in 2007, the Music Academy of East Carolina now finds countless obstacles in remaining open. Despite this, they still manage to positively affect the future of the community by teaching children piano, guitar, performance audition skills, and more.

Registration for the drum circles can be done through Pitt Community College Continuing Education.

Drum Circles will last for two hours on Saturday. For those unable to attend on Saturday, there will also be a Friday session beginning at 6:30 p.m.

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Winterville hosts family film series

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Winterville Parks and Recreation is continuing its Movie in the Park summer film series this week with "Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs 2."

According to Brittany Washington, recreation program supervisor, the series was started as a way to bring members of the community together during the summer. The town alternates the movies with its summer concert series.

"We plan four movies and four concerts," said Washington. "It's basically one or two Fridays out of the month. We try to show one every month."

Washington said the recreation staff chooses the movies. She and Evan Johnston, the parks and recreation director, put together a list of movies that they think the audiences will enjoy and submit that to the recreation board. The board then makes the final decision on which films will be shown.

Washington said that movies that make the shortlist are usually family-oriented, both animated and live-action.

"There's no specific criteria other than the obvious ones like 'no nudes' or profanity, language and anything like that," said Washington. "Basically, cartoons and animated family movies."

This year, the films chosen were "Despicable Me 2," "Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs 2," "The Lorax" and "Planes."

"Despicable Me 2" was the first film shown this summer. In the follow-up to 2010's "Despicable Me," Gru, no longer in the supervillain business, is recruited by the Anti-Villain League to find out who stole a lab containing a dangerous mutagen from the Arctic Circle. It stars the voices of Steve Carell, Kristen Wiig, Benjamin Bratt and Ken Jeong. It was nominated for two Academy Awards, Best Animated Feature and Best Song.

"Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs 2" will be shown on Friday. Flint and the rest of the citizens of Swallow Falls are relocated to San Franjose after the events of the previous film. However, the food replicator wasn't destroyed and continued making mutated food, turning the island into a jungle inhabited by sentient "foodimals." Bill Hader, Anna Faris, as well as most of the main cast, reprised their roles for the sequel.

"The Lorax," originally scheduled for June 27, will play on Aug. 8. The movie, based on the Dr. Seuss book of the same name, follows Ted Wiggins, a boy living in Thneedville where everything

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Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs 2 will be shown at the event.

is made of artificial materials. In an effort to impress a girl on whom he has a crush, Ted sets out to find a "real" tree. It stars Zac Efron, Ed Helms, Danny DeVito and Taylor Swift.

"Planes," a spinoff of Disney and Pixar's "Cars" franchise, is the final film in the summer series and is about Dusty, a crop duster plane who dreams of being a racer. It stars the voices of Dane Cook, Stacy Keach, Roger Craig Smith and Brad Garrett. A sequel, "Planes: Fire and Rescue," was released last week.

Washington said that movies would be shown on a custom-built projector screen at the amphitheater.

"It's basically a giant screen that we have to put together and then we set up the projector in the little cut-out area we have in our amphitheatre," said Washington.

All movies will play at Winterville Recreation Park's Amphitheatre and start between 8 and 8:30 p.m. Movies are free, but the concessions stand will open for popcorn, drinks and candy.

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MOVIE REVIEW

Action film brings horror



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"The Purge: Anarchy" was released on Friday and it quickly climbed up the box office chart and currently resides in second place.

This film is the sequel to the 2013 film, "The Purge." In both movies, citizens of the world are given the "opportunity" to commit acts of violence for 12 hours on a day chosen by the New Founding Fathers.

At the beginning of the film, Eva Sanchez, played by Carmen Ejogo, is shown at a diner where she works. She is preparing to go home to her daughter Cali, played by Zoe Suhl, so that they can board of their house from the purgers.

A young couple named Shane, played by Zach Gilford, and Liz, played by Kiele Sanchez, are introduced as they are driving to a market to get supplies for the purge.

While the couple is driving to a safe home to wait out the purge, their car stops working and they realize that purgers from the market parking lot had purposely damaged their car. Shane and Liz begin running downtown to hide since the purge had just begun.

A police sergeant named Leo Barnes, played by Frank Grillo, is shown arming himself so that he can get revenge on the man who killed his son during a drunk driving accident.

While Leo is driving downtown, he sees Eva and Cali being taken hostage by heavily armed men. Leo decides to save Eva and Cali, while infuriating the leader of the armed group.



WEB PHOTO

The Purge: Anarchy brought in nearly \$30 million during its opening weekend.

