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Headbands of Hope CEO speaks for Month of Giving

Lindsay Rayner
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Jessica Ekstrom, founder and CEO of Headbands of Hope, spoke last night in Wright Auditorium about how she found success by starting a company while in college.

Headbands of Hope is a company that makes headbands, and for every headband purchased one headband is donated to a girl with cancer and \$1 is given to help fund childhood cancer research.

ECU's Panhellenic Council hosted Ekstrom as part of the Month of Giving.

"The whole idea of the Month of Giving is to inspire people to want to be active in the community," said Rebecca Worcester, Panhellenic Vice President of Philanthropy.

According to Worcester, Ekstrom speaks on "how to count the lives that you've changed rather than how many hours you have put into your work."

Ekstrom came up with the idea and purpose for her company after interning with the Make-A-Wish foundation.

Although she was just doing the behind the scenes work, Ekstrom said, "I believed in it because I knew it was helping their wish come true."

Ekstrom spent time with children in the hospital during her internship,

"I realized that girls love to wear headbands after losing their hair during chemo therapy," Ekstrom said.

Ekstrom described this realization as her "spark."

At the time, Ekstrom was a college student at N.C. State.

"Being 19 at the time and now 23 has been one of my biggest strengths as an entrepreneur," said Ekstrom. "I would argue that starting Headbands of Hope in college made my company what it is today."

As the success for Headbands of Hope grew, Ekstrom noted that celebrities such as Lauren Conrad, Beyoncé, and the Kardashians were wearing Headbands of Hope.

Through the fame, Ekstrom said, "Everyone sees the glamor of what we've done... but it all started with one little spark."

Ekstrom said she encourages college students to take action.

"It's not about what you do when your dreaming, it's about what you do when you wake up," said Ekstrom.



Jessica Ekstrom supports children with cancer with her headbands.

Regardless of the success Ekstrom has had in the media, Ekstrom said "My success comes from the moment I walk into a hospital room to pass out headbands, the girl puts one on and looks in the mirror, and I see that smile."

Ekstrom did remind students that with success comes failure "Sometimes it doesn't always work, but that's because I'm taking risks and trying new things," Ekstrom. "It's about having an idea and looking at the world with the belief that you can fix it."

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Law prohibits campus voting

Altavia Lowery
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Republican Thom Tillis won the race for North Carolina senator last week with 48.97 percent of the votes. Beating his Democratic opponent, Kay Hagan, by only a few percent, this election is what a lot of citizens called crucial for students in North Carolina.

However, what many students failed to realize in time, was that there was no on-campus voting.

A North Carolina election law eliminated early voting sites on many college campuses. Early voting sites have been eliminated on college campuses around North Carolina and the South, all part of a broader effort by local elections officials and state lawmakers to erect new barriers to voting.

The new policies affect young voters and many college students who can't get off-campus to the voting polls. Winston Salem State University, North Carolina State University, Duke University and East Carolina University are among the majority of schools whose voting has been restricted.

"Honestly the off-campus voting did not affect me," said sophomore political science major Maggie Stinson. "Students were promoting voting registration for a long time around campus so I was well informed. I feel as if you really had intentions to vote, then you would've known about the off-campus voting."

Local election officials have said that on-campus voting locations were cut because they cannot provide curbside voting for disabled voters.

"I am a registered voter, and I just knew there was going to be on-campus voting, but then I found out there wasn't," said sophomore biology

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ECU technician constructs reality sandbox

Zachary Elsam
TEC STAFF

A new piece of technology has made its debut on campus and is changing an entire school's curriculum. The device is called the Augmented Reality Sandbox (ARS).

The ARS is a combination of machines and software which projects color-coordinated, topographic lines onto a sand surface in real time. Integrated within the machine is a powerful simulation processor, highly algorithmic software, an LCD projector and, strangely enough, an Xbox Kinect 3D camera.

"This device has got us all really excited," said Terri Woods, an associate professor who has been working in ECU's geology department for 25 years and taught everything from entry-level courses for freshmen to graduate school research programs. Woods, along with the department head of the college,

spearheaded the movement to create a sandbox for ECU.

According to Terri Woods, the mechanics of the device are straightforward.

"The camera just collects the image and feeds it to the computer, where the software and algorithms create the colors and contour lines which are then projected back onto the sand," said Terri Woods.

Terri's husband, John Woods, a university lab technician, was placed in charge of constructing the device which included crafting the literal sandbox and the overhead arch which would hold the projector and camera. As for the software, ECU professors did not need to develop their own version because it was already available for free on the web.

"The software was created by Oliver Kreylos, a faculty member from UC-Davis [using] Linux open-source software," said John Woods. "He wanted to make this available to other people because he recognized the need others had to understand the concept."

Linux is a free and open source operating system, which means

that all users have the freedom to use, share, see and modify any software which gets added to its database. The software for the ARS was placed on this type of platform.

"As long you don't abuse the privilege, anybody can reproduce and sell it," said John Woods.

According to Terri Woods, there are only a couple dozen of these devices in operation around the world. Most are used in interactive science museums, but some are effectively utilized for formal education at universities to explain complicated geological concepts.

"The device explains the concept of contour lines," said Terri Woods. "Most students who take the intro class never see anything more than lines on paper. They get no concept of the three-dimensional picture it's supposed to convey."

Propositions have been made for the device to simulate real-world topographies such as the Outer Banks.

According to Terri Woods, with the use of the water simulation feature available within the soft-



John Woods, ECU lab technician, constructed the augmented reality sandbox.

ware, a real-time simulation could be created to better understand which regions are more susceptible to flooding which could in-turn lead to a better warning system during natural disasters such as

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BRIEFS

Sheriff's Office warns drivers about a potential stop sign crime trend

Drivers are being warned about a potential crime trend, when approaching a stoplight or stop sign. The Pitt County Sheriff's Office has received calls about a man asking women to get out of their vehicle, claiming something is hanging off of their vehicle.

