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Brody dean search down to final candidates

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For the first time since the Brody School of Medicine began its search for a new dean in March of 2016, names of the final two candidates for East Carolina University's Brody School of Medicine's dean have become public.

Professor Dr. David A. Zvara, the chair of the Anesthesiology Department at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and professor Dr. Michael E. Richards, chairman of Emergency Medicine at the University of New



Dr. David A. Zvara

Mexico Albuquerque, are the final two contenders for the deanship.

The announcement came at this year's first Board of Trustees meeting on Feb. 17. ECU College of Nursing Dean Dr. Sylvia Brown, who leads the search committee, told members of the board's Health



Dr. Micheal E. Richards

but also his role in managing finances for

Sciences committee each candidate was recently invited for a visit to Greenville and further interview processing.

Zvara's outlook for the deanship candidacy is highlighted not only by his 20 years of medical practice

UNC's Health Care System. Zvara's position as UNC's Anesthesiology chair tasked him with managing a budget of \$60 million. He also served as chief operating officer for the 1,100-member organization, UNC Faculty Practice, overseeing more than \$1.5 billion in annual operating fees.

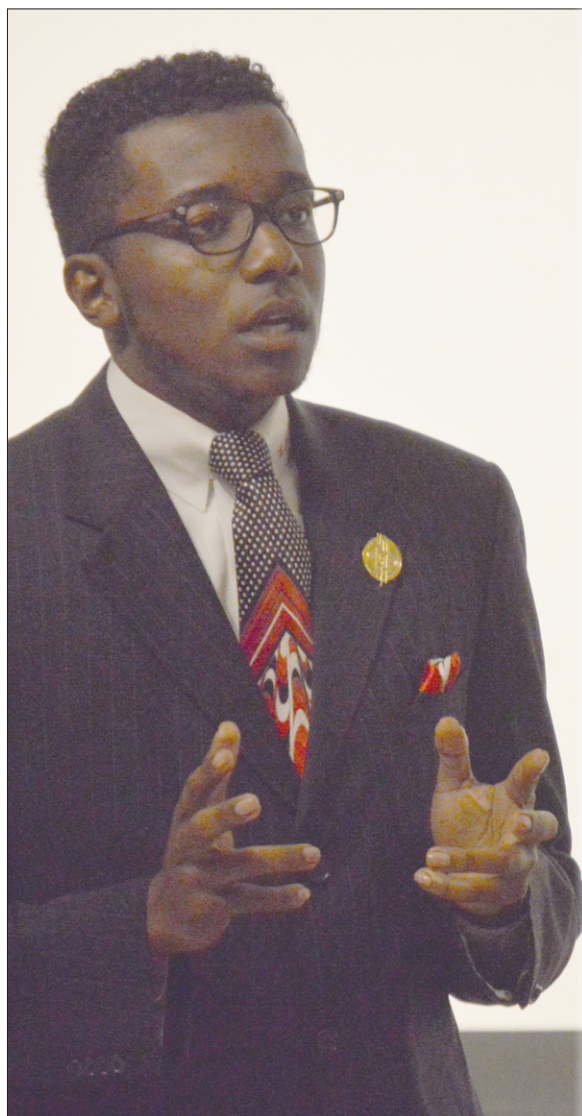
Richards graduated from Brody in 1997 and received a master's degree in public administration from UNC Chapel Hill. At

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SGA RUNOFF ELECTIONS

Tickets 3, 4 face off in second debate



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Junior La'Quon Rogers speaks at the second debate last night.

Mary Katherine Karcher
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It came down to a debate of experience during last night's East Carolina University Student Government Association's second round debate between Ticket 3 and Ticket 4, beginning a week of runoff elections for the student body president and vice president.



Ryan Smith

Candidates were first read the rules, tossed a coin and answered questions generated by the elections committee and the audience. A new twist in this runoff debate was that questions could be posed to individual tickets or candidates if the audience generated questions indicated it so.

Joseph Ward and Aiden Kautz, candidates on Ticket 4, won the coin toss and began the debate. Ticket 4 stated it would like incorporate ideas from the losing tickets into its platform as a way to better represent the needs to of the student body.

"That does not mean their best ideas are going to be forgotten," said Kautz. "Our platform has several similarities with those tickets' ideas and we plan to implement some of their best ideas along with ours."

During Ticket 3's opening statement, the two candidates outlined what they felt ECU needed from leaders in student government. LaQuon Rogers and Ryan Smith highlighted their individual strengths that contributed to their success in the first round of voting and argued that their experience in student government sets them apart from their opponents.

"This organization (SGA) needs a CEO. It needs someone who can



Aiden Kautz

constantly audit why we do what we do," said Rogers. "It also needs candidates who are personable, who have relationships and who want to build relationships with students."

The first question of the night was centered on the issue of experience with leadership positions, specifically student government.

Ward shared his experiences of holding executive positions within Interfraternity Council and his fraternity Kappa Alpha, and took this time to argue that his lack of student government experience was not necessarily a negative thing.

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Sophomore Joseph Ward addresses the audience during debate.

Pirates earn first sweep of season at home

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The Pirates strolled to a 12-1 victory and a series sweep of La Salle Sunday, thanks to the pitching performance of freshman Trey Benton and patience at the plate from the East Carolina hitters.

Making only his second career start for ECU (4-3), the freshman Benton was much improved from his debut at Ole Miss last weekend when he gave up two runs on four hits in 1 2/3 innings of work. This time around, Benton showed why he earned a spot in the starting rotation, giving up two hits and picking up the win after five innings on the day. Benton notched 10 strikeouts, the first time an ECU freshman accomplished that feat since Davis Kirkpatrick back in 2014.

