



ECU remembers MLK

Pirates, community serve during holiday

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TEC STAFF

East Carolina University students used their day off to honor Martin Luther King Jr.'s life through Martin Luther King Jr. National Day of Service.

"Dr. King had a vision of communities working together to serve each other," said Jade Umberger, an Americorps volunteer. "His wife, Coretta Scott-King, actually said that his biggest wish was for his legacy to live on and people to give back by doing individual acts of service."

As a part of Americorps VISTA, Umberger, along with Lizzie Shepard, help plan national days of service, such as the MLK day for ECU students.

"Part of our job is through

the Corporation of National and Community Service which also puts on MLK day," Umberger said. "What we have going on is just in Pitt County, but there are thousands of Americans all over the United States doing service along with us."

According to Umberger, there are 10 community organizations that ECU students, faculty and staff were being sent to.

The event started yesterday at 9 a.m. with an opening ceremony that included breakfast at the Ledonia Wright Cultural Center. The opening celebration continued in Mendenhall Great Rooms where Alpha Phi Alpha shared a presentation followed by a speech by Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs Virginia Hardy. After the ceremony, students went to their

assigned volunteer sites until 2:30 p.m. The different sites for MLK day were service to youth, environmental, hunger, senior care and housing issues.

"A Time for Science is the name of my site," said Roderick Hall, ECU student coordinator. "There, we help with land clearing, beautification of the grounds and collecting nature items for nature arts children's program."

As student coordinators, it is their duty to lead the national days of service held on campus. There are three in an academic school year, according to Hall.

After the day of service, students reunited at Mendenhall Great Rooms for the closing ceremony and celebrated with refreshments. A brief reflection activity followed the reception.

Umberger said the goal of the activity was to have students thinking about what they are doing as an active citizen so they can be better involved in the community.

"Ever since I've gotten to college, volunteering has helped me figure out what I want to do in life," said Hall. "It's been a great way to help me get outside of my comfort zone and do things I'd never thought I'd do before."

Hall said this day showcases King's legacy and what he stood for by allowing students to work together for a common cause despite their differences.

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Students, faculty, staff and community members from Stop Hunger Now fill grocery bags for people in need in Greenville and Pitt County.

Title IX policy draws national conversation

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East Carolina University's new Interim Regulation on Sexual and Gender-Based Harassment and Other Forms of Interpersonal Violence has received nation-wide attention for its new sexual battery category.

The interim policy, which went into effect on Jan. 1, updated ECU's nondiscrimination and Title IX policies by adding the new category. The policy defines sexual battery, "however slight" it may be, as "the intentional or attempted sexual touching of another person's clothed or unclothed body, including but not limited to the mouth, neck, buttocks, anus, genitalia, or breast, by another with any part of the body or any object in a sexual manner without their consent."

The decision to include neck touching in the description of sexual battery has raised some questions from students, as well as online media sites such as The College Fix and The National Review.

ECU Director for News Services Jeannine Hutson said there have been some inaccuracies in the online reports about the interim policy.

She said the key aspects of that definition are the presence of consent and the sexual nature of the contact.

The regulation does not prohibit consensual touching of any kind, said Hutson. However, it provides examples that could constitute unwanted, non-consensual physical contact of a sexual nature.

Under the new policy, if an act of touching is not consented to, and was of a sexual nature, then that act could possibly constitute as battery.

Hutson said the purpose of this is to ensure that no one is subjected to nonconsensual sexual contact and that consent is active and mutually understood. Each case is evaluated on the facts presented.

It is to be noted that there isn't a specific reason the policy added neck touching but according to a statement made by the Office for Equality and Diversity, ECU continually evaluates its policies and procedures in this area to

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Uptown Greenville enjoys economic boost

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Representatives from Uptown Greenville discussed the successes, pitfalls and changes of 2015 along with what's to come in the year ahead during last week's Greenville City Council meeting.

In 2015, \$394 million was invested in the Uptown district. Also, 24 new businesses opened in the area and over 90 jobs were created. Uptown generated \$115 million over the course of the year, with help from over 700 volunteers.

Truly Yours Boutique, Dickinson Avenue Public House, and Trollingwood Taproom and Brewery are among the many new businesses that opened in 2015.

Greenville's "love local" sticker campaign was launched in 2015. Stickers were passed out and available for purchase at Uptown locations to promote the city of Greenville.

President and CEO of Uptown Greenville Bianca Shoneman is enthusiastic about the future of Greenville.

"This year we're aiming for the renovation of the downtown theater. We also hope to bring in or announce a hotel, and we'd like to do some

fundraising for a downtown master plan, which would help provide future development for the city," Shoneman said.

Also coming in February is a new city wide initiative, For the Love of Greenville. For the Love of Greenville is a community-planning workshop all about how to fall in love with your city, the economic benefits to emotional engagement and how to engage your citizens as development resources. Citizens are encouraged to come out and voice their ideas about how to make Greenville a better place. The community workshop will last approximately three hours, and tickets must be purchased for this event as well.

"I'm mostly looking forward to For the Love of Greenville community planning workshop," Shoneman said. "I think it's a unique way to reconnect the Greenville residents with the revitalization of the great city."

Junior hospitality management major Hannah Neale has been working in the Uptown district for two years.

"Working in this area has been a huge bonus because of the location and all of the known places to go it's



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Truly Yours, on Evans Street, is one of the many new local businesses that has added to Uptown Greenville's appeal.

been very easy to make good money as a student," Neale said.

Neale has seen the changes in the Uptown district first hand while she's been a student at ECU.

"The most that I've noticed with the changing of Uptown is bringing in new small businesses and the large parking garage. I really like how close and convenient the Uptown area is to

campus. It makes it easily accessible to students," Neale said.

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New art exhibition hits campus Jan. 21

East Carolina University School of Art and Design alumnus David Dodge Lewis and collaborator Ephriam Rubenstein plan to bring a new art technique to ECU's Wellington B. Gray Art Gallery for exhibition and discussion beginning Jan. 21.

"The Quickening Image: The Wax-Resist Drawings of David Dodge Lewis and Ephriam Rubenstein/A Twenty Year Collaboration," will be on exhibit in the gallery from Jan. 21 through Feb. 19. There will also be a public artist talk in Speight Auditorium in the School of Art on Jan. 21 at 5 p.m.