At least two women refused to get out of their car. When the women got their, they found nothing wrong with their vehicles.

Trail ride held to raise money for Alzheimer's North Carolina Inc.

The Barnhill Dairy Hunting Preserve and Horse Trail hosted a trail ride benefit on Saturday.

The money raised at the event will go towards Alzheimer's North Carolina, which helps provide resources and awareness for those fighting and caring for someone with Alzheimer's. The event had a 17-mile ride and afterwards participants were treated to dinner and music.

Outreach Program offers emergency food and job training

The "Churches Outreach Network" opened their Bethel Outreach Program center located on Smith Street at the Bethel Senior Center. The center offers emergency food and a one-stop food pantry.

Local and state lawmakers attended at the grand re-opening. Pitt Community College will offer basic job training at the center, and instructors will be able to teach computer training.

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Experts speak at second Ebola panel on campus

Jordan Register

TEC STAFF

The East Carolina University Public Health Organization along with the ECU chapter of Project Tumara will be hosting another informative Ebola Panel. The panel will discuss ECU's and the Greenville community's preparedness in the event of an Ebola case with Greenville's top officials guest speaking.

ECU graduate student and co-founder of Project Tumara Issa Thullah says the idea for an Ebola Panel came to him from students.

"At our last event, students were actually asking, 'what is the school doing to protect us?' So we want to address this issue to quell their fears and educate them on what their school is doing to protect them," said Thullah.

At the panel there will be multiple guest speakers including ECU professors, representatives of the Greenville fire rescue, and EMS services, along with multiple speakers from health services on and around campus and the community.

"If you look at the regions where Ebola has killed the most people, it has caused over 6,000 deaths, it's definitely still a huge issue, it's just been slacking off in American media due to the elections I think," says Thullah.

The probability of an Ebola case happening in Greenville is slim, however the fact that there is still a chance of this happening makes some students uneasy.

"Regardless that the chances of this actually happening are so little, there does need to be some preparedness in case it does happen," said Thullah. "The message I want to get across to the community is that ECU and Greenville is prepared to handle an infectious disease



ECU MEDIA

Paul Cook, Brody School of Medicine, spoke at the previous Ebola panel on campus.

of this caliber and that Ebola is still a prominent issue in West Africa."

At the panel, president of the ECU Public Health Organization and second year student at the Brody School of Medicine Truman Vereen will be moderator.

"I believe it's very possible that Greenville could have an Ebola case, we've seen it in the news that human error can easily cause someone to be in contact with someone who has Ebola, and just the potential makes me think that we need to have a plan of action," said Vereen.

In the panel, Truman says they have picked the guest speakers specifically to display a wide variety of perspectives from the school and around the Greenville community.

"I feel like we've hit every realm of everyone that would be involved in a potential Ebola outbreak," said Vereen. "The community's effort to help has

been great. Greenville is really a college town and we've gotten all kinds of help from around the community and it's just been great. My message to ECU is that if an outbreak of Ebola happened here in Greenville, that we have the professionals and equipment, and the right minds to prevent it from spreading."

The Ebola Panel will take place in the Howell Science Building in room 103 on Nov. 17 at 6 p.m. until 7:30pm. All are welcome.

"I think we're very health capable in the fact that we do everything in our control, we've had a potential Ebola case two hours down the road from here and I want the public to know that if it did happen, we will respond with the appropriate measures," said Vereen.

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major Kayavya Carter. "I am one of many students on campus who do not drive so off-campus voting was definitely a hassle."

Despite having no-campus voting, many off-campus locations were provided. The Willis Building, Farmville Community Center, Winterville Fire Station and the Pitt County Agriculture Center are just a few locations that were offered to voters in and around Greenville.

"This is an eye opener for me and a lot of other students, I believe," said sophomore nursing major Ayana Washington. "I just assumed there was on-campus voting which was wrong on my behalf, next election I will pay more attention and make sure my friends know what is going on also."

The recent election was a midterm election. Thom Tillis won North Carolina's votes by less than 2 percent and has been involved in North Carolina affairs in the past by helping lead a tax reform in 2013 that will reduce North Carolina income tax.

"I had friends who didn't know about off-campus voting so it definitely impacted us, but as young adults we have to adapt," said Stinson. "Even if we have to car pool for the next elections, something has to be done so that our voices are heard. By not voting we are giving away our power."

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hurricanes.

John Woods said that the only downside to the device is that it has only been in the public eye for a short time and users haven't had the time to simply "play with it" yet.

"There's just not that many around, but people are always realizing more and more things you can do with it," said John Woods.

The ECU department of geological sciences currently holds two operating ARS devices within the Graham building available to all prospective and current geology students.

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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.

The entitled attitude of "professors—you work for me" in the rants lately is too much. Quit confusing your lack of work ethic/intelligence with your professor's abilities.

Thursdays are the best at Club J!

To my wonderful ex: I have now banged all your roommates from last year, without you knowing. Throw me under the bus again, and your sister will be next!

The best part of ECU is the duck pond on the health sciences campus! Quack!

If every clothing item she owns is monogrammed, she's too young for you bro.

I am glad fall weather finally decided to show up.

Group project equal collectivism, NOT individualism and only taking credits for doing a small part!

Do not give the excuse of "speech anxiety" because I am pretty sure everyone does have speech anxiety at some point in their life. That is why we have resources and even class such as PUBLIC SPEAKING at ECU to help us Pirates.

Group Project—Noun—Time to relax while you watch someone who cares do all the work!!!

If the Greenville PD had looked at any form of social media or the events that took place last year, they would have known Riverwalk was going to be a mess. Poor management of resources if you ask me...