"He was able to get ahead of hitters today," ECU head coach Cliff Godwin said. "Still want his fastball command to get a little bit better. He had better command of his breaking ball today and that's why he had all those strikeouts."



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Sophomore Brady Lloyd lays out to make the diving catch against La Salle in the weekend series.

Despite having only six hits, the Pirates still managed to score 12 runs, eight of which came in the first inning. Due to a combination of patience from ECU's batters and a lack of control

from La Salle's (0-7) pitchers, the Pirates piled on the base runners to jump out to a crushing advantage. The Explorers' pitchers combined to walk ECU batters 12 times, two due to Pirates

getting hit by a pitch.

"It makes it more difficult when you're up there, just having to take pitches all the time. It makes it more difficult offensively to actually square balls up," Godwin said. "12 runs, we'll take that. That's all I care about."

In contrast to Sunday's game, ECU showed off its power in the 8-4 win over La Salle on Saturday, hitting three home runs, including a grand slam by Luke Bolka. The Pirates' first home run came in the second inning, courtesy of Travis Watkins, while Eric Tyler picked up his first homer of the season to make it 6-0 in the middle frames.

"He happened to leave one away and the wind was blowing away today," Bolka said. "I've been practicing staying inside the ball. I stayed inside of it, got my best swing off, and the wind blew it out."

While ECU's hitters were having success at the plate, Pirate pitcher Jacob Wolfe was mowing

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City to host Town Hall

The City of Greenville will play host to a constituent-organized Town Hall meeting to discuss various topics, including immigration, voting rights and healthcare. Sen. Richard Burr and Thom Tillis were asked to attend this meeting, but despite thousands of signatures on petitions, official participation has not yet been confirmed. The event will be held Wednesday at 5 p.m. It will take place in Sheppard Memorial Library Meeting Room A.

Writing workshop highlights veterans' stories

East Carolina University will host National Book Award recipient Phil Klay, a former Marine, who will lead a writing workshop. The seminar is aimed to help former Marines record their own stories of military service as Klay once did in his book, "Redeployment." Joined by fellow authors Ron Capps, Monica Haller and Fredrick Foote, Klay's workshop will be held in Hendrix Theatre from 7-9 p.m on Mar. 16. It is open to the public and is a passport event.

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'Hanshi' reflects on martial arts career

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As "Hanshi" Charles June reflected on his extensive career in martial arts, he said his 10th degree black belt, the highest honor one can achieve, paled in comparison to the pride he gained from his work within the community.

With over 50 years of training and 35 years of teaching, karate has long been an integral part of June's life and now he shares his experience with Greenville Police Department and Greenville Fire/Rescue.

"It has given me order and structure," said June. "And I've met a lot of people. I have the children of people I used to teach, so I am getting to teach generation after generation."

June has combined elements he has learned from China, Japan, Korea, Indonesia and the Philippines to give his students a well-rounded experience. His classes include children and adults ranging from beginner to advanced.

These students also include members of the GPD and the GFR, who June welcomed to class free of charge.

"There is no charge for police and fire/rescue," said June. "I am currently working with two Greenville police officers who are getting black belts."

June said he sees his classes as a great source for the departments to stay physically fit along with practical skills they can use in their day to day work.

June received the 10th degree black belt after the students of Charles June Karate Institute requested the honor.

"That is as high we can go in any system," said June. "My students came together and gave me the promotion, which means a lot to me."

In 1982, June and his partner Sammy Barger began GAMA Goju, the style of martial arts that he now teaches. The institute's website said GAMA stands for "The Greenville Academy of Martial Arts" where the practice was first taught. "Go" stands for hard and "Ju" stands for soft. Together all of these elements represent the philosophy of their training.

June's strict practices have allowed many of his students to become successful martial artists.

"I always push myself hard, so I push my



"Hanshi" Charles June trains students GAMA Goju martial arts at Charles June Karate Institute in Greenville. COURTESY OF GAMAGOJU.COM

students hard," said June. "I have lost some students because of this, but I'm proud of the people I have trained over the years. They say more than what I have achieved"

Deputy Chief of Police Ted Sauls is one student from the GPD who has been training with June for three years now.

"He brings a wealth of knowledge and he is a ball of energy," said Sauls. "He is in extremely good physical shape. An excellent instructor who tells you how to do something and shows you how to do it."

From the training, Sauls said he applies what he has learned, but not in the way most people would think.

"Karate gives me the ability to better defend myself, but it also teaches you how to safely go about your day in terms of watching other people and how to prevent yourself from danger," said Sauls.

This ability to realize the danger before it approaches has become a key focus in Sauls' work. "As Law enforcement, we have to be more disciplined, which goes far beyond being able to defend yourself," he said.

June has taught these strategies of avoiding and escaping danger for many years in his institute and he has also taken these skills to the Pitt Community College where he teaches self defense classes. By teaching these classes at PCC for the last 26 years, June has empowered countless individuals to defend themselves in case of emergency.

"I think it is wonderful for anyone to know basics of self defense," said Sauls. "As the police we tell the general public we will do anything to protect you, but sometimes you have to take your own safety into account"

By providing these classes, June raises awareness in the community, which the GPD says it is thankful for.

"He has been a long standing figure in our community and he has done a lot of good by bringing martial arts to community," said Sauls. "And I think those are the things he would want to be remembered by."

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the UNM Health Sciences Center, Richards serves as the chief strategy and clinical affairs officer.

Both candidates have received national recognition as highly acclaimed doctors in their respective fields.

