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Senior political science and communications major Jahad Carter voices his concerns to the Chancellor Search Committee.

Chancellor concerns voiced Students led discussion to search committee

Sarah Hooper
TEC STAFF

On Jan. 15, the committee formed by the East Carolina University Board of Trustees to search for a new chancellor held its first student listening session from 6 to 7 p.m. in the Blackbox Theatre in the Main Campus Student Center.

Roughly 50 students were present, including multiple members of the Student Government Association.

The Chancellor Search Committee members present were Jeff Popke, Colin Johnson, Leigh Fanning, Michelle Bone, Angela Allen, Crystal Chambers, Grant Hayes, Chris Locklear and Scott Murry.

The discussion was led by SGA President Colin Johnson. He kept his personal views of potential candidates to the minimum.

"It is our goal as a committee to have a new chancellor in place fall 2020," Johnson said.

The questions asked by audience members followed predetermined talking points, such as preferred top priorities of the position, skills and leadership style, background experiences and educational credentials of the future chancellor.

Junior political science major Matthew Miller mentioned bringing more attention to the ECU Center for Counseling and Student Development.

"Sometimes we lose track that ECU is unique and needs to be treated as unique," Miller said. "We aren't State, we aren't Carolina, we are ECU and proud to be ECU."

Students brought up strengths the

university has, involving accessibility to administrators, diversity and growth. Some challenges addressed by students included overpopulation, branding and marketing, reputation, athletic fees and parking.

Senior political science and communications major Jahad Carter voiced his opinion on the importance of diversity.

"We need someone who is more diverse in the chancellor's office. To be frank, all of the past chancellors have been white men. I'd love to see someone more diverse, a woman or person of color in the seat," Carter said.

When asked by The East Carolinian for a brief interview on the listening session, committee members Popke and Fanning declined to comment.

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Tobacco 21 law impacts ECU

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On Dec. 20 the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) announced that President Trump signed legislation to allow the age requirement of tobacco sales to raise from 18 to 21, which since has affected communities around the nation.

With this law change, Greenville began to convert to follow federal requirements and both East Carolina University students and staff claim the law change will cause different outcomes for the area.

Assistant Professor of the College of Health and Human Performance at ECU, Eric Soule, strives to perform research in alternative tobacco product use and tobacco regulatory science. He said research toward raising the legal age from 18 to 21 has been going on for awhile in the field.



Eric Soule

"One of the reasons why they are doing this is that most people start smoking cigarettes before the age of 18, or using tobacco products before the age of 18, and so virtually other people who smoke cigarettes are starting before the age of 21," Soule said.

The main goal of the law change is to help prevent people from becoming addicted to using tobacco related products at an early age, according to Soule.

He said the law is a positive change in hopes it will help the younger generation, including ECU students, to avoid using these products for the rest of their lives.

"So the big thing is if we can prevent people from smoking cigarettes or tobacco products before they get to the age of 21, there is a really good chance we can prevent tobacco use for most of their life," Soule said.

Additionally, Assistant Professor of the College of Health and Human Performance, Joseph Lee, directs his research path toward tobacco use and public health

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Back to school party kicks off the new year

Giana Williams
TEC STAFF

East Carolina University's Yacht Club and African Student Organization (ASO) will host the official back to school party, Jungle Fever IV, on Saturday at 10 p.m in the ECU Student Recreation Center.

Jungle Fever was created in November 2015 originally as the official after-party for ASO's annual Cultural Explosion event according to Toya Osuegbu, senior family and community service major and ASO president.

"We (ASO) decided to team up with Yacht Club because their specialty is planning and hosting events," Osuegbu said. "They have done a great job with all their events that they held last semester and they also have a large following that we wanted to bring out. They are a great org to collaborate with as well."

DJ K Grady will be the main DJ at the event and people can expect to hear a mixture of hip-hop, R&B, throwbacks, afrobeat and Caribbean music from him.

Sydney Williams, senior nutrition and public health double major and Yacht Club president, said DJ K Grady sets always have a good mixture of music and his popularity in the Greenville area can bring people from different North Carolina schools together.

"DJ K Grady is one of the best DJs in the area. His sets always have a good mix of throwback 90s songs, current music, and African music," Williams said. "He is a popular DJ and promoter in the 252 as well as in Greensboro with a great following which we felt would be able to bring people from different schools in North Carolina."

The goal of the event is to start the spring semester on a positive note, according to Williams. The event is aimed to give students a safe place to

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Pirates stumble against Tulsa

Brendan Cavazos
TEC STAFF

The East Carolina University (8-9, 2-2 AAC) men's basketball team faced the University of Tulsa (11-6, 3-1 AAC) last night for the final game of the three-game home stretch. ECU won two close contests at home before taking on Tulsa, but the momentum was stopped by the Golden Hurricane.

