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Students forfeit voice in setting of athletic fees

Annual Fees

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\$336	\$661

Josh Graham
TEC STAFF

It's not just the athletics department that sets the athletic fee. It turns out East Carolina University's students have a voice in the matter, too. They just choose not to use it.

"Nobody wants an increase (in fees)," said Jake Srednicki, the school's first-term student body president. "But once they see it, that's where a lot of students are voicing their concern. After a decision has been made."

Those decisions have increased the athletic fee by 87.8 percent since 2004. The fee now sits at \$631 per student, where it has been for the last two academic years. However, according to Srednicki, the fee will get bumped up at least \$30 this fall and \$35 in 2016-17, which would double the fee in just over the span of a decade.

Srednicki, who wasn't in office when the most recent increase in the athletic fee was decided, said that he and the rest of the SGA have gone to great lengths to get students involved in the conversation. The SGA has done so with social media promotions, public discussion boards and forums, and even hosted weekly senate meetings that were open to the public.

Nevertheless, these attempts to attract students to important topics that actually affect them have mostly fallen upon deaf ears.

"You could learn everything from what's going on in preparations, where we are budgeting money in our reserves, to how our secretary has structured our schedule," said Srednicki. "I think, no matter what, whether it's student

government or anything else, it's sometimes hard to get that student to buy into what we're doing."

Setting the athletic fee:

Before the athletic fee was ever set, athletic administrators presented a case for an increase in an open forum on campus. After reviewing the proposal, the SGA made a recommendation to the ECU Board of Trustees, who then decided to submit it to the UNC Board of Governors for approval.

The Board of Governors met recently at ECU for the first time since 2007. The East Carolinian reached out to seven of its 32 voting members, requesting an interview, but none of them agreed.

Associate Director of Athletics Shelley Binegar was one of the ECU athletics officials who proposed the most recent increase in the athletic fee. Binegar, who is about to complete her second year at ECU, highlighted a couple reasons for why a higher fee is justified.

First, Binegar pointed to the rise of the overall cost-of-attendance for undergraduates over the last two years. Documents obtained by The East Carolinian show that in-state cost-of-attendance went up 5.6 percent to from \$5,663 to \$5,984, while the cost for out-of-state students soared 8.6 percent to from \$19,477 to \$21,181 in the same period. Because of this, most fees saw increases. Including the athletics fee, which went up five percent.

Another reason was the NCAA's recent ruling that required every school in Power Five conferences—

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SPRING GAME '15



CONTRIBUTED BY SULEIMAN ALKHALIFA

One of the chefs participating in the annual Pigskin Pigout samples his homemade North Carolina style barbeque.

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ECU hosts 32nd Annual Pigskin Pigout

Benkert displays value

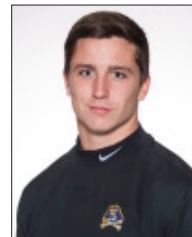
Adam Decker
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The East Carolina football team concluded its spring practices Saturday, giving Pirate fans a first glimpse of the team at the annual Purple-Gold Spring Game.

The Pirates evaluated position battles as all sections of the depth chart received a final opportunity to impress their coaches.

After starting a little slow, the Pirate offense got in rhythm as it scored two touchdowns on 68 plays for 311 yards, averaging 4.6 yards per snap.

Projected starting quarterback Kurt Benkert was at the helm for both offensive scores. Benkert was responsible for nine of ECU's 15 first downs, converting on 11 of



Kurt Benkert

his 17 passes for 125 yards.

"I thought Kurt did a good job, especially on checks," ECU Head Coach Ruffin

McNeill stated after the scrimmage. "He reminds me of all the quarterbacks I've been watching for 16 years in this offense. He's been waiting his turn. Kurt is going to be fine."

The biggest play of the day came when linebacker Cam White put early pressure on Benkert, forcing him to scramble to his left and throw a deep ball across his body.

Sophomore wide receiver Trevon Brown leaped in the air and pulled down the ball on the eight-yard line for the 44-yard completion.

"You just have to have that one play that will catch a little spark and get you in rhythm," Benkert said about the catch. "Everybody started getting excited, like hey we are out here to have fun."

Running back Chris Hairston then capitalized on the completion, scoring on a three-yard run for the first score of the day.

Benkert also hooked up with junior Isaiah Jones for an 11-yard bubble screen touchdown to open the second half.

It was announced before the start

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New designer line sells out in minutes

Debut of Lilly Pulitzer line at Target stores left customers empty-handed

Lindsay Rayner
TEC STAFF

"A hectic place" is how freshman Marissa Bochenek described Target on Sunday morning after the launch of the much-anticipated new Lilly Pulitzer collection.

The collection features 250-pieces including apparel, accessories, home accents, outdoor entertaining accessories, beach gear, travel essentials and more. However, these brightly colored discounted designer items have become impossible for shoppers to get their hands on.

When Bochenek arrived at the store around 10 a.m. she said all of the Lilly items were already sold out.

According to Bochenek, even the Lilly accessories flew off the shelves.

"I went there and I was just trying on regular clothes because they didn't have any Lilly stuff, and this girl in front of me in the dressing room had a headband and the Target

employee was like, 'Oh yea that's our very last Lilly item,'" said Bochenek.

A major reason the collection items sold so quickly is because of the discount in price. According to the Lilly Pulitzer website, dress prices range from \$88 to \$348. At Target, Lilly dresses were being sold for \$38.

Most people found themselves out of luck, with the exception of a few dedicated shoppers.

"My friend got there at 3:30 in the morning and slept like outside of the doors so she could be the first one in line," said Bochenek.

Julia Andrews, a Lilly Pullitzer fanatic, said she woke up at 5:30 the morning after her senior prom to wait outside of Target and described it as a horrible experience.

