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Staton meets with alumni

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Chancellor Cecil Staton challenged members of East Carolina University's alumni, Board of Trustees and administration Monday to join him in making ECU a world-class university.

The event was held by ECU's Division of University Advancement in the Murphy Center as a way for Staton to address donors about his plans for the university and the importance of their investment in ECU's future.



Cecil Staton

In his speech, Staton discussed several initiatives he has for ECU. Staton said he wants to focus on branding and marketing for the university.

"I think we need to do a better job of tooting our own horn and getting the word out about the great things that are happening at East Carolina University," said Staton. "I don't think we get the acclaim that this university deserves. I don't think we get the recognition that this university deserves, and I believe that East Carolina University is America's next great, national university."

Staton told his guests he also wants the university to grow in the area of research with hopes this will give the college the notoriety it demands.

It is going to be research that is associated with our students and it is going to be research that is based upon the practical outcomes related to the kind of schools we have of medicine, we have at ECU working towards regional transformation," said Staton.

Staton went further in his speech to say he wants to work on ECU's nationalization.

"This past year 500 ECU students, give or take a few, participated in the study abroad experience," said Staton. "That number is incredibly low for the caliber of the university we are."

Staton plans to increase funding for study abroad in order to raise the number of students who get the opportunity to participate in study abroad as a way to ensure students become more globally aware and

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MCCRORY VISITS



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Gov. Pat McCrory speaks during the press conference after meeting with ECU student leaders at the Higher Education Roundtable.

SGA, campus leaders discuss NC higher education

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Governor Pat McCrory visited a small group of student leaders at East Carolina University Tuesday afternoon for a closed-door meeting during which he discussed legislative initiatives designed to bolster the impact of North Carolina's public universities.

McCrory spoke to the media in the Chancellor's Suite following his conference with the students, where he elaborated further on the topics brought up at the Higher Education Roundtable meeting.

"We appreciate the Governor being here today to hear from our students," said ECU Chancellor Cecil Staton. "We are grateful for these student leaders and

their willingness, because of their concern and care for their university and their fellow students they shared some of their wisdom with us."

Among the students at the meeting was SGA President Ryan Beeson. Beeson said students were chosen to attend the meeting specifically because of their backgrounds in education and leadership.

"To my knowledge, students were picked based on their involvement in leadership roles as well as other experiences such as being a first generation college student, having served in our nation's military or being responsible for funding their own education," said Beeson.

McCrory said college affordability was the primary topic of discussion during the meeting. Recently, McCrory signed a bill capping tuition fee increases at three

percent annually. The bill also enforces a policy requiring universities to keep tuition the same throughout each individual student's four year college career.

"It is a national issue and kids are just now coming into college," said McCrory. "Over 50 percent of my budget is education we can't afford to waste any of that money whatsoever, and we can't afford any longer to have students in debt after they graduate without a job."

McCrory said one issue brought up during the meeting was the inconsistency of transferring credits within other universities in the UNC System.

"That was new knowledge for me which I want to follow through on with the

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CREATING A COMMUNITY

Annual block party to encourage crime prevention through art

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On the corner of 3rd and Jarvis streets, the last few years have brought a colorful change to the area surrounding Christy's Euro Pub.

The third annual Art + Community Block Party is making its return this weekend to continue fostering its message of neighborhood bonding and crime prevention through creating community art.

Last year's event involved the mural painting of the retention wall outside of Christy's, and the year before welcomed a palette art piece that was put up on a telephone post outside of the pub.

For Tandi Mahn, owner of Christy's Euro Pub, the positive effects the event has had in previous years is something she looks forward to.

"It just brings the whole neighborhood together, because you live here and you're actually creating the artwork yourself," Mahn said. "It's mostly the community that's putting the artwork into the neighborhood and I think people just take pride in that."

The block party's origins began in 2013 when officer Nikki Cates of the Greenville Police Department partnered with East Carolina University's School of Art and Design.

The partnership aimed to establish efforts that would help to reduce personal and property crime in the neighborhoods surrounding ECU. Since the initial partnering, the annual block party

has gained six other partners: the Pitt County Arts Council at Emerge, the Tar River University Neighborhood Association, the University Neighborhood Association, the Department of Geography, Planning and Environment at ECU, ECU's Off Campus Student Services, and Christy's Euro Pub.

Emerge staff member, Misha Gatlin, attended last year's block party and had the chance to participate in the coloration of the wall mural.

"It was really nice actually," Gatlin said. "They had the bands going and they had the wall outside of Christy's being painted. Anyone could come out and paint, which was really cool."

Amid the crowd, Gatlin got to know neighbors and other locals, all the while gaining a sense of the community atmosphere that the block party aims to create each year.

"[The block party] really does a good job of bringing people together," Gatlin said. "It's like, people you wouldn't normally run into or talk with...you're sharing paint brushes with them all of the sudden."

As with previous years, this year's event will be offering a new community art project for locals to participate in.

"This year, we're going to paint the fence around my walk-in cooler," Mahn said. "We'll

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The retention wall mural outside of Christy's Euro Pub where participants at last year's Art + Community Block Party were encouraged to help with the painting. This year's event will be held Saturday.

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Cedearhurst Road Project

Road construction will continue Monday for the Cedarhurst Road Project, which is set to fix the street between Westhaven Road and Baywood Lane. During days of construction, parking will not be available and there will be limited entry for pedestrians.

Drivers should look for detour routes posted in the area. It is estimated the project will be completed after one month if there are no sudden changes.