The Pirates fought during the first half, but they were unable to hang on during the second. ECU went ice cold, shooting zero-for-15 from beyond the arc in the second and two-for-26 for the game. The rough shooting night led to the final score of 65-49.

"Couldn't throw a rock in the ocean tonight. We had key moments during stretches where we had wide open threes and couldn't convert. Transition offense was off tonight. It was just an off night," sophomore forward Jayden Gardner said.

The first half was a dogfight between the two teams. Tulsa got an early lead and led by as much as seven early in the game. The Pirates turned the ball over several times to start out, but the team came together on defense and made up for lost possessions by forcing turnovers on the other end.



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Jayden Gardner and Tremont Robinson-White react to a play on Wednesday.

Good defensive stops created easy offense for ECU while it fought to keep themselves in the game. The Pirates fought all the way to the final seconds of the half, with the halftime score of 30-30.

In the second half, Tulsa came out firing, opening up the lead to 46-36. Tulsa kept the Pirates at bay by not allowing easy buckets in the halfcourt sets and cutting down on turnovers. Unable to respond to Tulsa with a run of their own, the Pirates ultimately fell to their opponent at the end.

Gardner was held to only seven points for the first half, but was able to finish with 19 points

and seven rebounds. Gardner's streak of 20-point games ended at eight after tonight's loss.

Junior guard Tyrie Jackson went zero-for-12 on three-point shots for the game, while the rest of his team shot poorly as well. The only East Carolina players to hit a three-point shot during the game were freshman guard Brandon Suggs and sophomore guard Miles James.

ECU will head to Ohio to face the University of Cincinnati (10-6, 3-1 AAC) on Sunday. Tip-off is scheduled for 6 p.m.

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BRIEFS

Student living complex hosts block party

Today, the Bower apartments are holding its first annual winter block party from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. This event will feature a live DJ and giveaways. All East Carolina University students are invited to attend.

Study abroad fair returns

Today from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Main Campus Student Center room 215, students are encouraged to join the College of Business and the Office of Continuing Studies for the Study Abroad Fair.

SAB to provide hot chocolate

Today from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., Student Activities Board will provide students materials to make their own hot chocolate mix at the Main Campus Student Center room 125.

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MICHAELA EMORY | THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Boxer mix Maverick awaits adoption at the Humane Society of Eastern North Carolina inside his metal and concrete cage among multiple animals.

Student living fills animal shelter

Meghann Villarroel
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Student living, which surrounds East Carolina University, has been named a factor in an increased amount of animals at the Pitt County animal shelter.

Director of Pitt County Animal Shelter, Michele Whaley, said Pitt County lacks a lot of affordable pet friendly housing, not just for students but regular residents as well. Whaley said that a lot of rental policies even lists insurance breeds that are not permitted to live in the complexes.



Michele Whaley

"I get that it takes one person to ruin it for everybody, but it seems as the years have gone by, the housing has really gotten more restrictive and more limiting," Whaley said.

Whaley said it's frustrating for responsible pet owners to find themselves giving their pets up due to pet restrictions.

"Even though it's heartbreaking, and we wish we can put blinders on it, it's not good for the animals to get bounced around," Whaley said.

In addition, the restrictions hurts the adoption agency. Contrary to larger cities, the

shelter does not have enough resources to help residents pay deposits for pet owners, according to Whaley.

The Paramount 3800 apartments are among one of the few complexes that actually encourages pets. Junior finance major Kayla Allen works as a leasing agent for the apartment and claims the complex is pet friendly.

She said that for pets to live with the residents, they are required to pay a \$300 fee once, and provide proof of the pet's vaccinations and records. In addition, the residents are charged a \$25 monthly fee along with their rent.

"Pets are encouraged here, we have a lot of giveaways that we do with the pets through our instagram, and there is a pet park that the residents can take their pets to," Allen said.

Allen said that the apartment complex has not turned down any pet, regardless of size or breed.

"I definitely feel that other apartments should be open to allowing pets, a lot of students are away from home and their pet becomes family, so it puts a damper by not allowing them to live together," Allen said.

Sophomore and business administration and political science major and a minor in economics, Alicia Peters, works as a leasing agent at 33 East apartments. Peters said the apartments allow any kind of animal, with a

weight limit of 60 pounds. Residents can not own any aggressive breeds such as Pitbulls, and are only permitted up to two animals.

"We charge a one time \$200 fee, and then you never pay anything again, as far as pet rent. As long as you register the animal and provide regular vaccination records, we don't charge anything extra, a lot of people like that a lot," Peters said.

Peters said that 33 East provides a good opportunity for residents to have an animal, even including service animals. She said there are no restrictions towards service animals, including emotional support animals. The only issue the complex has experienced with pets are animals that residents have not registered.