Richards, a supervisory medical officer for National Disaster Medical System in Washington, D.C., received a congressional appreciation award for his expertise and leadership in response to Hurricane Katrina in 2005. He was also acknowledged in 2010 as a leading doctor in Emergency Medicine by Albuquerque Magazine.

Healthy Living Magazine named Zvara as a top doctor in 2009 and has been a member of Top Doctors Inc. since 2001, an organization that helps clients seeking medical care identify the best health care providers.

Brody's deanship has been left in limbo since Dr. Paul Cunningham retired from the position in September. The office has been assumed by an interim dean since Cunningham's retirement, however the vacancy has been a subject of question for ECU's administration as the medical school sits in a time of

fast-pace growth.

The search for an optimal leader for Brody has become ever more imperative for administrators in the wake of the medical school's merger with Vidant Medical Group via Project Unify.

Project Unify, the plan announced last year by Vidant CEO Dr. Michael Waldrum, merges ECU Physicians and the Brody School of Medicine with Greenville and eastern North Carolina's largest health care provider.

"By bringing the two largest physician groups together and having them work in the same committees and in the same structure and the same clinics, it allows them to coordinate care and provide a higher quality of service," said Waldrum.

Over the weekend Zvara made his visit to ECU, meeting with Chancellor Cecil Staton, Brody's interim dean, Dr. Nicholas Benson and several other leaders from the College of Allied Health Sciences and executives from Vidant Medical Group.

Richards is set to make his appearance in Greenville sometime this week, following in the same interview and evaluation process.

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"I haven't been involved with SGA before, which some may see as a downside," said Ward. "But I don't believe that's a necessary qualification in order to be student body president. What some may think I lack in experience I make up for in the desire to succeed and the willingness to learn."

Ticket 3 argued that experience with student government is a necessity when running for executive positions.

"Experience is a very integral part of any leadership position," said Smith.

Rogers agreed with his running mate that SGA should be run by students who have been involved previously.

"The second tier of this

organization is experienced candidates. Candidates who have actually gone to SGA meetings or maybe (are) currently involved," said Rogers.

Another focus of the debate was what does it mean to these candidates to be "Pirates" and members of the ECU community, specifically in leadership roles.

Ticket 3 answered this question by once again citing its experience in student government as the ultimate way to serve the student body.

"What is most important as being a Pirate is number one, seeking to educate yourself," said Rogers. "I didn't just decide one day I wanted to be SGA president, I got involved so I could audit what needs to be done in SGA."

Ticket 4 looked to the university motto when answering this question.

"To be a Pirate we need to serve, we need to serve the students, and

if elected we are going to be serving you," said Kautz. "I think that's the most important thing we can do is be engaged with this wonderful community that we have around ECU"

The debate was moderated by Lathan Turner who serves as the associate director in the Office of Student Transition at ECU.

Voting for the runoff election will begin on Wednesday at 8 a.m. and close at 5 p.m. on Friday. Students can vote on Pirate Port.

For more information on issues, candidates and their platforms, visit their respective websites or read candidate profiles featured.

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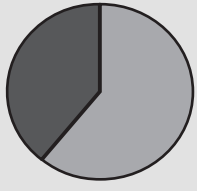
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Our view

The East Carolinian endorses Ticket 3

A leader is a unique thing to come by. A leader is experienced. A leader possess a sense of duty, responsibility and respect of position. The character of a leader is something East Carolina University is dedicated to nourishing, something that all of its students should ascribe to and something we aspire to find a shining example of among us. It is something we hope to find, serving as the president of ECU's Student Government Association.

We, as an editorial staff of The East Carolinian, endorse Ticket 3 for president and vice president of the Student Government Association.

Over the last short weeks we have followed the SGA elections with great interest. We have pushed ourselves to be vigilant and thorough, and this has taken the shape of countless interviews, conducting background on each candidate and attending each debate and function. We dedicated ourselves to the fair reporting of these tickets to our fellow Pirates. During this same time, as

students, we also spent countless hours contemplating who we thought should be the next president and vice president.

After looking at all four of these tickets, many of us were split and the best outcome was subjective, more uncertain and required at the least more time.

Now, however, this choice is clear.

Even looking past the charismatic, well-spoken and confident nature of presidential candidate LaQuon Rogers, qualities immensely important for someone representing our student body, this ticket also bears an almost overwhelming majority of experience, both within SGA and in other positions across the community. Rogers and Smith demonstrate a superior knowledge of issues around campus, the inner-workings of SGA and represent the only remaining candidates that have ever been a part of the organization they seek to run. Frankly, it is difficult to make an argument against Ticket 3's qualifications, experience or dedication.

Media's focus on Trump warranted



Don't Mind Matt

President Trump tumultuous relationship with the White House press corps has been well documented by American society. From Saturday Night Live to most coffee shops around the country the media is a topic of conversation.

The press, especially journalists that cover governmental affairs provide a critical resource for the country. The press corps inform the public about issues important to their daily lives and in return hold government officials accountable.

This ebb-and-flow relationship between the public, journalists and the government was designed by America's founding fathers on purpose.

In recent memory there has been no more outspoken critic of the news industry than Donald Trump. In the last few weeks the relationship between the president and the press has reached a near breaking point.

Last week, the White House banned certain reporters including a number of large, well-respected news agencies from covering a

briefing. Instead of reporters from CNN, the New York Times, Politico, the Los Angeles Times and BuzzFeed, the White House invited several openly conservative outlets, according to a February Washington Post article describing Trump's decision.

President Trump shouldn't step on the First Amendment because he doesn't like the press he is receiving. This attention doesn't mean the media is fake, lying, bias or whatever preposterous accusation Trump can launch.

It has become a popular theory that the news is bias. This opinion has led to the approval rating of the media falling below 50 percent.