Food Service Specialist Training Program

The City of Greenville, Pitt Community College and Community Crossroads Center are planning a Food Service Specialist Training Program. The program will teach skills practiced in the food service industry and will focus on helping people find jobs in the community.

An agreement was signed to guarantee the program on Monday, Aug. 1 at the Community Crossroads Center. The program will be taught by members of PCC's faculty in the kitchen at Community Crossroads Center. An estimated 20 people will be able to attend each session.

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Sorority recruitment begins

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As the Panhellenic rushing process began yesterday, over 850 young women across campus will participate in Greek life recruitment events, in hopes of making new connections.

Freshman Alexa Santora, an accounting major, has always wanted to be a part of Greek life.

“My cousin did it and she made so many connections and friends,” Santora said. “I saw her excel with the help of her sorority and I want the same.”

Santora said she wants to use the experience not only to make friends but to change her view on life.

“Getting to know so many people from so many different cultures is not an opportunity that comes around often,” she said. “It is also a good opportunity to break down barriers.”

Vice President of Panhellenic

Recruitment Ashlee Willoughby, a junior elementary education major, shared a similar goal when she rushed.

“I joined because I wanted to be challenged,” Willoughby said. “I believe many girls share the same goal.”

Santora said she feels there are a lot of stereotypes that surround the Greek lifestyle and she wants to challenge those negative perceptions.

“We have girls in honors college, clubs, [who] maintain jobs and GPAs,” Willoughby said. “I think that is what is drawing more young women to Greek life.”

Director of Greek life Keith Tingley said since 2008 ECU sororities have recruited 100 members annually.

“Women like what they see when they look at the Greek life at ECU,” Tingley said. “We just passed NC State in the number of women we have in

Greek life, and we are about to pass [the University of North Carolina at] Chapel Hill.”

Assistant Director of Greek life and Panhellenic Advisor Karen Clegg said sharing stories is another contributing factor in the steady rise.

“We think the growth is sparked by more sorority women sharing their stories,” Clegg said. “Everyone is joining in the recruiting process whereas before it was only the vice president of recruitment.”

Willoughby said the increase has forced chapter meetings to be held in academic buildings because the houses are too small.

“To me, that is a good thing,” Willoughby said. “I love having so many women who want to be a part of the Greek experience.”

Only 174 women are allowed per chapter and an even smaller number

are allowed to live in the house.

“Each house was bought with a max number of beds to house a certain number of girls,” Willoughby said. “But that doesn’t make us any less intertwined.”

Tingley said he believes this year will continue to see a steady growth.

“We are looking at about 850-900 women as the leveling ground,” he said.

Because of the limit on how many members sororities can accept, not all women who rush will receive a bid but for some that is not the biggest concern.

“Even if I don’t get a bid, it’s still a great experience,” Santora said. “I can’t wait to make as many friends as possible.”

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ECU launches new OneCard

Over the summer, East Carolina

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University created a new OneCard for students hoping the new change would benefit students who want easier and more effective access to pay for resources on campus.

Freshmen who attended orientation over the summer were some of the first to receive ECU’s updated OneCard. The new card will be replacing the past Gold Key Account with “Bounty Bucks,” which will act almost as a credit card for students.

The new aspect of the card will allow students and faculty to put

money on their OneCard and use it not only at the usual places but also for items at Dowdy Student Store, prescriptions at the Student Health Center on campus, student bookstore accounts and for the payment of any fines owed to ECU.

“It is cool that certain places will take them now,” said Brooke Belcher, a senior English major. “It seems more sensible.”

Students can add money to their account by visiting the OneCard office in G-521 of the Old Cafeteria Complex or by going to ECU’s website online. Refunds will be available of Bounty Bucks after a student has graduated or withdrawn from ECU and fills out a Refund Request form.

The card also has a more modernized design, which shows ECU’s cupola and the university logo. The design was made by ECU Creative Services.

“We’ve been trying to change the cards to a more contemporary look for students for years,” said Katie Heacox, the assistant director of the OneCard Office.

Belcher said the design overall looks more professional and resembles more of an actual ID than it did before the adjustments.

The new OneCard is optional and if students want the new card they will need to purchase it, said Merlena Artis, the director of the OneCard Office.

Artis said all of the old cards will still be activated for students who want to keep their old OneCard.

“I don’t think it is fair though,” said Tashema Carr, a junior psychology major. “I want a new one but I’d have to pay.”

Artis added the office also took more security measures into account when making the OneCard, so the card will be harder to duplicate and will ultimately last longer.

“I think that they look great, and I think students will love them,” said SGA President Ryan Beeson. “I may have to get one for myself.”

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ECU gets worldwide, global recognition.

“Our students are going to be living and working in a global economy, a global knowledge based economy,” said Staton. “In four years, students recognize and have a global awareness and to do that they have to have some experience [studying abroad] during college.”

Calvin Mercer, at-large councilmember for Greenville’s City Council said he is excited to work with Staton.

“Chancellor Staton is very personable, very student-oriented and I think he has the best interest of the University at heart and that he is going to bring some great leadership to this university,” said Mercer.

Mercer is also a religious studies professor at ECU and was involved with Study Abroad for seven years as a faculty member. Mercer

said he admires Staton’s focus on improving ECU’s Study Abroad program.

Staton asked the alumni to “step up to the plate financially” and give the endowment a school ECU’s size and quality requires.

“This university has the endowment of about \$180 million and it would not be enough if it were half a billion,” said Staton. “We have to begin prepping now, seriously prepping for a major capital campaign for this university.”

Christopher Dyba, the vice chancellor for University Advancement, said he would like to see a larger endowment as well.