"Undocumented pets can be a hazard to not only the other roommates, because of allergies, but when maintenance goes to the apartments and they are not expecting a pet, it can put them in danger," Peters said.

It is encouraged by Pitt County animal shelter to make sure residents in student housing properly adopt their pets, including following the requirements of their lease. The issue Pitt County faces with overpopulated animal shelters can be decreased with more lenient pet policies.

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He said one of the major things that stood out to him when conducting research is the fact that tobacco products are one of the leading causes of death in the US.

"Tobacco products are the leading cause of preventable death in the U.S., so basically all of us by the time we are 25 we know people who have had tobacco related diseases...and it just touches all of us and causes so much death," Lee said.

With the concern of how students will benefit from the law change Lee said he believes it will help prevent students from becoming addicted to tobacco products. The lifestyle of students will not change, according to Lee, but their health will improve.

"I think the benefit is really there for the health of the population, I don't think it will change the day to day of ECU very much, it just takes the tobacco laws and makes them similar to the alcohol age of sale so I mean the evidence all says this is good for health," Lee said.

Local businesses such as smoking-related product retailer High Life Smoke Shop Greenville, have raised its consumer age to 21 and older to make all in store purchases. High Life is known for drawing in ECU students, due to its close location to campus.

Announced on its Instagram page Dec. 27, the smoke shop stated due to the newly passed law enforced by the FDA, customers will no longer be allowed to purchase products in its store.

"Due to the new law everyone must be 21 or older to make purchases in our store from now on," posted on the High Life Greenville Instagram page.

Junior health fitness major Ryan Drew said he believes the use of tobacco products on campus will slow down because it will become harder for students to obtain from local shops.

Though local businesses, such as High Life, have made the switch to prevent underage customers from purchasing tobacco and tobacco related products, students will still try to get around the law, according to Drew.

"I definitely think we are going to see a bit of a kickback from the students in the use in general, people are definitely going to try to get around by any means cause it's just like alcohol, when you tell them don't buy it they're going to want to buy it now,"

Drew said.

Senior computer science major Robben Medlin does not think raising the purchasing age will solve the real problem. He said he found the new law more of a negative move and influence more students to be interested in tobacco related products than before.

"I don't think that raising the tobacco age being raised to 21 is necessarily a positive thing," Medlin said. "I believe it will make more college kids interested in it who probably would never be interested in it in the first place just because it's now been raised to 21, similar to how college students view alcohol usage."

Medlin also commented on how it may be skirting a bigger issue pertaining to cigarettes, and how that may affect others.

"I also think that it does not address the larger issue of big tobacco companies influencing minors into smoking cigarettes and ends up hurting smaller cigar businesses who are not part of the big cigarette corps," Medlin said.

Deputy Chief of ECU's Police Department Jason Sugg explained how the law may not have a direct affect on college students.

He said the law mostly affects the distribution of tobacco products. Though people under 21 can no longer purchase these products, they will not face any consequences of possession.

"The law changes really revolves around the sale purchase and distribution of tobacco products for people under the age of 21," Sugg said. "So it doesn't really involve possessing or anything like that, it deals with regulatory things."

While there are restrictions on those under 21, they can legally possess tobacco and not be criminally charged for it.

Sugg also said that if a business were to sell tobacco products to anyone under 21, there would be criminal penalties that come along with that. Being caught trying to use a fake ID is another thing that would be considered a violation of law.

"As far as impacts to campus itself, I personally do not foresee any impact like on campus for example," Sugg said. "I just don't see that happening because it again deals with the sales around these products not the possession of them."

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Jason Sugg

OUR VIEW

Focus on four years is harmful

We, the editorial staff of The East Carolinian, appreciate the hard work and effort given by academic advisors to assist students with obtaining the courses they need to graduate on time.

However, we believe that the phrase “finish in four” promoted by East Carolina University is unrealistic for some students. It is not uncommon for students to be involved with extra activities and work outside of school. Though 12 credit hours considers a student to be full time, advisors tend to push students toward taking more courses per semester than they can handle in order to “finish in four.”

Rather than focusing on time efficiency, advisors should be more concerned with how many credit hours a student can handle and if they will obtain information from their courses. The idea of a student needing an extra semester to graduate outside of the four years should not be looked down upon. Attending a university for a student should be about how much knowledge they are able to gain, not how fast they are able to do so.

We believe advisors should still motivate students to graduate in a timely manner, but allow more freedom to students who need more time than expected to earn their degree. Additionally, advisors should inform students what classes are and are not offered each semester, so students are aware of the schedule they must follow to graduate by a certain date.

Though some students have the goal of “finishing in four,” this is not a reality for every student and both ECU and academic advisors need to accommodate everyone who is part of pirate nation to allow those to receive the best education possible.