According to Andrews, "It was impossible to see what you were getting off the racks and shelves because people were pushing and

shoving you."

Andrews said she ended up spending around \$1000 on Lilly products at the store, and she had no idea what she had even purchased until she got home.

"Over half of the things we picked up were kid's sizes because it was so hard to tell what the sizes of the items were," said Andrews. "Luckily I was able to fit in a few kids dresses and we got a lot of accessories, but we have to take a lot of things back."

Due to the high demand, the return window for the Lilly Pulitzer collection is only 14-days, compared to Target's typical 90-day return policy.

It is not unusual for Target to sell out of collection items from featured high-end designers. In the past, they have teamed up with designers such as Alexander McQueen, Prabal Gurung, and Jason Wu.



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Target collaborated with Lilly Pulitzer to release a limited edition line on Sunday.

After all Lilly items ran out of stock on the store's website, Target utilized their Twitter account to communicate with angry shoppers.

Only one day after the launch of the collection, the retailer announced through its @AskTarget

account, "The #LillyforTarget collection is here for a limited-time. Our apologies, we do not anticipate more items becoming available."

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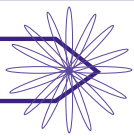
BRIEFS

Elderly Woman Crashes into Clothing Store

Around two in the afternoon on April 20th, a woman drove her vehicle into a women's clothing shop on Southwest Greenville Blvd. No injuries were reported after the driver's Nissan crashed through the front door of Catherines, causing panic and disorder.

The driver was reported to be an 80-year-old woman who accidentally hit the gas instead of breaks. No charges were filed against the driver.

ONLINE



Sorority holds walk for autism awareness

Joyner Library names new director

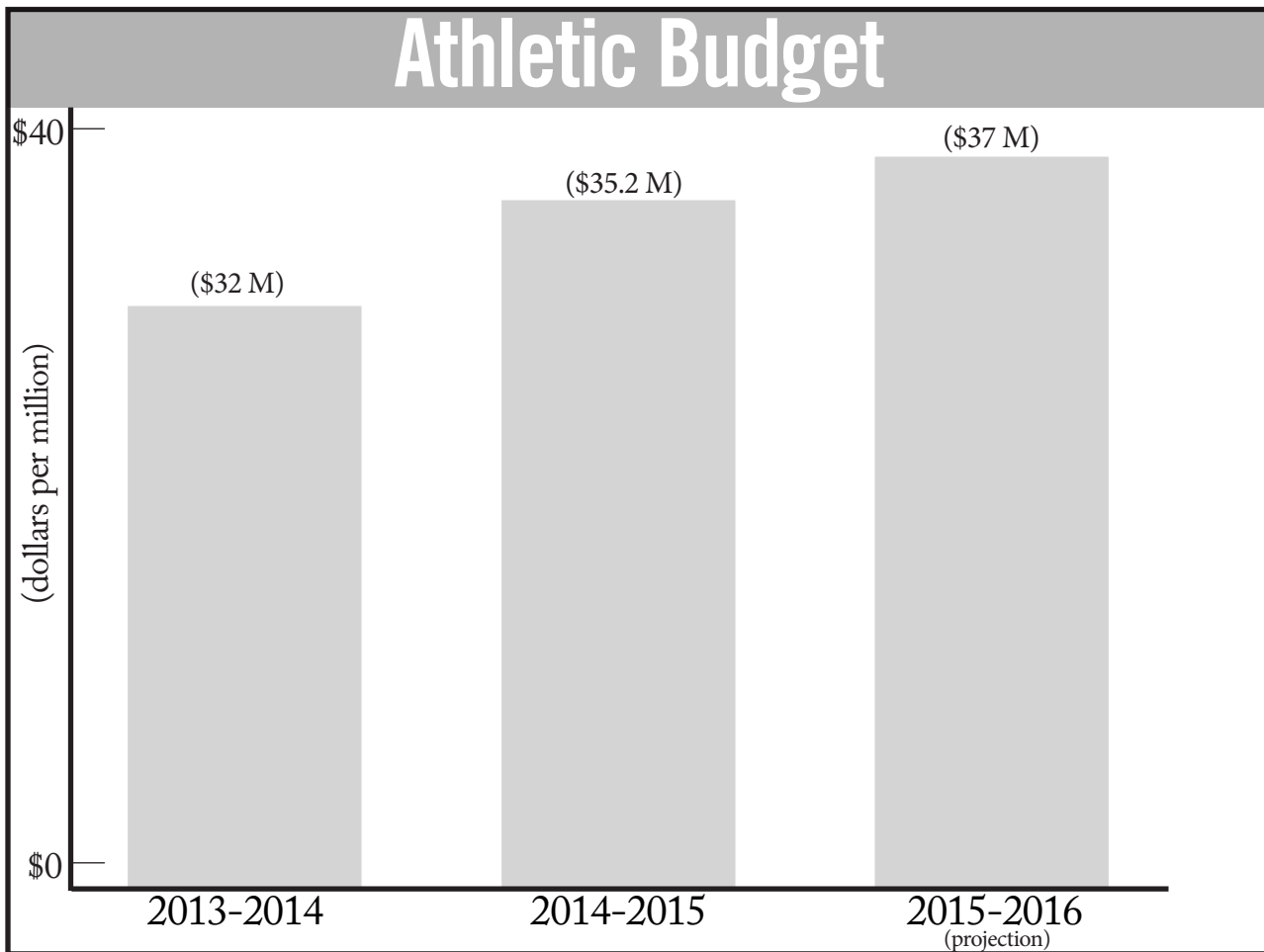
SGA swears in new executive officers

Check out our online photo gallery for more campus, sports and event photos.

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the ACC, Big Ten, SEC, Pac 12 and Big XII—to pay the actual cost of attendance for each of their scholarship athletes in men's and women's basketball and football.