“What we have done over the last few years should be commended by our alumni, our appropriate foundation partners,” said Dyba. “\$180 million is not enough for 28,000 students, the amount of facilities we have, the amount of programs we have, first-year programs and what we mean to the community, to the region,

to the state and so on and so forth.”

Representative of the North Carolina General Assembly Greg Murphy was one of the state-elected officials present Monday to welcome the chancellor.

“I think Dr. Staton hit it right on the head as far as what needs to be done as a priority for the university,” said Murphy. “To have a university this size with an endowment that small puts us at a massive disadvantage to compete with

other larger universities.”

After his speech, Staton said in an interview he plans to host similar events like this one all over the state and country to other alumni.

“I want to hear from them about their experience at ECU,” said Staton. “What is it that connects them to the university, why is it that they support the university and then I want them to know about the good things going on here.”

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Board of Governors, because that could end up costing kids money if they thought a course they took and spent money on was transferable and it was not,” said McCrory.

While speaking about his objectives for college-life improvement, McCrory said better financial planning within families prior to actual enrollment needed to be addressed.

“We had some language barriers regarding

the financial acumen that both students and parents need when they first sign up for college loans,” said McCrory. “Students and parents often sign up not clearly understanding the student loan package, understanding the fixed or adjustable rates of any money they might be borrowing and basically understanding the whole finance package.”

Roger Villarreal, ECU’s College Republicans Chairman was also present at the meeting and said Beeson reached out to him about the opportunity.

“I feel as though I gave the governor a lot of insight on the true cost of college, ranging from applying your senior year of high school to actually being able to pay throughout the school year,” said Villarreal.

McCrory’s visit also brought attention to the growing, often overlooked problem of alcohol and drug addiction on college campuses. Describing social media and its associated peer pressure as a catalyst to the issue.

“East Carolina, like all other universities is no exception [to drug and alco-

hol issues],” said McCrory. “Some students said that there are issues definitely related to kids getting hooked on drugs, especially Xanax and other types of prescription drugs.”

McCrory said separating “social media versus the reality of what’s happening” is going to be a challenge for North Carolina as a whole, since news on social media holds so much weight over the general public.

“Another thing I’ve learned is that we do not have Alcoholics Anonymous opportunities or Drug Anonymous opportunities

for people who may be dealing with addiction issues,” said McCrory. “Kids care about their fellow colleagues who are using drugs or abusing alcohol but are not always taught how to intervene with friends who are dealing with these potential issues.”

McCrory said he plans on visiting more UNC System schools in the coming weeks, allowing him to continue gaining insight on the positive changes his policies accomplished, as well as problems that still require attention.

“We have implemented

some major changes in our university programs and we need to stay in touch and hear from the customers, the students,” said McCrory.

While McCrory’s push towards relieving the financial burden and enriching the quality of life for college students is critical to the future of the state, the proximity to his campaign for re-election in November raises concerns about whether or not legislation could pass in the remainder of his tenure as governor.

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Freshman here, I'd like to see if this actually makes it to print. My mom would be so proud.

Ok Pirates - let's get this year started: PURPLE!!

Had a freshman stop me today and ask for directions to HOWSCI. Then told me that she'd asked three other people and no one bothered to help her. COME ON PIRATES. Help guide the lost, you know damn well you were one of them once too...

I have decided to stop feeding myself the cancerous garbage the media all over this country keep spewing out. So, this will be my last pirate rant as well. Bye

Kai Jones is like an internet troll, but he uses TEC.

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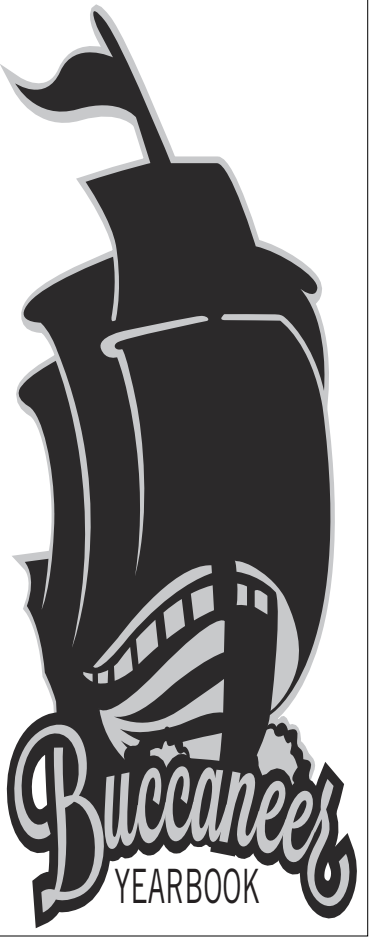
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Our view

Staton's open door allows conversation

With the recent announcement that Chancellor Cecil Staton will be offering 10 minute student meetings throughout the fall semester, we as an editorial staff see this as a step in the right direction under a new regime.

It is no secret that this is Staton's first year as chancellor of East Carolina University. His appointment as chancellor came with mixed opinions and even some criticism. Since then, he has been making strides to prove his dedication to ECU.

We see Staton's willingness to hold student meetings as a display of his eagerness to address the needs of all ECU students while still paving his own way as the new chancellor. We believe that Staton's office hours are an excellent way for the student body to not only

get to know him, but for him to personally get to know the university he represents.

His newness to this campus and university could easily hinder any progress he could make during his first year here. We think that the inclusion of an open forum for students to express their opinions and concerns straight to him will ensure that Staton will not have a remiss first year.

