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It is summertime at ECU. The first summer session has just completed, the temperatures are in the upper '90's, and 4th of July celebrations are just getting started. Despite the obvious signs of summer, the fall season feels near thanks in part to the opening of the Alumni Tailgate registration on July 3. Last year the tailgate series sold out before the start of the first home game, so make your plans now and call 800-ECU-GRAD to register for Tailgate 2006. The Alumni Association is launching a new membership program and while pride in supporting ECU Alumni programs is the main benefit of membership, there are other perks as well. Become a member when you register for Tailgate to take advantage of special member pricing. To learn more, visit [Membership.PirateAlumni.com](http://Membership.PirateAlumni.com) or call 800-ECU-GRAD.

In the meantime, enjoy the heat of summer while making plans for fall when cooler temperatures are here, crowds at Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium are cheering on the Pirates, and our Alumni Tailgate returns.

### Award Nominations

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 caliber of our award winners hinges on the letters and nominations that alumni like you send

### A Look Back

### Our Greenville, Yours If You Come



On March 8, 1907 the East Carolina Teachers Training School was chartered by the state legislature, but it did not have a home. A week later the State Board of Education announced the rules under which they would accept bids and make their selection. A minimum of \$25,000 and a site of at least 25 acres had to be available by the bid deadline of June 5. The funds could come from bond issues before or after a location was chosen. Eight towns were in serious contention: Edenton, Elizabeth City, Greenville, Kinston, New Bern, Rocky Mount, Tarboro and Washington.

Greenville set to work holding two bond elections, one in the county and one in the town, each authorizing the sale of \$50,000 in interest bearing bonds should the training school be awarded for a total of \$100,000. Four sites were optioned: Higgs site west near Dickinson Ave., Arthur site to the south, Munford and Harrington on the east. 250 suggestions came in for a town motto with J.W. Brown's "Our Greenville, Yours If You Come" being selected on June 3, just two days before



recommending fellow Pirates for our awards. Nominations are accepted year-round, but the deadline for alumni to be honored during 2007 is **November 1**. To learn more about the awards offered, past recipients and the process for choosing and nominating the annual recipients of the Outstanding Alumni, Honorary Alumni and Distinguished Service Awards please click [here](#).

### Homecoming & Reunions

Make plans now to return to ECU this fall for reunions and for Homecoming on October 21. Click here for more information on [Reunions](#) and [Homecoming](#).

### Registration for Tailgate Opens in July

This season ECU will host six home football games which means the Alumni Tailgate will be in full swing throughout the season at all home games and at select away games. Tailgate **registration begins July 3rd** so mark your calendar and register in July – last year this event was a sellout before the first game kicked off!



Alumni Tailgate dates for home and away games include:

- **September 2 - ECU vs. Navy in Annapolis, MD**  
Kick-off is 5:30 p.m.; Tailgate begins at 3:00 p.m.
- **September 16 sponsored by O'Charley's Memphis vs. ECU**  
Kick-off is 7:00 p.m.; Tailgate begins at 4:30 p.m.
- **September 23 sponsored by The HoneyBaked Ham Company and Café West Virginia vs. ECU**  
Kick-off and Tailgate times are TBA.
- **October 7 sponsored by Chico's Virginia vs. ECU**  
Kick-off is 6:00 p.m.; Tailgate begins at 3:30 p.m.
- **October 14 sponsored by Fuddruckers Tulsa vs. ECU**  
Kick-off is 3:00 p.m.; Tailgate begins at

the bids were to be submitted. The board arrived in Greenville on June 21 for the inspection.

On the morning of July 10 the board convened an open meeting inviting the town representatives to submit their offers again, making any necessary changes. The Greenville offer remained firm. Then the board went into closed session to deliberate and vote. The deliberations and voting were extensive taking most of the day. It was on the 6th ballot of the day that Greenville received 4 votes to Kinston's 2 to take the training school. It took two ballots to choose on the 47 ½ acre Harrington site to the east of Greenville. The news was telegraphed from Raleigh at 4:30. It would be almost one full year later on July 2, 1908 that Gov. Thomas Jarvis convened his impromptu groundbreaking ceremony. And the rest is history . . .

For more information about ECTTS, visit the 4th floor of Joyner Library to view the current exhibit, The Founding of an Institution. For more information click [here](#).

### Share Your Memories



"Looks Like Greenville to Me."

During the contest for the location of the Training School, David James, of Greenville who was possibly the county recorder of deeds, predicted in a cartoon that his hometown would win. On September 8, 1907, the Raleigh News and Observer printed this cartoon with the notation that "the above

12:30 p.m.

- **October 21 sponsored by ARAMARK  
SMU vs. ECU HOMECOMING**  
Kick-off is 3:00 p.m.; Tailgate begins at 12:30 p.m.
- November 4 - ECU vs. UCF *in Orlando, FL*  
Kick-off is 4:00 p.m.; Tailgate begins at 1:30 p.m.
- **November 11 sponsored by The  
HoneyBaked Ham Company and Café  
Marshall vs. ECU**  
Kick-off is 1:00 p.m.; Tailgate begins at 10:30 a.m.
- November 25 - ECU vs. NC State *in  
Raleigh, NC*  
Kick-off is 1:00 p.m.; Tailgate begins at 10:30 a.m.