ECU is not a member of one of those conferences, as it joined the American Athletic Conference in all sports last summer; so is not mandated to follow these guidelines. But to remain an attractive school for high-level recruits and competitive with the Power Five schools, American Conference commissioner Mike Aresco has strongly encouraged the league's members to adapt these policies.

Last week, ECU became the first school in the conference to announce its plans

to pay for the full cost-of-attendance when the athletics department announced it would add \$1.3 million to its expenses—\$4,025 more per scholarship—beginning this fall. This means in addition to covering room and board, books, and tuition costs that are already covered with current scholarships, ECU athletics is now picking up the bill on other expenses too, which include academic-related supplies and transportation to and from campus.

According to Binegar, that prompted her and the rest of the athletics department to look for more support from the student body.

"If we don't do this, it will have a competitive ripple effect. We will not be able to recruit the same student athletes," said Binegar, referencing the Pirates' recent success

in football and basketball. "The overwhelming majority (of the SGA) voted for the increase in student fees."

Binegar also cited increases in medical costs and the NCAA's recent decision to require every school to provide athletes with unlimited meals as reasons to raise the athletics fee. But another major concern could be on the horizon.

In last summer's Ed O'Bannon v. NCAA antitrust court case, a federal judge ruled that the NCAA could not prevent collegiate athletes from making money off of their names and likenesses.

What this means is that every school will be required to set aside \$5,000 annually in a trust fund for every men's basketball and football player, which they would be able to tap into once their eligibilities expire.

The NCAA appealed the judge's decision and the case could end up going to the Supreme Court. But if the ruling were to stand, Binegar estimated that it would cost an additional \$500,000 in expenses to pay the athletes.

Athletics revenue stream breakdown:

At the start of the 2014-15 athletic year, ECU's athletic budget was \$35.2 million, which is an increase of about \$3 million from the previous year. Binegar projects the budget will float around \$37 million at the start of the 2015-16 year.

The athletic department is completely self-funded, though. Nevertheless, a perception still exists that while several academic units are struggling with budget cuts, athletics departments are thriving financially.

Rick Niswander, ECU's vice chancellor for administration and finance, dismissed this notion.

"One of the things with athletics is that athletics gets no state support. None," Niswander said. "For people who say, 'if we didn't have athletics, then we would have all this money we could use in the classroom,' it's wrong. That is not true. We wouldn't be able to use that [athletics money] in the classroom. It is not state money to start."

Instead, the athletics department's revenue stream is broken down into combination of several other areas—including television revenue, ticket sales, and many other sources—in addition to the student fees and the Pirate Club.

As it dubs itself in its mission statement, the Pirate Club is the fund-raising arm of ECU athletics. According to its most recent IRS 990 form, the Pirate Club brought in \$10.1 million annually from boosters, which is nearly enough to fully pay off scholarships.

But what are the students and the Pirate Club members actually getting in return?

"It's very hard to quantify the benefit of the athletic department," said Binegar. "Every time an article is written about your athletic department nationally... or you are on ESPN, if you had to pay for that advertising space, you could not afford it at the university."

"It would be hundreds of millions of dollars. So you are getting all of that exposure for free, through your athletic department, which is self-funded."

But the students continue to pick up the bill on a hefty portion of the athletic department's expenses. And they had a say in the decision, whether they knew it or not.

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Ties run deep at annual cookout

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North Carolina has made its love for pulled pork barbecue known; one could even say it is a politically charged affair.

Throughout the state's history, bills have been introduced to the N.C. House and N.C. Senate in an attempt to determine which barbecue style, Lexington or Eastern, would be named the state's official barbecue style.

Recognizing just how deep the love of perhaps the state's favorite food goes, it shouldn't come as much of a surprise that East Carolina student and Greenville-native Jason Workman has played an active role in ECU's annual Pigskin Pig-Out.

For the 32nd consecutive year, the Pigskin Pig-Out was held, this time over the weekend in front of Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium prior to the ECU Purple-Gold Spring Game, and every year except for the very first in 1983, a member of the Workman family was present.

"My dad ran this event for 20 some odd years [starting when] he came here in 1984, the second year they did the pig out," Workman said. "So my whole childhood he was running the event and I was coming to it."

Now, as a member of the Student Pirate Club executive board, Workman has followed in the footsteps of his father and moved into the shadow of Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium to continue the tradition that he said was a vital part in his upbringing.

The Pig-Out isn't the same, though. Just as most things have evolved from their 1984 counterparts, the barbecue-themed cookout



Members from one of the 40 cooking teams at the 32nd annual Pigskin Pig-Out prepare their signature pulled pork barbecue for judges to taste. CONTRIBUTED BY SULEIMAN ALKHALIFA

has grown, and like a parent watching their kid grow up, Workman has seen the effects of 32 years worth of change.

"My personal experience changed from being a little kid to coming to it in high school and now in college," Workman said. "It's gotten bigger for sure, people rally around the spring game more than they used to. They used to have a huge carnival and they've eliminated that and replaced it with kid games but it's still a great event."

Despite all the changes that inevitably

occur in such a large time frame, one thing has remained constant, according to Workman — and it's undoubtedly the cornerstone of the event.

"The pig cooking contest is still the coolest part of it," he said. "It's the part that most people come to. It's still as good as ever and that was always my favorite part."

It's not just Workman's favorite part either; that became adherently clear when thousands of ECU fans showed up to enjoy the fruits of the 10-12 hours of labor that over

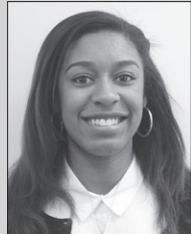
40 cooking teams put in prior to the event.