Ballard and Massey to speak at luncheon

East Carolina University Chancellor Steve Ballard and Pitt Community College President Dennis Massey will speak at the Greenville-Pitt County Chamber of Commerce's Power Luncheon today. They will speak about the importance of the Connect NC bond to eastern North Carolina and higher education.

The \$2 billion Connect NC bond package will be on the March 15 primary ballot. If it passes, ECU would receive \$90 million to build a new life sciences and biotechnology building. PCC would receive \$8.3 million for new construction, and renovations.

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Traffic runs through a Fifth Street intersection. Motorist and pedestrian safety is on the agenda for GPD.

Holtzman presents 2016 plan to council

Matthew Prensky
TEC STAFF

Last week Greenville Chief of Police Mark Holtzman presented the city council with the final overall crime statistics for 2015 and overviewed what the department's goals are for the new year.

In the coming year the department wants to continue to build community trust, raise awareness about pedestrian safety and working on fair and unbiased policing.

According to the GPD, compared to 2014, the number of aggravated assaults, homicides and rapes went up. The number of reported rapes in 2015 jumped almost three times from the amount reported in 2014. Both homicides and aggravated assaults jumped too, but not to the same extent.

"We did see an increase in our violent crime, part due to the rapes reported. We encourage reporting," said Holtzman.

He went on to say that the department did not see any repeat offenders committing rape and that attacks all appeared to be between people who knew each other.

As violent crime rose in 2015, property related crime, such as burglary or auto theft did fall by double digit percentages. Along with the drop in property crime in 2015, the department has seen an overall drop in crime over the last 10 years.

According to the GPD, there has been a continuing decrease in overall property crime since 2006. The number of incidents regarding violent crime has dropped, but not at the same rate.

"From a larceny standpoint, we were struggling. But a 10 percent drop — that's

significant," said Mayor Allen Thomas.

Implemented in 2015, Greenville Police partnered with local businesses in order to prevent larceny and cut down on product losses. This initiative resulted in an eight percent drop in larceny from large retail stores and about 30 individuals were charged with habitual larceny, which after the third offence becomes a felony.

Looking forward into 2016, the GPD will look to further protect pedestrians. According to the North Carolina Department of Transportation, Greenville has seen numerous vehicle accidents involving pedestrians. Between 2014 and 2015, pedestrian related accidents jumped 40 percent. As a result, GPD is working with the NCDOT on better ways to protect pedestrians. The department is also looking into the strength of jaywalking laws in Greenville and expanding its educational programs regarding pedestrian safety.

Along with pedestrian safety, the department is working to strengthen community ties through continuing training of unbiased policing and having police officers build relationships with locals. GPD hopes that as officers build relationships with people living in the community, it will improve the safety.

In the coming months, GPD will be developing its next strategic plan. It will host three different public events in order to get community input on issues facing Greenville. Development of this new strategic plan will begin in March.

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Drug offenses increase near ECU campus

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Since the beginning of this year, drug related crime has been stepping closer to the main campus of East Carolina University.

According to the Greenville Police Department, since Jan. 1, there have been 18 drug related crimes within two miles of main campus. Of the 18 recent cases, the majority consists of crimes related to drug paraphernalia.

"This is an area we take very seriously," said Greenville Police Department Public Information Officer Kristen Hunter.

Beginning last year, Greenville Police equipped each police officer with a life-saving antidote. The Greenville Police Department began using Narcan after the department observed a concerning jump in heroin and other dangerous drugs. GPD believes equipping each officer with Narcan will help give more overdose victims the chance of surviving.

According to the FDA, Narcan is an emergency treatment for opioid overdoses. It is meant to partially or completely reverse the effects of an opioid overdose.

"In March of last year, we responded to a rash of heroin overdoses. Six separate people overdosed within a 24-hour time span. All six of those individuals were saved through the use of Narcan," said Hunter.

The drug Narcan was made for opioid overdoses, and according to the GPD, it does not harm the victim when being used for other overdose situations.

According to the United States Drug Enforcement Administration, heroin use is on the rise and becoming a concern. Greenville is seeing the same trend. Since the year began, there have been multiple cases for heroin-related offenses in the area surrounding City Hall.

The GPD has handled various encounters with heroin around the center of the city. Specifically, three cases currently under investigation, involving the selling or distribution of heroin. According to the GPD case reports, each case occurred at the same location, downtown, and included heroin.

The ECU and the GPD work closely in order to protect the community against drugs. Both departments are members of the Greenville Regional Drug Task Force. This task force fight drugs around eastern North Carolina. This partnership between the ECU Police Department, GPD and half a dozen other local jurisdictions target drug related crime in order to keep drugs off the streets.

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ensure compliance with state and federal regulations as well as emerging best practices.

Hutson said the new regulation is to ensure that ECU provides a safe, secure learning environment to students, faculty and staff and to the safety and well-being of each member of the campus community, including the prevention of sexual violence against both women and men.

Hutson said the interim Sexual and Gender-Based Harassment/Interpersonal Violence regulation furthers that commitment and incorporates

nationally recognized practices into our campus regulations.

"The new policies were developed as part of ECU's continuous commitment to strengthen safety policies," said Hutson, "as well as our ongoing efforts to ensure compliance with state and federal regulations."

Chancellor Steve Ballard approved The Interim Sexual and Gender Based Harassment and Interpersonal Violence regulation on Dec. 16 of last year. Students and faculty were informed of the changes to the non discrimination and Title IX policies with a campus wide email on Dec. 18.

"In January we are communicating with students as they return from

the holiday break with informational emails and plan specific student-targeted messaging through our campus wide LCD screens," said Hutson. "That messaging will also reach staff and faculty and will be shared with all audiences using social media. We are evaluating additional educational outreach as well."

As this policy is an interim regulation, it will undergo a comprehensive campus vetting process during the spring semester and will be revised as necessary.

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PIRATE RANTS

I guess my expectations were too high after last year but the paper this year is pretty lame in comparison

To anyone who argues against projecting military might overseas, take a look at what's happening in the Nordic countries. YOU DO NOT WANT THAT TO HAPPEN HERE.

