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Where it is a first down...Pirates! We hope to hear that and the cannon's roar often this fall and it all kicks off Saturday. We hope that you will be there with us as we take on Duke – whether you're at home in Greenville or at one of our six chapter viewing parties taking place around the Pirate Nation!

Purple Fridays start this week so wherever you are in the Pirate Nation, show your Purple Pirate Pride on the Friday before game day. If you live in or near the heart of the Pirate Nation, come out to Freeboot Fridays in Uptown Greenville. Freeboot is a live music event that takes place on Friday nights prior to the first four home football games. This is a great way to get the football weekend off to a spirited start.

The Alumni Tailgate had a phenomenal response and we have sold out of this year's event series. If you weren't able to participate in Alumni Tailgate 2005, make plans for next year and in the meantime sign-up for the Pirate Tailgate Contest. The contest will be held prior to the Homecoming Game on October 29. For more information and to register, visit our [Web site](#). We also invite you to share your memories of Tailgate with us at alumni@PirateAlumni.com. The first two alumni to contribute a memory will receive a Pirate Alumni travel mug. All memories will be sent to the ECU archivist.

Hurricane Katrina Relief Fund

The East Carolina Alumni Association and the American Red Cross, Pitt County Chapter, will team up to aid victims of Hurricane Katrina in Louisiana and Mississippi. Alumni and friends wishing to make a financial contribution to the American Red Cross can do so on Saturday, September 3, 2005, from 10:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at the Alumni Association Tailgate entrance located outside of Gate 2 of Minges Coliseum prior to the Duke vs. ECU football game. Contributions may also be submitted online at PirateAlumni.com. All donations will go to relief efforts for victims of Hurricane Katrina.

The Alumni Association and Liberty Mutual Team Up to Fight Identity Theft

Learn five steps you can take to protect yourself from identity theft. [\[More\]](#)

A Look Back

Mascot History



Thousands of students, faculty, and fans are proud to say that they are a Pirate, but we weren't always called "the Pirates". East Carolina's sports teams were once known as the "Teachers." The Men's Athletic Association wanted to find a mascot who created more spirit and enthusiasm and as a result, The Tecocan, the college yearbook, introduced a pirate theme in 1934. The Pirate was a natural fit for eastern North Carolina given the history of Pirates along the Carolina coast.

Alumni In The Spotlight

Beth Grant '72



Actress Beth Grant has been a strong Pirate supporter for many years. Last spring she donated a visit to walk with her on the red carpet in Hollywood to a lucky bidder at the Pirate Club Spring Banquet auction and she has made many trips to Greenville in support of East Carolina. We hope you will tune in to *APirate's Life for Me!* at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, September 3 on Pirate Radio

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Alumni Events

A Pirate's Life for Me!

Tune in to Pirate Radio 1250 AM on Saturdays at 10:00 a.m.* for *A Pirate's Life for Me!* This half-hour radio program features interviews with East Carolina alumni. We'll talk about their time at East Carolina as well as what they are doing today and how they got there. Check out the [alumni events](#) section below to see our upcoming guests. Not in eastern North Carolina? Listen worldwide on PirateRadio1250.com.

*Check our [events calendar](#) for exact times as shows may play earlier due to football game times.

Freeboot Friday

Kick-off the first four home football game weekends at Freeboot Friday from 5:00 – 8:00 p.m. Freeboot takes place at the corner of 5 th and Evans and features, live music, free food tastings from Uptown restaurants, and a children's area. Enjoy Freeboot and the sounds of [Johnny & The Cadillacs](#) on September 2, [The Avett Brothers](#) on September 30, [Parrotbeach](#) on October 7 and [The Clumsy Lovers](#) on October 28.

ECU Alumni Scholarship Golf Classic

Player and sponsorship opportunities are going fast for this year's Alumni Scholarship Classic. The tournament is set for Friday, October 28 at Ironwood and tees off at 9:30 a.m. For more information or registration, visit us at Golf.PirateAlumni.com or contact Doug Smith '00 at 252-328-1959. We are also looking for donations for the awards luncheon and raffle. The Alumni Scholarship Golf Classic – a day on the links with fellow Pirates to benefit scholarships for ECU students!

Homecoming

PURPLE REIGN...Celebrating the Treasures of East Carolina

Celebrated each fall, Homecoming at ECU is a chance for the Pirate Nation to converge upon Greenville. The Alumni Association celebrates Homecoming with a scholarship golf tournament, the Outstanding Alumni Awards dinner, the ECTC/ECC Reunion Dinner and Dance, an open house breakfast at the Alumni Center during the Homecoming Parade, and a tailgate before the football game. For a schedule of events and more information, visit Homecoming.PirateAlumni.com

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1250 & 930 AM

<http://www.pirateradio1250.com/> when we talk with Beth about her career and experiences since graduation. If you miss the show on Saturday, be sure to visit the [archives](#) section of our [Web site](#) for previous shows.