"The Fox News poll found that 45 percent trusted 'government officials' under President Donald Trump to tell the public the truth over news outlets. Some 42 percent trusted news outlets over Trump's officials, with 10 percent trusting neither," according to a February Politico article examining public trust in the media versus the president.

The indictment on the news industry for being bias, fake or lying to the public is blatantly wrong for three reasons.

First, the press is treating President Trump differently from former President Obama. However, that doesn't mean that the

industry is bias. It means that Trump has given the media more topics worth investigating.

Second, it is the job of the press to write about the government. President Trump is the Commander-in-Chief of this country. The president receives all this attention because he handles very significant issues.

Moreover, Trump is the center of media attention because of the Tweets and comments he makes on a weekly basis. If President Trump doesn't want to create media firestorms he should be careful when wording his statements. That doesn't mean he should censor himself. The English language is large enough so that any sentence can be changed to offend less people.

Finally, Trump deserves the attention from the press. Many aspects of the president's life like his tax information or relationship with Russia are causes for concern. Whether they amount to anything or not it's the press's job to find out.

The famous line from *The Godfather*, "It's not personal. It's strictly business" applies greatly to the job of the White House press corps. The public shouldn't demonize the media because they aren't doing anything wrong.

In parting, Americans should consider

these important points.

To begin, is the news actually bias or are they covering topics that could spell trouble for Trump? Furthermore, the Washington Post and the New York Times are both Pulitzer Prize winning organizations which is the highest honor in journalism.

Americans should also consider that if President Trump is so innocent as he may claim then why is he decreasing governmental transparency?

If someone is wrongly accused of a crime the first reaction would be to show evidence clearing them of any wrongdoing. If Trump is being wrongly accused by the press of an inappropriate relationship with Russia then he should present a logical argument proving his innocence.

Trump and the press play vital roles to the existence and continuation of the United States. The relationship between the two must improve. Americans turn to the media for information and look to Trump for leadership.

If these two groups stand apart the nation can not function, but through unity and civility this nation will continue to thrive.

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ECU should stress importance of studying abroad



I was fortunate enough to be able to study abroad last year and complete my foundations requirements for East Carolina University. I won't bore anyone with the details, but for a little over two months,

I was immersed in a new culture and made countless unforgettable memories. You may think people who study abroad are annoying or obnoxious, and so do I. We all know those people: "This reminds me of one time in Spain..." But nevertheless, studying and traveling abroad allows people the opportunity to have new, exciting experiences outside of their comfort zone.

Unfortunately, an incredibly low percentage of ECU students are studying abroad. It hasn't always been a focus here, but hopefully that will change with our new chancellor, who is increasing the priority of study abroad programs. Of course, there are tons of obstacles to studying abroad. I encountered a few that turned my hopeful semester abroad into

a summer abroad instead. Besides the cost of studying abroad being a barrier, there are definitely some institutional barriers ECU needs to address.

First, many major programs do not have the flexibility that allows for study abroad. As a result, many students can't fit a study abroad program into their four-year plan without it becoming a five-year plan. All majors should be encouraging study abroad options in their curriculum. It can enhance any major course of study when the right program in the right county is chosen. Imagine a business major studying abroad in Tokyo or an English major studying in the United Kingdom. These types of things should be much more common.

Secondly, transferring credits can be unnecessarily difficult when a course from a foreign university does not have an ECU equivalent course. The current process involves choosing a nearly similar course at ECU that resembles the foreign course, presenting the foreign course's syllabus to the relevant department's chair, and then hoping that they approve it. It was an added hassle for me to get an English course in Prague approved for a humanities credit. You would



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A photo of the Charles Bridge in Prague, Czech Republic. This was taken during a study abroad trip.

think that the transfer would be simple, but for me, it involved the laborious process of meeting with three different department chairs first.

ECU must start addressing the issues that may be preventing students from studying abroad. While increasing scholarship money available will enable more students to study

abroad, it does not alleviate the obstacles created at the administrative level. Based on my experiences and the experiences of several friends, it is evident that there are problems with ECU's application process for foreign university credit.

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Student actress shines as first lady

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Looking at Samantha Dempsey, you might be intimidated. She has the long, lean body of a dancer, alabaster skin and fiery hair perfectly tossed in the breeze.

But when she opens her mouth, Dempsey is all giggles and grins, laughing at her own mishaps, unsure of what she's trying to communicate. She is the girl next door and the elegant actress, all wrapped up in one.

Much like the laughter that trips out of her mouth, Dempsey, a musical theatre sophomore, fell into theatre by accident.

"I did not know what theatre really was," Dempsey said. "I was going into fifth grade and I saw this production of *Cats* and right off the bat, I was like, 'I want to do that.'"

That childhood fascination quickly spiraled into a passion as Dempsey auditioned for more and more productions.

"From that point on, I did community productions every summer," Dempsey said. "When I got to high school, I was in all the shows because I was obsessed with it. Ever since fifth grade, I knew what I wanted to do for the rest of my life."

Dempsey had a few friends going to East Carolina University as she searched for colleges, but was unsure of her choice until she auditioned at the School of Theatre.

"Immediately I felt like I fit in just because of the people," Dempsey said. "It just felt like



From left to right, Colin Yates, Jessica Braun, Samantha Dempsey and Donald Sutton try on their "1776" costumes.

their intentions were to motivate you and help you become the best you can be and really prepare you for the real world and make you a real performer."

Dempsey just finished a production of "1776" on campus where she played the First Lady of the United States, Abigail Adams.

"It's my first mainstage, and I love the director," Dempsey said. "It was a very fast and positive environment."