Someone accidentally sent an email to over 2000 recipients. 56 of the recipients were stupid enough to hit 'reply all' to tell people not to reply to all. These 56 fools should think long and hard about their stupidity. Maybe we should name and shame them.

*Oregon. Maybe if you actually spelled something right, somebody would take you and your "movement" seriously.

Next time you're trying to make sure everything is about race, make sure you spell "Oregon" correctly. You have died of dysentery.

Dear ECU, why does it seem like the Internet connection on campus is getting slower every semester? Fix it.

Seriously, TEC? You print two racist Pirate Rants in one issue. Do you really not understand journalistic integrity? Do better. That goes for whoever your faculty advisor is too.

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

Our view

Yesterday, Martin Luther King Jr. Day was celebrated nationwide to commemorate the life, service and impact of King and the civil rights movement. On the same day that we honor the actions of a fight that began in the 1950's, Spike Lee and Jada Pinkett Smith announced they will boycott the 2016 Academy Awards after a perceived lack of diversity in the nomination field. Lee posted his announcement on Instagram while using the hashtag "#OscarsSoWhite." According to a 2012 study conducted by the Los Angeles Times, 94 percent of the academy is white, 77 percent males and 86 percent age 50 or older. Over the past few years, the Oscars have been under scrutiny for failing to honor the work of minority leaders in Hollywood.

King sets example for Oscars protesters

Chris Rock will be hosting the Oscars for the second time in his career and called the event the "White BET Awards". Though Rock will not back out of his commitment, he can still make a change through his presence at the award show. We as an editorial staff believe that the actions of Rock, Smith and Lee aptly represent the preachings of King. Instead of attempting to incite violence, these leaders are using their star power to get people talking about a very real problem. Fighting the racism that is so deeply ingrained into our society is no easy task, but the positive and peaceful approach taken by these stars is far more effective than the violent outbursts seen in places like Ferguson, Missouri. King proved that to be true nearly a half century ago.

Letter from the opinion editor



Tyler Kelbaugh
TEC COLUMNIST

FROM THE OPINION DESK

My name is Tyler Kelbaugh, and I am the opinion editor at The East Carolinian. Every issue, the opinion page works to entertain and inform East Carolina University with diverse takes on the problems students and society at large face. We are currently looking for ECU students, specifically those who are passionate about the issues our generation faces, to write bi-weekly columns to be published in the paper.

Opinion writing is a great way to express your opinion to 32,000 Pirates, both students and faculty. While TEC opinion columnists do not need to go through the same process required to be a staff writer, we do expect columnists to write well-researched and informative pieces. Any respectful view, regardless of the topic, is highly valued. As the opinion editor, I want a diverse pool of viewpoints. Consistently writing columns can dramatically improve one's writing style. While writing for TEC, aspiring writers will learn how to write concise and poignant articles in a way that reaches their target audience. You'll be working alongside a dedicated team that genuinely wants to see you

improve, and the experience you gain will be valuable to any future writing ventures. Writers are in high demand, but I'm also looking for gifted artists with strong opinions. If you are an artist interested in drawing cartoons for the page, contact us. Again, any pertinent topic to today's society is fair game. Your work could be featured prominently on our page. If you are interested in seeing your opinion represented in TEC through a regular column or cartoon, e-mail me at opinion@theeastcarolinian.com.

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Obama proves success in address



Joseph Perez
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A CUP OF JOE

Last Tuesday, President Obama took the stage to deliver his final State of the Union address to the country he has spent the last eight years serving. While his speech was not the most rousing, exciting or even inspiring address he has given, it seemed to reflect his presidency. Despite unwarranted criticism and opposition, the State of the Union showed just how far America has come under Obama's leadership. Many have criticized Obama's address, claiming that he used the time on stage as a personal platform to discuss what he accomplished in office as president rather than informing Americans what the current state of our country is. However, it is important to grasp exactly what President Obama accomplished while in office to grasp the true nature of our country today.

He entered the office in 2008 with an economy falling to pieces. The war on terrorism had reached its seventh year, and Americans were losing their jobs as well as their faith in the government. War fatigue, a recession being labeled as the next Great Depression and frustration with seemingly incompetent officials seized the citizenry. Promising change, Obama swore to combat unemployment, create a national healthcare system and promote green energy to fight climate change. Since 2008, America had its fastest growing economy since 1999, and its unemployment rates have dropped down to 5 percent. Thanks to comprehensive reform pushed by the President, more Americans are insured than ever before. The nation's energy sectors are making changes to finally go green. The United States now generates 30 times more solar power than it did in 2008. Numerous other positive changes have been made, spearheaded usually not by a divided congress but by our com-



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Obama speaks to the nation, highlighting the many successes of his highly combative presidency.

mander in chief. When Obama took office in 2008, he promised what all candidates promise, to make changes, to fix America's problems and make us a great as we can be. The numbers show that the president did an admirable job fulfilling those promises. His State of the Union speech on Tuesday did exactly what it was intended to do; it informed Americans that those crises Obama inherited have been resolved. Now we once again have the hope and resources to make America even greater. The President urged that the people use this progress as momentum to fix the challenges that still face us. He spoke a lot about the growing importance of unity as Americans while approaching the nation's problems now and in the future. He championed an end to the political, racial and religious schisms that divide our country. The President stressed that his successor be carefully picked, lest Americans undo the progress he fought for eight years to achieve. This, along with his justified call for voters to

shun "hate politics" that target people's race or religion and candidates that lead through anger and anxiety, were obvious shots at the Republican Party and more specifically Donald Trump. Obama made it clear that he thought having a republican in the White House during the next term would undo eight years of work. Perhaps this is where some people find it necessary to say that he used this address to talk not about the conditions of our country but to press a political agenda. I see this as an attempt by the President to one more time remind America of how close the nation stands to a fork in the road after years of hiking to get back onto the trail once again. Our country, in order to remain unified, in order to keep our feeling of hope, best be certain of which trail we take so that we do not find ourselves off of the path of progress once again. Joseph Perez is a junior majoring in recreation and park management and a TEC columnist. To contact him, email opinion@theeastcarolinian.com.