I'm renaming the 610 Minges the 610 Struggle Bus #commuter-struggles

When I was growing up, a "selfie" was something entirely different... and something you would NOT advertise or brag about...

If you have \$100, and your girlfriend has \$100, your girlfriend has \$200.

To whoever left their Chick-fil-A on The Landing bus about a week ago: It was delicious.

I hate it when a homeless guy shakes his can of change at me. i get it, you have more money than me.

Trying to make it to class after the weekend.... it just isn't going to happen. #senior-problems

Got four girls' numbers today! Guess you could say this group project is getting pretty serious...

When did it get so cold on campus? This is SO not okay!

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Our view

Voting for students proves to be hard

With Election Day behind us, and new officials preparing for transition, many people were surprised at the outcome, both in the election and at the polls. The turnout by young people was clearly disappointing and surprising considering that we are the next generation of voters, candidates and leaders for our country. With that being said, why is it that young adults aren't making it out to the polls? Many believe that our generation is simply uneducated on the issues at hand or unfamiliar with the process itself. While this may be true in some cases, we believe the issue goes deeper than that. It is no secret that both students and young adults generally have hectic lives (i.e. work, school, etc.), contributing to the low turnout.

We as an editorial staff believe that young adults, particularly those in college, are more focused on turning in assignments than turning in a ballot. Not to mention, a decent percentage of students here at ECU are not registered to vote in North Carolina. With the number of out of state students increasing rapidly, it is no surprise that many students didn't show up at the polls. In order to combat this problem, students need to be better informed of the issues and potential candidates as well as the election process. This might appear to be juvenile since government structure and the voting process is taught in school at an early age, but some young adults are clearly not interested in or care about voting, many thinking that their vote means nothing.

Education needs changes from students and teachers



William Franklin
TEC STAFF

Students have lost the ability to think critically. This is one of the most important aspects of a college education, and yet it seems to be falling by the wayside. Students are more interested in studying for tests rather than studying ideas—and this is a major issue that the university will have to deal with.

Preparation for tests in college aren't about studying the ideas and philosophies of that particular subject, rather they seem to be about getting a study guide and cramming to get the right answers for the right questions. What is a student learning when that happens? They are not learning to think; rather they are learning to memorize answers for an exam that in more

cases than not they will forget right after the exam is over.

If this is what college is becoming, it is not worth the money that is paid to attend it. College in its most pure form is about learning to think about complex ideas, about solving difficult problems and writing eloquently. However there has been an infiltration of studying for an exam. What's the point in that case? What is being learned other than a lazy shortcut for a good grade?

Rather there needs to be a reassessment of exams and the role that they should play in the education of a student. They are there to test the student's knowledge and allow them to think through problems. Not to trick and trip up students, contrary to what it seems like a lot of exams have become.

Not all of this falls on teachers or professors, but much of it falls on the students. Students

need to fall in love with learning again. There is a prominent culture of cheating among students, which needs to change. World famous astrophysicist Neil de Grasse Tyson said, "When students cheat on exams it's because our school system values grades more than students value learning." And he's right.

The only way to fix this problem is providing a two party solution. On one hand exams need to be more a tool to indicate a students progress, but on the other students need to learn to value learning again. This isn't the easiest thing to do but it is something that is necessary. It's only when these things change that education and learning can reach a more pure form—rather than the corrupted state it finds itself in now.

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Flu shots vital for healthy campus



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TEC COLUMNIST

The temperature in Pirate Nation is dropping and it's actually beginning to feel like fall. Everyone is breaking out their winter jackets and boots to stay warm during this chilly season. But when there's cooler weather, sneezing and coughing become a common occurrence too. With the recent issue with Ebola, many have forgotten that flu season is upon us.

I'm one of those people that rarely get sick so I never thought flu shots were important; but they are. Flu shots cause antibodies to develop in your body about two weeks after you get vaccinated; and these antibodies provide protection against infection. The seasonal flu vaccine that gets pushed on us every year protects us from influenza viruses that researchers think will be most common during the upcoming season. So, why not get a flu shot?

The flu is a serious disease that can lead to hospitalization and sometimes death. Every flu season is different, and influenza infection can affect people differently. Even healthy people can get very sick from the flu and spread it to others. During this time, flu viruses are circulating at higher levels in the U.S. population. A yearly flu vaccine, either the flu shot or the nasal spray flu vaccine, is the best way to reduce the chances that you will get the flu and spread it to others. When more people get vaccinated against the flu, less flu can spread through that community.

Getting a flu shot helps prevent you from getting sick, but it also helps protect others around you who are more vulnerable to catching the flu. According to the CDC, a flu shot study showed that flu vaccination was associated with a 71 percent reduction in flu-related hospitalizations among adults of all ages and a 77 percent reduction among adults 50 years of age and older during the 2011-12 flu season.

If you are looking to get a flu vaccination, you can find them being offered at a great deal of different places. You can get a flu shot at a doctor's office, clinic, health department, pharmacy and the student health center, as well as by many employers, and even in some schools. You can also check out your local Walgreens because they usually offer flu shots. Even if you don't have a regular doctor or nurse, you can get a flu vaccine at one of these places listed above.

Point being that a flu shot doesn't just protect you, it protects others



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Immunizations provide a way of reducing the chance of contracting the flu.

around you and contains the spread of a harmful disease. Everyone should get a flu shot to help keep ECU a safe campus this flu season.

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Ain't She a Woman



Laverne Cox will open up to students and visitors Wednesday night about her decision to transition into womanhood and how this decision has altered her life as a part of her "Ain't I a Woman," tour. WEB PHOTO

Actress and transgender advocate to speak about her life changes

Jessica McGettigan
TEC STAFF

On Wednesday, Laverne Cox, actress and transgender advocate, will visit campus to speak to students about her transition into womanhood on her "Ain't I a Woman," tour.

