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MEMBER BENEFIT

[S. Rudolph Alexander Performing Art Series \(SRAPAS\)](#)

[Members of the East Carolina Alumni Association may purchase season tickets for the SRAPAS series at a discounted rate of \\$175.50.](#)



New Alumni Association members Heather '97 and Derek '98 Stepp with future Pirate, Olivia

This is a time of excitement and anticipation for the Pirate Nation. Incoming freshmen are excited to move in to their residence halls, meet their roommates, and begin their lifelong relationship with East Carolina. Alumni begin to feel the anticipation of football season and returning home to East Carolina for Homecoming or a reunion. We hope to see many of you at the Alumni Tailgate this season. After last season's progress, expectations are high for Coach Holtz and our Pirates.

It has also been a time of reflection as the Pirate Nation gathered to pay its respect to honorary alumnus and former baseball coach Keith LeClair '05. Coach LeClair died after a prolonged battle with ALS Lou Gehrig's disease. His spirit, courage, and faith are an example to the Pirate Nation and he will be greatly missed. The East Carolina Alumni Association extends our deepest condolences to the LeClair family.

Your Alumni Association is continually striving to improve. As we approach our Centennial in 2007, the Alumni Association is faced with the reality of serving over 120,000 alumni worldwide. To deliver the level and quality of alumni programs, events, and communication that our alumni deserve, we have implemented a dues-based membership program designed to strengthen your East Carolina connection. The additional revenue generated from our membership program will help to provide more scholarships for our students, increase the quality and amount of communications you receive, and help us to

A Look Back

The First Day



The first day of classes at ECTTS. Robert Wright is pictured here in 1909 with incoming students.

August has become the time when students and parents prepare for school. In 1909 at East Carolina Teachers Training School the fall quarter did not begin until October 5. There were six buildings ready to receive 142 students and 11 teachers. There is no record of the registration process for that first quarter. The next year registration took place on September 13 for the new students and September 14 for returning students with classes beginning on September 15. Three courses of study were available to students: a two-year preparatory course for anyone who had completed at least one year of high school, a two-year professional course (teacher training), and a one-year course for teachers of rural schools. Students in the latter courses had to be at least 16 years of age to enter.

There were 224 dorm rooms ready for students in 1910, each with two single iron beds, two chairs, a table, a washstand, bureau, and wardrobe; "all the necessary furniture for comfortable living." Students were asked to bring two pairs of sheets,

- Van Cliburn pianist Alexander Kobrin, September 27
- Jazz vocalist Tierney Sutton, October 3
- NY Gilbert & Sullivan Players present "Pirates of Penzance", October 17
- L.A. Theatre Works presents "The Caine Mutiny Court-Martial", November 7
- Violinist Hilary Hahn, January 5
- North Carolina Symphony Orchestra, January 31
- Koresh Dance Company, February 16
- Moscow Festival Ballet, March 6
- Emerson String Quartet, April 27

All SRAPAS performances take place at 7:30 p.m. in Wright Auditorium. For season tickets and more information, call 800-ECU-ARTS.

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Benefits of Alumni Association Membership

Membership gives alumni and friends a tangible way to demonstrate their pride, dedication, and commitment to ECU. While you cannot put a price on the pride you'll feel when joining, you will be able to add up the savings from the valuable benefits and services we offer members. We encourage members to utilize the quality programs made possible because of the membership program such as career programs like Pirate Career Calls and the Pirate Alumni Network, continuing education programs, cultural and athletic events, and traditional activities such as Homecoming and reunions.

Learn more about the benefits of membership by visiting our Web site:

- [Top 10 Reasons to Join the Alumni Association](#)
- [Benefits of Membership](#)

Call for Award Nominations

Honoring the achievements and service of members of the Pirate Nation is extremely important to the East Carolina Alumni Association. The most visible way 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 hinge on the letters and nominations that individuals like you submit recommending ECU Pirates and supporters for our awards. Nominations are accepted year-round, but are due by **November 1, 2006** to be considered as a 2007 award recipient. To learn more about the awards offered, past recipients, and how you can nominate someone for the Outstanding Alumni, Honorary Alumni, and Distinguished Service Awards, please click [here](#).