Once Leo, Eva and Cali get back to Leo's car, they find Shane and Liz hiding in his car. Leo quickly drives away since the leader of the armed group begins to shoot at them.

Leo's car is disabled from the bullets and Eva promises that she can get him a car if they go to her co-workers house.

Throughout their journey to get to Eva's co-workers house, Shane is wounded by purgers.

The group finally reaches their destination when Eva reveals to Leo that she lied about her co-worker having a car.

While the group is at the "safe" house, some family members decide to begin purging. Leo creates a diversion and the group escapes the house.

The group is then caught by hired gang delivers. They are taken to a theater where wealthy purgers bid on the right to kill them. Leo manages to kill all of the purgers, but runs out of bullets when security forces come to kill him and the rest of the group.

During the shootout, anti-purge resistance fighters come to the rescue and

kill all of the security forces.

After escaping, Leo drives to the house of the man who killed his son so that he can extract his revenge. Eva and Cali see Leo walk out of the house shortly after walking in. Before they are able to get to Leo, the leader from the armed group appears and attempts to kill Leo.

Before any more action can happen, the alarm announces that the annual purge has finished.

The film strongly lived up to its action and horror theme. It is equally disturbing and highly entertaining. The film attempts to bring up everyone's deepest fears of a painful death without any form of protection.

The film has well-paced action, a hero and real ideas, although they are unfortunate and petrifying.

This is not the type of movie to take your little sibling to because of its R rating, but it is a must see.

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Magazine

Expressions magazine is a yearly publication that comes out in the fall. Its mission is to provide a voice for ECU's minority populations, and it does so through open submissions and its band of reporters and designers. Expressions accept poems, short stories, opinion pieces and feature stories from students across campus.

Bucs in the Coastal League

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A quartet of Pirates has seen time in the Coastal Plains League this summer and while two of them are enjoying relative success, the other pair has struggled.

Garrett Brooks, Davis Kirkpatrick, Jacob Wolfe and Charlie Yorgen started the season in the CPL with Brooks is a returning member of the defending-league-champion Peninsula Pilots. Kirkpatrick, a rising sophomore, is pitching for the Morehead City Marlins. His fellow classmate, Wolfe, is a leading reliever for the Asheboro Copperheads.

However, as for Yorgen, he was let go by the Wilson Tobs after just 12 appearances, despite an impressive freshman campaign at ECU.

Brooks is the starting centerfielder for his division-leading Pilots, who own a 33-10 record. The speedy left-hander holds a .252 batting average through 37 games and is ranked third on his team in RBIs (21), adding three triples and five doubles. After stealing just six bases in the 2014 season as a Pirate, Brooks has swiped 20 bases with the Pilots to lead the team. Brooks' performance has led him to being garnered as an East Division all-star for the CPL.

Much like his regular season, the 5-foot-9 outfielder has overcome a low batting average and still managed to frequently get on base percentage (.344). Brooks has drawn 16 walks, good for third on the team and continues to be a plus defender; only being charged with two errors to four outfield assists.

Kirkpatrick has run into trouble in his summer season with a 7.12 ERA in five starts and two relief appearances. He owns a 0-4 record over 24 innings and has struggled with his control — issuing a team-leading 22 walks with seven wild pitches. One positive for Kirkpatrick comes in the form of his 32 strikeouts, the second most for the Marlins. In nine appearances for the Pirates this



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> **BUCS** page A8 Junior Garrett Brooks (2) digs into the batter's box. Brooks was a Coastal Plains League East all-star.

FOOTBALL

Pirates to take shot at new playoff



Brian Wudkwyh
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It's out with the Bowl Championship Series and in with the new College Football Playoff, and things are finally starting to come together for the highest grossing sport in the NCAA.

Starting Oct. 28, a 13-member selection committee will create a list of the country's top 25 teams and then select the top four teams at the end of the year to participate in a mini tournament. The committee takes factors such as strength of schedule, head-to-head meetings, weather and injuries into consideration.

Of the six major bowl games (Rose, Sugar, Orange, Cotton, Fiesta and Peach), two will be cycled into the playoff every three years — beginning with the Rose and Sugar bowls this season — with the remaining four hosting teams from their respective conference tie-ins.

For the rest of the teams that don't make it into the playoff or receive an invitation from one of the top-tier bowl games, the rest of college football's bowl season has remained mostly unchanged.

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Cross Country raises bar for upcoming season

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Coming off of a season in which the Pirate Cross Country team only managed two first-place victories all season long — with both victories having been split between the men's and women's teams — the Pirates come out this year looking to outpace themselves heading into the new season.