*Tailgates take place two-and-a-half hours prior to kick-off. Kick-off times are subject to change.*

### Freshmen Sendoffs



Ahoy, Pirates! Freshmen Sendoffs continue in July with events in Raleigh, Charlotte, Durham, Greensboro and the Greater New York area. We invite you to join us in welcoming the newest crew aboard East Carolina, the Class of 2010. Remember the excitement of coming to East Carolina for the first time? Share your stories, study tips, and ECU traditions with the incoming freshmen as they make their journey to campus. Watch the calendar for [upcoming Sendoffs](#) in your part of the Pirate Nation!

### ECU Alumni Scholarship Golf Classic

Support Alumni Scholarships for current ECU students at the annual Scholarship Golf Classic on October 6 at Ironwood Golf & Residential Community. To learn more about sponsorship and player opportunities, please visit [Golf.PirateAlumni.com](http://Golf.PirateAlumni.com) or call 800-ECU-GRAD for more details.

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drawing did him credit. It was a prediction that came true."

Was there a monumental reason you chose to come to Greenville to attend East Carolina? Was there a particular coach or program that brought you here, or perhaps you have a memory about Greenville itself during your college years? If so, please share your memories and let the archivist know if you have photos to share by completing the [Share a Memory online form](#).

### Volunteer Spotlight

### Black Alumni Chapter Officers



*Standing/back row (L to R): Ernest Daily, Adeea Rogers, Tarrick Cox, Seated/front row (L to R): Eboni Malloy, Shirley Dickerson, Mona Lesane*

The Black Alumni Chapter, established in 1981, exists to promote the social welfare, career development, and family support of East Carolina University's black alumni by keeping them connected to one another and to ECU.

This chapter meets several times throughout the year and recently elected new officers for 2006-2007 at their last meeting held on June 7, 2006. They include:

- Shirley Dickerson '97, '05  
President
- Adeea Rogers '05  
Vice President
- Mona Lesane '02  
Secretary
- Tarrick Cox '96  
Treasurer

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- Grant Enables ECU Biologist to Study Spiders, Millipedes... [\[More\]](#)
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**July 7**

#### Summer Social at Sarah's Art Café

Ayden

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**July 9**

#### Sendoff for Incoming Freshmen

Raleigh

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**July 23**

#### Sendoff for Incoming Freshmen

Charlotte

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**July 23**

#### Alumni Mixer at the Courtyard

Greenville

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**July 25**

#### Sendoff for Incoming Freshmen

Greensboro

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**July 25**

#### Sendoff for Incoming Freshmen

Durham

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**July 27**

#### Party at the Power Plant

Rocky Mount

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**July 29**

#### Sendoff for Incoming Freshmen

New York

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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.

- Ernest Daily '03, '06 Assistant Treasurer
- Eboni Malloy '04 Assistant Historian

In an effort to encourage networking and community involvement among its members, the Black Alumni chapter plans and hosts events in select areas across the Pirate Nation, while maintaining a strong presence here in Greenville and on campus through the Ledonia Wright Cultural Center.

The last chapter event planned was a welcome dinner for LeQuesha Foster, the new Associate Director for the Ledonia Wright Cultural Center, held at A.J. McMurphy's on June 29, 2006. However, be sure to stay tuned for updates on future chapter socials and plan to come home to Greenville for the annual Black Alumni Reunion which takes place Homecoming weekend, October 20-21. For details visit [Reunions.PirateAlumni.com](http://Reunions.PirateAlumni.com). Many thanks to these volunteers for their time and efforts!

*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

#### Howell Binkley '78



*Howell on Tony night*

*photo contributed by Leila Nelson*

Congratulations to Howell Binkley, East Carolina theatre alumnus from '78, who won a Tony Award for best lighting design for a musical for his work on the hit Broadway production "Jersey Boys." Binkley attended ECU in the mid-seventies and credits his experience working with student choreographers as teaching him a great deal. While at ECU John Houseman's Acting Company did a residency at ECU, Binkley worked with Lighting Director, Dennis Parichy who then hired him as lighting supervisor for the company. Since that time Binkley has worked with a variety of dance companies and theaters. Howell co-founded the Parsons Dance Company in 1986. He has worked with regional theatres from New York to Seattle, Washington and La Jolla, California. He has created lighting for productions in The West End in London and on Broadway. In addition to "Jersey Boys," Howell has worked on several successful, ongoing productions such as "Bridge & Tunnel" and "Avenue Q." and recently remounted "Avenue Q" in The West End and is spending time in Gettysburg to design a new version of the Frank Wildhorn musical "The Civil War" which is now called "For The Glory."

He was previously nominated for a Tony in 1993 for his lighting design on "Kiss of the Spiderwoman."

Congratulations to Howell on his many successes!

*Thank you to those of you who have submitted your special achievements. We will include these as space allows in future editions of PiratePulse. If you or a fellow Pirate have a special*

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