"We wanted to bring a speaker who represented multiple identities that many different factions of the university could relate to," said Dr. Melissa Haithcox-Dennis, director of Ledonia Wright Cultural Center. "She has not shied away from that as she continued to be an actress, she has continued to embrace the fact that she is a role model and so we respect her for that and we're excited to have her."

Haithcox-Dennis explained that Cox will speak about her transition into womanhood and about the challenges she overcomes on a daily basis as a woman of color in Hollywood.

"The challenges she's now facing as a woman are different from when she was a man," said Haithcox-Dennis. "She helps to demystify [being a transgender]. For her to be open with her character helps people understand that ahead of time."

For those that are unfamiliar with her work, Cox plays Sophia Burset in "Orange Is the New Black."

Cox shares a major similarity with her on-screen persona as they both are transgender women.

Haithcox-Dennis explained that audience members who have seen Cox's role on "Orange Is the New Black," are already kind of familiar with her story, "so that kind of helps break the ice," said Haithcox-Dennis.

Haithcox-Dennis stated that having Cox come to ECU and share her personal story could be extremely valuable to the ECU community.

"Times are changing so I think that people are a little more



Cox plays Sophia Burset on Netflix's "Orange Is the New Black." WEB PHOTO

accepting," said Haithcox-Dennis. "They may not understand everything that goes on within a transgender person but they understand that there is something there that is incongruent."

Cox's stop to ECU is an event that students also believe could benefit the community.

"I think it could be positive because a lot of people are afraid to be themselves because of fear of judgement," said Miesha

Boseman, junior psychology major. "She probably has to deal with judgment every day and still manages to press forward."

"Ain't I a Woman," will be presented to ECU just a few days prior to National Transgender Remembrance Day. Haithcox-Dennis explained that a portion of our campus community identifies with the transgender community.

"A lot of times people will present as the gender that they want so they will call themselves or introduce themselves," said Haithcox-Dennis. "People might be dressing differently or people might have a sex change operation. It's a whole continuum of people who are transitioning or are transgender and once they are changed they become what they feel [and] like what they are."

While the word transgender may seem pretty self-explanatory, Haithcox-Dennis explained that some people may not fully understand what it means to be a transgender.

"We also have several resources, safe zone training and safe zone areas on campus so people can get comfortable with that next step, whether that be to talk to a doctor or talk to a counselor or just to have someone to speak too," she said.

Having Cox visit campus is not only a way to bring the community together, but it also brought the LWCC and the LGBT Resource Office to collaborate with one another.

"We don't want to have [students] leave their ethnicity to go to LGBTRO or have people there have to leave their identity to come to LWCC, so it was a way to breach that gap so people know that we are both safe places," said Haithcox-Dennis.

Cox could not be reached for comment. "Ain't I a Woman," will begin at 7 pm Wednesday night in Wright Auditorium.

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Events to help student health

Kiera Hulel
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

With the holidays rapidly approaching, students are encouraged to become more familiar with healthy holiday habits. Tomorrow, students are invited to Trivia Night: Healthy Holiday Eating to learn more about healthy eating for college students. As another sign-up only event, Cooking 101, will be hosted to teach students healthy recipes.

"Cooking 101 is a program for students on and off campus to learn the basics of cooking," said Brandy Alexander-Daniels, assistant director of Housing Operations. "We want to make sure the food they are preparing is healthy and well balanced."

As well with the holidays coming up, it can be very hard to have a healthy meal to eat.

"Trivia Night: Healthy Holiday Eating," is an event for students to learn more about preventing weight gain, serving sizes, and some cool fun facts about food for the holidays," said senior Campus Wellness intern Ciera Williams.

Both of these events are passport events.

"It is a great way for freshmen/stu-

dents to know how to eat healthy for the rest of their college years," said Williams.

"We hope students get the opportunity to learn how to cook a healthy meal," said Alexander-Daniels. "We want students to know they can make these meals we are preparing in the class themselves."

One of the healthiest, cheapest and easiest meals to make are stir-frys.

"The stir fry will have their proteins, vegetables and grains; it is a very balanced diet meal," said Alexander-Daniels. "Students will not have to break the bank with this meal."

For many college students, healthy isn't always the first word that comes to mind when they are planning a meal.

Williams explained why this information will be useful to students.

"It is very important for students to learn about healthy eating, because it helps them to think a lot more about their health," said Williams. "The information we give is always relatable to the students."

The event is also designed to decrease obesity and improve overall health.

"Eating healthy plays a big role in our life," said Williams. "When we eat healthy, it benefits other factors, such as our stress

level and our physical well-being."

Alexander Daniels said that this is their first time doing this event. They only had 18 spots to see how big this turn out will be. Therefore, this event is not open for all students to attend. Cooking 101 will be tomorrow from 2 until 4 p.m. in the Rivers Building, Golden Corral Culinary Kitchen.

"By showing these 18 students these new cooking ideas we hope they learn new habits, and eventually spread it across campus," said Alexander-Daniels.

Learning new recipes and ways to prepare a meal to support a healthy lifestyle is important, but being able to incorporate these meals into a healthy diet is also a factor.

"We will also have a dietician sit down and talk with the students about the meal they will be eating, such as the nutrients," said Alexander-Daniels.

While Cooking 101 may not be open to all students, trivia night welcomes all who can attend and will provide healthy eating tips.

"What other way to learn about healthy eating during the holidays than

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Ethnic Film Studies to host speaker

Arvanna Smart
FOR EAST CAROLINIAN

Tonight, "A Village Called Versailles" will be playing on campus as a part of the Ethnic Film Studies. The film is about a refugee Vietnamese community in New Orleans that was almost displaced after the government wanted to make their area a toxic waste landfill after Hurricane Katrina. The film circles around their struggles of keeping their village their home.