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BLOWDRY SALON



Hair stylist Matt Holder opened up Greenville's first specialty beauty salon located in the Uptown district. Matt Holder BlowDry offers customers a style and blow dry experience for \$40.

Unique hair salon opens in Greenville

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In many big cities like New York and Los Angeles, blow dry-only salons have become a popular trend in the past few years for women who want to have that fresh-out of the salon feel at a cheaper price. This beauty business has finally made its way down to Greenville.

"No cuts. No color. We only do one thing: we do blow-dries," said hairstylist, Matt Holder who recently opened Matt Holder BlowDry in Uptown Greenville. "We're kind of like that restaurant that serves one thing and serves it really well."

Holder opened Matt Holder BlowDry back in November but explained that the new year makes it feel like they just opened

doors yesterday.

"Coming back this first week for school, it is our first time to have exposure to students. The location here in Greenville is really geared towards the student population," said Holder.

Salons like Matt Holder Blowdry specialize in "blowouts" where style and wash is specialized as an affordable luxury. When compared to going to a regular hair salon, blow-dry only salons can offer a cheaper expense for a hairstyle.

"I think blow-dry salons are something that is becoming more of a necessity. College students look for these types services at a better price," said Holder.

Holder opened the salon with the focus for not only offering specialized hairstyling services to Greenville, but an opportunity

for stylists around Greenville to work specifically with just cut and style.

"One of the things we are doing here that makes us unique from any other blow-dry salon in the country is that we are not hiring hairdressers that don't have jobs at other places," said Holder.

"What we do is we hire a cross-section of hairdressers from all over Greenville that use the salon to get extra training and meet new clients."

Blowout salons offer a variety of hairstyles to choose for any occasion such as a wedding, an interview or a social.

"We offer everything that has to do with hairstyles," said Holder. "We do everything from flat-straight hair to big Carolina-curly and everything in between."

Holder said the purpose of the

salon is not just to get your hair done professionally, but to walk out feeling and looking great.

"It's not just for the style. It really is about how people are treated here," said Holder. "People will be treated here like a Beverly Hills salon without the Beverly Hills price."

Holder said blowout salons offer the luxury for women to walk-in and relax while getting a great, long-lasting hairdo. He compared the blowout to someone going to the spa just for a massage.

"It is more about the feeling than the end result," said Holder.

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COLUMN

2016 Oscar nominations spark outrage


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Nominations for the biggest film event of the year were just released and the world is abuzz with predictions for the 2016 Academy Awards.

This past year was filled with plenty of strong contenders including survivalist films, biopics and sci-fi movies. Some of Hollywood's most loved actors and actresses will be found on the red carpet on the night of Feb. 28, but the question is, who will win and who will be going home empty-handed?

Michael Tierno, associate professor of film and media production in the School of Art and Design, said this year's Oscars will be great to watch because of the controversy surrounding some of the nominations.

One of the main controversies surrounding the Oscars this year, as well as previous years, is the lack of minority representation throughout the nominees. It mainly comes down to the fact that Hollywood is dominated by dollar figures.

"The main reason these films are chosen is based on what will be



Director Alejandro G. Inarritu and the cast of "Birdman" accept an Academy Award for Best Picture at the 2015 Oscars.

financially successful," said Tierno. "It's unfortunate... They have a right to feel slighted."

"Star Wars" fans are also up in arms because of the apparent snub "Star Wars: The Force Awakens" received in this year's nominations. "Star Wars: The Force Awakens" has broken box-office records, yet only managed to gain nominations for smaller categories including music, editing, sound and special effects.

Being a large production, sci-fi movie could be the hindrance for "Star Wars" not getting more nominations since action movies have a stigma for not being as "serious" as other Oscar nominees.

"It could have been perceived

as purely entertainment as part of a franchise," said Tierno. "Maybe it came out too late. I don't know why it didn't get nominated [more]."

Aside from all of the controversy surrounding the Oscars, this year will certainly prove to be one for the record books.

"The Revenant" is one of the most talked about films going into the Oscars. The survivalist movie, starring Leonardo DiCaprio, features brutal, heart-stopping scenes, including one where DiCaprio guts a horse to stay warm in the below freezing temperatures.

Nominated for cinematography, best director, best lead actor, best supporting actor and best movie,

"The Revenant" is surely the movie to beat.

"['The Revenant'] was shot with available light, which means they didn't bring in any artificial light," said Tierno. "My gut feeling is 'The Revenant'."

There is one question surrounding "The Revenant" and DiCaprio on everyone's mind going into the Oscars: will DiCaprio finally win an Oscar?

"[Leonardo DiCaprio] absolutely has a chance to win," said Tierno. "Media [has a way] of telegraphing what is likely to happen."

For the best leading actor category, DiCaprio is up against

Bryan Cranston, Matt Damon, Michael Fassbender and last year's winner Eddie Redmayne. Redmayne is nominated for his role in "The Danish Girl," a fictional story about a pioneer in the transgender movement, Lili Elbe.

Redmayne, who plays Elbe, will be DiCaprio's stiffest competition. After his work in last year's "The Theory of Everything" and now "The Danish Girl", Redmayne has proven himself as a serious contender.