Dempsey's performance in the production required a lot of research and Dempsey has a lot of respect for her character, married to President John Adams.

"I feel like it shows Abigail in a good light, showing that she is dealing with a lot at home,"

Dempsey said. "The last scene I'm in with John is my favorite scene, because I think it shows how much John respects her."

Although Dempsey loves acting, her real passion is musical theatre and she finds something indescribable in music.

"I think there's something so different about expressing yourself through a song," Dempsey said. "It's also the music, not just the lyrics... The underscore gives you so much to the song and how the character is feeling and what your thought process is."

With "1776" at its end, Dempsey jumps right back into rehearsals for "That's All She Wrote," an original musical

written by Megan Daniel.

"I'm playing the actor in it," Dempsey said. "I'm really excited to work on an original piece. It's very relatable, it's a very relatable story... I couldn't help but relate it to my own personal life."

So what brought Dempsey this far? What wisdom does she impart to those who want to follow in her footsteps? She takes a moment, and slips back into the poised ingenue.

Then, she says, "My advice is... never stop working hard and never stop dreaming." She considers that for a moment, then laughs, "What am I saying?"

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Culture reflected in music

Afro-Andean songs to be played by trio

Michelle West
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Western style music is left behind when Extranjeras Andinas steps on stage. This new musical trio, comprised of Elisa Alfonso, Amanda Lueck and Kate Oliphant promotes musical pieces with Afro-Andean influences.

Extranjeras Andinas roughly means "we are acting as Indian women, but are foreign to the culture," said Alfonso. Alfonso received her bachelor's degree in Hispanic studies and flute performance from East Carolina University.



Elisa Alfonso

Alfonso plays the quena, which is the flute of the Andes. Lueck, a senior double majoring in anthropology and music performance, also plays the quena and sings in Spanish during some of the songs.

"All three of us agreed that we wanted something in Spanish to reflect the culture, we wanted something that showed that we were not natives to the culture and we wanted something to highlight that we were female," said Oliphant.

Oliphant plays the charango, a 10 string small version of a guitar.

The musicians were inspired by Zamba Yawar, an ensemble they all participated in at ECU directed by Mario Rey. In this ensemble, they were exposed to Afro-Andean folk music. Afro-Andean music has elements inspired by the people from South America, Africa and European culture.

Extranjeras Andinas wants to expand on people's definition of music.

"Most people's idea of music is so narrow and they don't even release it," said Oliphant. "There is more music than they have ever heard that would not sound like music to them, probably. People put music in this box, and it is a western box, and I would like to take the lid off that box."

Rey also lent Extranjeras Andinas all of the instruments and attire needed for performances. The musicians wear ponchos representative of the Andean culture whenever they perform.

"If I could wear that all day every day, I would," said Oliphant.

Band members of Extranjeras Andinas immersed themselves into the culture, not only by dressing the part, but also by going outside of their comfort zones to learn all of the indigenous instruments, even the percussion. Some of the indigenous instruments include the bombo, a drum with a fur cowhide worn like a snare drum, the chachaj, dried deer hooves strung together and the cason, a "drum box" that has become very popular this century.

"I would love to do more performances because this music is so unfamiliar to basically everyone, and it is amazing," said Lueck.

Extranjeras Andinas performed for classes at Pitt Community College and its next performance will be at the Interfaith Chapel at Vidant Hospital March 14 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Additional performances can be found on YouTube.

"It is going to be livestreamed to every room in the hospital," said Alfonso.

Extranjeras Andinas wants to make sure everyone has the opportunity to experience this culture because the members said it is a very eye-opening experience.

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Bold statements on Oscar's red carpet

Madison Lawson
TEC STAFF

This year at the 89th annual Academy Awards, it was all about making a statement. Whether politically or fashion-wise, many female celebrities went all out this year with their choice of red carpet gowns.

"Janelle Monae's dress was drop dead gorgeous," said junior political science major Mary Kathryn Holmes. "She is definitely on my best dressed list for the Oscars."

Sporting designer Elie Saab, Monae, an American singer and actress, was set to present and represent two of the year's best picture nominees: *Hidden Figures* and *Moonlight*. Monae's bold decision to wear a black beaded ball gown gave the illusion of a character from a fairy tale. Layers of encrusted diamonds, a transparent bodice and a regal headband completed Monae's look.

"Elie is known to create stunning dresses and this one is no different," said Holmes. "It's truly a work of art. Just look at that bodice. It must have taken hours."

In addition to Monae, 20-time Oscar nominee Meryl Streep was also seen wearing Saab as she blushed during her standing ovation. Streep's gown was also covered in delicate beadwork, but differed in its deep blue color and off the shoulder neckline.

Another actress critics had their eyes on was best actress nominee Emma Stone. Some East Carolina University students watching the event agreed Stone exuded 1920's vibes in the gold Givenchy dress. The gown was completed with layers of intricate beading, a drop waist and gold fringe detailing from knee to toe.

"This dress reminds me of the Great Gatsby," said Holmes. "The dresses on the red carpet that wow me are the ones that are unique, and this dress is definitely a showstopper."

As with any red carpet event, celebrities that do not make the best dressed list land themselves a spot on the opposite end of the spectrum. Compared to other celebrities, actress Dakota Johnson made the worst-dressed list according to Holmes.

"It screams old lady," said Holmes. "I think she took her mother's tablecloth and wrapped it around herself."

Johnson's gold Gucci dress has already been compared on social media to one an old lady would wear, including the grandma dress Sandra Bullock wore in "The Proposal." The actress' silk gown gives off a vintage feel with its ruffled neckline and puffed bodice. Because of its individuality, fashion critics seemed to enjoy it but many begged to differ.