As a new chancellor, making himself accessible to ECU's entire student body is a major step towards Staton becoming the figurehead ECU needs. It gives every student an equal opportunity to hold council with the person who holds the most weight on campus and that is something we think should not be taken for granted.

Cruz's plea falls on wrong ears

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Senator Ted Cruz gave great advice at the 2016 Republican National Convention. It was advice that turned an excited and cheering crowd into one chanting in unison for Cruz to endorse Republican Presidential nominee, Donald J. Trump.

Senator Cruz asked the delegates in attendance and the curious viewers at home to vote using their conscience.

"If you love our country and love your children as much as I know that you do, stand and speak and vote your conscience," Cruz said to the Republican delegates.

Moments after those words left his mouth and were amplified throughout the arena and world, people immediately disregarded what the words meant and focused on the lack of an endorsement. That was the problem. Cruz said the right message to the wrong audience. It is similar to someone organizing an alcohol sobriety meeting next door to a bar. That would be inappropriate and wrong. An environment unfit for a message with good intentions.

Whether Senator Cruz should have bitten

the bullet and endorsed his former adversary or speak out and stand his ground against Trump is a never-ending debate. What should not be debated is that as voters in a democracy, voting is a sacred duty that should be taken seriously. The moment a voter enters a voting booth that simple action of casting a ballot can mark the beginning of a whole new world.

This presidential race consists of two controversial options. One being an outspoken real estate mogul who at times has made comments so contentious even members of his own party refuse to support them. The other side of the coin holds a veteran of Washington politics scarred by controversies of her past. Both candidates face historically low trustworthy ratings amongst their voters and are arguably the least popular options to be presidential nominees.

As voters, the decision we make for who may represent our interest in our government should be a personal decision. In many cases people align themselves with like-minded individuals who support the same issues, stances and usually candidates. With all that being said, the choice of who to vote for comes down to how well the candidate can show the constituency a vote for them is the right vote. But, with all the convincing, pictures, signing autographs and baby holding, a voter still

enters behind that curtain to cast a ballot. That voting station is where your conscience makes a decision of who to support, not a picture of a candidate with a baby.

Vote your conscience. Vote for the man or woman who can win your trust, not by slandering the opponent or promising the world, but the candidate that you believe in. Forget which party they belong to and which party you affiliate with. An election is a personal choice between a voter and a representative. The ballot is a contract. A contract that states you as the voter choosing the representative to be your surrogate voice — a voice to fight for your issues and solve them so life may become easier in your community.

Many college students will be voting for the first time come this election season. And with it facing the difficult challenge of voting for the party they support or the candidate their conscience can trust. Senator Cruz said vote with your conscience and it is actually not a bad idea. He said the right words to the wrong people, but that should not discredit the words from having any meaning.

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Female Olympians fight for respect

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Ahead in Medals, Behind in Equality

Catherine Mitchell

Gold, silver, bronze. These three medals are the focus of any Olympic Games and the same held true in Rio this summer. But even the most focused Olympian would have been distracted by what seemed to be a constant stream of tactless commentary, bad behavior, news snubs and, most of all, incredibly offensive tweets.

Wedged between inspiring moments of athletic excellence, there has been something — action, appearance, or word, to offend almost everyone. I'm left with a thought: has it always been this bad?

This year, more than ever, people began to recoil from NBC's somewhat problematic coverage. Criticism of the commentary and choice of what to air reinforced the notion that we can only see what they show us.

It's long been said that there is a lack of attention and acknowledgment for women's sports, but after Rio, even the bravest female Olympian must be feeling some unease. When it comes to the media, they can't win.

Coverage for female athletes is, often, not about their achievements, but about the ridicule they face on social media. USA Gymnastics member Gabby Douglas has been all but raked across coals on Twitter, with intense mockery of her appearance and even, unimaginably, her patriotism.

But when there is no criticism, female athletes take a backseat. Katie Ledecky broke the world record in the 800-meter freestyle, along with her other wins. Simone Manuel's tie to win the 100-meter freestyle made her the first African-American woman to win gold in individual swimming. Still, news coverage the next day was dominated



(Left to right) Gabby Douglas, Laurie Hernandez and Simone Biles stand together at a medal ceremony.

by Michael Phelps' gold medal performance.

In 1976, the USA women's basketball team won silver in their first Olympic games, ever. This year, the team won gold.

Forty years later and women are still fighting off the court for the same goal — for female athletes to be given the respect and recognition they deserve.

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Student establishes handmade choker business

Alaina Corsini
TEC STAFF

With chokers back on the scene, one East Carolina University student has taken this '90s style staple and turned it into a business opportunity.



Madelyn Iacurci

Madelyn Iacurci, a senior communication major, established her one-of-a-kind business, "We the Wavie," by creating chokers, necklaces and other accessories.

Iacurci's chokers are made by dying, measuring, cutting, sewing, and glueing the pieces to each choker, all of which is done by hand. Each order is custom and no pieces purchased are exactly the same.

"I started out with lace and still continue to have lace as my go-to base for any choker," Iacurci said.

When Iacurci began her venture, the trend emerging at the time was plain black chokers, which made their way back into fashion after appearing in New York Fashion Week and Vogue Paris. The accessory quickly re-gained popularity on ECU's campus among others and Iacurci found a way to develop her own spin on the trend.

"At first I had people saying, 'Hey can you make me a plain black choker?' and to this day I've never made nor worn a plain black choker," Iacurci said. "Anyone can do that."