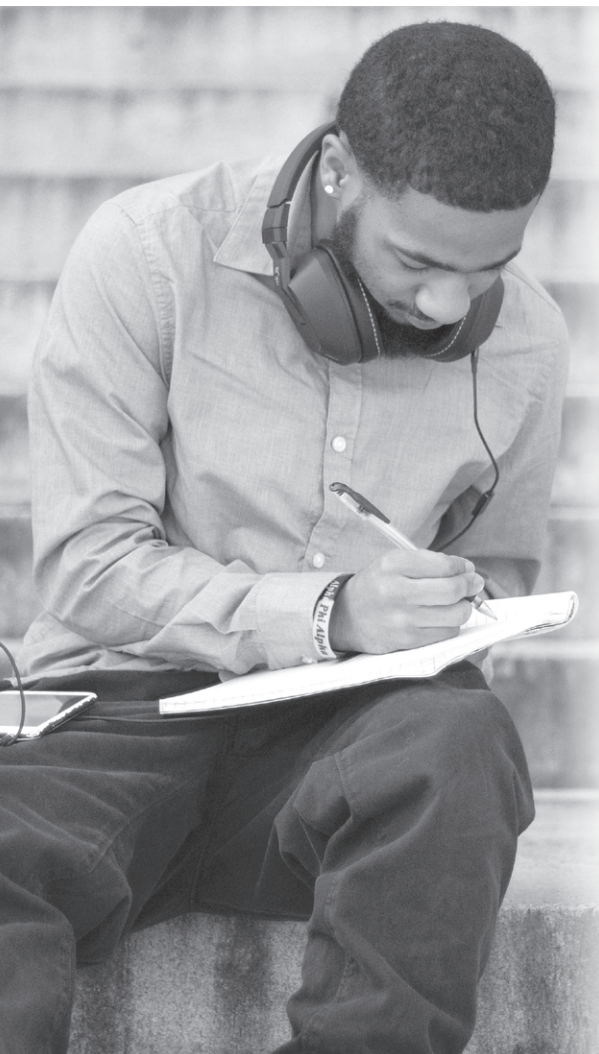
There isn't as much speculation surrounding best leading actress.

"Anything goes as far as leading actress," said Tierno.

Cate Blanchett and Jennifer Lawrence have both won Oscars before for their work in "The Aviator" and "Silver Lining's Playbook" respectively. Saoirse Ronan, nominated for her role in "Brooklyn", would get her first Oscar if she wins this category.

The 2016 Oscars are sure to be a spectacle this year as everyone waits with baited breath to see if DiCaprio wins that illustrious award. While all odds point in his favor, there is always at least one upset at the Oscars.

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Khaaliq Johnson takes a moment to write down some lyrics.

Mechanics of music

Engineering student pursues a career as a rapper

Arvanna Smart
TEC STAFF

Khaaliq Johnson, senior mechanical engineering major, recently released his debut mixtape titled “Mafia Wars” under the name Ace Don.

“Mafia Wars” contains seven songs each crafted differently from the content to the way Johnson flows on each track. What makes Ace Don different from other rappers is the variety in his lyrics.

“I usually rap about stuff that I know and a lot of people around me can attest to that,” said Johnson.

The opening song starts with a rigid rap song titled “Nadir,” which talks about Johnson’s life and doing everything to make sure his family is okay. With rhymes on “Nadir” like “I got some problems, I can’t talk about them, all this pressure I feel like a mountain about to explode” and “throughout all the storms I still stand, I promised momma to be a man,” Johnson relates to listeners who have been through tough times throughout life.

Johnson started rapping at a young age with influences from his cousins as they

were rappers.

“I had about three cousins who were always [making] music [when] I was around so that got me to freestyling,” said Johnson. “Then they started making mixtapes so I started making mixtapes, it was a domino effect.”

With “Mafia Wars” being one of his first mixtapes, Johnson stuck to getting help from others in his camp with the producing. He also featured fellow upcoming rapper Barbarian on three of the seven songs on “Mafia Wars.”

“I started to find people to make the beats for me,” said Johnson. “I plan on producing my own music and beats later down the line but right now my main focus is the actual music.”

While Johnson is a mechanical engineering major, he hopes that rapping takes him all the way.

“I believe if you put your mind to it and you do the work that anything is possible,” said Johnson. “Engineering can put you into a lot of places, so I will go anywhere that I will have fun at because I don’t want to feel like I’m slaving.”

Although “Mafia Wars” only just released over winter break, Johnson continues to find his own style with his new music coming out soon.

“Growing up, I listened to a lot of T.I., Wiz Khalifa, Lil Wayne, Jay-Z and Young Jeezy along with listening to my cousins,” said Johnson. “But I think it’s my own style of rap because I tend to just go with the beat. So whatever I feel I need for the beat then that is how I will rap.”

Another influence for his music came from Johnson moving around throughout smaller towns near Raleigh.

“I am from the 919. I say 919 because I have lived in different cities and I was always around different musicians,” said Johnson. “My strongest influences still have always been my cousins.”

Johnson will perform on Jan. 29 in Wright Auditorium for the first time. To listen or download his latest mixtape, “Mafia Wars,” go to Datpiff.com.

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Students rate favorite Uptown bars

Danielle Gentry
TEC STAFF

A lot of thought goes into choosing a favorite downtown Greenville bar. Whether it’s the weekly deals, the fact that you know the bouncer so your cover charge is waived or maybe, it’s just knowing that any night of the week when you walk in, the crowd will be filled with familiar faces.

Uptown Greenville has been home to a few classic staples that have been there for years, while also introducing new bars so that every generation of ECU students gets a new and unique experience.

Some of the most popular locations are Club 519, Pantana Bob’s, 5th Street Distillery and Annex, and Stilllife.

Those who favored 519 found it appealing for the same reasons, including the fact that it prides itself in being one of Greenville’s “21 and over” bars, the mix of Greenville locals and

ECU students that visit the bar every weekend, and of course, that you can write on the walls.

While those who enjoy Pantana Bob’s, also known as PB’s, said they go there for the groups of people that are crowded into the bar, the frozen drinks, and the frequent live music.

Drew Conekin, junior hospitality management major, said she has even brought her mom with her on a night out at Pantana Bob’s.

“PB’s is definitely one of my favorite places downtown. It was the first bar I went to when I started [attending] ECU, and it will be one of the places that I hope is still around when I come to visit as an alum,” said Conekin.

Laura Gilbert, senior hospitality management major, is one of the many ECU students who claimed they loved Pantana Bob’s and Club 519 equally.

“I would have to say that either PB’s or 519 is my go-to place in downtown Greenville. I love that [at either bar] no matter what day it is, if I

walk in I will automatically know at least one person at either bar,” said Gilbert.

Cameron Jones, a Greenville local, said Stilllife has become his “go-to” downtown Greenville spot.

“Stilllife has really come a long way in the past few years, and it seems to be a popular place for many ECU students this year, especially on Tuesday nights,” said Jones.

Other students who favored Stilllife did so on account of the “fishbowl” drinks, and the fact that there is a tiki bar and dance club.

Rachel Major, senior hospitality management major said her favorite bar to visit Uptown is Fifth Street Distillery and Annex.