Last November's 17th place finish by the Lady Pirates during the NCAA Regional Championships brought a somber ending to an otherwise gloomy season for Head Coach Dan Lee's team, who obviously is looking to achieve more this fall.

"Every athlete on the team has certain goals that they've reached and certain goals that they've missed," Lee said. "And

what they all got to do for this season is to think about what they've did to achieve those goals, and try to keep those aspects within control, and think about the aspects of their goals that they've missed."

As the head of the program for the last decade, Coach Lee also knows that his team will face its fair share of challenges as it prepares for the new season.

"The biggest challenge with this year's team is that at the beginning, a lot of runners are going to be new to having that pressure of being in the top five or the top seven," Lee said. "We're not consistent top seven, so we're not as deep with

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ECU has heightened its expectations this fall after its 17th place finish in last November's NCAA Regional Championships.

<p>Wednesday 7/23</p> <p>Carolina Mudcats vs Wilmington Zebulon, N.C., 7 p.m.</p> <p>Durham Bulls vs Rochester Durham, N.C., 7:05 p.m.</p>	<p>Thursday 7/24</p> <p>Carolina Mudcats vs Wilmington Zebulon, N.C., 7 p.m.</p> <p>Durham Bulls vs Rochester Durham, N.C., 7:05 p.m.</p>	<p>Friday 7/25</p> <p>Carolina Panthers training camp opens</p> <p>Durham Bulls vs Toledo, Durham, N.C., 7:05 p.m.</p>	<p>Saturday 7/26</p> <p>Durham Bulls vs Toledo Durham, N.C. 7:05 p.m.</p>	<p>38 DAYS UNTIL FOOTBALL SEASON!</p> <p>CALENDAR</p>
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BASEBALL

East Carolina rising junior Luke Lowery has been selected to participate in the 2014 Cape Cod Baseball League Home Run Derby, the league announced over the weekend.

HALL OF FAME

ECU announced its 2014 Hall of Fame class that features outfielder Billy Best, linebacker Mitchell Cannon, running back Eddie Hicks and three-time NFL Pro Bowl selection Vonta Leach.

FOOTBALL

East Carolina senior quarterback Shane Carden was one of 50 players named to the initial 2014 Walter Camp Player-of-the-Year Watch List Friday.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Recently graduated shooting guard Petar Torlak was named to the National Association of Basketball Coaches Honors Court for the second straight year.

NFL

National Football League training camps began this week. The Carolina Panthers will report Thursday with their first practice beginning the next day.

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experience, so the upper classmen have to do a really good job of getting the underclassmen ready mentally for it [the season]."

Although there will be difficult challenges throughout the season, Coach Lee also expressed excitement about becoming a new member of the American Athletic Conference.

"The biggest challenge with this year's team is... having that pressure of being in the top five..."
-Coach Dan Lee

"I like new challenges; I like the fact that there are a lot of strong east coast teams. It's nice to have new sides and we'll have strong teams to go against."

With the opening meet of the season still several weeks away, Lee has his team training vigorously. He even went as far as to put the team on a strict workout and dieting regimen in order for his runners to push themselves past their body's limits.

There's no secret to how Coach Lee and his Cross Country are getting themselves prepared. When asked what specific types of workouts the players were doing, Coach Lee replied, "we're running a lot." A statement that shows that running is nothing more than lacing up, hydrating and getting going.

No date has been set for the team's first meet, but the season is expected to begin in late August or early September.

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Rebuilding the front line



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Senior defensive end Chrisnon Rose (93) tackles Tulsa running back Trey Watts during ECU's homecoming victory at Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium last season.

ECU will replace two starters on the defensive line

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The loss of starting defensive ends Lee Pegues and Terrell Stanley will inevitably revamp the look of the Pirates' defensive line this fall.

Pegues, along with eight other undrafted free agents, was awarded a contract from the Chicago Bears in May after the 6-foot-2, 294-pound All-Conference USA second team member had 29 total tackles and 4.5 sacks in his senior year at ECU.

Stanley's loss was more unexpected. The junior was in a near-fatal car accident in February that left him with broken bones and a collapsed lung. He will spend the upcoming season rehabilitating and will look to qualify for a medical red-shirt.

With the loss of those two starters, one might easily expect a decline in production from ECU's defensive line in 2014. However, defensive coordinator Rick Smith has high hopes for his squad.

This optimism starts with junior defensive end

Johnathon White, who Smith said has improved since last season and will likely grab a starting spot.

"White had a tremendous spring," said Smith. "I think he has a chance to have a great year. His conditioning is superb and he's having a good summer. I watched him run here a while back and he's in great shape."