"It's kind of like a little fraternity they all know each other, they socialize, they're cooking food on their grills for themselves and everyone else as well as this big pig," said Associate Athletic Director Shelly Binegar. "It's a long couple of days, these guys have massive grills and they come prepared, it's really unique to us we seem to be the only people who do something like this and it's a great event."

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NETFLIX REVIEW

Netflix recreates "Daredevil"



Arvanna Smart
TEC STAFF

As children, we become accustomed to the average superhero,

who has special powers such as super speed, spidey senses and even the ones who aren't human at all, like Superman.

Although the main character in "Daredevil," is a superhero, Netflix and Marvel joined together to make something different: a blind superhero whose only superpowers are his heightened other senses.

"Daredevil" is the story of a blind lawyer, Matt Murdock, played by Charlie Cox, who fights crime in Hell's Kitchen, the city which he lives in, as a masked vigilante known as "the man in black." The series started off in the middle of a tragic event dealing with the origins of hero Murdock's blindness. In the beginning of the series, Murdock is just beginning to open up his first practice with his close friend and law partner Foggy Nelson, played by Elden Henson.

Designed to incorporate a darker, grittier side of Mar-



Charlie Cox films a scene from the new Netflix series "Daredevil." COURTESY OF IMBD

vel's comic universe, "Daredevil" does exactly that. The series is almost completely shot in the shadows, with darkness at every corner. Almost every scene seems like it was shot in ambient light. The experience is exactly like what Karen Page, played by Deborah Ann Woll, the law firm's first client, said in the first episode, "I look around and I don't see the city anymore. All I see are its dark corners."

"Daredevil" feels much more intimate and nuanced than its big-screen movie counterparts within the

Marvel cinematic universe, as both Murdock and Nelson feel perfectly happy with their Hell's Kitchen surroundings, aware enough of their neighbors' troubles to keep their battle for the city personal. Foggy focused on the smaller acts of heroism for everyday people, such as fixing a woman's sink before legal measures can help, or reassuring Page to feel safe with their work on the recent case. A sense of feeble humanity runs throughout as its hero stumbles through crime fighting without a suit or a

government agency backing him up.

"Daredevil" does an awesome job in bringing in a new type of villain in the character Wilson Fisk (Vincent D'Onofrio). Fisk displays just the smallest hints of vulnerability and sympathy for a character who is supposedly a complete monster. Fisk lost his father at the age of 12 and struggles with protecting the ones he loves from himself. He's complex and very interesting, and it would be possible to be on his side if he didn't kill so many people.

These complex characters lead to complex plots. The lines between good and bad are clear but there are enough interesting conflicts and complications to make the viewer wary of who is actually on what side. There's no question that Daredevil is a hero and Fisk is a monster, but there's so much conflict within each of them that it leaves the viewer second-guessing.

The fighting sequences really stand out. One fight early in the series takes place in a long hallway as Daredevil fights several thugs in a brutal brawl. This scene is

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Best-seller to speak for Earth Day

Ashley Federici
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

New York Times bestselling author Amy Stewart will be coming to speak tonight at the Science and Technology Building as a part of East Carolina University's Earth Day celebrations.

Amy Stewart writes about our human interactions with the natural world and also how the natural world interacts with us. Stewart said she found her passion for anthropology while in college and thinks Earth Day is important to be celebrated on college campuses. Tonight, Stewart will be discussing her bestsellers "The Drunken Botanist," "Wicked Plants," "Wicked Bugs" and "Flower Confidential."

"She's really dynamic and fun and her books are very approachable," said Heather Vance-Chalcraft, from ECU's Department of Biology and the North Carolina Center for Biodiversity. "We thought she would be a good person to bring to campus to remind everybody how we are part of the natural world and how much we impact it and how it impacts us as well."

Stewart said she knew from a very young age that she wanted to be a writer and started college as an English major. Stewart said that after taking an anthropology class with an amazing professor she was inspired to change her major.

"I had no idea what I was going to do with an anthropology degree but it was just so interesting to me," said Stewart.

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Stewart now has a total of six published books and a new book coming in Sept. 2015. Stewart is also the co-owner of Eureka Books in Eureka, Calif.

For her first book, Stewart said she was searching for something interesting to write about when she decided to write a memoir about her garden at her home in Santa Cruz, Calif., and from there each of her books just sparked from the previous one.

"In that first book there was a chapter about earthworms and then I wrote a book about earthworms. I did a flower farm and that led to 'Flower Confidential' so it's really just been case of me stumbling across things that are interesting to me," said Stewart.

In Stewart's books "Wicked Plants" and "The Drunken Botanist", she takes a creative look at human interactions with plants. "The Drunken Botanist" contains more than 50 cocktail recipes created from natural sources such as herbs, fungi, flowers, trees and fruits. "Wicked Plants" focuses on the dangerous and negative impacts that some plants have.

"It's a topic that I had a lot of fun with and it's a very different way of looking at the plant world and it touches on chemistry and biology but also the history of medicine," said Stewart.

Stewart said that Earth Day is a great thing to be celebrated on campuses because "everyone is exploring their ideas about their place in the world." Stewart emphasized that college campuses are filled with many resources that students should always be sure to use their full advantage.

"When you're in college, you're surrounded by real world class experts so take the opportunity to broaden your horizons and take a class where you can maybe learn something about conservation or pollution," said Stewart.

ECU will be holding numerous events throughout the week to educate students and promote students to give back to the environment.

"It's important to remind people that the planet we live on also supplies us with many of the sources we need to survive, so it's good to take one day a year to remind us how to protect that," said Vance-Chalcraft.

In addition to Amy Stewart's presentation tonight, there will also be an Earth Day Expo held from 4-6 p.m. today. Tomorrow is the Earth Day Sustainability Fair. There will be a reception and book signing following Stewart's talk.