Chokers first made their comeback in the spring of 2016 and became the go-to accessory for any outfit. In time, they became much more elaborate than the basic black 'Posh Spice' choker many had come to know.

"I'm glad I stuck with my initial thoughts because my white 'lace & leather' choker is hands down the most frequently ordered choker," Iacurci said.

According to Vogue Paris, top names in fashion such as Chanel, Dior and Balmain have followed suit with the trend and emerged with new collections including the elaborate chokers, which are set to premiere this season at New York Fashion Week.

"I've done a lot of research in hopes that I can stay somewhat on trend, but at the same time create pieces that no one else is really making yet," Iacurci said.

Iacurci's designs are made to order, and each is created with its own unique style and flare. The custom chokers also include original names created by Iacurci,

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SAVANNA ELKINS | THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Samples of Madelyn Iacurci's chokers. The ECU student began her business "We The Wavie" after chokers made their way back into fashion.

THE DISH

New restaurant to emphasize tequila, Mexico City traditions

Rebecca Sefter
TEC STAFF

One up-and-coming franchise is hoping to change the way Greenville locals think of Mexican restaurants.

With construction nearly complete for the upscale Mexico City-inspired restaurant, Totopos Street Food and Tequila, manager Carlos Ruvalcaba hopes to bring a little piece of Mexico tradition to the community.

"People [are] so used to hard shell tacos or the soft shell tacos with ground beef...or enchiladas with a bunch of cheese and sauce on the top like you can't even recognize what it is," Ruvalcaba said. "We're doing something more traditional and more presentable."

The idea for Totopos was created in Mexico City. The owners looked at all of the traditional food options and decided to bring it back to Raleigh. Being in the restaurant business for over 20 years, they wanted to take the next step and create a more authentic and unique experience. After opening their Cary location in 2014, they decided to open a second restaurant in Greenville.



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Outside of Totopos Street Food & Tequila. The Mexico City inspired restaurant originated in Cary in 2014.

"We were thinking of some specials for [students] on [game days]," Ruvalcaba said. "We're going to work with them really close."

Mexico City is not only represented through the food, but also in the setup of the restaurant. Each seating area is themed with a different aspect of the city in mind.

"If you go to one part you can see the subway system...[and] you

can see the taxi," Ruvalcaba said. "Then you have a part that looks like a plaza, like a market."

Another goal of Totopos is to change people's opinion of tequila. Ruvalcaba advises people who have had bad experiences with tequila to be more open to trying different kinds of better quality. They plan on having 80 different types, including some that may be up to \$300-400 a bottle.

"We try to incorporate tequila because it is a really big thing in Mexico," Ruvalcaba said.

The bar's theme will pay homage to the Mexican holiday, Día de Muertos, or,"Day of the Dead." Día de Muertos is celebrated on Nov. 1 to remember and pray for lost loved ones. Ruvalcaba said the owners chose this holiday for

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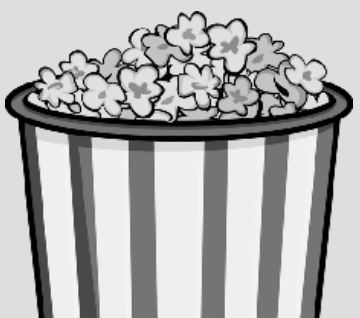
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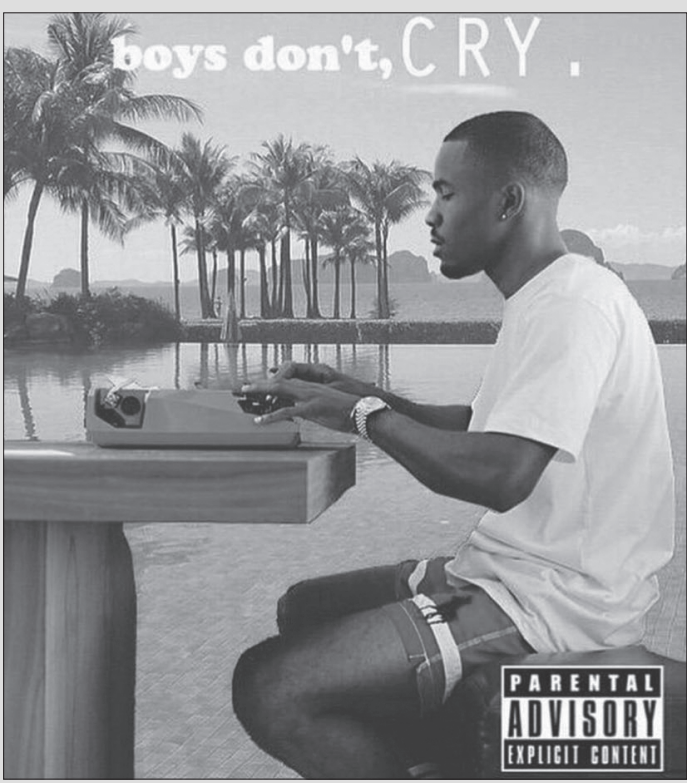
ALBUM REVIEW