In addition to Johnson, many celebrities such as Ryan Gosling and Brie Larson, went the vintage route by incorporating velvet into their looks. Another common red carpet



Ruth Negga walks the red carpet with a ribbon on her Valentino dress to protest the travel ban.

theme this year was red and metallics. Viola Davis, Ginnifer Goodwin and Ruth Negga went classy with a rich hue of red, while Jessica Biel and Charlize Theron dazzled in metallic gold and silver gowns.

Nominated for best actress, Ruth Negga draped her body in a fire-engine red lace Valentino dress designed by Pierpaolo Piccoli.

According to an article recently published in *Vogue*, "Red is iconic and striking," said Piccoli. "It's daring and regal at the same time, you need a strong individuality, as Ruth has, to wear it with confidence."

One of the most iconic accessories of the night was not the dramatic diamond earrings worn by Theron, nor the statement necklace worn by Biel, but a small blue ribbon.

Displayed on the chests of celebrities such as Negga, Karlie Kloss and Lin Manuel Miranda, these small blue ribbons show support for the American Civil Liberties Union and protest President Trump's travel ban.

Freshman criminal justice major La'

Diamond Kelly said when she found out the ribbons were in protest of the travel ban, she smiled.

"It makes me feel so hopeful," she said. "Not all celebrities feel comfortable speaking out, so seeing many of them wearing these ribbons tonight is so inspiring."

According to *Time Magazine*, ACLU, a non-profit organization whose mission is to defend and preserve individual rights, has earned \$25 million in donations since President Trump's ban in January.

Nominated for her performance in *Loving*, a movie about the true story of an interracial couple in the 1950's, *Vogue Magazine* said Negga proudly pinned the blue ribbon onto her gown. Her stylist, Karla Welch, posted to Instagram Negga's final look with the caption, "The accessory I am most proud of. This is something we ALL should believe in, regardless of political party."

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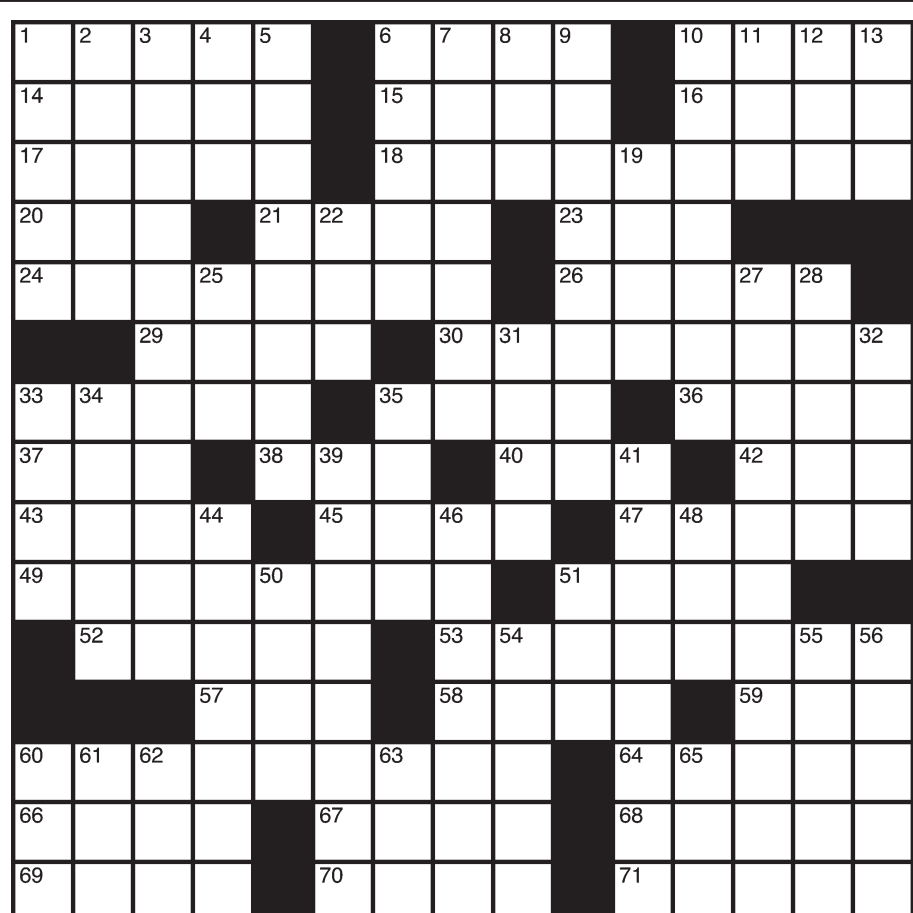
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- ACROSS**
- 1 ___ New Guinea
 - 6 Closest buddies, for short
 - 10 Cleaning cloths
 - 14 Three through nine, in many golf club sets
 - 15 On the sheltered side, at sea
 - 16 Old flames
 - 17 "The Daily Show" regular Black
 - 18 *In Hades, euphemistically
 - 20 Back to square ___
 - 21 Ballet skirt
 - 23 Every bit
 - 24 Béarnaise sauce herb
 - 26 Pearly whites
 - 29 Escorted by
 - 30 *Puffy Chinese dog
 - 33 Where to find a sleeper hit, perhaps
 - 35 Lascivious look
 - 36 "Good point!"
 - 37 "Raggedy" doll
 - 38 601, to Seneca
 - 40 Obstinate mount
 - 42 East, in Essen
 - 43 Fishing poles
 - 45 Leave out
 - 47 Actor Cary ___ of "Kiss the Girls"
 - 49 *Bovine yogurt brand
 - 51 Part of a process
 - 52 Adjust just a bit
 - 53 "Way to go, sister!"
 - 57 Hook shape
 - 58 "Very cool!"
 - 59 Where bovines graze
 - 60 Pained expression, and a hint to two cries hidden in each answer to a starred clue
 - 64 Makes angry, with "up"
 - 66 German automaker
 - 67 Commuter's choice
 - 68 Popped up
 - 69 Fountain of jazz
 - 70 Poet St. Vincent Millay