“Fifth is my favorite because there are a total of three different bars, and you really get a new and different experience at each one,” said Major.

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Top 4 DOWNTOWN BARS

- 1 Club 519
- 2 Pantana Bob's
- 3 5th Street Distillery and Annex
- 4 Stilllife

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SOLUTION TO THURSDAY'S PUZZLE 1/19/16

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Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

ACROSS

1 Wading bird in ancient Egyptian art

5 ___ of March

9 Dessert "there's always room for"

14 Like pre-stereo sound

15 Geek Squad pro

16 Stayed home for dinner

17 Dickens classic, itemized

20 Attempt to get

21 Natural history museum item

22 Type of symbol or appeal

23 Prefix with skeleton

24 River inlet

26 Most fit to be drafted

28 Smugly prudish sort, itemized

34 One who makes your skin crawl

35 At rest

36 Diner handout

39 "All in the Family" wife

42 Beehive, e.g.

43 St. Teresa's home

45 Force out of bed

47 Country/western dance, itemized

51 Chocolate-caramel candy brand

52 "___ Blinded Me With Science": 1983 hit

53 Fury

56 Pro vote

59 Word before or after "coming"

61 Sherpas' land

63 Chime in, itemized

66 Yamaha with a bench

67 Syllables before di or da, in a Beatles song

68 "Les Misérables" novelist

69 Proverbial backbreaker

70 "Ghost Hunters" channel

71 Candid

DOWN

1 Publicist's concern

2 Wrinkle-removing injection

3 Befuddled

4 Song sung alone

5 "Who am ___ judge?"

6 Offset, as costs

7 Caesar's "Behold!"

8 1862 Tennessee battleground

9 Leadership training group, familiarly

10 List-shortening abbr.

11 Hawaiian wreaths

12 Lo-cal

13 Black gemstone

18 Fielding mishap

19 Ex-Yankee Martinez

25 Tête product

27 On the ball

29 Eye-related

30 Steeple top

31 Joint that may be swiveled

32 Former

33 "Xanadu" rock gp.

36 Pilates class need

37 Grandmother of Enos

Thursday's Puzzle Solved

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38 Negative word often spoken in pig Latin

40 Of the best quality

41 "Quit complaining!"

44 So far

46 Surgical tube

48 Wild plum

49 Upper bodies

50 Make oneself heard

54 Mountain chain

55 John with nine #1 hits in the U.S.

56 Jabbers

57 Improve text

58 Jewish month before Nisan

60 Beriyo smoothie maker

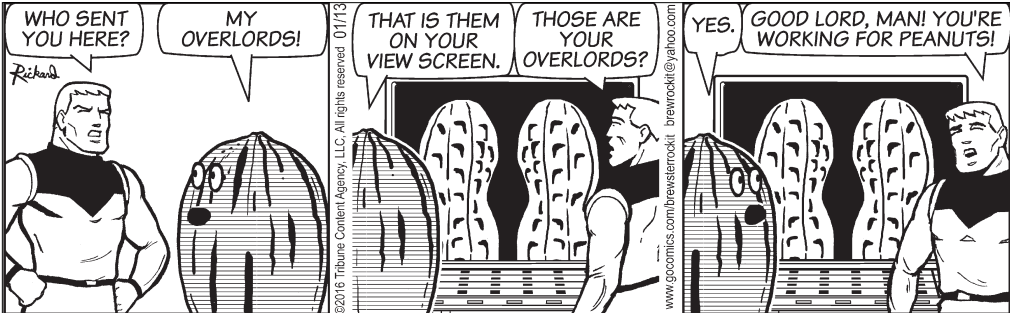
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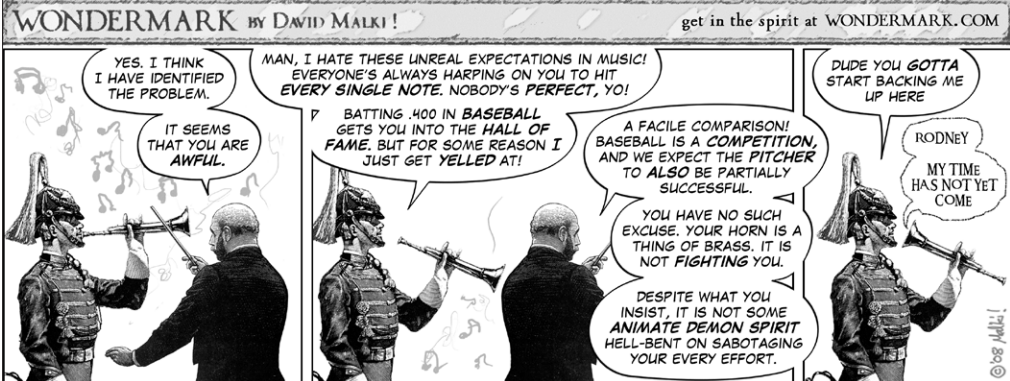
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Taurus (April 20-May 20) -- Today is a 9 -- Enter a potentially quite profitable two-day phase. Don't fund a fantasy. Your work is in demand. Imagine social success, and lay the groundwork for it. Rely on long-established relationships. Your network has what you need.

Gemini (May 21-June 20) -- Today is a 9 -- Ask for what you want. You're strong and getting stronger today and tomorrow.

Turn on the charm! Be innovative. Inspire. Let your circle know what you're up to. Imagine wonderful results.

