

Pugnacious prof Jeff Jeske prevails in preliminary MMA bout



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Mixed Martial Arts has always been a gentleman's game. The style originally consisted of two men squaring off by regaling each other with monotonous stories for days on end until one of them fell to the ground from boredom or exhaustion. As the sport evolved, the bouts became more physical with the implementation of more complex moves like eye gouging and hair pulling.

Dana Professor of English Jeff Jeske draws from both of these grand MMA traditions.

Jeske, known as a skilled orator and teacher on Guilford's campus, won his first professional MMA fight against British fighter Albert "Oxford Coma" Oxenfort.

Jeske, a tall and intimidating fighter weighing in at around 123 pounds, defeated Oxenfort in an astonishing two rounds.

"I've never seen someone so old move so fast and with such ferocity too," said Dana White, president of the UFC, the largest MMA promotion company in the world. "It was a real treat. First he was a sinkhole, lowering Oxenfort's defenses with his anecdotes. Then Jeske blindsides him with a powerful knee hit to the cranium. I've never seen anything like it."

However, Jeske chalked up his victory to a foolish move by Oxenfort himself.

"You can call me a sinkhole, but don't call me Jeffrey," said Jeske in the post-fight press conference. "The bullies back in grade school called me germy Jeffrey. It's not even alliteration! So every time someone calls me that, I'm transported back to those squandered uses of literary flourishes."

The sports world was astonished by his victory and everyone scrambled to learn Jeske's pugnacious technique.

"It all started in the late 1970s, which as you know, was a pretty wild time," said Jeske during one of his 5:00 a.m. walks. "I just saw all the injustice in the world and wanted to fight against it. So, I decided to take up the wonderfully fulfilling

field of journalism and the martial art of Romple. That way I could fix problems with both my words and my fists, kind of like Superman."

Over the next 40+ years, this veritable Superman would take what he learned in both journalism and Romple to develop his own unique Style, dubbed "AP style" after the particularly dangerous and unforgiving style guide for newspapers.

"AP style incorporates and is influenced by a number of unique styles," Jeske said. "The most prevalent are romple, macrame, pankration, kick punching, ballroom dancing, taekwondo, journalism and hypnogy."

"Jeff Jeske is literally puhhhfect! When he won, we let ourselves be excited for a moment, and then we were like 'okay, let's go, we'll do this and this and win the MMA championship.'"

Rebecca Gibian, editor in chief of The Quibbler and Jeff's trainer

However, Jeske also has critics, chief among them Princeton's Associate Professor of English Ernest "Bulldozer" Butcher, another academic entering the world of MMA.

"I've said it once, and I'll say it again. That plagiaristic pugilist stole my fighting style and says it's his!" Butcher said in an interview. "I won't sit idly by and let him do this. I'm calling Jeske out. We will fight one day, and I'm going to take him down."

"Bring it on," Jeske told ESPN's Bob Ley in response to Butcher's comments. "If he has a problem with me, well, tough tarantula. He's the one who's going down."

Swimmers dive into lake, must face crocodile teeth

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Swim coaches have taken drastic measures to make sure their athletes swim at record performance during practice. From threatening upside-down push-ups to adding a great white shark and massive crocodile to the lake, coaches will not stop seeking peak performance.

Head Women's Swimming coach Emily Wilson and Athletic Director Tom Palombo think that using the lake as the practice pool for the team will help the team's dramatic improvement over the past two years.

"The lake is cold, and the swimmers will be frightened of what's inside," said Wilson. "The goal is to get out of the water as soon as you can."

Due to lack of funding, lane lines are all we can afford.

"There just isn't enough money to build a new pool, so we'll buy lane lines and put them across the lake instead," said Palombo. "It's the perfect size too."

Junior swim captain Kendra Medina is hesitant but has high hopes for the new "pool."

"I'm nervous because everyone says the lake is dangerous with snapping turtles, but I'm always open to try new things for the team," said Medina.

It's true the lake has gotten dangerous for swimming in over the years. Due to pollution, the water is incredibly mucky.

"We encourage first-years during orientation to stay away from swimming in the lake, so it seems counterintuitive for us to allow the



swim team to practice in it," says sophomore Orientation Leader Byron Hamilton.

Controversy over whether or not the lake will be safe for the swimmers is a concern for students. However, Wilson and Palombo remain confident.

"You can call me jerkhole, but don't call me stupid," said Palombo. "This is all experimental. If at any point the swimmers feel unsafe or if something happens to them, they can change their practice location."

Coach Wilson has a differing opinion.

"The point is for them to get faster and better by using the lake," said Wilson. "The water is filthy in the lake, so when they're in a clean

pool, they should go faster. The swimmers will also be afraid of getting devoured. Like I said, the desire to get out of the water will push them to improve."

Some of the team remains skeptical.

"I just don't think it's a good idea to put the swimmers in danger," said first-year Jocelyn Gesner. Of course I'm willing to try it, but we have enough injuries on the team as it is."

Although there isn't unanimous support for this idea, the team trusts their coach and is willing to try using the lake as their practice pool.

Maybe with the extra money saved, we can afford a personalized Horse People fountain.



These signs will be posted around the lake to warn students, who may be lulled by Guilford's new attitude towards marijuana, NOT to enter the lake under any circumstances.