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Happy New Year! We hope that you are enjoying the start of the New Year! Thanks to all who attended one of the many chapter holiday socials in December or attended the [Chancellor's Tour evening at the Fayetteville Art Museum](#). Our thanks to the alumni volunteers who made these evenings possible.



Dr. and Mrs. Ballard with Doug Byrd '69, Chair of the Board of Visitors

We are officially one year away from ECU's Centennial Celebration in 2007. Watch for special events leading up to the Centennial this year including Founders Week which will be celebrated in Greenville from March 27th - 28th. The Alumni Association looks forward to continued service to our 115,000 alumni as well as growth in programs and opportunities for you, the alumni of East Carolina, to stay connected to ECU and fellow Pirates throughout the Pirate Nation.

There is much to look forward to in the year to come – watch [PirateAlumni.com](#) for upcoming alumni events and stay connected!

Best wishes for the New Year!

Alumni Events

Pirate Career Calls

The East Carolina Alumni Association and The Career Center invite you to participate in a series of career services presentations via teleconference. Pirate Career Calls are interactive conference calls facilitated by ECU's Career Center. Each call covers a key job search issue. You will have the opportunity to gain insights, engage in discussion, and get answers to your

A Look Back

Campus Snow



This photo was taken from the second floor of Jenkins Fine Arts Center in 1980. The image is looking down Chancellors Way. You can see the Cotten, Fleming, and Jarvis Residence Halls and Whichard. The 1980 yearbook recounts the record snow conditions that continued from the end of January to the first of March. "A prank call to the local radio stations prompted Chancellor Brewer to set up a special coding system with area media to properly inform students of class cancellations." The final snowfall of the season left Greenville covered in two feet of snow. Classes were cancelled (officially) and students passed the time with snowball fights between dorms, sledding and built snowmen throughout campus.

Share Your Memories

Favorite Snow Stories



questions on a different topic each month. This month's Career Call, [Building Your Résumé](#), will take place from noon to 1:00 p.m. on January 5th. The February 2nd Career Call will focus on [Networking](#) tips. For more information and to register, please click [here](#).

Nominations & Scholarships

The East Carolina Alumni Association is currently accepting the following nomination and application forms:

- Outstanding, Distinguished Service and Honorary Alumni Awards
- Alumni Association Board
- Student Scholarships, 12, \$1,000 scholarships are available for fall 2006

Hurry! Award and Board nominations are due by January 31st and Student Scholarship applications are due February 28th.

For more information on all of these programs and nomination forms, please visit the [Awards & Scholarship](#) section of [PirateAlumni.com](#) or call 800-ECU-GRAD for more details.

A Pirate's Life for Me!

The Alumni's half-hour radio program that features interviews with East Carolina Alumni returns this month and will air bi-monthly through May. *A Pirate's Life for Me!* talks with alumni about their time at East Carolina as well as what they are doing today and how they got there. Shows air at 10 a.m. Saturdays on Pirate Radio 1250 and 930 AM and for those of you not in eastern North Carolina, you may listen live online at [PirateRadio1250.com](#), or visit the archives section of [PirateAlumni.com](#) to listen to past shows.

January's guests include:

January 14th: Ruth Shaw '69, President and CEO of Duke Power Company

January 28th: Conwell S. Worthington, II '72, Co-President and Chairman of Cornerstone Entertainment International, Inc. and 2005 Outstanding Alumni Award Recipient

Chancellor's Tour

Make plans now for upcoming Chancellor's Tour dates. In February, Chancellor Ballard will speak at the North Carolina Estuarium in Washington on February 6th. On February 19th, Chancellor Ballard will be in New York City along with College of Fine Arts and Communication Dean, Jeffery Elwell, to speak with alumni prior to the ECU's Four Season Chamber Music Festival at Weill Hall at Carnegie Hall. For more information and



View from Wright Auditorium, circa 1960

Were you on campus during a memorable snow storm? If so, or if you have a special story about your time at East Carolina that you would like to share with the ECU archivist, please send it to alumni@PirateAlumni.com.