Attending the film will be guest speaker Tuan Tran, an associate professor in the psychology department at East Carolina University. His research at ECU involves studying rodent models of

neurodevelopmental and neurodegenerative disorders. His main neurodevelopmental disorder that he focuses on is fetal alcohol spectrum disorder. He is examining whether early alcohol exposure in rodents leads to learning deficits.

"I want to provide some insight about the Vietnamese community in general based on my experience," said Tran.

The film is only an example of what the Vietnamese go through when they are in the United States.

"I want to highlight some main points in the movie that are interesting to bring out,"

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MOVIE REVIEW

Interstellar stuns audience to silence



Jessica Richmond
TEC STAFF

I was very young when I saw "Star Wars" for the first time and I've never seen it in theaters (prequels don't count). I never had the experience that those in 1977 experienced as they witnessed "A New Hope" for the first time. After this weekend though, I think I have some idea.

As the credits rolled after "Interstellar," for the first time in my whole movie-going life there was complete silence in the theater. Every member of the audience slowly rose and walked out the door in complete silence. The movie theater's lobby music hauntingly crept across the room as the moviegoers made their way to the door. Everyone's face was in shock and I was there with them. I was thinking, "What do I do now?"

"Interstellar" opened this past weekend to a \$50 million release. Christopher Nolan's masterpiece stars Matthew McConaughey as Cooper, a former engineer and pilot, who is working as a farmer in a future earth dust bowl era. The three hour epic follows his journey with a NASA secret operation to find a new planet for humans. He leaves behind his 10-year-old daughter Murphy and 15-year-old son Tom to be raised by his father-in-law, Don (John Lithgow).

The original treatment of the script was an 8-page composition by theoretical physicist Kip Thorne that made every exotic celestial event accessible to humans. In 2007, Jonathan Nolan (Christopher's brother) was hired by Paramount to write a full-length script based on the treatment.

Christopher Nolan was hired to direct it in 2012 and the Nolan brothers worked closely with Thorne to create a highly scientifically-accurate film. After Thorne's first viewing he said that everything in the film is 100 percent feasible with the exception of one scene, a frozen cloud. Other scientists like astrophysicist Neil deGrasse Tyson are also praising the film.

Christopher Nolan didn't create a science documentary here though, every scene was woven together with emotion. The film's cinematographer Hoyte van Hoytema shot the entirety of the movie on 70mm film that ultimately weighed in at over 600 lbs. The picture it creates is grounded in a reality you won't find in many other films, even when the story takes the audience away from Earth.

McConaughey has the role of a lifetime and for the first time in my life he didn't annoy me. In fact I take back every negative word I ever said about the always-shirtless actor; he was that



WEB PHOTO

McConaughey walks through space in his most recent role as Cooper in the sci-fi adventure.

good in this movie. McConaughey's raw performance as a man losing his fight with time and space was beyond heartbreakingly beautiful.

The Nolan brothers were able to create characters that illustrated the best and worst of humanity and push them to the very bounds of existence. The story pushes the audience to question what survival really means and the lengths humans will go to in order to survive. "Star Wars" stunned audiences because they had never seen such amazing special effects. The newer generations are no longer shocked by CGI creatures or realistic fictional worlds in fact they have come to expect perfection in everything deemed a special effect. "Interstellar" delivers perfect special effects with a powerful and resonating story that ultimately left me amazed.

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GRADE: A+

Program allows for open student discussion

Sara Ataalla
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

The Center for Student Leadership and Engagement is hosting Coffee and Conversations today, a new program at East Carolina University which allows students to come together and discuss current events.

"Coffee and Conversations is free, we talk about topics that may not be discussed on campus," said Robin Akins, event chair of Student Leadership and Engagement.

Akins encourages students to get involved. "This is all about the students. We try to take relevant events going on the world and connect them to student's lives," he said. "It helps students become aware of what's going

on around them." Each meeting discusses a different topic, either in the news or happening on campus. "I have heard of this event before and I know it's for students to talk about current events that are happening or controversial topics," said freshman Allison Burnett. "I think it would be interesting to see the viewpoints from students different from me."

Coffee and Conversations is a way for students to also gain leadership.

"Coffee and conversation started out of the center for Student Leadership and Engagement last year where two of our student leadership assistants wanted to provide an opportunity for students to look at real life scenarios and current

situations that are happening and figure out how leadership is either shown or not shown in those situations," said Wes Hutchins, assistant director of Student Leadership and Engagement.

Some students said they can see how beneficial Coffee and Conversations will be in long run.

"I feel like current events are important because our generation is affected the most in my opinion, and it's important for us to be able to know how we can help be a positive influence on what's going on around us," said senior James Barham. "Plus, it's always interesting to find out about new things because its helps keep our minds stimulated and instinctive."

This event is an open and informal dialogue

for students to share their opinion about the topic discussed.

"Not only does it allow students to take the theoretical concepts of leadership, but it shows them how it is being applied in a real life scenario," said Hutchins.

"It's only an hour long, free coffee and good conversation are provided, sounds really fun and interesting," said freshman Caroline Jones.

Recent topics discussed during the event have been, on how the media influences society and culture, transgender issues, and worldwide topics like the Ukraine crisis.

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playing a trivia game," said Williams. "We are using a different teaching method by interacting with the students by playing a trivia game. There will also be free prizes for everyone."

Williams said that her favorite holiday food is Macaroni and Cheese.

"We are not at all saying you can not have your favorite foods, but to be mindful of what you eat," said Williams. "We want students to eat the right portion sizes."

For those students who were unable to secure a spot in this session of Cooking 101, they plan to host more classes in the future.

