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February offers many opportunities for you to get involved and stay connected with East Carolina. Chancellor Steve Ballard will travel to Washington, NC on February 6th for his first Chancellor's Tour stop in 2006 and will then travel to New York for lunch with area alumni and a special performance by ECU musicians at Weill Recital Hall in the world famous Carnegie Hall on February 19th. If you are in the Greenville area, make reservations to join us for "Wine and Dine to Godspell". This special evening includes a pre-performance reception at the Taylor-Slaughter Alumni Center followed by an evening of great ECU theatre. Perhaps you need some career assistance? If so, Pirate Career Calls are what you need! From anywhere in the Pirate Nation join our monthly Pirate Career Call on the first Thursday of each month. This free teleconference conversation starts at noon tomorrow (Feb. 2) as this month's presentation by The Career Center focuses on Networking. Whether you are in Greenville, your hometown or in your office, opportunities to get involved abound. The East Carolina Alumni Association is your ECU Connection!

Welcome Suellyn

We are pleased to welcome University Archivist [Suellyn Lathrop](#) to our PiratePulse team. Each month in our "A Look Back" section, Suellyn will be contributing photos, moments in East Carolina history, and will pose questions for you to "Share Your Memory." In the past, alumni who have shared their memories have been added to the [University Archives Web site](#). We invite you to share memories, photos, or other items that help make up East Carolina's full history.

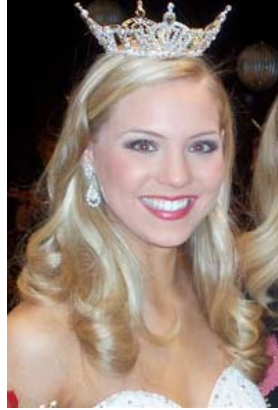
ECU Ambassador Crowned Miss Wilmington

A Look Back

Valentine Queen



This is Valentine Queen 1962, Betsy Winstead Vahey '63, of Rocky Mount. Mrs. Vahey was a member of the foreign language honor society, Sigma Pi Alpha, and SGA. At the February 10th dance sponsored by the Future Business Leaders of America, she represented the Phi Sigma Phi honor fraternity and was voted queen of the dance. Students danced to music provided by the EC Collegians. Mrs. Vahey also held the titles Miss Nash County, Miss Rocky Mount, and Miss Rural Youth. During the 1960's many balls and dances were held and queens selected. These include the annual White Ball, Military Ball, Buccaneer, Homecoming, and May Day Queens.



The Alumni Association congratulates freshman Kristen Dalton, a member of our student alumni association, for recently being named Miss Wilmington. Her platform is: *United We Stand, Divided We Fall Behind; The Importance of Foreign Language in Elementary Education* and she hopes to talk with elementary schools across North Carolina about promoting foreign language instruction. She will also be guest hosting the North Carolina Azalea Festival and preparing for the Miss North Carolina Pageant in June. We wish her much success and hope to see her in next year's Miss America Pageant!

The Student Ambassadors serve as the hosts for East Carolina campus community and represent the devotion of East Carolina University students, staff, faculty, and alumni. They are students serving students past and present!

Pirate Career Calls

The East Carolina Alumni Association and The Career Center invite you to participate in a series of career focused presentations via teleconference. Pirate Career Calls are interactive conference calls facilitated by ECU's Career Center staff. Each call covers a key job search issue. You will have the opportunity to gain insights, engage in discussion, and get answers to your questions on a different topic each month. You can participate in this program regardless of where you are in the Pirate Nation. This month's Career Call will focus on Networking and will take place from noon to 1:00 p.m. on February 2nd. The Career Call on March 2nd will focus on Salary and Raise Negotiation. For more information or to register, please click [here](#).

Want to hear previous Career Call sessions? Click [here](#) to access our archives.

Award Nominations & Scholarships



Share Your Memories

Valentines Dance



Were you at the February 1962 Valentine's Day dance? If so, do you recognize these couples? Do you have pictures or a memory regarding other dances, queens, bands, or entertainment during your time at East Carolina that you would like to share with the Archivist, please send it to

alumni@PirateAlumni.com



Many thanks to alumni who

If you, your child, or someone you know is currently attending East Carolina or will be graduating this spring then we invite you to read on! The East Carolina Alumni Association is currently accepting nominations and applications for the following honors:

- Robert H. Wright Leadership Award, the most prestigious award presented to graduating seniors at commencement. The award recognizes academic achievement at East Carolina, service (both to the university and the community), and leadership qualities (both potential and exhibited).
- Student Scholarships, twelve (12) \$1,000 scholarships are available for fall 2006. Alumni Association scholarships recognize excellence in academic performance, leadership and service.

Hurry! The Scholarship and Robert H. Wright deadlines are February 28th.

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

Show Your Pirate Pride on Founders Day!

We invite you to join us as we show our Pirate Pride by wearing purple and gold this Founders Day, Wednesday, March 8th. Wherever you are in the Pirate Nation, wear your purple and gold on March 8th then take and send in your photos along with your name and class year and where you live. We'll feature Colors Day pictures on our Web site during Founders Week as we celebrate 99 years.



Looking for a new purple and gold piece for your wardrobe? Be sure to check out the Alumni Collection available exclusively at UBE and online at www.PirateWear.com. Show your Pirate spirit and support Alumni Scholarships by wearing the

shared memories of snow on campus with us last month. To read their memories and see a photo from the winter of '58-'59 shared by Carolyn Howell '62, please click [here](#).