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the best example of the show displaying what it is capable of in regard to stunts, but other fights are just as good. Murdock is trained in martial arts and has skills that go beyond a normal human's senses, and while he displays crazy flips and extraordinary reflexes, it's never as overdone as other hero's such as the Hulk. Murdock takes a beating on a regular

basis showing that he is still human.

Marvel and Netflix do an excellent job creating a new hero that is not only superhuman but also relatable to the average person. The characters in the show as a whole make it more relatable as their struggles seem close to those of the average person. The plot alone makes for an interesting series. "Daredevil" can be viewed now on Netflix.

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Around the World in One Shabbat

(5-6:45pm) Croatan Green Room

Join us for dinner and discussion regarding Shabbat, the Jewish day of rest and spiritual enrichment. Space is Limited: [RSVP lwcc@ecu.edu](mailto:RSVPlwcc@ecu.edu)

Paper Clips: A Documentary

(7-9pm) Wright Auditorium

Join us for the inspiring production, "Paper Clips" which tells the story of the students of Whitwell Middle School in rural Whitwell, Tennessee learning about the Holocaust. Their "Paper Clips" project sparked one of the most inspirational and profound lessons in tolerance, in the least likely of places. A question and answer session will follow.

Memorial Candlelight Vigil

(9pm) The Cupola

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PIRATE RANTS

Some people say eight hours of sleep is enough. Why stop there? Why not nine? Ten? Strive for greatness.

Look up from your phones, sheeple. -Sent from my iPhone

TEC: Really? None of your editors caught the spelling error on the front page above the fold? "A-T-T-E-N-D-A-N-C-E"

I remember the days when Pirate Rants occasionally ran down the side of classifieds too. Now I feel like they're being cut short.

The horrible moment when there's a really cute girl on the bus, but you're too shy to start masturbating in front of everyone.

I hate having to take classes that have nothing to do with my major and don't interest me. "You need to know these." Okay. But why make me spend hundreds on a class when I can get that info free on the web?

For my entire life I thought the correct use of words was "Fat Checked." Thank you Pirate Rants. Now I know it's "Fact Checked," but I still can't say it right.

I doubt the aborted fetus had a nervous system sophisticated enough to feel pain.

So you're begging a girl to contact you via Pirate Rants? A new low has been reached for asking someone out.

I disagree with Sarkesian's viewpoint 110 percent and view her as a female Jack Thompson but she doesn't deserve death threats for her opinion. No one does.

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Our view

Weed legalization is an inevitability

In a recent interview with CNN, President Obama hinted at a reformed future in regards to the legalization of medicinal marijuana. Obama stated that we should start to seriously consider the plant's legality with science in mind rather than misinformed ideologies and with public health in mind instead of incarceration.

In the opinion of the editorial staff, our President is starting to take the correct approach, but for a while now, politicians have been saying what those who are well informed on the topic are usually likely to support.

Until more states consistently legalize medicinal practices and the federal government eliminates ideologies that are attempting to delay the inevitable legalization, the American economy is wasting precious hours of potential profit.

According to drugpolicy.org, Colorado, since opening

retail stores on Jan. 1, 2014, has experienced a spike in tax revenue, real estate success (houses appreciating 8.7 percent), reduced incarceration resulting in a reduction of collateral consequences and increased savings; and there has been an overall decrease in crime rates (5.2 percent drop in violent crimes).

It's safe to say that Colorado is enjoying the results and way too deep into medicinal legalization to turn back now. As a result, the lack of legalization in neighboring states is only supporting the practice of marijuana trade on the black market as the drug moves across the country.

In summary, it is the opinion of this editorial staff that the legalization of medical marijuana practices across the country is inevitable. The less time it takes for us to get to that point, the better for America.

Minimum wage protest pointless



Kelsey Padgett
TEC STAFF

Protests were held nationwide last Wednesday by minimum wage workers looking to boost their incomes and improve their

standards of living.

Most individuals involved are a part of the movement called Fight for 15, which calls for minimum wage to jump to \$15 an hour. In North Carolina, where the minimum wage is \$7.25, that would mean minimum wage would be more than double its current rate.

I believe many protesters have failed to acknowledge how our economy and industry would have to inevitably react if the minimum wage rate were to increase so dramatically.

Increasing what employers must pay their employees will require business officials to reexamine budgets in an effort to either reduce expenses or increase profits. Reducing expenses often means expendable employees lose their jobs for businesses to increase their profit margin. I am sure this is not the outcome wanted by protesters, who say they are already having a tough time making ends meet.

Much like Sheetz, other fast food restaurants are exploring the idea of having customers order at kiosks. Even Olive Garden announced their plan to have a touch pad ordering service at each table in all 800 locations by the end of the year. With this dependence on technology reaching into workplaces, it seems that minimum wage workers should be spending less time asking for pay raises and more time trying to find a job that cannot be done by a touch screen.

For the jobs that are not taken

over by technological advances, the competition would become intense. It would push young inexperienced workers out of the workforce before they even gain their footing.

At a rally on Shaw University's campus, speakers called for student support, because, as protesters put it, students need to begin fighting before they get into the workforce. These are the same students that are working towards degrees so that they can have careers to live off of rather than minimum wage jobs.

If you notice, no one ever says 'minimum wage careers' and that is simply because jobs like fast food cashiers are not meant to be careers.

The Simple Dollar defines a career as "a series of connected employment opportunities, where you build up skills at earlier employment opportunities to move you into higher paying and higher prestige employment opportunities later on." A job is an activity done short-term to earn money and employment advancement is not the goal. People work minimum wage jobs, not careers.

It is unfortunate that people have taken these positions and made them their primary source of income, but that is something they were never meant to be.