Share Your Memories

Tailgate Spirit



It is football season once again. The heat is beginning to break and Pirate fans are donning our purple and gold. In the early 1980s East Carolina adopted the slogan, "Ain't it Great to Tailgate" which brought Pirate fans out in full force and the tradition of tailgating has thrived ever since. This year the Alumni Association will bring back the competition with the Pirate Tailgate Contest. Learn more about the contest and register by visiting our [Web site](#).

As you prepare for Tailgate season, we want to hear from you! Share your memories of your first or most memorable Pirate Tailgate with us by writing alumni@PirateAlumni.com. The first two memories we receive will receive a Pirate Alumni Travel Mug and all memories will be shared with the ECU archivist.

Alumni Achievements

- Record Crowd Meets 2005 Pirates... [\[More\]](#)
- Smithsonian Digs ECU Find... [\[More\]](#)
- ECU Biologist Surveys Water Discharge in Albemarle Sound... [\[More\]](#)
- Grant to Fund ECU Bridge Study... [\[More\]](#)
- Brody Class of 2009 Gets Started... [\[More\]](#)

This Month's Events

September 1 Durham/Orange Chapter Meeting

Durham
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September 2 Freeboot Friday featuring *Johnny & The Cadillacs*

Greenville
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September 3 *A Pirate's Life for Me!*

Featured guest: Beth Grant '72 actress
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September 3 Alumni Tailgate - SOLD OUT! Sponsored by O'Charley's

Greenville
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September 3 Atlanta Viewing Party - Duke vs. ECU

Atlanta, GA
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September 3 DC Metro Viewing Party - Duke vs. ECU

Arlington, VA
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September 3 Jacksonville, Fla. Viewing Party - Duke vs. ECU

Jacksonville, FL
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September 3 Maryland Viewing Party - Duke vs. ECU

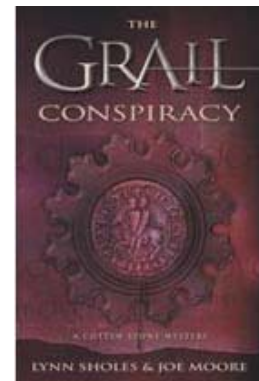
Fredrick, MD
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September 3 Tampa Viewing Party - Duke vs. ECU

Tampa, FL
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Madeleine Sholes '67, now known as Lynn Sholes, received a Bachelor of Science degree in Education from East Carolina in 1967. Sholes is a native Floridian and when not writing, trains writing teachers in Florida in the fifth largest school district in the country, Broward County Schools. Sholes has a background in archeology and her interest in the prehistoric people of South Florida led her to write her first six novels. Her most recent accomplishment is the completion of a mystery novel titled, *Grail Conspiracy*, available this September. *Grail Conspiracy's* plot is based on the enigma of the Holy Grail and explores the possibilities of mixing ancient artifacts with the technology of the modern world. To learn more about Lynn and her new book please [click here](#).



We send a big Pirate "ARRRGH!" to Madeleine for her fine accomplishments!

If you or a fellow Pirate have a special achievement you'd like to share with the Pirate Nation, please contact alumni@PirateAlumni.com

September 10

A Pirate's Life for Me!

Featured guest: Dr. Deitra "Dee" Lowdermilk '66, clinical professor and 2005 Outstanding Alumni recipient

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September 13

Retired Faculty Association Fall Social

Greenville

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September 14

Greater Greenville Chapter Meeting

Greenville

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September 15

11th Annual Pirate Club & Alumni Golf Tournament

Charlotte

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September 15

Chancellor's Tour

Charlotte

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Chancellor's Tour

Winston-Salem

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A Pirate's Life for Me!

Featured guest: George Koonce '92, former NFL player and currently with ECU athletics.

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Alumni Board Meeting

Winston-Salem

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September 24

A Pirate's Life for Me!

Featured guest: Carl Davis '73, assistant general manager for UNC Center for Public Television

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September 24

DC Metro Viewing Party - ECU vs. West

Virginia

Arlington, VA

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September 24

Greater Greenville Viewing Party - ECU vs. West Virginia

Greenville

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September 24

Maryland Viewing Party - ECU vs. West Virginia

Fredrick, MD

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September 24

3rd Annual Yankees Outing

Bronx, NY

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September 30

Freeboot Friday featuring *The Avett Brothers*

Greenville

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October 1

A Pirate's Life for Me!

Featured guest: Charlie Martin '76, Parent's Council president and 2005 Distinguished Service Award recipient

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October 1

Alumni Tailgate - SOLD OUT!

Sponsored by The Honeybaked Ham Co.

Greenville

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For a complete list of all upcoming events, visit Events.PirateAlumni.com or for more information on chapter events, please contact Lucretia King at Lucretia.King@PirateAlumni.com or by calling 800-ECU-GRAD.

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