Cancer (June 21-July 22) -- Today is a 5 -- Clean up old messes over the next few days. Strengthen your infrastructure. Plan and strategize. Don't waste money on impulsive decisions. Think about it for a while. Finish your work in private. Small changes reap big rewards.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Today is a 7 -- Your friends come through for you over the next couple of days. You're in the spotlight. Your team is coming to the rescue. Make sure they know how much you appreciate them.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Today is an 8 -- A rise in status is available at work over the next two days. Take on new responsibilities. Others are pleased with your work. The spotlight is on. Relax. You're good at what you do.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) -- Today is an 8 -- Travels and studies have your focus today and tomorrow. The news can affect your decisions. Make plans for the future. Set your itinerary. Turn down a suggestion that goes against your grain. Play chess.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) -- Today is a 7 -- Figure out your finances today and tomorrow. There's not quite enough for something you want. You can find what you need in your own

attic, or maybe secondhand. Make sure your partner is on board.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) -- Today is an 8 -- Share the load today and tomorrow, but hold on to the responsibility. Follow through on your promises. The action is behind the scenes. Compromise to get the job done. Collaborations extend your reach. Work together.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Today is a 9 -- The challenge today and tomorrow is to manage a demanding workload without sacrificing your health. Balance stress with a walk outside, anxiety with good food, soothing music and rest. Cut the frills. Ask for help when needed.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) -- Today is a 7 -- Prioritize play with friends and family over the next two days. Romance arises unbidden. Relax, and appreciate natural beauty. Practice your arts and wizardry. Listen to your dreams. Learn from the youngest in the crowd.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) -- Today is a 6 -- Make your home more comfortable today and tomorrow. An irritant demands attention. Combine two old ideas into a new one. Enjoy domestic bliss. It's an excellent day for waffles or hot chocolate.

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TUNE IN



EVERYDAY

Hoops set for clash with Tulsa

Allison Jobe
TEC STAFF

The East Carolina men's basketball team is looking to get its first conference win of the season and put a stop to its five-game losing streak when it hosts Tulsa tonight at 7 p.m.

The Pirates (8-10; 0-5 AAC) are coming off of a 89-69 loss at the hands of Central Florida Saturday evening.

Junior guard Caleb White scored 20 points and sophomore guard B.J. Tyson had 19 for the Pirates. White was able to tie his career-high with six three pointers, moving him into seventh-place on the school's career list with 161.

"We look at how they respond after they come back the next day, with disappointment," head coach Jeff Lebo said. "We've been pretty good at focusing on the process, the process to move into this league, to move into the middle of the league and try to move our program forward. I understand there's a process to go through, and we'll prepare them the best we can."

When ECU last saw Tulsa two weeks ago, the Golden Hurricane dominated the Pirates, 55-43, in a game that seemed much closer than it actually was. Tulsa's senior guard Rashad Smith lead his team, shooting 10-of-13 from the floor, adding 20 points with nine rebounds in the contest.

Freshman guard Kentrell Barkley led ECU with 10 points off the bench. The Pirates shot just 29.8 percent from the floor and just 2-of-16 from beyond the arc.

White and Tyson had an off night in the loss, as Tyson was held to eight points on 4-of-13 shooting and White posted seven points, something that will need to change if the Pirates want their first conference win of the season.

The Pirates will have to limit their turnovers, as they totaled six and five missed their first five shots to begin the game earlier this month.



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Point guard Prince Williams advances the ball up the court. ECU hosts Tulsa tonight at 7 p.m.

"Just keep battling for the next one, we can't worry about what's happened in the past," Lebo said. "We have to worry about about what's on the line. And that'll be the message to them until we get one [a win]."

Led by guards James Woodard and Shaquille Harrison, who each average over 16 points-per-game, Tulsa relies heavily on its backcourt play. The senior guard duo brings different traits to the table as well, perhaps making it harder on the Pirates in terms of game planning.

Woodard is the team's marquee 3-point shooter and is currently boasting a 42 percent conversion rate from beyond the arc. The point

guard Harrison, on the other hand, defers passing to shooting and has a team-high 57 assists. Harrison is shooting 47.2 percent from the field this season.

The Golden Hurricane will enter the matchup well rested, as they haven't played since Thursday, when they defeated UConn, 60-51. They came back from a seven-point second-half deficit when Woodard helped lead the team, collecting a team-high 20 points in the victory.

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TAKEAWAYS

MEN'S BASKETBALL

East Carolina (8-10, 2-2 AAC) dropped its fifth straight game to UCF, losing 89-69 Saturday.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

ECU (8-10; 2-4 AAC) lost to No. 16 South Florida Sunday 75-54.

TRACK AND FIELD

Senior high jumper Avion Jones set the program record, posting a 7-foot-4.5 at Chapel Hill Friday.

BASEBALL

ECU turned in a program best 3.42 GPA for the fall semester.

SWIMMING & DIVING

The Pirates swept their dual meets at Old Dominion Saturday afternoon.

CAROLINA PANTHERS

The Panthers advanced to the NFC Championship game, defeating the Seattle Seahawks 31-24 Sunday.

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Pirates earn third place

Gerin Honeycutt
TEC STAFF

East Carolina track and field started its 2016 indoor season strong in Chapel Hill Friday at the Dick Taylor Carolina Cup and carried that performance over to Saturday's Art and Linda Malleit UNC Open, both of which were hosted by the University of North Carolina.

Friday's Carolina Cup was a meet that featured North Carolina's big four and saw ECU men and women place third, behind North Carolina and Duke, and in front of favored North Carolina State. However, in a meet that introduced two new freshman sprinters, it was senior high jumper Avion Jones who set the bar for his team, setting the program record at 2.25 meters (7-foot-4.5 inches), making ECU indoor track and field history.

"To open up with that type of mark this early in the season is just incredible," said head coach Curt Kraft.

Jones' significant starting mark to the season, which beat his own previous program record of 2.24 meters, awarded him the highest mark in the nation.

Overshadowed by the buzz around Jones, freshmen men and women's sprinters Hakeem Horton and Courtney Warner dominated their short distance events in their first ever collegiate meet. Horton won with a time of 21.96 seconds in the 200 meters and Warner won with a time of 7.43 seconds in the 60 meters, both earning the highest marks in their events.

Horton also placed third in the 60 meter hurdles with a time of 8.21, but recorded a personal best in preliminaries of 8.05, which would have placed



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Sophomore high jumper Tyler Banks looks to advance over the bar.

second in the final heat.

"Hakeem was a major, major player in the weekend, but we knew he was a great athlete," said Kraft.

With many positive points around the first meet of Kraft's 2016 indoor season, it was a transfer who caught his eye.

"Without question the biggest highlight of the weekend was Raqurra Ishmar and the weight," said Kraft. "Raqurra Ishmar is a brand new girl for us, she's a transfer from FIU. She threw 65 feet, 11 inches."