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“IRAN WAS PLANNING ATTACKS ON FOUR OF OUR EMBASSIES IN BAGHDAD, WESTEROS, NARNIA AND CANDYLAND.”

Pirates have opportunities

Students should use resources that ECU provides



Ron Mitchelson
GUEST COLUMNIST

WE THE EAST! I have grown fond of that expression. I say it a lot. I see it around campus. I hear other people saying it. I also know that it has some grammatical issues. But, there is a century (113 years) of pride wrapped up in that little expression.

Welcome back, students, to your university, a place that takes great pride in your success and the success of this region that we call the East. This is the essence of Pirate Pride. I sure hope that you’ve been infected because it’s a really good thing and it’s about as contagious as the flu.

This place, it’s people, and the mission that we are on (student and regional success) excite me. I hope this semester that you get engaged in some exciting activities. I want you to investigate some of the fantastic opportunities that you have inside and outside the classroom at ECU. Guess what? By the time they are seniors, almost 80 percent of ECU undergraduate students do two or more of the following: service-learning course, undergraduate research, study abroad, capstone project, liv-

“Getting off to a strong start and finishing big are necessary ingredients for successfully “baking” a good semester.”

ing-learning community, leadership position, athletics, internship course, or entrepreneurship. ECU students are engaged and it’s our secret sauce for future success. As you settle in for the spring semester, I’d ask that you explore these opportunities and plan to take advantage of a few. You’ll be glad you did.

You probably already know that semesters are fast paced. Getting off to a strong start and finishing big are necessary ingredients for successfully “baking” a good semester. My children and now my grandchildren hear the same thing from me frequently—first you work hard and then you can play hard. That sequence (work before play) is another one of those necessary ingredients. If you find yourself lacking an ingredient for success, I want you to access the fantastic resources we have here at ECU. Maybe you need a visit to the Pirate Academic Success Center where the “nerds” can provide help or

maybe you’re feeling distracted and a trip to the ECU counseling center might do the trick. In any case, there are a bunch of caring Pirates on this campus who are willing and able to help. This Pirate crew sails together.

Finally, and if you haven’t heard, we have some exciting basketball being played over in Minges. Try joining the Maniacs if you want to have some fun and see some good roundball. Hope to see you there. Later in the spring, you just have to get to the jungle for some baseball or go take in a softball game.

Welcome back and don’t forget WE THE EAST!

Ron Mitchelson
Interim Chancellor

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Problems shouldn’t be compared



Lydia Ryan
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Growing up my grandma always used this saying, everyone has their own issues. As I have gotten older that saying has taken shape. Everyone has their own problems, but you can’t compare them to others.

There is not a single student at East Carolina University that doesn’t have some kind of pressure, stress or issues. Whether it be school, sports, work, relationship, friends or family related, it is a very stressful age and time as we figure out what we plan to do with our lives.

Recently financial aid told me that I would have to take out a loan in order to have enough money to graduate because I am out of grant money. Of course there are a lot of students out there that have no aid and at the end of the day I am still leaving college with less debt than most, but for me it’s a big deal.

The problem is not that we have issues, it’s that we compare them to the issues of others. Many of us find ourselves feeling guilty for expressing our own feelings because it’s “not as bad” as someone else has it.

A good friend of mine recently posted on his social media account that he felt bad for complaining about his cold because he had a friend suffering from Leukemia in the hospital. Our mutual friend, the Leukemia patient, responded to his post and told him that it wasn’t a competition, he was allowed

to be sick too without feeling bad about it.

What our mutual friend did was the right way to handle that. Yes, he is very sick and in and out of the hospital, but that doesn’t mean that others aren’t allowed to feel bad. Actually he encourages people to share their struggles and supports them regardless of the “level”.

So often we find ourselves lessening our own problems because they don’t seem as significant as someone else’s. What does that do to solve anything?

Instead of dissecting our lives and comparing them to others, we should be finding ways to support each other without belittling our problems or someone else’s. Not telling my friend I have a headache because he just had ankle surgery doesn’t change the fact that I’m in pain and doesn’t change the fact he is in pain, but telling him does allow for us to support one another in our individual struggles in that moment.

Find ways to lift other people up. Even if you don’t know them. Tell someone they are amazing. That they did their best. Sometimes all people need to keep going is a little encouragement. Anyone to tell push them to keep going and try again or that it might just be ok. Sometimes it’s just an acknowledgement that yes the situation does suck.

Often times when we step back we acknowledge that the comparisons are completely different. Each situation is unique, just like the person in it. Everyone handles stress differently, so even if the problem is very similar the person

“The problem is not that we have issues, it’s that we compare them to the issues of others.”

may handle it completely different.

At the end of the day a good friend won’t be upset that you’re struggling as well. They will want to help and support you like you want to help and support them.