"We are working very hard to

come out in a inventive way to reach students," said Alexander-Daniels. "We want students to know that we are here to support them on and off campus. We are going to try to have the Cooking 101 every semester"

Williams also said that the students are open to many resources on campus. We want the students to know that Campus Wellness is here to help them in any way.

Trivia Night: Healthy Holiday Eating will take place tomorrow from 5 until 6 p.m. in the Student Recreation Center, classroom 202. This event is open to all students.

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Tran said.

The name "Versailles" refers to "Versailles Arms Apartment," the New Orleans East public housing project where a tight-knit group of Vietnamese refugees first resettled in 1975. The refugees have left their homes twice, first from North to South Vietnam to escape communist persecution in 1957, and then to New Orleans from the war in 1975.

After Hurricane Katrina, most residents evacuated Versailles, but around 400 stayed behind. They were trapped after the levees broke and residents were then transported to the New Orleans Convention Center, where they dispersed across the country after evacuation.

Six weeks after the flood, the residents were allowed to return to "look and leave," but they did not leave. The group fixed their homes, and then drove back to the west side of the city to sleep on the floor of the church. Shortly after the after the group's return, the Priest called the community to come back for mass. Three hundred attended the first mass, 800 the next Sunday. By the third week, the church extended an invitation to the rest of New Orleans East and packed in 2,200 people. Friends and family financed much of the rebuilding, without help from FEMA. By January 2006, while the rest of New Orleans was just recovering from the shock of the flood, over

half of the Versailles neighborhood has returned.

"What I can do as an overview is provide insight as to the plight of the Vietnamese in general," said Tran.

The showing of this film is to show awareness of the Vietnamese communities throughout the United States after the Vietnam War and their struggles of trying to find their place in the United States as Americans.

The film will be shown tonight at 6 p.m. in room 209 in the Science and Technology building.

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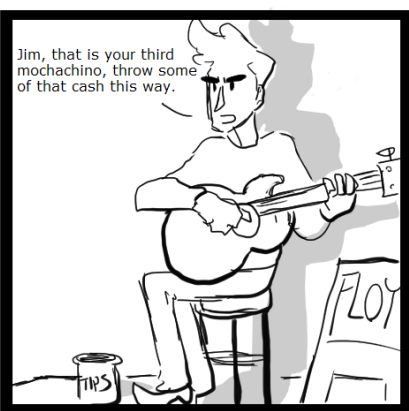
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 - 16 Scientology creator Hubbard
 - 17 Big Bang, to a physicist
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 - 21 What comes before beauty?
 - 22 ___-weensy
 - 23 Show stopper
 - 27 Greeter and seater
 - 30 Frozen drink brand
 - 31 Started the pot
 - 32 Commercial suffix with Motor
 - 33 Pop's favorite root beer?
 - 37 Old man's place, in Hemingway
 - 38 One of two gridiron borders, and what the last words of 17-, 23-, 52- and 62-
 - 42 Sock part
 - 43 Hair line
 - 45 Aegean island
 - 46 Beachcomber's beat
 - 48 Selma or Patty, to Bart
 - 50 One of the 3-Down
 - 52 Like some August sales
 - 56 Cop ___: bargain in court
 - 57 Actor McKellen
 - 58 Partners of cons
 - 62 Alabama Slammer liqueur
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McNeill adjusts to officiating

Josh Graham
TEC STAFF

Ruffin McNeill has been in the coaching profession for a long time now. Thirty-five years to be exact, which features stops at 10 different collegiate programs and North Carolina's Lumberton High School.

However, the fifth-year ECU head coach acknowledged a growing trend of more penalties being called that is affecting football teams at all levels and forcing McNeill to adjust the way he has taught the game for upwards of three decades.

"You wouldn't think so when the year before you don't have as many," said McNeill, referencing ECU's 10th place finish in fewest penalties last season. But 2014 has been a far different story.

The Pirates (6-2, 3-1 American Athletic Conference) have committed 74 penalties so far this season, which rank them third to last in FBS—only trailing Baylor and Oregon State—with an average of 9.3 flags per game, and according to McNeill, the American has called more penalties than any other conference in the country.

In order to address his team's penalty problems, McNeill has exercised several resources during last week's open date, which followed ECU's disappointing, penalty-laced defeat at Temple.

NCAA referees were brought in to the Cliff Moore Practice Com-



ECU Head Coach Ruffin McNeill discusses officiating with a referee during ECU's 20-10 loss at Temple in Philadelphia.

plex to work with the Pirates during practice and answer any questions the coaches and players may have about what they are looking for when officiating games.

For instance, McNeill noticed more holding flags being thrown by the American's recently introduced eighth official, who is positioned

behind the line of scrimmage. McNeill said—from a technical standpoint—officials are looking for more foot movement from offensive linemen in order for them to establish a clear inside body position on defensive players. When that doesn't happen, a yellow flag will likely emerge.

McNeill also reached out to other prominent coaches across the country that are dealing with similar issues, including UCLA's Jim Mora and Baylor's Art Briles, to see if he can find some more answers.

"It's not just here in Greenville. It's in California, and it's in Waco [Texas] and different places,"

McNeill said of the spike in penalties in college football. "I'm not sure if it's just the high-paced teams or what. So whatever it is, we'll have to adjust."

In addition to addressing penalties, ECU is also preparing this week for another potential problem: the weather. Weather conditions in Cincinnati, where the Pirates will face Tommy Tuberville's Bearcats Thursday night, are expected to feature freezing temperatures with a small chance for rain.

"The last time we had a cold game... was at the Military Bowl (in 2010) up in Washington, D.C.," said McNeill. "We haven't pulled out cold gear here in a long time, so we are prepared for that."

Mother Nature was key contributing factor in ECU's loss in Philadelphia 10 days ago. The Pirates fumbled seven times—losing five of them—and McNeill admitted during his weekly news conference Monday that the rain "surprised" his team.