Alumni Achievements

Angela Pennino Curley '76



Angela Pennino Curley '76 was recently selected by Campbell's Soup as one of 32 moms to be featured this year in their new Family Magazine. Angela's son, Travis LaBoy is a Defensive End, #91, for the Tennessee Titans. Of 1,800 mothers of NFL players, only one from each team was selected based on her involvement with her son's effort to reach the NFL and also relevant community involvement. Angela was a Parks Recreation Major at ECU and was very involved with student government, the women's swim team, and Alpha Phi. She was on the Homecoming Court in

reservations click [here](#).

Also, don't miss this opportunity to travel with Chancellor Ballard and his wife, Nancy, from Vancouver to Alaska and back aboard Holland America's "Zuiderdam" in July. For details on the voyage, click [here](#) or call Quixote Travel at 800-346-6158 to book your trip.

Annual Spring Career Fair

The Career Center at ECU will host the Spring 2006 Career Fair series in February and March. Five individual Career Fairs focusing on Technology, Science, Business, Education and Health offer alumni interested in recruiting ECU students and students seeking employment a chance to meet on campus. If you are interested in attending, or would like to bring your company to a career fair, please visit The Career Center's [Web site](#) for more information or call them at 252-328-6050

PAN & HIRED

Looking for a way to give back to ECU? The Career Center invites you to volunteer with the PAN and HIRED programs.

What is PAN?

PAN, The Pirate Alumni Network is a career mentoring program which allows current ECU students interested in learning more about an industry, or the job climate in different communities to talk with alumni. Students contact volunteer alumni PAN participants via e-mail or phone to talk about your career, what the industry is like and ask for any advice or feedback you have regarding your occupation. You can give a little of your time and make a big difference in the life of a student.

What is the H.I.R.E.D. program?

Every semester The Career Center offers faculty the opportunity for one of their classes to have mock job interviews provided by local community volunteers. This program is called the HIRED program: Helping Individuals Reach Employment Destinations. Mock interviews allow students the opportunity to practice and improve their interviewing skills while receiving oral and written feedback. The Interviewers role play an initial screening interview (not a hiring interview). Interviewers attend a two hour training provided by The Career Center staff before they can start interviewing students. The program started last spring semester with 70 students. This fall over 350 students were interviewed and they anticipate over 700 this spring. There are currently eight volunteer interviewers, six men and two women,

1975. Since then she has been Mrs. Hawaii America, raised three boys, moved to California and now runs the Travis LaBoy Foundation, supporting autistic causes for Kids (SACK) www.TravisLaBoy.com. She also handles public relations for the NFL Moms (Professional Football Players Mothers Association). You can spot Angela in the stands at Titan games wearing jersey #91!

Beth Grant '72



Beth Grant '72 was recently nominated for the Lead Actress Ovation Award for her role in "A Gift From Heaven." The Ovation award is given by the LA Stage Alliance to recognize excellence in L.A. theatre. They are the only peer-judged theatre awards in Los Angeles. The LA Weekly said "The powerful Beth Grant is both terrifying and sympathetic." LA Weekly and from the Los Angeles Times, "Grant's matriarch rules with chilling mood swings...bracing jabs of humor and horror jab out like bony fingers."

Look for Grant in these upcoming feature films:

Running with Scissors directed by Ryan Murphy

Southland Tales directed by

and we are looking for alumni who would be interested in helping current students, sharing their job search experience, and staying connected with the university.

Parents, if your student is unsure about their career or would like to talk with someone who has work experience, suggest they talk with The Career Center to connect with ECU Alumni for insight into the job market. Visit [The Career Center](#) for more information or call 252-328-6050 to join PAN today!

Alumni Collection by Cutter & Buck

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

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January 3

Durham/Orange County Chapter Meeting

Durham

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January 5

Pirate Career Calls: Building Your Résumé

Greenville

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January 10

Retired Faculty Association Board Meeting

Willis Building, ECU

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January 11

Greater Greenville Chapter Meeting

Greenville

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Richard Kelly

Flags of our Fathers
directed by Clint Eastwood

Little Miss Sunshine
directed by Dayton and Faris

House of Usher directed by Hayley Cloake

Our Very Own directed by Cameron Watson

Congratulations to you both!

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

January 28
East Carolina Alumni Adventures...in Art!
Raleigh
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January 31
Triad Social with the Symphony
Greensboro
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February 2
Pirate Career Calls – Networking
Via Teleconference
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visit Events.PirateAlumni.com or for more
information on chapter events, please contact
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