This doesn’t mean that every time a friend comes to you with a problem you should bring up your problems in that moment as well. Take time to hear that person out without dismissing their problems that may be lesser than your own or dismissing your problems because they are lesser than others. Everyone has their own struggles in life.

As we come into the new year and new semester, try to shape healthier relationships with friends and family that allow for both sides to be open about what they are going through and feel supported no matter how big or small it may seem to you. Be conscious and observant of those you care about and be kind to one another.

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EVENTS

TODAY

Infusion Boozin'
Dickinson Avenue Public House
5:30 p.m.

Comic Book Club
Smashed Waffles
7 p.m.

9th Annual Applewhite Show
City Art Gallery
6 p.m.

TOMORROW

Carolina Chicken and Waffles Food Truck
Pitt Street Brewing Company
6 p.m.

The DCG Band
Mpourium
8 p.m.

SUP Yoga with Moxie Yoga
Port Terminal Boat Ramp
9 a.m.

SATURDAY

Pop-In, Pop Art: Potter's Wheel
Emerge Gallery and Art Center
1 p.m.

Coalescent Concert
Uptown Brewing Company
8 p.m.

Spank Concert
AJ McMurphy's
8:30 p.m.

SUNDAY

Bass Planet: Voyager
Rafters
Midnight

That Girl Lay Lay's All the Way Lit Up Tour
Greenville Convention Center
Noon

12th Annual Joyner Library School of Art and Design
Janice Hardison
Faulkner Gallery
8 a.m.

MONDAY

20th Anniversary Celebration
Starlight Cafe
6 p.m.

The Blue Jackal Under the Tree
Greenville Museum of Art
10 a.m.

Monday Night Pub Run
MPorium
6:15 p.m.

TUESDAY

Game of Thrones Trivia
Uptown Brewing Company
7 p.m.

Karaoke Night
Pitt Street Brewing Company
7 p.m.



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Guest artist, Barry Bauguess, who will be leading Clarini Caroliniensis Orientis featuring ECU faculty, students and alumni, playing the trumpet.

Sounds of the Baroque Era

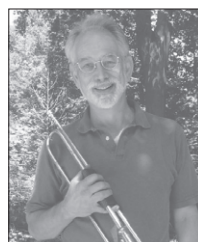
Trumpet ensemble to showcase 18th century music

Hannah Bolick
TEC STAFF

Clarini Caroliniensis Orientis, which translates to The East Carolina Baroque Trumpets a Baroque trumpet ensemble will perform at 7:30 tomorrow in Fletcher music hall.

The concert will feature faculty, students, alumni and guest performer Barry Bauguess all playing on Baroque trumpets.

East Carolina University early music professor, Thomas Huener, said that due to the fact that the



Thomas Huener

ensemble is made up of only trumpets, the style of music will be more heroic and ceremonial than the music that is typical of the Baroque Era.

"The music that we're playing would have been music presented at 17th and 18th century courts. Not only necessarily only royalty, but the nobility, dukes and so on would have their own core of musicians,"

Huener said. "They were playing some interesting music but they were also giving an emblematic projection to the authority to whatever noble they worked for."

While this type of ensemble would have been commonplace 300 years ago, today, a group of only Baroque trumpets is a rare occurrence. Huener said that he is excited to be bringing this kind of new music to campus to give people an opportunity to hear something that has never really been available to them.

Guest artist, Bauguess, agreed that this opportunity to hear something totally new should draw in even audiences that don't normally listen to classical music.

"(Audiences will be hearing) a whole new kind of music, a whole new aural experience from all the natural trumpets because they sound completely different from a bunch of modern trumpets playing," Bauguess said.

Bauguess will be leading Friday's concert and is looking forward to interacting with the students who will be playing in the concert.



Barry Bauguess

"It'll be fun playing with some of the students who I haven't met before, that's kind of exciting to get the younger generation in there," Bauguess said. "It's always fun to play with a lot of trumpet players, you don't get to do that very often."

For junior trumpet performance major, Terrence Blue, this is not only his first time playing in an ensemble of only baroque trumpets, but it is also his first time playing in any baroque ensemble.

"This will be a different experience for me because I've never played in an ensemble just for baroque because every ensemble I've played baroque trumpet for, most of everyone else were playing modern instruments while me and Dr. Huener were playing Baroque trumpet," Blue said.

Blue only started playing baroque in the second semester of his freshman year after learning that he

had access to many different types of instruments that he never had before. After giving himself a semester to acclimate to college life, he approached Huener about taking lessons on Baroque trumpet, then last semester he asked Blue to take part in this performance.

On the music being presented, Blue noted that while it will be new to many people, it is old music, and displays the differences in music from the past to the present.