Ocean's album provides intimate insight to life



Arvanna Smart
TEC STAFF

For Frank Ocean fans the release of his latest album “Blonde” has been a long awaited one. “Blonde,” on first listen, isn’t the mind-blowing, masterpiece many had expected or hoped for. Less immediate and diligent than “Channel Orange,” it instead shows the progression of Frank Ocean as a songwriter. “Blonde” brings a more personal tone to the table than Ocean’s previous works. The album ultimately unfolds, revealing a story that begins where Ocean was four years ago to where he is now as a person. To start the album off, listeners are introduced to typical Ocean as he speaks of the trappings of materialistic things that we, as humans, tend to fall for, like the Nike shoes in the fittingly-named song “Nikes.” “These b***** want Nikes/ They only want a check / Tell’em it ain’t likely,” starts the track as a mellow beat drags on in the background. With this song, it’s as if Ocean is ashamed of the materialistic ways society can be, especially in the entertainment industry. Following “Nike” comes a contrasting, semi-upbeat love song called “Ivy.” The melody creates a euphoric feeling as Ocean sings on about a past relationship that failed. He sings about experiences the two shared and how he was heartbroken with memorable lyrics. “I broke your heart last week,” he sings on “Ivy,” “You’ll probably feel better by the weekend/ The start of nothing. I could hate you now.” What makes the album really pop are the subtle references that Ocean makes in each song to things that have happened in American history over the past four years while he was away from the music industry. In “Nike,” Ocean mourns the deaths of rapper A\$ap Yams, Pimp C and Trayvon Martin. “Pour up for A\$ap, RIP Pimp C, RIP Trayvon, that N**** look just like me.” While on the track “Nights,” Ocean brings up how Hurricane Katrina affected him. As the album continues, Ocean speaks about more experiences he has had as an artist. These experiences hit their peak in the song “Solo.” “White leaf on my boxers, green leaf turn to vapors for the low/ And that mean cheap, cause ain’t s*** free and I know it/ Even love ain’t, cause this nut cost, that clinic kill my soul/ But you gotta hit the p**** raw though.” The lyrics bring to life the drug use, empty sex and lonely, dark times that Ocean has experienced, all the while amplified by an organ melody. Unlike “Channel Orange,” the music and feel of “Blonde” is riskier and more mature. Ocean’s progression as an artist is seen throughout the album. “Blonde” leaves listeners knowing Ocean cannot be pinned down to one title. The album cover for “Blonde,” which has been four years in the making. On “Channel Orange,” Ocean was open with his sexuality with songs directed towards men such as “Bad Religion,” “Thinking about you” and “Forrest Gump.” Here, he leaves listeners back to guessing about his sexuality with songs about an experience going on a blind date with a guy at a gay bar to lyrics about taking someone else’s girl. Bringing the album to a close, Ocean ends the project with a song that details his come up as an artist. He wraps up the album with a song about his life as he speaks on how he used to work minimum wage with Tyler the Creator sleeping on his couch to how he is making over \$800k now. The track ends with a sound bite of an interview and a private conversation with a friend leaving an intimate impression on listeners as he has allowed listeners to experience his life over the past four years through the album. Is this the album everyone expected from Frank Ocean after four years? No. But it has potential to become a classic nonetheless. RATING: ★★★★★ 4 out of 5 For questions or comments, contact arts@theeastcarolinian.com.



Sister Hazel to headline Watermelon Fest

Arvanna Smart
TEC STAFF

Returning just at the cusp of the seasons changing, the Winterville Watermelon Festival is back and bringing weekend-long festivities for locals. The annual festival features multiple family-friendly activities including amusement rides, games, music and a watermelon parade. This year’s festival also brings platinum selling band Sister Hazel, to the stage as the headlining performance. The band, which formed in Gainesville, Florida 20 years ago, began when members Ken Black (vocalist/guitarist), Andrew Copeland (guitarist/vocalist), Ryan Newell (lead guitarist), Jett Beres (bassist) and Mark Trojanowski (drummer) met in college. “We all went to the University of Florida. We started playing around town and making these little circles,” Beres said. “When we went to a gig we would sell tapes and CDs from the back of our van and after doing that for about four years we got picked up by Universal Records.” In 1997, the band released its platinum selling album “...Somewhere More Familiar.” One of the most well-known singles of the album, “All For You,” has made its way into a classic with its memorable chorus, “It’s hard to say what it is I see in you/ Wonder if I’ll always be with you/ But words can’t say, And I can’t do/ Enough to prove/ It’s all for you.” Along with the classics, Sister Hazel will also be playing its familiar, alternative rock lineup. “[We’re] probably a blend of American rock ‘n’ roll, country, southern rock...all the things that we were brought up on in North Florida,” Beres said. This will be Sister Hazel’s first time performing in Winterville, where it is set to play at Friday’s family fun night of the festival, which begins at 8:30 p.m. “I don’t think it will be different [from other performances],” Beres said. “It’s a big country. There’s still places here and there that we haven’t played and we just do what we do. We get on stage and we don’t promise much but a good time.” Among Sister Hazel, local artists are also set to take the stage, including Spare Change, Mikele Buck Band, Lauren Alaina and Brothers Osborne. Each day of the festival will consist of different activities, with festivities kicking off tonight at 6 p.m. Friday, the Watermelon Festival will be open from 5 p.m. until 11 p.m. The final day of the festival, Saturday, will be an all-day event, opening at 8 a.m. and closing at 10 p.m. For questions or comments, contact arts@theeastcarolinian.com.



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Members of Sister Hazel perform on stage. The platinum-selling band has been together for 20 years after forming in Florida in 1993.