My suggestion to those protesting is to gain an education and skill set that will make you more marketable to employers outside of the minimum wage pay bracket now; or if you opt to continue protesting and the burdens of your efforts are placed on the shoulders of big business, watch your jobs be replaced with programmed technology.

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Letters to the Editor

Rebuttal: Barefoot on the Mall already has 'new-artist' genre

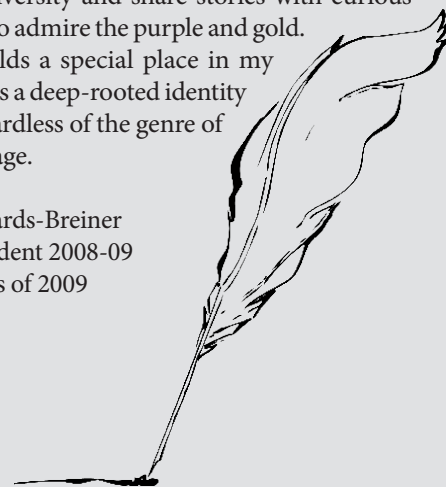
During my time on the Student Activities Board from 2007-2009, Barefoot was our pinnacle event. I remember late nights of preparing, marketing to every end of campus, ordering a cake shaped like a foot, and desperately praying that it wouldn't rain.

I disagree with TEC's statement that Barefoot needs a consistent genre to establish an identity, and that "SAB has strayed away from what makes Barefoot on the Mall what it is." Why? Because Barefoot already has a unique identity: it's a decades-old tradition where up and coming artists take the stage to entertain, where student orgs and community partners educate students about what they do, and where a student can catch their breath before finishing the semester.

Barefoot has always been a time where students can enjoy up and coming artists as they played at ECU and one should take into account the various artists that have performed. While John Mayer and Jason Mraz are some of the more well-known names, consider Plain White T's, Jason Derulo, Carolina Liar and more. These artists were on the verge of success when they played Barefoot, providing a unique aspect to the entertainment.

I proudly display my Barefoot posters in my office at Ohio University and share stories with curious students who admire the purple and gold. Barefoot holds a special place in my heart and has a deep-rooted identity at ECU, regardless of the genre of music on stage.

Erin Edwards-Breiner
SAB President 2008-09
ECU Class of 2009



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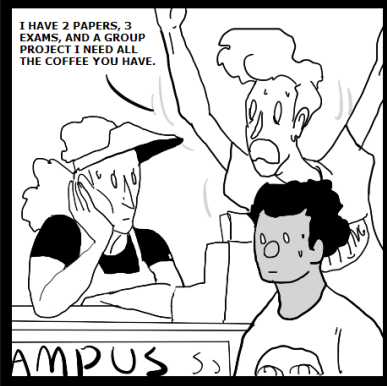
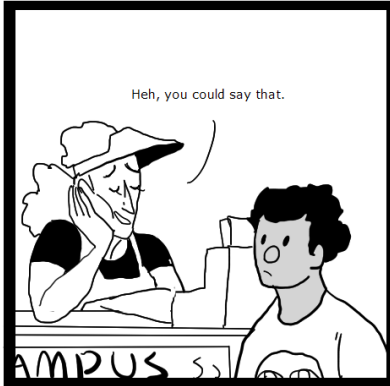
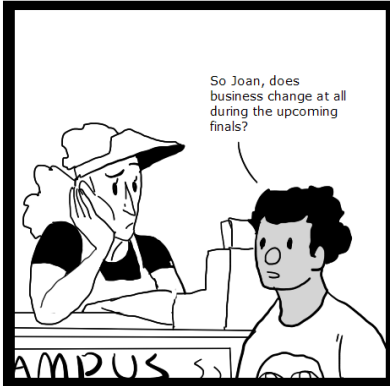
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Brent Koehler
TEC STAFF



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BRAIN TEASERS

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SOLUTION TO THURSDAY'S PUZZLE

4/21/15

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Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

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ACROSS

- 1 Stick (out)
- 4 Chocolate syrup choice
- 9 Call to mind
- 14 Self-image
- 15 Chipmunk's morsel
- 16 "America by Heart" author Sarah
- 17 Good name for a tree-lined street
- 18 Controversial coal-extraction process
- 20 Long gun
- 22 Really mad
- 23 ___-Loompa: fictional chocolate factory worker
- 26 Bagpiper, often
- 27 Buy lots of presents for
- 33 "2001" computer
- 34 Cinematic shootout time
- 35 Monica of tennis
- 36 Allowed to ripen, as cheddar
- 38 Kind of card or drive
- 41 Senate slot
- 42 Rose (up) on hind legs, to a cowhand
- 44 Beat to a froth
- 46 Doctor's org.
- 47 Wry wit
- 51 "¿Qué ___?"
- 52 Jazz singer Krall
- 53 Curse-inflicting stare
- 56 Some Balkanites
- 59 Opera house section
- 62 Kit ___: candy bar
- 63 Everglades wader
- 64 Pro basketball player, briefly
- 65 H-like letter
- 66 "Think again!"
- 67 Decent chaps
- 68 "Give ___ thoughts no tongue": "Hamlet"

DOWN

- 1 Bit of heckling
- 2 Aptly named fruit
- 3 Horseplay
- 4 Infielders
- 5 Autumn mo.
- 6 Fraternity counterpart: Abbr.
- 7 Nursery bed
- 8 Like some military housing
- 9 Literary postscripts
- 10 Makeup tables
- 11 "Chocolat" actress Lena
- 12 Royal flush card
- 13 Second lang., for some
- 19 Wisc. neighbor
- 21 Stuck-in-the-mud gear
- 24 University VIP
- 25 AFB truant
- 27 Broken pottery piece
- 28 Helga's Viking husband, in comics
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- 30 Bargain hunter's mecca
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By John Lampkin

4/21/15

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APRIL 23, 2 PM - 6 PM

Pirates top UConn

Tyler Kelbaugh
TEC STAFF

East Carolina continued its recent winning ways this weekend, defeating the Connecticut Huskies in 2-out-of-3 games in Storrs, Conn., in an American Athletic Conference series.