Ishmar did fall short in her attempt to claim the Carolina Cup crown, however her mark of 20.09 meters is good for the best of any weight thrower in the American Athletic Conference this season. It's the start Ishmar came to ECU looking for and was able to channel through Kraft's teaching.

Other Pirates' turning in solid performances this weekend included junior Brittany Bryant, who won the women's long jump with a mark of 5.80 meters and junior UNC-Wilmington transfer, Vincent Ragland, in the 60-meter hurdles

with a time of 8.03.

In Friday night's 4 X 400 meter race, ECU's men, consisting of senior Brather Cline, sophomore Desmond Dowling, junior John Crossley and freshman Stefano Migliorati held off in-state rivals UNC, Duke and NC State with a time of 3:23.67. The next day at the UNC open, it was the women's 4X400 team comprised of senior Janieyah Collins, junior Aminah Ghafar, freshman Tia Jackson and Warner who held off the rest of the competition with a time of 3:55.44.

Kraft said he couldn't be more pleased with how the way things have started and loves his team's initial energy.

"I guess the theme would be we need to continue to improve, and I know it's a relative term because everyone else is improving too," Kraft said. "It's a matter of what rate and how fast do other people improve over others. So now we have to get ready for Virginia Tech and we're excited to go up there and see what we can do."

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ECU sweeps ODU

Kayla Morton
TEC STAFF

East Carolina's swim and dive team picked up right where it left off the last time, defeating Old Dominion for the second time this season. The men and women's teams won comfortably by more than 50 points and coasted to a season sweep of the Monarchs.

The team traveled to Norfolk, Virginia, and won, 182-118 and 178.5-115.5 respectively. Senior Bailie Monahan returned to her home state and collected four individual victories for herself, including a school record-setting 200-yard medley team win. She also helped the 400-yard freestyle relay register a win, as well as sweeping the butterfly events.

On the men's side, sophomore Boleck De Pawlikowski set a pool-record himself in the 200-yard backstroke, and was joined by fellow teammates junior Fran Krznaric and sophomore John Myhre to share in the record, taking first, second and third place.

Head coach Rick Kobe had a strong mindset going into the meet. He has prepared his team for weeks, saying that a dual meet on the road really tests the swimmers' and divers' minds.

"Teams are always tougher at home, comes down to the last event," Kobe said. "We have to be careful or we'll end up on the short end."

Sophomore Julie Lajoie came in second behind Monahan in the 200-yard butterfly, but did record a first-place finish in the 500-yard freestyle.

Junior Taylor Hague, sophomore Logan Graumann, and senior Megan Sellers were all part of the record-setting medley team. Hague also eclipsed two second place finishes in the 200-yard individual medley and 200-yard backstroke, as well as a third place finish in the 100-yard backstroke.

Graumann recorded two more first place finishes in the 50-yard freestyle and the 400-yard freestyle relay. Sellers placed second in the 100-yard breaststroke and third in the 200-yard breaststroke.

"Even though the score indicates that it was a very easy meet, there were a lot of close events," Kobe said after the victory. "They won their share of events as well, our events just went one, two, three, so that's a lot of points."

Adding to the impressive standouts, as well as successful mindsets, sophomore Vendela Norrman won the 200-yard breaststroke by more than three seconds, one of the largest gaps during the meet.

Sophomore and junior divers Matt Mullen and Zach Duval made their zone cut in order to advance to the upcoming meets.

"[We] stressed to stay focused, to compete and to race," Kobe said. "[We] want to compete well; our ultimate goal is to come out on top and we achieved that"

Kobe said he has noticed that the seniors are beginning to step up like they usually do around this time. They know it's getting down to the wire and there isn't much time left before the ultimate goal for every NCAA swimmer and diver, the Conference Championship.

ECU has two dual meets left before the big meet, the first of which is next weekend at home against University of Maryland, Baltimore County.

"Seniors are typically the leaders," Kobe said. "You can always count on them and [they are] always energetic. The team with the most energy and speed dominate."

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Senior ECU men's tennis player Tendai Tapfuma takes a forehand shot at the ball during the team's match against Longwood Monday afternoon. The Pirates defeated Longwood, 3-1 in Greenville.

Men's tennis defeats Lancers

Corey Jones
TEC STAFF

The East Carolina men's tennis team exploded Monday evening against Longwood, setting the tone early for its spring 2016 season, winning 2-1 in doubles and 5-1 in singles.

"It is great to get going again, playing

somebody that is not ourselves, it is always a little exciting and a little nerve racking," head coach Shawn Heinchon said. "You could see that some of our guys did not necessarily play their best, but they did a really good job of trying to work through the nerves of it being the first match of the season."

Senior Tendai Tapfuma and freshman Vlad Anghel downed Alfonso Castellano

and Julian Farthing, 7-5 in doubles, while sophomore Kasey Countee and freshman Will Bissett beat Rosen Ilchev and Bharani Sankar, 6-1.

Florian Uffer and Lachlan Manser gave Freddy Lehfeldt and William Himpe a run for their money on court two, ultimately downing them 6-4.

Lehfeldt, Ronny Georgi, Tapfuma, Himpe and Anghel had two set victories in their singles matches, while Casey Countee struggled against a fiery Florian Uffer, losing in two sets.

Anghel and Himpe won their singles matches with ease, both registering 6-0 and 6-2 set wins. Georgi beat Lachlan Manser, 6-2 in their first singles set, but found himself in a hole, losing 5-4 in the second set. After regaining his focus, Georgi came back and won the set 8-6.

"We played well. I managed to win both my singles and doubles and the team did a great job, it was a great victory for us," Anghel

said. "Hopefully the rest of the season will be the same outcome and I can stay focused and concentrated and continue to do my job."

The Pirates (1-0) played exceedingly well for being such a young team. They had four freshmen in the lineup, all of whom dished out loses to their older opponents.

"I think really for us we just have to get ready for Navy, who we play this Saturday, they are going to be really good," Heinchon said. "We lost to them last year for the first time in a long time, and we don't want to get too far ahead of ourselves with today's win."

The Pirates are back in action this Saturday, taking on Navy at home as they prepare to seek revenge against a team whom they lost to last season. The boys hope to get another win and stay undefeated as a team.

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