A *Pirate's Life for Me!* Returns in August

A Pirate's Life for Me! the Alumni Association's radio program returns this month with alumni interviews 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 can listen live online at PirateRadio1250.com. Visit the archives section of PirateAlumni.com to listen to past

one pair of blankets, two white counterpanes or coverlets, two pillow cases, six towels, six napkins, a spoon, and a glass. Most students arrived by train with trunks which were picked up by college employees and delivered by wagon to the dorms.

Tuition was free to anyone who agreed to teach for two years upon graduation, otherwise it was \$45 per year. Board in the dorm cost \$90, laundry service \$14, text book rental \$5, light and heat \$9, medical fee \$5, and the dorm fee was \$2 per year. The first hike in fees came in the fall of 1917 when the yearly total became \$150.

As the school became a college and then a university the coursework and tuition have increased accordingly. Gone are the preparatory and normal school courses. The master degree was added in 1933 and the PhD in 1981. Registration became a more complicated process involving teachers and administrators setting up shop in Wright Auditorium to enroll students in courses by hand. Add/drop day involved another slow moving line. Registration became computerized in 1985 with special computer terminals installed in each department. Students now have the option of registering at special computer terminals across campus, via the Internet or by telephone.

[Share Your Memories](#)




Move-in day at ECU, 1985










shows or subscribe to the *A Pirate's Life for Me!* [podcast](#)  to have them delivered to you.

August Guests are:

August 5: Owen Davis '93, Managing Director of U.S. Operations for TrainingFolks

August 12: Mark Tanner '78, Collabrapace, Director, Law Enforcement, Homeland Security

August 19: Clyde Higgs '99, Vice President of Business Development for North Carolina Research Campus

August 26: Robert Morgan '47, Former U.S. Senator

ECU Invades the Capitol Region

As the Pirate football team prepares to open its season again the Navy Midshipmen, the Alumni Association and Pirate Club have planned several events for those following the team to Annapolis.

Whether you live in the capitol region or are planning to make a road-trip to cheer on the Pirates, the DC area will offer activities for all from August 31-September 3. The weekend starts on Thursday with An Evening with Chancellor Steve Ballard at The Army and Navy Club. Join fellow Pirate's for the Pirate Party in Annapolis on Friday, and the Pre-Game Tailgate and football game on Saturday. While in the Capitol region, cheer on ECU Diamond Pirate alumnus Chad Tracy '01 of the Arizona Diamondbacks as they take on the Washington Nationals at Robert F. Kennedy Memorial Stadium.

Click [here](#) for details and registration.

Homecoming

Come home to East Carolina for Homecoming 2006. The Alumni Association and campus departments and colleges offer a host of activities for all alumni during Homecoming Weekend, October 20–21. The following campus departments and colleges and organizations invite alumni to participate in special Homecoming activities:

- Alpha Phi Omega
- College of Business
- College of Education
- College of Fine Arts and Communication
- Department of Economics
- Hospitality Management 1999–2006 Class Reunion
- School of Nursing
- Department of Physics

For details, visit the [Homecoming](#) page of the Alumni Association Web site.

Do you have memories of enrollment, registration, add/drop, moving in/out of the dorms to share? 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

John '82 and Arminda '83 Israel



John and Arminda Israel of Norfolk, Virginia have been active volunteers, planners, and participants in Alumni Association and Pirate Club activities over the years.

John served in the U.S. Navy from 1973-1980 and graduated from ECU in 1982 with a BS degree in Community and Commercial Recreation and works for the U.S. Air Force as a Civil Service employee. Arminda received a BS in Spanish from ECU in 1983 and completed her Ed.M at Boston University in counseling in 1987.

Arminda has worked in the educational field as a counselor for the U.S. Air Force in England and Holland, Thomas Nelson Community College, and for the past seven years in the Darden College of Education, Old Dominion University, as a program advisor for BS Human Services and MS Elementary Education and Teacher Preparation programs. In addition she coordinates a Virginia Department of Education for non-licensed personnel interest in becoming special education teachers. John

Reunions

Class and Affinity Reunions are opportunities for East Carolina alumni to return to campus and reminisce about their shared experiences with fellow Pirates. The following reunions are being planned for this fall:

- Health Information Management - Class of 1996, September 23, 2006
- Brody School of Medicine, October 6-7, 2006
- Spirit Reunion, October 13-14, 2006
- Black Alumni Reunion, October 20-21, 2006
- ECTC/ECC Alumni Society Reunion, October 20 – 21, 2006
- ECU NC Teaching Fellows Reunion, October 20-21, 2006
- Military Reunion, November 10-11, 2006

For details on these reunions, visit the [Reunions](#) page of the Alumni Association Web site.