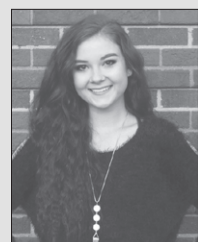
"For someone whose life isn't invested in the music, I would say if they keep an open mind in the sense of wanting to hear or experience how music has developed. It is a really good way to look through and see how things have changed, and how ideas have changed, composers and people have changed," Blue said.

The performance is free and open to the public. For more information call the ECU School of Music at 252-328-6851 or visit the website.

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TV REVIEW

'High School Musical' series is refreshing



Hannah True
TEC STAFF

The first High School Musical movie featuring Zac Efron and Vanessa Hudgens aired in 2006. Now, over 10 years later, a new series has been created which has sparked controversy due to it not showcasing the original cast.

In the original films, Efron played Troy, an all-star athlete that fell in love with the school's new mathlete, Gabriella, played by Hudgens. The two broke the school's status quo not only because of their relationship, but they also tried out for a musical together. The film follows their experience in breaking the status quo and all that followed it.

Flash forward to November 2019, when the first episode of the "High School Musical: The Musical: The Series" came out, brandishing a new cast. The main characters feature Olivia Rodrigo as Nini, Joshua Bassett as Ricky and Matt Cornett as EJ. Much like the original movie, it is set at East High School and follows teens trying out for a musical. But, this musical is High School Musical.

Throughout the series, the viewer gets the classical "High School Musical" nostalgia through the play the cast is performing. Yet, Disney used the play in a clever way to allow for these nostalgic scenes without ruining or trying to remake the original movies.

When the characters are not practicing for

the musical, there is a lot of behind the scenes drama that occurs, such as the ongoing internal conflict Nini has between loving Ricky and being with EJ. This also creates an external conflict between Ricky and EJ which Nini is ultimately in the middle of.

The series also brings awareness to external conflicts that are occurring in some of the cast's homes. This is a wonderful way to show that no matter what someone seems like at school, they could be dealing with other problems back at home. Not only does it cast a light on other situations, but it also shows that it is okay and healthy to talk about problems in one's personal life.

Some of these home problems include parental divorce, single parenting and constant moving due to a parent's job. Not only does the series seem more realistic because of its inclusion of these problems, but also because of its inclusion of LGBT characters, which was not seen in the original films. Nini is shown with both of her moms throughout the series and then a romance ends up blossoming between two of the other cast members. This representation, which was not present in the original three films, is a great improvement.

Disney also brought back some of the original cast in the form of little cameos. Lucas Grabell, who played Ryan and Kaycee Stroh, who played Martha Cox, the brainiac that confesses she loves to dance in the song status quo, made some surprise appearances in the series.



COURTESY OF DISNEY+

Ricky and Nini from the High School Musical series.

Disney brilliantly found a way to create a spin-off series that featured a completely different cast, creating a show that new younger viewers will enjoy, while keeping the nostalgia that older original fans crave. The show features some scenes that mirror those of the movies and has the newer cast sing some of the original songs.

Some parts are aimed towards a younger audience and therefore come off a little cringe worthy. It has a good plot, great characters, some "The Office"-like comical camera work and just the right amount of nostalgia.

RATING:



4 out of 5

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JUNGLE continued from A1

have fun, meet new people, and meet up with friends that they missed over the break.

Williams said the school year comes and goes quickly and this will be the first event to get people excited for the new year. Yacht Club and ASO would like to create unity on campus and in the Greenville community.

"We really want to create more unity on our campus and in our community, so this is a perfect time and opportunity to start that. Everyone loves coming to the student rec because it's convenient and the staff is always pleasant to work with," Williams said.

Myiah Neuman, junior graphic design major, said she is excited to attend Jungle Fever because ASO is one of her on-campus organizations and it's the first time they have ever hosted a

party and is excited to see what they do with it.

"I think the music will probably be more different because we are used to the same two DJs usually at all the ECU on-campus parties, but this DJ (DJ K Grady) is not from Greenville," Neuman said. "We are used to the same flow, what type of music will be played and what time in the night, so the style will probably be a little different too."

Tickets are \$10 and will increase to \$15 on the day of the party. Students must have their student ID to enter the event. Tickets can be brought at the Central Ticket office in the ECU student center or can be purchased online at tickets.ecu.edu.

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HOROSCOPES

Aries (March 21-April 19) -- Today is a 7 -- A community project captures your attention. Group effort pays off over three weeks, with Mercury in Aquarius. Friends can accomplish great results. Coordinate team plans.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) -- Today is a 7 -- Slow to navigate a turn. Consider the big picture. Take leadership, with Mercury in Aquarius. Patience with tests and challenges earns a reward. Communication benefits your career.

