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**MBNA**



The East Carolina Alumni Association along with other campus organizations held a 99th Birthday Celebration for the students on the Campus Mall during Founders Week. Live music, free Jersey Mike's Subs, cupcakes, and balloon artist clowns made for a grand celebration.

### April is National Volunteer Month

East Carolina University's motto is "Serve" – to serve. For nearly a century, ECU has served the people of North Carolina and the nation.

Each year, more than 8,000 East Carolina students contribute in excess of 100,000 hours of volunteer service to more than 100 community health and human service organizations. Likewise, our alumni contribute numerous hours of volunteer service to local community agencies across the Pirate Nation.

Thanks to the following alumni chapters for their volunteer efforts during the past year:

- Durham/Orange Co and Wake Co – "ECU Volunteer Night" during UNC-TV Festival (March)
- Greater Greenville – CMN Telethon (June)
- Wilmington – "Pirates Sweep the Beach" Beach Clean-up Day (August)
- Charlotte Metro – The Angel Tree Project Gift Drive (December)
- DC Metro – Annual "Toys for Tots" Toy Drive (December)

This year National Volunteer Week is April 23rd to 29th. During that week the Pirates of the North Star State (Minnesota) will hold a clean-up at Gibbs Farm with the Ramsey County Minnesota Historical Society.

### A Look Back

### April Fool's Day



*The East Carolinian staff, 1954*

When April 1st falls on a publication date the student writers meet the challenge. The oldest surviving April Fool's edition of the student paper is the 1927 Teco Echo. The headline read: "Unknown Donor Gives College Ten Million! Conceals Name to Avoid Publicity; Future of Building Program Bright." Other articles on the front page include "Flapper Bandit Holds Up Young Man, Practice Teaching Removed from Curriculum" and this last item found at the bottom of page 1:

*Miss Morton, who has owned a Chrysler for the past two or three months, has recently traded it for a motorcycle due to the fact that motorcycles can go down Dickerson Avenue with more ease and safety than can the automobile.*

In 1977, by contrast, the headline of the "Buglehead" (Fountainhead) was "Lee O. Resigns to Head T-Shirt Co., Will hitchhike to D.C.", the "O." standing for Old. Further down the page one finds that "ECU Changes Mascot, see p. 12" and on page twelve one is greeted with a large photo of a flea. And another article announces that ECU will



Thanks too to all East Carolina alumni who gave in response to the Hurricane Katrina and Rita disaster recovery efforts nationwide. Last fall, the Alumni Association received a Certificate of Appreciation from the American Red Cross for "valuable service during the 2005 hurricane season relief efforts." We applaud you, our alumni, for your service and generosity.

### Spring Awards Ceremony

April is also the month when the Alumni Association honors the 2006 Distinguished Service and Honorary Alumni Award recipients in addition to and recognizing ECU student achievements in the classroom by awarding twelve, \$1,000 scholarships. Join us on April 21st as we celebrate the accomplishments of these deserving individuals at the annual Spring Alumni Awards Ceremony.

The **Distinguished Service Awards** go to Linda Tripp '80, '81, and Phil Dixon '71. Linda Tripp is President of the Pitt County Pirate Club, President of FRIENDS of the S. Rudolph Alexander Performing Arts Series, and was recently recognized as the Greenville-Pitt County Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year. Phil Dixon, a former Chairman of the Board of Trustees is President of the Commerce Club and serves on the Board of Governors.

The **Honorary Alumni Awards** will go to Jim Woods (posthumously) and Hervy Kornegay. Jim Woods created the first Pirate Sports Network and served as its play-by-play announcer. As a news anchor and talk show host, he promoted the University in ways that extended his responsibilities as a community broadcaster. Hervy Kornegay is actively involved in the Parents Council, is on the community faculty as a clinical instructor in the School of Medicine, and is a member of the Friends of the School of Theatre and Dance as well as the Pirate Club. Additionally, Hervy's wife and five of his children have attended ECU. Four of their children received merit scholarships and the eldest son was a Brody Fellow at the medical school.

For more information and to attend the Spring Awards Ceremony, call 800-ECU-GRAD or visit [PirateAlumni.com](http://PirateAlumni.com) today.