The Pirates (24-16, 6-6 AAC) have now won four of their last five games. Head Coach Cliff Godwin got contributions from all over the roster this weekend, especially in Sunday's extra innings victory over the Huskies (25-15, 6-6 AAC).

Starting pitcher Reid Love, who was scratched from Friday night's start due to injury, pitched six-plus solid innings. He struck out a career-high eight batters, surrendered one run, and allowed six hits and walked one.

Love was given a 1-0 lead in the top of the fifth when outfielder Garrett Brooks hit a two-out double to center field. He came home on a single by the hot-hitting Hunter Allen, who finished the game with two hits and a walk.

The Pirates added to their lead in the seventh when right fielder Parker Lamm scored on a bases loaded wild pitch. One out later, it was Allen again coming through, this time doing his damage on the base paths.

The shortstop scored on a delayed steal when second baseman Charlie Yorgen was caught in a rundown.

UConn fought back in the bottom of the seventh, scoring on an error by Allen. In the bottom of the ninth, with Jimmy Boyd on the mound, UConn's hitting leader Vinny Siena hit an RBI-single that made it a one run game. A sac-fly tied the game at three with only one out and runners on first and second for UConn.

Huskie catcher Max



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Jacob Wolfe lets go of a pitch. The sophomore earned a save in the extra inning win.

McDowell singled to right, and Siena rounded third thinking he would score the winning run. Instead, outfielder Jeff Nelson threw a dart to home and Travis Watkins tagged Siena out at the plate.

Evan Voliva (1-0) earned the win as he retired the final batter in the ninth, the first win of his collegiate career.

In the top of the 10th, Brooks walked and advanced to third on a Yorgen single. Sophomore Eric Tyler then hit a long fly ball that was caught on the warning track, a sac-fly that plated Brooks and gave the Pirates a 4-3 lead. Jacob Wolfe earned his first save by working a perfect 10th, sealing the series for the Pirates.

Game two of the series saw the Huskies rough up Pirates' starter David Lucroy. Lucroy surrendered four runs in six innings of work, falling to 2-3 on the season. Siena knocked in two more

runs, both in the third inning, and the Pirates never rebounded.

Heading into the bottom of the seventh, Connecticut held a 3-2 lead. With Siena on base again, first basemen Bobby Melley shot a two-RBI double to left-center, giving starting pitcher Anthony Kay plenty of security headed into the eighth. Kay earned the win, improving his record to 6-3 on the season.

A Kirk Morgan RBI single in the eighth made the score 5-3, in favor of UConn, but in the bottom half of the inning the Huskies added two more runs.

ECU carried a two-game winning streak into the series opener, and starting pitcher Evan Kruczynski (6-2) got the start and earned the win after the expected starter Love was scratched due to injury. It was Kruczynski's first Friday night start since he threw a complete-

game against Memphis at the end of March.

The sophomore threw six solid innings, surrendering three runs and eight hits. He earned the win in part thanks to a two-out offensive explosion by the Pirate offense in the first inning. The Pirates hit five consecutive two-out singles to score three runs, capping the inning by capitalizing on an error by third baseman Willy Yahn.

Nick Durazo took over for Kruczynski in the seventh, pitching three perfect innings to ensure a stress-free 7-3 victory for the Pirates.

The Pirates will look to continue their winning ways in a busy week in Greenville. The Pirates play in-state opponents NC State and Duke today and tomorrow before taking on conference-foe Central Florida over the weekend.

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FOOTBALL

ECU offense needs rapport



Tyler Kelbaugh
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Saturday afternoon's Purple-Gold Spring Game closed out what East Carolina Head Coach Ruffin McNeill calls phase two of the football season. As the team prepares for summer training, it's clear that the offense needs to put in a lot of work in order to be ready for their 2015 campaign.

Life after Shane Carden and Justin Hardy is guaranteed to shock the system of the ECU hopeful, as fans have come to expect success on the field. With the turnover in personnel, the team needs to toughen up and find its leaders before August.

In years past, ECU's air-raid offense took a lot of focus off the running back position. With the quarterback being the team's most important offensive player in the system, running back Breon Allen was often over appreciated by those outside the team. Without Allen, the Pirates no longer have a clear-cut top running back, rather they have a cast of capable runners.

According to offensive coordinator Dave Nichol, no one has stepped up this spring and laid claim to the role of lead back. Marquez Grayson, Chris Hairston and Anthony Scott all specialize in different things, forcing Nichol to divide the first teamwork evenly amongst them.

Nichol says he wants one of them to step up and demand playing time by improving their game on the field, and if the Pirates hope to be successful one of those backs needs to do just that. Consistency is critical for a football team, and constantly subbing out running backs will undoubtedly make it more difficult for the offense to get into a rhythm. Someone needs to follow in Allen's footsteps and become the leader of the running game.

Sophomore quarterback Kurt Benkert was without a doubt the highlight of Saturday afternoon's scrimmage, although he has a lot

of developing to do if he hopes to serve as a worthy successor to Carden.

One thing that became adherently clear after the Spring Game is that Benkert's arm is impressive. His 44-yard completion to receiver Trevon Brown, a play in which Benkert evaded the oncoming pass rush and flung the ball into the red-zone right where only Brown could come down with the ball, showed just what the sophomore is capable of.

Still, outside of that throw, Benkert struggled for nearly the entire first half. His previous two drives stalled out, and the quarterback missed three consecutive deep balls by overthrowing his receivers. While his strength is impressive, Benkert needs to spend time with his receivers this summer to build up chemistry not unlike that found in Carden and Hardy's relationship.