Gemini (May 21-June 20) -- Today is an 8 -- Make travel plans and go. Over three weeks, with Mercury in Aquarius, you're especially good at finding ways around obstacles. Study, research and explore.

Cancer (June 21-July 22) -- Today is an 8 -- Financial planning provides power. Communication benefits shared accounts as Mercury enters Aquarius for three weeks. Track earnings and revise budgets. Negotiate terms and send invoices.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Today is an 8 -- Creative collaboration flowers, with Mercury in Aquarius. Brainstorm together. Create interesting possibilities. Learn new tricks from a master. Have fun! Negotiate and compromise.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Today is an 8 -- Streamline physical routines, with Mercury in Aquarius. Communication benefits your health, work and fitness over the next three weeks. Work with an excellent coach.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) -- Today is a 9 -- You're the star. Learn new games, skills and tricks, with Mercury in Aquarius. Your arts and passions grow with conversation. Prioritize love and fun.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) -- Today is a 7 -- Domestic harmony comes naturally, with Mercury in Aquarius. Upgrade household technology. Talk with family about desired results. Coordinate roles and responsibilities. Compromise.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) -- Today is an 8 -- Parties entice. Network and share, with Mercury in Aquarius. You're especially clever for three weeks. Complexities fascinate. Communications and transport flow with greater ease.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Today is a 9 -- Focus on professional advancement. There's plenty of money to be made over the next three weeks, with Mercury in Aquarius. Avoid spending it all.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) -- Today is a 9 -- You're learning valuable tricks. Begin a logical, rational intellectual cycle, with Mercury in your sign. Get your message out. Tell your personal story.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) -- Today is a 6 -- Review and revise plans, with Mercury in Aquarius for three weeks. Complete old projects. Your dreams are trying to tell you something. Take notes.

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THE TV CROSSWORD

by Jacqueline E. Mathews

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- 16 Helpful lift
- 17 "The flowers that bloom in the spring, ___ la..."
- 18 Lucy Ricardo's landlady
- 20 "Some Like ___"
- 22 Actress on "Desperate Housewives"
- 26 ___ diving; underwater swimming
- 27 Historical period
- 28 Silver or Howard
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- 32 Sled competitions
- 35 Former "20/20" coanchor
- 39 Cowboy competition
- 40 Fragrant wood
- 42 Actor Marienthal
- 43 Peruvian beast of burden
- 47 "___ Hard: With a Vengeance"; Bruce Willis movie

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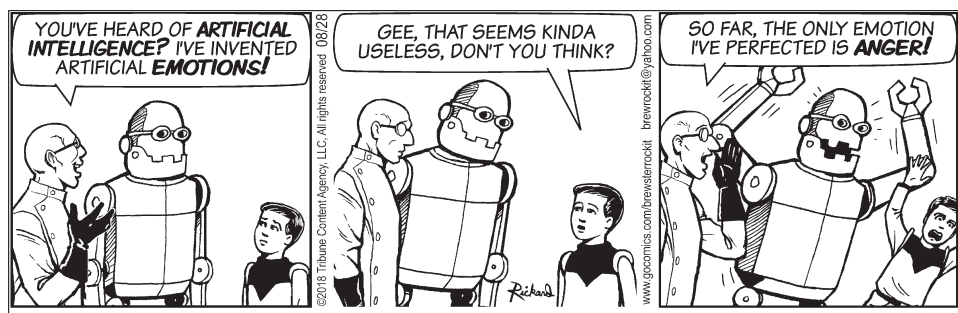
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- 33 "The Great ___"; Steve McQueen movie
- 34 180° from NNW
- 36 Actor Lloyd ___
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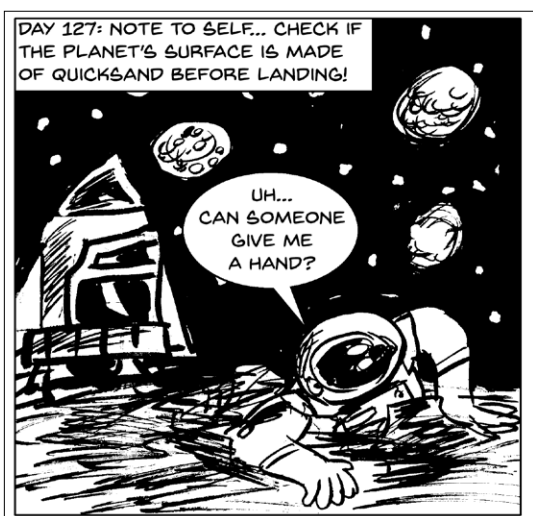
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Sophomore Jayden Gardner shoots one of his 14 free throws on Wednesday night against the University of Tulsa inside Minges Coliseum. The Pirates lost the game 65-49, bringing their record to 8-9.