Despite the Pirates' most recent result, McNeill said ball security wasn't among his concerns. He reminded reporters that the team had just nine turnovers prior to that game.

As for simulating the cold weather, McNeill said the only way he could do that in Greenville was if he got the Pirates to "practice in a refrigerator."

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Punter Gregory turning heads



Punter Worth Gregory (40) prepares to get a kick away against Temple.

Jesse Deal
TEC STAFF

More than halfway into his debut season playing with the Pirates, ECU punter and holder Worth Gregory has made it obvious why Alabama Head Coach Nick Saban recruited him out of high school.

The 6-foot-3, 215-pound sophomore from Fort Mill, S.C., currently leads the American Athletic Conference with an average punt distance of 45.5 yards from 27 punts for 1229 yards. In addition, his average punt yardage ranks ninth in the nation out of qualified players—not too shabby for someone who started punting only four years ago.

"I played receiver and safety for all four years and played basketball too," said Gregory, reflecting on his time at Fort Mill High School. "I didn't really start punting until my junior year when we needed one for my school. That's when I really started getting into it."

After being rated as one of the best high school punters in South Carolina, Gregory joined the Crimson Tide as a walk-on in 2012 and was subsequently redshirted. Alabama went on to defeat Notre Dame in the BCS National Championship Game and Gregory earned a championship ring for his efforts on the scout team. Despite being a member of the top team in the country, Gregory needed a change of scenery and soon set his sights on Greenville.

"It was the atmosphere that brought me here," said Gregory. "Coach Ruff is a great guy and the minute my mom saw him and met him, she was sold right away. I knew that's where I had to go."

Gregory enrolled at ECU in 2013 but NCAA transfer rules forced him out of competition for the season. This gave him time to study under former Pirate punter Trent Tignor, who was ranked No. 29 in the country with an average punt

distance of 42.75 yards from 65 punts last year.

"With great guys like Trent Tignor and Charlie Coggins, it was a very easy transition and they were able to help me out," Gregory said.

Coggins, a senior deep snapper, says that the appreciation is mutual.

"Just as far as leg strength, explosiveness and hang time, he's one of the best I've ever been around," he said on Gregory. "We're great friends outside the team so that helps our bond a lot too."

Gregory also received praise and advice from ECU special teams coordinator and running backs coach Kirk Doll.

"He had a whole year to transition and he got to know the system," said Doll. "We've put a lot on him in terms of the fact that he's not only punting for us but he's holding. That's an art in itself so there's been a learning curve there."

Doll joked about having to control Gregory's immense leg strength.

"We always just ask him to make a common kick and he's always trying to get the 70-yarder. Just kick it up there with some hang time and let us cover."

Gregory ultimately says that his move from Tuscaloosa, Ala., to Greenville was the right decision for him.

"I love ECU because you don't really get judged here," he said. "There are a lot of different kids from different areas and it's much more welcoming. There's no place I'd rather be. It's a lot different than Alabama but you'd be surprised. These are some of the most loyal fans I've ever seen."

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CALENDAR

TAKEAWAYS

WOMEN'S SOCCER

The Lady Pirates ended their season with a 3-0 loss to USF in the AAC semi-final. Their overall record was 12-8-1.

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

The Pirates split their weekend in conference with a 3-2 loss to Houston and a 3-0 win over Tulane.

CROSS COUNTRY

The men's team finished second at the Triple Stripe Invitational last weekend. Jorge Montes won the event and broke the school's 5K record (14:58.19).

CHARLOTTE HORNETS

The Hornets dropped a 107-92 decision to the Lakers Sunday night. They are now 3-4 on the season.

SWIMMING/DIVING

The men and women's teams split the weekend against College of Charleston and South Carolina. The Pirates topped the Cougars and fell to the Gamecocks in Columbia, S.C.

CAROLINA HURRICANES

The Hurricanes split the weekend in two overtime games. Friday, they beat the Blue Jackets, 3-2 before a 4-3 loss to the Capitals on Sunday.

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ECU ends fall with scrimmage

Baseball holds annual Purple-Gold World Series over weekend



Pitcher and outfielder Jimmy Boyd slides head first into third base. Boyd earned MVP of the Purple-Gold World Series.

Tyler Kelbaugh
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

This weekend, playing through brisk temperatures, Hunter Allen's Gold team defeated Reid Love's Purple team two games to one in the annual inter-squad Purple and Gold World Series.

Temperatures in the high forties weren't enough to cool off junior outfielder Jimmy Boyd, who in his first season with the team earned Series MVP honors.

"We had a lot of energy as a team," said Boyd. "Energy is contagious. We come out to practice everyday and we work hard. Hard work translates to the game."

Boyd went 4-for-9 in the series, knocking in two RBI and scoring 4 runs. In the final game of the series, with Gold leading 2-0, Boyd came in from the outfield to pitch and retired all eight batters he faced.

"I'm looking for Jimmy to keep playing aggressively," said manager Cliff Godwin. "The best thing about Jimmy Boyd is that he's not scared. He gets out and competes."

Game one of the series was anything but competitive, with Gold team winning, 16-6.

Both teams played sloppy baseball, each making two errors that allowed runs to score.

"We have to play better defense," said starting pitcher Reid Love. "We played good enough offensively to win the ballgame but didn't play very good defense and we didn't pitch very well. You need two out of three to win."

The following night Love's team responded well, rallying in the fifth

inning behind third baseman Jackson Mims go-ahead bases clearing double in order to win the game, 6-4 and tie the series at one win apiece.

"I was fortunate to get a big hit like that," said Mims. "I didn't realize at the moment because the games are (shortened) that we were in the fifth inning."