If you have an idea for an affinity reunion and would like to help bring your classmates back to campus, please contact Karen Clough '98 at 252-328-0610 or Karen.Clough@PirateAlumni.com.

Alumni Tailgate

Join the East Carolina Alumni Association today and join the pre-game celebrations at the following home and away game tailgates:

- 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

has been a Pirate Club representative in Southeast Virginia since 1995 and served as a chapter president since 2000.

We thank John and Arminda for their support of ECU and hope those of you in the Virginia area will see the Israel's and other dedicated Virginia Pirates later this month at the [Tidewater Virginia Football Kick-off](#) on August 26.

Alumni Achievements

Ron Clark '94



East Carolina alumnus Ron Clark '94 has had much success as an educator. He received the Disney Teacher of the Year award in 2000, has been featured as Oprah Winfrey's "Phenomenal Man" in her O magazine and has written two successful books on education and child rearing. Clark moved to New York City after becoming an educator to work at one of the toughest schools in Harlem. He found ways to connect with the students and went on to raise test scores and has positively impacted the lives of those he has worked with along the way. TNT is now featuring a Johnson & Johnson Spotlight Presentation called The Ron Clark Story which features the life and experiences of Ron Clark.

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.

To register, call 252-328-6072 or 800-ECU-GRAD. Alumni Association members pay \$5 per home tailgate; all others are welcome to attend for \$10. The membership rates apply only to the member and their dependent children ages 11-22. All children 10 and under are free.

Away game tailgates are \$20 per person. Call 800-ECU-GRAD for details.

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

ECU Tailgate Traditions

Do you have a great ECU tailgate recipe or story to share? If so, click [here](#).

ECU Alumni Scholarship Golf Classic

Space is limited for the 2006 ECU Scholarship Golf Classic so register today! Golf sponsors and players support Alumni Scholarships for current ECU students while enjoying a day on the course with fellow Pirates. This year's event takes place on October 6 at Ironwood Golf & Residential Community. To learn more about sponsorship and player opportunities, visit Golf.PirateAlumni.com or contact Karen Clough '98 at 252-328-6072.

ECU-TV Presents Football Week

East Carolina University's official cable station, ECU-TV (cable channel 99 Sudden Link Communications in the Greenville area) presents *Football Week* beginning at 7:00 p.m. Sunday

To learn more about The Ron Clark Story which airs August 13 on TNT, click [here](#).

To hear the *A Pirate's Life for Me!* interview featuring Ron from November, 2005, please click [here](#) for the archives.

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 achievement you'd like to share with the Pirate Nation, please e-mail alumni@PirateAlumni.com.

August 27.

During this week, the station will replay six classic Pirate football games and rare footage.

The airing of these games is made possible because of fans who were willing to donate games on VHS and DVD. If you have something on VHS or DVD that you would like to share with ECU-TV, contact Bryan Edge at edgeb@ecu.edu or by calling 252-744-1951.

It all begins at 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, August 27 on ECU-TV. For more information, visit the [ECU TV Web site](#) for the weekly programming schedule.

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- ECU Biologist Discovers World's 'Leggiest' Millipede... [\[More\]](#)
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This Month's Events

August 5

A Pirate's Life for Me!

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Featured guest: Mark Tanner '78, Collabospace, Director, Law Enforcement, Homeland Security
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August 24

Greater Charleston Pirate Football Kick-off
Charleston, SC
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August 26

A Pirate's Life for Me!
Featured guest: Robert Morgan '47, former U.S. Senator
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August 26

Tidewater Virginia Football Kick-off
Newport News, VA
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August 31

Chancellor's Tour – Washington, DC
Washington, DC
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September 1

DC Metro Chapter Outing at the Washington Nationals
Washington, DC
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September 1

Pirate Party in Annapolis
Annapolis, MD
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September 2

A Pirate's Life for Me!
Featured guest: James Maynard '65, co-founder and chairman of Golden Corral Restaurants
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September 2

ECU vs. Navy Pre-game Tailgate
Annapolis, MD
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September 3

DC Metro Chapter Outing at the Washington Nationals
Washington, DC
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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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