» ANALYSIS

Jayden Gardner is enjoying a standout campaign



Daniel Shepard
TEC STAFF

What can sophomore forward Jayden Gardner not do? A five-time American Athletic Conference Freshman-of-the-Week one season ago, Gardner led the East Carolina University (8-9, 2-2 AAC) men's basketball team in a slew of offensive categories including points per game (16.3) and rebounds per game (8.5).

Tabbed as a unanimous selection the AAC's All-Freshman Team last season, Gardner wasted no time in showing his freshman season was not a fluke. A double-double with 28 points and 11 rebounds against the Virginia Military Institute (5-14, 0-6 SoCon) to begin the 2019-2020 campaign signaled to the Pirates' opponents that Gardner would once again be a force to contend with.

Roughly halfway through the season, ECU is playing arguably its best basketball of 2019-2020. A close loss to nationally ranked Wichita State (15-1, 3-0 AAC) and two con-

ference wins in four tries has the Pirates back to a near-.500 record after a 2-7 start. While freshman guard Tristen Newton nailed a clutch three-pointer to help the Pirates sink Southern Methodist University (12-3, 2-1 AAC) on Saturday, it has been Gardner's steady yet spectacular offensive prowess that has allowed ECU to right the ship.

Twenty points on Saturday and another 19 on Wednesday against the University of Tulsa (11-6, 3-1 AAC) actually lowered Gardner's season average to 21.2 points per game, an increase of almost five points per contest over his freshman mark. While Gardner's streak of eight straight games scoring at least 20 points came to an end against Tulsa, he still finished with 19 points and seven rebounds in the 65-49 loss. Now over, that run began well over a month ago and has vaulted Gardner to the top-15 nationally in points scored per contest.

Around the basket, Gardner is hard to stop. Listed at 6-7 and 235 pounds by ECU's media guide, he possesses the size, strength and quickness to beat defenders off the dribble, back

them down in the post or box them out for a rebound. Only recently, Gardner has begun displaying the ability to face-up and shoot a 12- to 15-foot jump shot effectively when he does not have an advantage inside.

Rarely is that the case, however. In 17 games, Gardner is averaging 9.1 rebounds per game, a top-60 number in Division I. In sheer number, his 155 total rebounds also ranks inside the top-60 nationally and has led to eight double-doubles for the sophomore after he racked up 10 in 2018-2019.

"He's a great player. Give him so much credit, his numbers are incredible," SMU head coach Tim Jankovich said following Saturday's game. "There's three numbers that are incredible to me. One is scoring, anybody can score 20 points a game, that's hard to do when everybody knows you're going to try to score 20 points a game. His nine or 10 rebounds, that's incredible. But then you lead the country in free throw attempts for gosh sakes. I don't see a lot of guys with that triple combination."

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ONLINE | FULL STORY

Alumna Stephanie Shaw recounts her time at ECU

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Stephanie Shaw is an alumna of East Carolina University and a former four-year student-athlete. During her time at ECU, she played outside left back for the women's soccer team under former head coach Rob Donnenwirth.

Shaw played most during her 2009 and 2010 seasons after receiving a redshirt after the first three games in the 2008 season. Unfortunately the redshirt came as a result of an ACL tear to her right knee. During the 2009 season, Shaw started all 10 games she played in before tearing her ACL and meniscus in her left knee.

The following season, she started in 18 out of 19 games, playing through a re-torn meniscus for some time during that year. The defensive starter played a lot of valuable minutes for the team despite playing through that injury.

"It wasn't too bad actually," Shaw said. "The hardest part I would say was when we would travel. Just being in an airplane, and the elevation, and I think just the pressure, my knee would swell up. But if we weren't traveling that week, it wouldn't be bad."

Living the life as both a student and a collegiate athlete is a unique way of life that a number of students do not experience in day-to-day living. The rigid schedule requires a lot of time and energy, leaving little room for much else.

"You definitely don't have the free time that a lot of other students have, but in my opinion, it (having a set schedule) helped me make it through college," Shaw said. "Instead of being able to stay up forever

and sleep in, you get up, you have practice. Or you get up and have to have the early classes, because you have practice in the afternoon."

As for academics, she was named to the ECU Director of Athletics Honor Roll in both 2009 and 2011. Shaw was a health fitness specialist major, and her plan was to focus on a career dealing with athletics. After having multiple injuries, Shaw was able to what she wanted to do with her career.

"I knew I wanted to exercise science of some sort," Shaw said. "After hurting myself, I got closer with the athletic trainer and got closer with the strength and conditioning coach, and I really found a passion for it."

Now, Shaw is the head CrossFit coach at CrossFit 926 in Huntersville, North Carolina. She is the head of membership relations there as well. Her unfortunate injuries as a college athlete led her to find her passion, creating an opportunity for her to excel in her current career.

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