In the series finale, errors again cost the Purple team a critical run. Gold team starting pitcher Joe Ingle threw three and a third innings, allowing just two hits and two walks.

When he handed the ball off to Boyd in the fourth, up 2-0, the series was in hand.

"The people who lost are going to have to run a mile," Boyd said with a laugh. "That right there is enough to get me jumping for joy."

Allen, also excited about avoiding the mile run, said his team played well despite some nervousness.

"I think in the last two games we've settled down defensively," said the senior shortstop. "Pitchers pounded the zone like we know they can."

Coach Cliff Godwin said the biggest take away from the series wasn't anything found on a stat sheet.

"The best team doesn't always win," said Godwin. "The team that plays the best wins. We're not going to be the most talented team when the season opens up. Virginia is going to be more talented than we are. But that doesn't mean we can't win."

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ECU splits weekend



Freshman Ashton Mares makes a spike attempt in a game earlier this season. Mares logged 19 kills in Friday's loss to Houston.

Volleyball sweeps Tulane, falls to Houston

Corey Keenan
TEC STAFF

The Lady Pirates' volleyball team split two games this weekend and split the season series with Houston and Tulane Friday and Sunday, respectively.

The split weekend kept the Pirates' overall record at .500 (12-12). They also moved to 4-10 in conference, placing them ninth in the rankings.

Head Coach Julie Torbett and her Lady Pirates suffered a loss on Friday against Houston (13-13, 5-9) in grueling fashion. The five set match ended with the Cougars on top, 3-2.

In each of the first four sets, both teams notched 20-plus points. The Pirates dropped the first set 25-23 before taking the next two sets by the same score. In the fourth set, the Pirates surrendered the lead late in the set and lost 25-21. In the final set, ECU could not settle in and lost 15-9.

The Lady Pirates took down Houston on the road early in October, but Houston evened the series with the win. Torbett felt that her team should have won the match, but failed to capitalize on openings.

"We really should have gotten the first set, then we wouldn't be in this situation, then we were up some in the fourth set and we dropped that one," said Torbett. "We had plenty of opportunities to put this match away and we just didn't do it."

Ashton Mares and Sydney Darden each recorded a double-double as Mares picked up 19 kills with 13 digs. Darden logged 16 kills and 18 digs. Erika Figueroa registered the second highest single game mark in ECU history with 33 digs.

Sunday's match was much more uplifting for the Pirates as they swept Tulane. This was just the second time in the program's history it knocked off Tulane.

The Pirates swept Tulane 3-0, a far cry from their 3-1 loss in October. In the final set, the Lady Pirates dominated the Green Wave to the tune of 25-13. The first two sets went to the Pirates, 25-22 in each. The Pirates had an attack percentage over .300 in the second and third sets.

The Pirates continued their strong net play of the season with 16 team blocks over the weekend.

"We didn't have to rely on our middle [hitters] as much because of Sydney and Ashton's games offensively," said Torbett. "They are both really capable, Natalie [Montini] and Ashley [McRae] and I thought they both had really good games. It was just a really good overall game for our team."

Moving forward, Torbett will look for her team to cut down their service errors, which they had eight of against Tulane.

"Each time, we would just miss one then miss a couple, and we don't need again against a team like this," said Torbett. "We needed to keep the ball in and control the tempo. Those are points you just don't want to give away to the other team."

Torbett will look to get experience for some of her players that don't traditionally get time today. The Pirates will travel to Maryland to take on Maryland Eastern Shore, who they swept in late October.

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Soccer season ends with loss in semi-finals

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ECU's women's soccer team faced USF in the American Conference Tournament semifinals Friday night as the Pirates came into the game hunting for its first American title in any sport. But USF took ECU out of the races by defeating the Pirates in a dominating, 3-0 match.



Erika Lennox

she wanted to leave everything on the field. Lennox had a game-high nine saves and only allowed three goals. On the offensive side, sophomore Lana Spitzer and freshman Danielle Eule had two shots apiece.

USF struck first and scored in the 28th minute of the game. The Bulls controlled the possession in the first half and soon earned a corner kick. The kick was passed in to Cristina Ferral who crossed it over to Jackie Simpson. Once it got to Simpson, she gracefully headed the shot into the right corner of the net.

The Bulls continued to go on the attack in the first half with two more shots following the first score of the game. The Pirates had a chance to score the equalizer before the half came to an end. With two minutes left in the first half, Lexi Herring pushed the ball into USF's goal box but the attempt was broken up by the goalie Katarina Elliot.

It was obvious the game was starting to slip away from the underdog Pirates by looking at the stat line.

USF out-shot ECU, 13-2 in just the first period. They also had the advantage in corner kicks, 3-2. ECU had more saves in the beginning because USF was on the attack throughout the match. One thing ECU did not lack was aggression. The Pirates accumulated a whopping seven fouls in the first period.

The excessive fouling soon came to hurt the Pirates in the second half. While USF came down the field looking to score they drew a foul in ECU's goal box. The foul led to a USF penalty kick in the 47th minute. Demi Stokes took the penalty kick for the Bulls and scored their second goal of the game.

Leading 2-0 and on the hunt for another goal, South Florida charged again to score its third goal of the game. In the 60th minute Jessica Clark soared a cross from the top left corner of the goal box, up and over the ECU's goalie to net the shot in the right pocket of the goal. The goal sealed South Florida's victory in the semifinals.

The Lady Pirates received three corner kicks in the last 15 minutes of the match. But once again, USF cut ECU's attack short, completing the shut out.

The Bulls went on to claim their sixth straight victory. USF outshot ECU, 24-8, even though ECU led in corner kicks 6-5. The Bulls had the upper hand the entire game. ECU (12-8-1) is now out of the American Athletic Conference tournament, while USF (13-6-1) advanced to the championship and lost to the 4th-seeded UConn Huskies.

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