The Pirates' strong defensive front seven caused havoc in the backfield all afternoon, breaking through the offensive line and eating up rushes for nearly the entire scrimmage. While the defense's front seven is certainly a strength, seeing just how over-matched the Pirates offense was in terms of raw power was eye opening.

"We got a bunch of gym rats and they'll kind of get after it this summer," said Nichol. "It's very important, a lot of guys have got to gain weight, we got to get faster and guys have to run better routes and that's what this summer is for; they should do that over the summer."

There is a lot to like about this year's offense, not the least of which being the starting quarterback, but this team has a lot of growing to do over the next three months. If the team works together, strengthening their chemistry on the field, Pirate fans have a lot to look forward to. The Pirates do not have the talent to simply go through the motions, however. The next three months will go a long way in determining the fate of the 2015 Pirates.

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Diamond Bucs to host NC State, Duke

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TEC STAFF

East Carolina Head Coach Cliff Godwin pleaded on the jumbotron at Saturday's Purple-Gold Spring football Game for Pirate fans to pack the jungle as the baseball team is set to face in-state rivals NC State and Duke today and tomorrow.

The Pirates (24-16, 6-6 American Athletic Conference) will look to even the season series with NC State today as the Pirates dropped the last contest 7-0 March 3 in Raleigh.

ECU struggled with the Wolfpack's offense as they only struck out one batter and allowed ten hits. The Pirates also struggled offensively, compiling just five hits.

NC State (21-16, 9-11 Atlantic Coast Conference) has seven players batting over .250, including four with averages of at least .300.

The Wolfpack has collectively hit 28 home runs on the season and 78 doubles.

NC State is carried by second baseman Logan Ratledge, who has a .603 slugging percentage with six home runs and 14 doubles. Freshman Preston Palmeiro is also batting .360 with 34 RBI.

The Pirate pitching, with a staff ERA of 2.86, will be leaned on heavily in the two mid-week matchups. Nick Durazo has only allowed one earned run this season, making his ERA an astounding 0.34. Freshman Joe Ingle has also proven to be clutch as he has allowed just two earned runs with 22 strikeouts this season.

Although the ECU weekend starters have been solid all season, the mid-week starters have been inconsistent this season, making the Pirates a bit unpredictable.

With the ECU bullpen pitching well lately



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Head Coach Cliff Godwin calls out to his team.

look for the Pirates to try and make up for the last contest, making it a low scoring game.

The Pirates will then battle the Duke Blue Devils (22-17, 5-15 ACC) on Wednesday, their first meeting of the season.

Nothing about the Blue Devils stands out, as they have just one batter hitting over .300

and have combined a sub-par team ERA of 3.31. They have hit just nine home runs and have a .330 slugging percentage.

The Blue Devils have eight players that have ERAs over 3.50, showing potential for a strong game by Pirate batters.

Just like the Pirates, Duke also has a solid bullpen, with four players holding an ERA under 2.20, including two with an ERA under 1.86.

Duke has a lot of experience in close games, as it has competed in 12 games decided by one run, winning half of them.

Look for ECU to pounce on the Duke starter early before having to face the Blue Devil's top relievers.

Both games are scheduled to start at 6:30 p.m. inside Clark LeClair stadium.

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TAKEAWAYS

BASEBALL

ECU (24-16, 6-6 AAC) took a road series victory against conference opponent UConn over the weekend.

SOFTBALL

The Pirates (13-35, 5-10 AAC) topped USF in a weekend series thanks to a complete-game performance from pitcher Lydia Ritchie.

MEN'S TENNIS

The Pirates (11-13, 2-0 AAC) were bounced in the first round of the conference tournament by Tulsa.

PAINTBALL

ECU club paintball won the national championship over the weekend after a first place finish among 51 teams in Lakeland, Fla.

FOOTBALL

ECU completed its annual Purple-Gold Spring Game over the weekend. Sophomore Kurt Benkert led all quarterbacks with 11 completions and a touchdown.

CAROLINA HURRICANES

The Hurricanes were awarded the fifth overall pick in the NHL Draft after the lottery over the weekend.

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SULEIMAN ALKHALIFA
Anthony Scott breaks a run on the right side in the spring game. The sophomore ran for 55 yards.

SPRING GAME continued from A1

of the scrimmage that Virginia Tech running back transfer Chris Mangus was dismissed from the team for violating team rules.

Marquez Grayson started at running back, carrying the ball five times for 35 yards. Sophomore Anthony Scott lead ECU rushing with six carries for 55 yards, receiving some early reps as a feature back.

"I was glad to see the ones, the ones had our two scores and that's what's key," ECU Offensive Coordinator Dave Nichol said. "Scott obviously had some good stuff. I think it's going to be a three or four headed monster again and I'm chal-

lenging them."

The Pirate defense was overall solid, forcing two interceptions and allowing the two scores. The Pirates combined for eight tackles behind the line of scrimmage, four of which were sacks.

"I started to see Tuesday or Wednesday us develop consistency," ECU linebackers Coach John Wiley stated. "What I told them at the end is it feels like to me we are starting to identify what we are going to be and so I was very pleased."

Freshman cornerback Corey Seargent led all defenders with eight tackles. Last season's leading tackler Zeek Bigger tallied four

tackles, including one sack.

Sophomore Travis Phillips and true freshman Nhyre Quinerly each recorded an interception with Phillips picking off quarterback Ray Smith and Quinerly intercepting Jason Connella.

The first string defense didn't surrender any points, as they mainly battled with second-team quarterback Blake Kemp and the second string offense.

The Pirates' third down defense was dominant for the second straight week, allowing just four conversions on 16 attempts.

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