The biggest addition to the Pirates' defensive line is sophomore K'Hadree Hooker, a 6-foot-1, 294-pounder that transferred from N.C. State last year and in a short time, has already made an impact with ECU.

"We recruited him really hard before he committed to N.C. State," Smith said. "He's already helped us because of the absence of Stanley. His transfer really turned out to be a blessing in disguise. He's a good kid and works extremely hard. Everybody likes him and knows he's a really good player."

Smith is excited about the talented pool of players he has at the defensive line, saying, "we have some depth at defensive end with White and Hooker," and that senior Chrisnon Rose is capable of playing either nose-tackle or defensive end.

Rose picked up 31 tackles, including six for a loss, as a nose tackle in 2013. He became the

starter in September after senior Terry Williams was suspended for a violation of team policy. According to Smith, Williams will probably be back in the starting nose tackle spot.

"Williams is doing well," said Smith. "He's coming off that high ankle injury [in April]. The first day he's been able to run full speed was on July fourth."

"He's lost some weight ... gained about 20 pounds since the injury but he's lost 15 of those, so we're trying to get him back down to where to he can play but he's doing really well."

As for the back-up role at nose tackle, Smith is uncertain. He named Rose, sophomore Demetri McGill, and red-shirt freshmen Demage Bailey and Mike Myers as potential options.

Aside from those previously mentioned players, sophomore Fred Presley, redshirt freshman Randall Anderson, and freshmen Alex Evans and Shaun James are all active and available.

"We've got a lot of bodies," said Smith. "On the first day of practice, we'll have a total of 13 ends and nose."

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season, Kirkpatrick held a 5.87 ERA and a 2-1 record.

Wolfe holds the third most relief appearances for his Copperheads team. In nine appearances, the southpaw has a 0-1 record with a 2.45 ERA in 11 innings. He has an even number of strikeouts and walks with seven and has allowed just three extra base hits. Wolfe logged 7 and two-thirds innings with the Pirates this season and allowed just two earned runs on his way to a 2.35 ERA.

Yorgen is the most interesting story out of the group. The freshman burst onto the scene after being given an opportunity to start at second base this spring; hitting .288 with 16 RBI and a .367 on-base percentage.. Defensively, he held a .941 fielding percentage, while racking up 128 assists and turning 24 double plays on his way to being named to the All-Conference USA Freshman Team.

The 5-foot-11 infielder failed to carry momentum

from the regular season into his collegiate summer season with Wilson. In 27 at-bats, the left-handed hitter picked up just four hits and reached base just seven times. After 12 appearances, Yorgen left the Tobs.

After a grueling regular season, it is often difficult for collegiate players to seamlessly transition into the summer season, especially for the younger players. Poor performance in a summer season is not always something to panic over.

Brooks and Yorgen will likely return to their starting roles when the Pirates' season comes back around. After losing five top pitchers to the draft and graduation, positions are available in the rotation and the bullpen. Wolfe and Kirkpatrick have already begun to fight for those open spots before returning to Greenville for fall baseball with their summer performances.

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Seems simple enough, right? But how do ECU and the other contenders in the American Athletic Conference fit into the new system?

In short, they don't fit, or at least not yet. The road is tougher for the Pirates and the reward is far less.

Premier programs in premier conferences generate the most money and get the most kickback. Seventy-five percent of the money generated from the bowl games will go to the "Power Five" conferences and be split amongst them, while the remaining "Group of Five", which ECU and the American both fall into will split the remaining 25 percent.

Despite finishing 10-3 last season, which culminated with a 37-20 victory over

Ohio in the Beef O'Brady's Bowl, and returning its dynamic quarterback-receiver combination of Shane Carden and Justin Hardy, ECU will more than likely be on the outside looking in while they play in one of the many lesser-known bowl games.

That, however, is not to say that the team's talent and coaching staff are to blame for why they potentially won't be playing an SEC team in a big bowl game.

To make it into the four-team playoff or even into a marquee, BCS-type game, the Pirates would have to win their conference and more than likely finish the season with one or two losses.

That would mean ECU would likely have to beat either South Carolina and

Virginia Tech on the road and then run the table against a new and improved conference, which boasts teams like UCF and Cincinnati that posted a combined record of 21-5 last season. So you're telling me there's a chance?

A more realistic expectation may be one of the six bowl tie-ins that the American owns because it would be hard to imagine a scenario where the Pirates fail to make it to a bowl game.

In any case, the segregation of college football is very real and the "Group of Five" will have to do their best to roll with the punches.

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