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including “First Rodeo,” “Wealthy Navy,” “Leather Chandelier” and “Marble Floors.” “I’ve sat there a few times for two hours exacting to bang out like 10 styles of chokers but only ended up with one or two,” said Iacurci. “Sitting there, rearranging fabrics and charms and laces and ropes. To make it unique takes a while.” Iacurci added, “I want each piece to stand out and have people wondering where they got it.” As Iacurci expands her collections, the clientele for her business continues to grow as well. “I also have two stores that will be selling my pieces in September,” Iacurci said. “The two stores both reached out to me, so knowing they want We the Wavie featured in their stores is an honor to say the very least.” Since the recent skyrocket of her business Iacurci has begun to offer rewards for loyalty of those purchasing the accessories. We the Wavie offers different discounts for posts on social media and returning customers. “It’s the most incredible and worthwhile feeling when someone takes the time to message me back about how much they love their necklace,” Iacurci said. “I’ve never been more excited or felt so lucky to have had so many returning customers.” For questions or comments, contact arts@theeastcarolinian.com.

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the bar’s theme because tequila is the drink of choice when celebrating it. The Totopos staff will be trained to answer any and all questions regarding the physical layout, decorations and menu items. “I know the customers are going to have a lot of questions,” Ruvalcaba said. “Like, ‘Why you have this right here?’ or, ‘Why do you put [up] those iron masks?’ or ‘What does it mean?’” The staff began training Monday at the Evans Street location in order to aim for an early-September opening day. Around half of the staff members are East Carolina University students. “You will have a really, really great experience here,” Ruvalcaba said. “With all of the themes that we have [and] all the food is going to be great. There’s nothing like this in Greenville and I think Greenville needs something like this.” For questions or comments, contact arts@theeastcarolinian.com.

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have these little ornaments to paint that ECU made, which are stamped with our Plus Community logo.” Aside from the art projects and crafts, the block party will also feature live performances from local Greenville bands, August is Ours, The Still Shakers and Raleigh-based Hank, Pattie & The Current. The festivities are set to begin at 1 p.m. Saturday and will last until 6 p.m. Christy’s will also be hosting an after-party following the afternoon’s event, which is set to begin at 9 p.m. and feature Chit Nasty as the evening’s entertainment. “I think the bigger plan is to continue having the party once a year, but also to start incorporating some of the artwork that we do here throughout the rest of Greenville,” Mahn said. “The hope is to continue to get community efforts involved.” For questions or comments, contact arts@theeastcarolinian.com.

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Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit www.sudoku.org.uk

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PUZZLES

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9 King whose gift became a curse

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16 Amtrak express

17 GLUTEN-free fare

19 1983 Woody Allen film

20 Schoolyard “I’ll show you!”

21 Scholarly

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32 “GoodFellas” fellowship

35 Breaks

36 Duffel bag filler, in a thriller

37 Sandwich guy?

39 Take care of

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55 Supposed bringer of bad luck

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3 More than just apologize

4 Bill for shots

5 Scoop or poop

6 With 63-Down, meditative discipline

7 Org. that takes many forms

8 Blueprint

9 Lively Polish dance

10 Like most cupcakes

11 Pastrami provider

12 Came down

13 Guru

18 Bandanna kin

22 Place for family game night

24 Arial, for one

25 Attendance record spoiler

27 Regular hourly rate

28 Genetic letters

29 Any one of the Arans

30 Big name in audio products

31 Beijing blight

32 Serious disorder

33 Swear words?

34 Fox’s title

38 Year in Nero’s reign

40 Run like heck

43 Epic

45 High on the Scoville scale

48 Multichannel

49 Making no progress

52 Bacteria in a produce recall

53 Brahms’ instrument

54 Proud cries

55 Teacher’s handout

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HOROSCOPES

- Aries

★★★★★★

Find new ways to grow your assets over the next month, with Venus in Scorpio. Review numbers. Make home repairs and upgrades. Find a sweet deal. If in doubt, wait.
- Taurus

★★★★★★

Write your story. Your love grows stronger over the next month, with Venus in Scorpio. Together, you’re especially hot. Hold onto what you have, and save the best for last.
- Gemini

★★★★★★

An unexpected windfall could buy treats or get saved for later
- your choice. Stash funds for travel? Beauty comes with growing health, especially this month, with Venus in Scorpio.

Cancer

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You’re in the spotlight. Confirm intuition with solid data, especially before posting. Fun, love and beauty are recurring themes over the next month, with Venus in spicy Scorpio.

Leo

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Put your love into your home over the next month with Venus in Scorpio. Be sensible about spending. Don’t take anyone for granted. You see creative possibilities everywhere.

Virgo

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Write about what you love. Expressing your heart comes easily, with Venus in Scorpio for a month. Music is a wise investment. Feed your imagination and creativity.

Libra

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Generate profitable works of beauty over the next month, with Venus in Scorpio. The artistry is in the details. Let the spirit flow through you. Hold yourself to high standards.

Scorpio

★★★★★★

You’re especially attractive this month, with Venus in your

sign. Dreams reveal your true feelings. Meditation and prayer are useful, especially when pessimism creeps in. Aim for simplicity and authenticity.

Sagittarius

★★★★★★

Find hidden treasures over the next month, with Venus in Scorpio. Review the past and discover beauty, love and intrigue. A sibling’s crazy idea could work. You’re especially persuasive.

Capricorn

★★★★★★

Group projects especially thrive and grow over the next month, with Venus in Scorpio. Compassion is a huge factor. Leave nothing to chance. Organize

the team, and get enough rest.

Aquarius

★★★★★★

Profitable professional ventures come your way this month, with Venus in Scorpio. You’re attracted, and attractive. Use your finesse and charm. Relax and enjoy it.

Pisces

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Discover new scenery over the next month, with Venus in Scorpio. Balance travel with career developments. Expand your territory. Get something you know will gain value. Less is more.

