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The Holidays are upon us and while students are preparing for finals, alumni will celebrate the season together at holiday socials throughout the Pirate Nation. This month begins with the first [Pirate Career Call](#) with ECU's Career Center director, Sue Martin today, December 1st, from 12 noon – 1:00 p.m. Today's topic will be [Career Changers](#) – great for anyone contemplating or in the process of changing careers. On December 6th the [Chancellor's Tour](#) makes a stop in Fayetteville. The Alumni Association also invites you to do your Christmas shopping for yourself, or for fellow Pirate Fans, online at [PirateWear.com](#), the U.B.E. Web site. When you buy a piece from the new Alumni Collection by Cutter & Buck, you'll be giving a great gift and supporting student scholarships at the same time! Also, there is still time to submit nominations for the 2006 Alumni Award recipients. What better gift than to recognize a fellow Pirate for their accomplishments in the work place, or recognize their support of East Carolina University.

Happy Holidays from the East Carolina Alumni Association!

Alumni Events

Holiday Socials

Celebrate the Holidays...Pirate Style! Alumni will be gathering to celebrate the holiday season together across the Pirate Nation. We hope to see you at one of the upcoming celebrations!

December 8
[Wake County](#)

A Look Back

Madrigal Dinners



The 1982 yearbook laments that the pressures of final exams, term papers and projects left little time for students to celebrate the holidays. Perhaps some of today's students feel the same way! However, the '82 yearbook did mention a highly successful campus event during the holiday season called the Madrigal Dinners held in Mendenhall Student Center. From the *Buccaneer* article by Jody Praskac and Amy Pickett..."The unique evening, directed by Dr. Charles Moore, was sold out by the middle of October. The theme of the occasion was England in the days of King Henry VIII...The entire cast, including the waiters and waitresses was dressed in full costume of the times. The guests enjoyed the dinner of typical English fare and the entertainment provided by the madrigal Singers. In a final gesture of fellowship, the Lord and Lady of the Manor invited all the guests to join in the singing of traditional carols."

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December 8
Greater Greenville

December 9
DC Metro

December 10
Durham/Orange County

December 12
Jacksonville, Florida

Pirate Career Calls

The East Carolina Alumni Association has partnered with The Career Center to offer a series of career services presentations via teleconference. Pirate Career Calls are interactive conference calls facilitated by Sue Martin of the ECU Career Center. Each call covers a key job search issue and you will have the opportunity to gain insights, engage in discussion, and get answers to your questions on a different topic each month. Pirate Career Calls, held from noon to 1:00 p.m. EST are open to all alumni and friends of East Carolina. The first call, [Career Changers](#) will take place today, December 1st, at noon. The next calls in this series will take place on January 5th, [Building Your Résumé](#) and on February 2nd, [Networking](#). For more information and registration, please click [here](#).

Chancellor's Tour

The Chancellor's Tour continues in December with a visit to Fayetteville, NC. Chancellor Steve Ballard will meet and talk with alumni and friends at this free event at the Fayetteville Museum of Art. For more information or to register online for this event, click [here](#), or call 800-ECU-GRAD.

Class Notes

Have you recently received a promotion, gotten married, had a baby or have other news you'd like to share? If so, we want to hear from you! Stay connected to ECU and fellow Pirates by visiting [PirateAlumni.com](#) and registering with [Pirate's Cove](#), the online community for alumni. Registration is free, and you may click on Class Notes to share your news online. Class Notes will also be added to *East The Magazine* for East Carolina University. Register with [Pirate's Cove](#) today!

Alumni Collection by Cutter & Buck

Alumni In The Spotlight

Virgil Clark '50



Virgil Clark '50 was born and raised in Greenville North Carolina. Clark graduated from ECTC in 1950 and during his time on campus was actively involved in theater, student government, sang in the Minstrel's, was a cheerleader and a member of the first R.O.T.C. class and was a distinguished military student. Following graduation, Clark went on to a military career with the United States Air Force. He retired from the military in 1969. He has worked as the director of marketing for Fresh Way Foods in Greenville and American Truck and Auto Leasing.

In 1985, Clark received the Distinguished Alumni Service award in recognition for his commitment to ECU. Clark has served as president of the ECTC Club and started, along with his wife, Frances Clark '52, the Virgil S. and Frances D. Clark Alumni Scholarship. Clark currently serves on the Alumni Association Board and annually organizes the ECTC and ECC alumni reunions that take place on Homecoming weekend each fall.

When asked to comment on



Show your Pirate spirit and support Alumni Scholarships by wearing the latest clothing line offered exclusively for East Carolina Alumni and friends.