### Alumni Awards

Honoring the achievements and service of members of the Pirate Nation is extremely important to the East Carolina Alumni Association. The most public way in which we honor our alumni is twice a year at our Spring and Fall Alumni Awards Ceremonies. The success of this program and the

close in the fall.

The 2004 edition of TEC, printed in reverse, finds Sandra Bullock contemplating a return to ECU to finish her degree, saying that she feels that academics are more important than acting and Hollywood. And lastly, Dr. Ballard fills vacant administrative positions by holding an essay contest. The winners include Brittany Glover, a 7th grader as athletic director and Donald Trump as provost.

### Share Your Memories



*Fountainhead staff, 1975*

Were you a staff writer for the paper? Did you participate in April Fool's Day pranks?

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](mailto:alumni@PirateAlumni.com)

### Volunteer Spotlight

#### Dr. Carolyn Hampton



caliber of our award winners hinges on the letters and nominations that alumni like you send recommending fellow Pirates for our Awards. Here is the process for choosing the annual recipients of the **Outstanding Alumni**, **Honorary Alumni** and **Distinguished Service** Awards.

#### The Process

- Visit **PirateAlumni.com** and click on the **Awards & Scholarship** link tab to read about eligibility requirements, download forms, and read about past recipients.
- Download or print a form for the appropriate award and submit your nomination to the East Carolina Alumni Association (attn: Awards, 901 East Fifth Street, Greenville, NC 27858).
- Nominations are accepted year-round.
- Every nomination received is presented to the Awards
- Committee of the Alumni Association's Board of Directors.
- The committee reviews the nominees and selects the recipients.
- The recipients are then contacted to see if they are available to attend the awards ceremony (a requirement to receive an award).
- Once confirmation of availability is obtained then the East Carolina Alumni Association will publicly announce the winners.
- If a nominee is not selected, they will be eligible again the following year. Nominations are valid for two years.
- The Honorary and Distinguished Service Awards are presented at the Spring Awards ceremony (usually held in April) and the Outstanding Alumni Awards are presented at Homecoming in the Fall.

You are encouraged to nominate someone today, so that they can be honored by the Alumni Association and be held up as an example for the rest of the Pirate Nation.

For more information on each award and nomination forms, please visit the **Awards & Scholarship** section of **PirateAlumni.com** or call 800-ECU-GRAD for more details.

#### Pirate Career Calls

The April Career Call focuses on "Landing Your Dream Job: Tips from a Leading Headhunter." This month's call will be facilitated by fellow alumnus John Clark '88 who has over 11 years of industry sales experience along with 3 years of recruiting experience. Since becoming a recruiter, he has


Dr. Carolyn Hampton received her undergraduate training from Appalachian State University. She joined the faculty of East Carolina and taught in the Department of Science Education for many years with her husband, Dr. Carol Dean Hampton. After Carol's death, she transferred to the Department of Biology. During the eight years prior to her retirement, Carolyn served as the Assistant Dean, and then Associate Dean for Research and Graduate Studies in the College of Arts and Sciences. Dr. Hampton currently serves as the president of the East Carolina University Retired Faculty Association. This organization is made-up of 270 members. They hold four large socials each year, maintain two scholarship funds, (one for undergraduates and one for graduate students), publish two newsletters per year, and local members meet monthly for a luncheon. Dr. Hampton also serves as liaison between the organization and the University and the Alumni Association. Dr. Hampton is an active member of the Greenville community and serves at St. Paul's Episcopal Church as a Eucharistic Visitor for shut-ins. In her spare time she enjoys traveling and spending time with her grandchildren Caroline and Bennett.

*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](mailto:alumni@PirateAlumni.com)*

#### Alumni Achievements

**Barb Upchurch '90**

earned recognition as being one of the leading recruiters in the Commercial Interiors arena. He has consistently been able to develop contacts in most major markets in the country. For more information or to register for Pirate Career Calls, please click [here](#).

*Want to hear previous Career Call Sessions? Click [here](#) to access our archives or subscribe to the podcast. *


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#### **Chancellor's Tour**

This April Chancellor Ballard will speak with alumni in Goldsboro on April 4th and in Tampa, Florida on April 27th as part of the ongoing Chancellor's Tour series. For more information and reservations click [here](#).