71 Poked at, cat-style

- DOWN**
- 1 First sitcom episode
 - 2 Hockey venue
 - 3 *Auto feature that doesn't need a crank
 - 4 College, to Aussies
 - 5 Per what was previously mentioned
 - 6 Mistreating
 - 7 Frilly addition to a skirt
 - 8 "A ___ Good Men"
 - 9 Capitol Hill lawmakers
 - 10 Put back in office
 - 11 Rock singer Rose
 - 12 Prefix with political or logical
 - 13 NNE opposite
 - 19 Failed, as a fuse
 - 22 "That's awful!"
 - 25 Divested (of)
 - 27 *Head rest on a sofa
 - 28 Lawmaking body
 - 31 Oil or gas follower

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- 32 Dampens
- 33 Stinging remark
- 34 Stifled laugh
- 35 Long ride, for short
- 39 Intolerably confident
- 41 Put out bait, say
- 44 Beau or boo
- 46 "Sign me up!"
- 48 Relay race part
- 50 Trio member with Crosby and Stills
- 51 Metro stop: Abbr.
- 54 Electrical pioneer Nikola
- 55 Dodger Pee Wee
- 56 Zapped with a beam
- 60 Activate, as a phone app
- 61 Tint
- 62 Home security giant
- 63 "Cool!"
- 65 Nest egg initials

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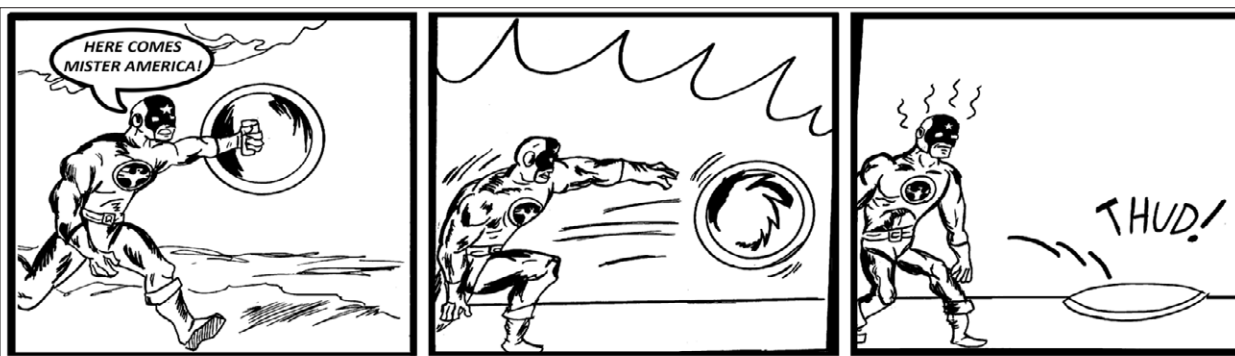
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McClellan makes splash as freshman

Chase Carroll
TEC STAFF

The East Carolina softball team came into the season off of a sub-.500 2016 campaign, a mark that head coach Courtney Oliver and the rest of her team wanted to build off of in this 2017 season.

Thanks to the recent success of a new face, redshirt freshman Tate McClellan, the Pirates currently sit two games above .500 after 14 contests this season.

Although she is new to the Pirates' lineup this season, McClellan got valuable experience with the team last year as a redshirt. She watched her teammates play, as well as learn plays and techniques without using eligibility.



Tate McClellan

McClellan currently leads the team in batting average at .444, with an on base percentage at .535. She has accumulated the most hits on the team with 16 and is tied for the team high for home runs at three. Despite the lack of experience on the field at the college level, McClellan has given the Pirates a much needed offensive boost.

In the past seven games, the Pirates' have come away with six wins, two of which were against tough Atlantic Coastal Conference opponents in Virginia and Virginia Tech. In her last game against Coppin State, McClellan had two hits, one being a home run, with two RBI in the first inning that propelled ECU to an easy 11-0 win.

"I've been waiting for this honestly since last year I did not get to play," McClellan said. "I'm excited. It just feels great to be back."

Although McClellan wanted to be on the field with her teammates last year, she views her experience of being redshirted as a way to improve her game.

"I kind of saw it as an opportunity to get better every day," McClellan said. "I feel like that extra year is really going to help me."

Oliver expressed before the season about how excited she was about the young batters she had coming into the season. Thus far they have not disappointed. Oliver is happy with the progress not only McClellan has shown in her first season on the field, but the success of all the underclassmen as well.

"They are doing a really good job," Oliver said. "They are swinging it well, they are getting hittable pitches, and they are playing their game right now, they are doing a really good job contributing to this lineup."

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BASEBALL continued from A1

down La Salle's batters. Wolfe went 4 1/3 innings before he gave up a hit, and then promptly picked off the base runner at first.

Wolfe ran into trouble in the sixth inning, when he walked two and then gave up a three-run home run to Yan Carlo Rivera. At that point, Godwin pulled Wolfe, allowing Sam Lanier and Jake Agnos to work together in order to finish the game.

Unlike both Saturday and Sunday, the Pirates found themselves trailing late in the game to La Salle, 3-2, before some clutch hitting late in the game paved the way to a 7-3 win Friday.