Alumni In The Spotlight

Lydia Rood '83



Tyler, Chris, Guy, Lydia, & Noelle

Lydia Rood has been an active Pirate Alumni Volunteer Contact in Hawaii for the past two years. She and several faithful Pirates have had several gatherings and a Freshmen Sendoff on the island of Oahu. Recently she received an e-mail from Coach Skip Holtz's brother who found Lydia's name on PirateAlumni.com. He wanted to let her know that two ECU football players - linebacker Chris Moore and offensive tackle Guy Whimper, as well as Head Coach Skip Holtz and his family were arriving in Honolulu in less than two days to play in the Hula Bowl. Lydia gathered her husband Rob and two of their children, Noelle and Tyler (their other daughter Lauren, a student Ambassador and Alumni Scholar is currently a sophomore at ECU) and arrived at the airport in purple and gold with their Pirate flags as well as Hawaiian treats and leis. Thanks to Lydia and her family, Coach Holtz and the players received a true Pirate welcome in Hawaii and was the envy of the other arriving Hula Bowl players and coaches! Thank you to Lydia and the

latest clothing line offered exclusively for East Carolina Alumni and friends.

Chancellor's Tour Travels to Washington, NC and New York, NY

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 reservations click [here](#).

Annual Spring Career Fairs

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.

Yearbooks Needed and Available

The Alumni Association and University Archives have completed an inventory of yearbooks. In the process, we have discovered that there are several yearbooks that are missing from our collection. If you have one of the following years that you would be willing to donate to the Alumni Association to be kept in the Alumni Center, we would greatly appreciate it. We will pay for shipment of any donated yearbooks. Years that we are missing include:

1925 1926, 1929, 1935, 1936, 1937, 1938, 1944, 1950

All yearbooks are made available to alumni to review at the Alumni Center and are critical for historical purposes. We also discovered extra yearbooks from various years that we would be willing to give to interested alumni on a first come first served basis. To see the years that are available, click [here](#).

Buccaneer Returns!

The early 1990's saw the last issue of the Buccaneer yearbook. We're glad to report that the Buccaneer has returned this fall with a staff of students and plans to print the yearbook once

Rood's for their Pirate Spirit and for making Pirate Alumni nationwide proud!



Coach Holtz and family with the Roods

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

Alumni Achievements

Rev. Hubert E. Walters '65



Reverend Hubert E. Walters, one of the first black students to attend and graduate from East Carolina, has made many contributions to music during his career. A native of Greenville, Walters was born on Reade Street, four blocks from the University. Walters received his undergraduate degree from North Carolina Central University in 1955 and came to graduate school at East Carolina College in June of 1962. Walters received a Masters in Music from East Carolina in 1965 and while on campus was a member of the National Music Honor Society, Phi Kappa Lambda. Since that time

again starting this Spring. We'll pass along more information in the months to come.

C-USA All-Access

Get the most comprehensive online coverage of East Carolina University and Conference USA Sports through our C-USA All-Access special offer. For only \$34.95, you'll get live and archived game video of men's and women's hoops including the early games in the Conference Basketball Championship. [Sign up now!](#)

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 - ECU's Ebendorf Honored by NYC Art Center ... [\[More\]](#)
 - ECU Marked MLK Day with Tutu Lecture, Volunteerism... [\[More\]](#)
 - NSF Grants Enable ECU to Study Katrina's Economic Impact... [\[More\]](#)
 - Programs Receive \$555,000 from GoldenLEAF... [\[More\]](#)
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This Month's Events

February 2

Retired Faculty Association Monthly Lunch

Winterville, NC

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February 2

Pirate Career Calls – Networking

Via Teleconference

[\[More\]](#)

February 2

Durham/Orange Chapter Meeting

Durham, NC

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February 6

Chancellor's Tour – Washington, NC

Washington, NC

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February 8

Greater Greenville Chapter Meeting

Greenville, NC

[\[More\]](#)

February 11

A Pirate's Life for Me!

Featured Guest: Thomas Spalding '92, CEO of Up with People, Inc.

he has worked in academia at Texas College, at Shaw University in Raleigh, and then at Boston University where he completed a Doctor of Musical Arts Degree. He is the charter member of the Black Studies Department at Harvard University where in 1970 he started the **Kuumba Singers** the "Gospel Choir". He has taught Black music at prominent colleges and universities throughout the northeast and is now a professor at Boston College. Walters has been the Music Director for a student-based Gospel Choir called **The Voices of Imani**.



Last year, Walters was unanimously selected to receive the Arts Council Award for outstanding contributions to the Arts at Boston College. Please join us in congratulating Reverend Walters on his success!

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February 15
Technology Career Fair

Minges Coliseum

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February 17
Science Career Fair

Science and Technology Building

[\[More\]](#)

February 17
Wine and Dine to Godspell

Taylor-Slaughter Alumni Center / McGinnis Theater

[\[More\]](#)

February 19
Four Seasons Chamber Music Festival

Weill Recital Hall at Carnegie Hall

[\[More\]](#)

February 22
Business Career Fair

Bate Building

[\[More\]](#)

February 22
Pregame Party – ECU vs. UCF Basketball

Orlando, FL

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February 22
Chancellor's Tour

Hertford, NC

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February 24
Education Career Fair

Minges Coliseum

[\[More\]](#)

February 25
A Pirate's Life for Me!

Featured Guest: Jim Cromartie '66, innovative artist and 2005 Outstanding Alumnus

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March 1
ECU Night at UNC-TV

Durham, NC

[\[More\]](#)

March 2
Health Career Fair

Carol Belk Building

[\[More\]](#)

March 2

Pirate Career Calls – Salary/Raise Negotiation

Via Teleconference

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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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