The East Carolina Alumni Association and University Book Exchange are offering a new line of clothing by Cutter & Buck that gives our alumni the opportunity show their Pirate Spirit at home, work or play. Cutter & Buck sportswear is authentic and true, pairing luxurious craftsmanship with technical expertise. The diversity and range of this line gives our alumni the flexibility of wearing high quality and attractive Pirate wear on the golf course, on casual Friday in the office, or at a tailgate party outside of Dowdy Ficklen Stadium. Please visit www.PirateWear.com for more information and to order your East Carolina Alumni Piratewear today. A percentage of all sales of the Alumni Collection will go towards alumni student scholarships.

Virgil's contributions, Associate Vice Chancellor for the Alumni Association, Paul Clifford, had this to say: "Virgil Clark is the definition of a lifelong Pirate. His commitment and passion for East Carolina and the ECTC alumni is an inspiration to the rest of the Pirate Nation. Our motto of "Servire," meaning "to serve," is personified by Virgil. He serves his country, church, community and his dear ole East Carolina."

Virgil is a pirate through and through; thank you for all you do!



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[Favorite ECU Stories](#)



Rehearsing for performance of the Messiah, 1955

Were you a part of the Madrigal Singers or did you perform in the Messiah? If so, or if you have a special story about your time at East Carolina that you would like to share with us and the ECU archivist, please send it to alumni@PirateAlumni.com.

Spring Career Fair at ECU

The Career Center is preparing to host the Annual Career Fair series on the ECU campus during February and March, 2006. The series includes five career fairs focused on the following fields: Industrial Technology and Computer Science; Science; Business; Allied Health and Nursing; and Education. If your organization would like to participate in the University's spring 2006 recruitment season, you may register [online](#) with the Career Center or call 252-328-6050. Your interest in ECU's graduates is appreciated!

A Pirate's Life for Me!

The Alumni's half-hour radio program that features interviews with East Carolina Alumni will take a brief hiatus during the month of December and will return in January.

Tune in to *A Pirate's Life for Me!* on [Pirate Radio 1250 AM](#) on at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday January 14th when we talk with Ruth Shaw '69, President and CEO of Duke Power Company. In the meantime, you can listen to past interviews online by visiting our [archives](#).

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This Month's Events

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Greenville

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December 2

Alumni Adventures in...Art
Raleigh

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December 3

ECU vs. ODU Pre-Game Social
Norfolk, Virginia

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December 6

Chancellor's Tour
Fayetteville

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Thanks to Ann Malloch '74, '81 for sharing this photo and memory:

This year for homecoming, about 20 friends reunited for the ECU-UCF football game. Afterward, we gathered at the home of Greg Davis. Greg was instrumental in starting the ECU transportation system in the 70's. All of us lived at Village Green and Eastbrook Apartments between '72-'75. The friendships we formed were special bonds we all treasure today. We are all proud graduates of ECU. The crowd includes: Ann Malloch '74, '81, Beth Ewing Wiseman '74, Jane Jackson Kerr, Janet Croke Turner '74, Debby Chaffin '74, Jan Craft Chambers, Kenny '74 and Reba Tilt '73, Mike '75 and Paula Morgan '75, Greg Davis '77, Ron Taylor, Ira Scott '80, Worth Davis, George and Lynn Saleeby '76 and Bobby VanBrunt '74. Several others had hoped to join us, but were unable to make it. A wonderful time was had by all.

Alumni Achievements

The Martoccia Family



The family of Tom Martoccia attended the dedication of the library in the psychology department, named in the late professor's honor. A photo

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Jacksonville Holiday Social
 Jacksonville, Florida
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December 16
Senior Salute
 Greenville
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January 5
Pirate Career Calls: Building Your Résumé
 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.

of Professor Martoccia rests on a shelf in the background as Carol Pridgen Martoccia Bickle '65, '67 (center) stands with sons Doug Martoccia (left) and Randall Martoccia '98(right)

East Carolina University 's Department of Psychology recently dedicated a library in honor of the late Charles "Tom" Martoccia, who taught at the university for 39 years.

Located in the Rawl Building, the Martoccia Library contains a collection of journals and articles from Martoccia's private collection. The former classroom now holds bookshelves with Martoccia's historical psychology books and worktables designed to create a comfortable working space. A memento shelf includes Martoccia's vintage Underwood typewriter, his black and white portrait and longhand letters written to him from noted American anthropologist Margaret Mead and Harvard psychologist Edward G. Boring. Dr. Martoccia's son Randall received his masters from ECU and currently serves as a lecturer in the English department – Nancy McGuillicuddy (full article appeared on July 15, 2005 in *Pieces of Eight* and may be found [here](#)).

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