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Duo anchors special teams unit

Tori Poole
TEC STAFF

Back in the summer of 2013, all it took Davis Plowman was a simple Twitter direct message to spark a friendship with Worth Gregory, starting East Carolina's most notorious duo.

"I messaged him," Plowman said. "I said 'Do you like to party?' He said yes and I said 'Do you want to be roommates?' and he said, 'Sounds good' and it's been like that ever since."

Whether it's the grueling weeks of practice in the hot Greenville sun or playing pool in the locker room, you will hardly see the pair apart. Both Plowman and Gregory jokingly said that everyone on the team is jealous of the close relationship the special teams unit has.

"It's not like it's just an on the field thing," said the place kicker Plowman. "Even guys on our team will say that we're the closest group of guys on the team because we're just always together on and off the field. People will always find us together no matter what."

Despite the serious nature of the approaching season, there is still room for fun among the players — something the special teams players have embraced. Members of the unit hold a "best specialist competition" in which the kickers and punters will learn to long snap, and the long snappers will get their chance to put their kicking skills on display. This is all to determine who is the "best specialist of all-time."

The special teams unit also has its own time to play its choice of music in the locker room, which just so happens to be when everyone else is not in the locker room.

"There is actually a schedule to who gets to play [music] in the locker rooms at which times, like DBs have Wednesdays," said Gregory. "We have Sundays, when we don't even practice. So we try to come in and listen to gospel music as a group."

Outside of football, Plowman and Gregory have several different hobbies, but the main one is playing golf together. Plowman said he played golf while growing up and continues to play in Greenville because he has such a

love for the game. Gregory on the other hand began playing with Plowman, and said he is "terrible."

"Saying you trust someone

is a much better statement than saying you love someone," said Gregory as he quoted a common Montgomery saying.

The trust the special teams unit holds has managed to take its play to a higher standard.

"When you have that bond off the field, it's a trust thing," said Plowman. "You can trust them off the field and hangout with them all the time, you like the guy. Then when you come on the field, you know he's going to do his job the best he can for you. It just goes hand and hand."

Both SEC transfers said that the fans can look forward to the pregame warm ups with the special teams. They want the fans to come out during pregame so they can watch all of the special teams' "sweet" intro videos.

"They can expect a halftime show," said Plowman. "Us just dropping bombs at halftime... and in the game...and during pregame."

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SWIMMING & DIVING

Former ECU swimmer Julien Dodu earned the Commissioner's Postgraduate Leadership Award.

BASEBALL

Former ECU pitcher Jeff Hoffman made his MLB debut Saturday with the Colorado Rockies.

SOCCER

The Pirates (1-1) defeated Towson University, 2-1 Sunday evening.

SOCCER

ECU (1-1) will face No. 18 Virginia Tech Friday and Western Carolina Sunday afternoon.

VOLLEYBALL

East Carolina will play in the Bucknell Invitational this weekend in Lewisburg, Pennsylvania.

CAROLINA PANTHERS

The Panthers will play their third preseason game Friday against the New England Patriots.

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Utility player and 2015 quarterback James Summers (11) tries to push past a Virginia Tech defender in East Carolina's 35-28 victory on Sept. 26.

QB depth brings confidence

Gerin Honeycutt
TEC STAFF

If there is any situation the East Carolina football team doesn't want to find itself in, it's the one that the Pirates had to deal with last year.

A week before the opening game of the season, then-starting quarterback Kurt Benkert saw his season end as he went down with an ACL tear. From that point on, the team endured a position battle that never saw one quarterback separate himself from the other. The battle between now-Northern Arizona transfer Blake Kemp and ECU offensive playmaker James Summers ultimately hindered offensive production from a unit that had lofty expectations going into 2015.

This year though, the Pirates know to plan for the worse.

"[Offensive coordinator Tony] Petersen just does a great job of coaching us all so that we all can operate this offense," said new starting quarterback Philip Nelson.

With Summers now used as a utility player, he isn't getting the amount of reps behind center as he saw a year ago. Summers

isn't necessarily the backup in a unit that is much deeper than it was last season.

"James [Summers] is a phenomenal athlete and he's been moved around this whole offense and played running back, quarterback, receiver and tight end," said Nelson. "He understands the offense by now, he knows what everyone's doing so that's the main thing is that he knows exactly what's going on."

Though Summers couldn't separate himself last year from a battle with an undersized and less mobile Kemp, he does have a knowledge of the playbook. More so than anything, Summers has a year of quarterbacking experience under his belt at the FBS level.

Issues with accuracy haunted Summers last year, but what he lacks in that area, sophomore Gardner Minshew and freshman Reid Herring flaunt and use to their advantage when vying for the second and third spot on the depth chart.

"Gardner, extremely smart kid, throws a great ball, real accurate, he's picked up this offense very fast and it's really exciting to see," said Nelson.

Minshew hasn't just caught the eye of Nelson but first-year ECU head coach Scottie Montgomery has also noticed the sophomore transfer coming into his own.

"The biggest exclamation point behind [Nelson] would have to be Gardner," Montgomery said. "He's a guy that knows our entire offense, he's a gym rat and an office rat, if you will, and we're excited to have him."

Though Herring and Minshew bring a more traditional dynamic to the Pirate offense and Petersen's passing attack, Summers knows what his role would be as the quarterback.

"Gardner will come in as a quarterback and I'll still be the athlete on the field," said Summers. "Certain schemes we would have to run to get me the ball to help the offense and I'm ready to do that. Gardner is prepared and he knows the system and can get the ball into playmaker's hands very well, not saying I can't, but I can be one of those playmakers he's getting the ball to."

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