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#### **A Pirate's Life for Me!**

Tune in to the Alumni Association's half-hour radio program that features interviews with East Carolina Alumni on Saturday's in April at 10:00 a.m. on Pirate Radio 1250 and 930 AM. You may listen live in eastern North Carolina or online at [PirateRadio1250.com](http://PirateRadio1250.com). Visit the archives section of [PirateAlumni.com](http://PirateAlumni.com) to listen to past shows or subscribe to the *A Pirate's Life for Me!* podcast  to have them delivered to you.

#### **April's guests include:**

April 8th: Carol Mabe '70, former CEO/President of Russell Athletic

April 22nd: Phil Dixon '71, former Chairman of the Board of Trustees, President of the ECU Commerce Club, and is currently serving on the Board of Governors

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#### **ECU Art Enthusiasts**

The East Carolina University Art Enthusiasts will be hosting the Annual Art Enthusiasts' Antiques Show & Sale. The Antiques Show & Sale will be held at the Greenville Convention Center on Saturday and Sunday, April 22 and 23, 2006. A preview party and fundraising event is also scheduled for Friday evening, April 21, at the Hilton Greenville. The events help to raise funds for scholarships within the ECU School of Art and Design. Call 252-328-6336 to request further information.

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#### **Vote ECU As Best Public College**

Metro Magazine is published monthly and offers reader's from the triangle to the coast insight into news and events, the best in dining, shopping, art news design trends and more. Annually they invite the public to vote for the Metro Bravo Awards. Voting is currently underway. These awards



Barb Upchurch '90, was born in New York City and grew-up in Virginia Beach. She graduated from ECU in 1990 and is the owner of **Blueberry Marketing**, a consulting firm which works primarily with artists to expand their markets and products using a network of freelance professionals. The business began in London in 2002 and moved to North Carolina the following year when Barb and her husband Mike (class of '89) returned to the States.

Barb's first US client was fellow alumnae, artist Kelly Barnes Rightsell '90 and her husband, Brian Rightsell '90. The Rightsells and Barb first met while attending ECU. Barb helped Kelly and Brian mainstream their marketing materials, started a successful public relations program, and helped launch a consumer Web site, [www.KellyRightsell.com](http://www.KellyRightsell.com) Kelly's detailed designs include whimsical art that makes up children's décor such as bedding, wallpaper, rugs, lamps, and more. Kelly received a Bachelor's degree in Fine Arts from East Carolina and resides with her family in Greensboro. Barb credits Kelly and Brian for helping her focus Blueberry Marketing on working with artists to help them increase their market share.

recognize the best in education, fashion, dining and more from the Triangle to the Coast. We invite and encourage you to vote ECU as the "Best Public College." To do so, visit the [Metro Web site](#) and support ECU!

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**Chancellor's Tour**  
 Goldsboro, NC  
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**April 6**  
**Pirate Career Call – Landing Your Dream Job**  
 Via Teleconference  
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**April 8**  
**ECU vs. UCF Baseball Pregame Party**  
 Orlando, FL  
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**April 8**  
**A Pirate's Life for Me!**  
 Featured Guest: Carol Mabe '70, former CEO/President of Russell Athletic  
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**April 21**  
**Spring Alumni Awards Ceremony**  
 Leo W. Jenkins Fine Arts Center, ECU  
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**April 22**  
**A Pirate's Life for Me!**  
 Featured Guest: Phil Dixon '71, former Chairman of the Board of Trustees, President of the ECU Commerce Club, and is currently serving on the UNC System Board of Governors  
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Today Barb, Mike, and their daughter Vivian live in Charlotte.



Kelly Barnes Rightsell '90 and her children

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**April 22**  
**Ambassador Awards Banquet**  
Greenville Country Club  
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**April 22-23**  
**Annual Art Enthusiast's Antiques Show & Sale**  
Greenville Convention Center  
[\[More\]](#)

**April 27**  
**Chancellor's Tour**  
Tampa, FL  
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**April 29**  
**All NC College & University Alumni BBQ in Minnesota**  
St. Paul/Falcon Heights, MN  
[\[More\]](#)

**May 6**  
***A Pirate's Life for Me!***  
Featured Guest: Heather Freedman '00 and David Dyer '80  
[\[More\]](#)

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

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