For the first six innings, ECU had some difficulty generating offense against La Salle's starting pitcher Luke Reilly, getting just five hits for a measly two runs. But the Pirates showed off their offensive depth, getting big hits from pinch hitters Wesley Phillips and Kirk Morgan in the seventh and eighth innings, respectively.

"Coach Godwin preaches everyday that everybody gets opportunities and he doesn't know exactly when you're going to get an opportunity, but when it does make the most of it," Phillips said. "I think he does a great job of preparing everybody on the bench to be prepared all game. I think that's what's really helped us a lot this year and helped me out."

While Phillips tied the game with a single in the seventh, T.J. Riles brought in the game-winning run when he laced a fastball through the middle for a single.

ECU will next take on in-state opponent Elon (3-4) on Wednesday at 4 p.m. at Clark-LeClair Stadium.

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ECU Pirate Stefano Migliorati runs in the American Athletic Conference Championships in Birmingham, Alabama, where the men's team finished sixth.

Men take sixth, women finish eighth during AAC indoor championship

Robbie Milton III
TEC STAFF

In its final competition of the year, the East Carolina indoor track and field team placed sixth and eighth in the men's and women's competitions, respectively at the American Athletic Conference Championships in Birmingham, Alabama over the weekend.

With 38 points, the women placed eighth behind top finishers Central Florida, Cincinnati and Houston, while the men placed sixth with 57 points behind top teams Houston, Connecticut and Tulsa respectively.

"Based on the picks on paper, the women moved up two spots and the men finished in their predicted spot," head coach Curt Kraft said. "Overall it wasn't a bad meet but this is a very good conference we just have to get better."

The women had some high

placing athletes in Courtney Warner, who placed fourth in the 200-meter with a time of 23.90 seconds.

Jada Cunningham took fourth in the triple jump with a distance of 12.47 meters, and the best finish for the women came from Lauren Lubarski who took third place in the high jump by clearing a height of 1.70 meters.

"She (Lubarski) is just an absolute competitor. She is very fiery and is going to finish the job that is her make-up," Kraft said.

The women's side was dominated by UCF and Cincinnati who were separated by just two points as they both eclipsed the 120-mark with the Knights coming out on top, 122-120.

On the men's side, Houston dominated the field and outscored UConn by 62.5 points, racking up 174 total points.

"Houston dominated," Kraft

said. "Houston in the track and field world is like the Cincinnati or SMU in the basketball world and they have led on the men's side the past few years and that's not going to change any time soon."

Sophomore Evan McCracken took fifth place in the distance throw with 17.23 meters. He was beat by senior teammate Adam Manns who threw a distance of 18 meters, which earned him a fourth place finish.

The men also competed well in the weight throw where sophomore Ryan Davis took second place with throwing the weight a distance of 19.91 meters. Davis was followed closely by teammate Manns who threw for a distance of 19.76 meters.

"Evan has a good mentor in Adam Manns, and he sees what Adam does and he kind of follows his (Manns') footsteps,"

Kraft said. "He's growing into a man, he's determined each and every day."

Other top contenders for the men's side were Hakeem Horton who had two better finishes in the 200-meter race where he took fourth by running a time of 21.18 seconds, while taking third place in the 60-meter hurdles with a time of 8.16 seconds. Stefano Migliorati continued his success by taking third place in the 800-meters with a time of 1:52.47 minutes.

The Pirates overall competed well this indoor season, and had several athletes move up on the lists of events for ECU with broke event records. They will transition into the outdoor season which starts March 17 at the Carolina Relays at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

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ECU takes 10th in Florida

Robert Romero
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The East Carolina men's golf team concluded the John Hayt Tournament Sunday afternoon in Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida finishing 10th after shooting a three-day total of 899.

ECU's freshmen led the way as Patrick Stephenson (219) finished tied for 14th at 3-over-par on the par-72 Sawgrass Country Club course. Freshman Blake Taylor totaled 5-over-221, finishing tied for 23rd.

"I thought they performed fantastic," head coach Press McPhaul said. "The golf course we were playing in was difficult. For Blake (Taylor) and Patrick (Stephenson) to do such a good job so early in their career is very encouraging."

Despite the experienced junior Tim Conover (223) finishing with an impressive score, he finished tied for 32nd, and was far from satisfied with the way he has played over the last couple tournaments. Conover is encouraged, however, about where he is finishing despite performing

below his standards.

"My game lately has been a little off," Conover said. "I'm not hitting it the way I want to but I'm still finishing in a good spot so it's encouraging because I'm not playing my best right now so if I can just start playing like I know I can I play, I'll have a chance to win a lot."

According to McPhaul, the damp course made it easier for the players to hit the ball and not have to worry about it rolling a lot on the course. When it got sunny and windy later in the tournament, it made more difficult to control the ball.

"When golf courses are damp, they usually play easier," McPhaul said. "The ball doesn't roll away from you and it usually stays where you want it to. It got sunny and windy, which dried the golf course out where it got firm and fast so ball was bouncing and rolling around a lot."

ECU got off to a hot start in its opening round on Friday, particularly in freshman Patrick Stephenson who was part of a four-way tie for first at 3-under-



Freshman Patrick Stephenson drives during his round this past weekend.

par to sit at 69 after round one. Overall, the Pirates were tied for ninth after their first round.

"They all need to reflect first on what they did well and what they did poorly," McPhaul said. "Then we need to devise a plan to help them a get a little better over the next few days so that we can be a better team than we were

in Florida."

The Pirates will get back to action at the Cleveland Golf Palmetto Intercollegiate Tournament in Aiken, South Carolina with round one teeing off next Monday at 8 a.m.

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