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Joyful Noises
Members of the ECU Chamber Singers hold a high note during a rehearsal for the group's performance at the Religious Arts Festival at St. Paul's Church in Greenville. The group has attracted national attention and was invited to perform at what's called the "World Series of choral events"—the American Choral Directors Association annual convention in Miami in March. More than 10,000 conductors, singers, teachers and church musicians usually attend the convention.

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A life in one place

I got lost driving in a pouring rain in Alexandria, Va., in neighborhoods around Old Town I hadn't seen in 20 years. After cruising several blocks, I finally spotted the house I was looking for—600 Little Street, the tidy bungalow on a corner lot where Gayle and I brought home our first baby, Katie Rose, in 1983. We lived in that house a year or so, then moved just three blocks away to...there it is, 106 West Mason, the larger split-level we bought before our second, Harrison, was born in '86.

Looking through the rain-splattered windshield, the house across the street is hauntingly familiar. There's the spot on the driveway I patched. We lived here two years, then moved to New York after a job change. The rain deepens my reflective mood and I wonder: what if? How would life have turned out if we hadn't left Washington, had never moved away, if we had raised our kids in that very house?

People who have moved around chasing better jobs know this feeling. They say the average person will have seven different jobs and probably live in as many places. Hardly anyone stays in one place these days or has the same job their whole life.

Except Beverly Jones Cox, the alumnae I had interviewed that morning at the National Portrait Gallery in downtown Washington, where she is director of collections. She's worked at the gallery for nearly 40 years, the only job she's had since graduating from East Carolina in 1967. She worked in the same office in the same building for more than 20 years.

She's that rare individual whose first job was the perfect job, but that isn't what's special about Cox, whom we profile on page 26. It's what she accomplished in that span of time that impresses me. She wrote the catalog for the museum's first exhibition and has personally put together more than 300 exhibits since then. One show she mounted on American sports icons so impressed President Reagan that he invited the museum staff over to the White House for lunch.

I wonder if Cox ever thinks how her life would be different if she hadn't kept her first job out of college. There would have been other offices, other houses, other best friends than the ones she's known for four decades. Did she pass up some opportunity?

On the other hand, what opportunities did the rest of us miss by frequently pulling up roots in search of greener grass? Would you switch places with her? I just might.



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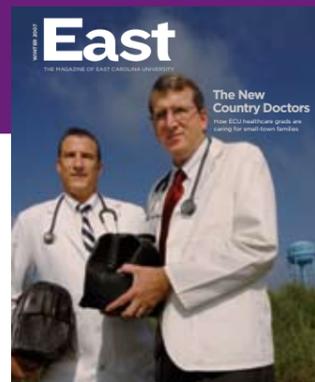
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IMPROVING HEALTH CARE

"The New Country Doctors" article showed many concrete examples of why our health science programs have been so successful at East Carolina. The new cardiovascular institute and the proposed dental school will continue this tradition of providing people and services to our region and our state. Keep up the good work. I can't wait to see your spring edition!

—Carl W. Davis '73, Raleigh

SODA SHOP WAS IN WRIGHT

First, I want to tell you how much I am enjoying *East* and to commend you on doing such a great job! However, I must make some comments regarding your article on the renovations to the Old Cafeteria Building. There was no soda shop in the Cafeteria Building in the 1950s. There was a soda fountain next to the campus bookstore in the Wright Building. Did you know that the Old Cafeteria Building contained a one-lane bowling alley in the 40s? Its pins had to be set by hand. I wonder if any of your readers remember it?

—Jim Phelps '58, Hendersonville

WHITE COAT MEMORIES

As I was flipping through the pages of the winter issue of *East*, I noticed the picture of the Brody white coat ceremony. I wondered if your readers would be interested in a more personal account of what that ceremony means to physicians. I was on faculty at the medical school from 1993–1998. My older son graduated from the MD/MBA program at ECU in 2004 and he is now a third year resident at PCMH. I wrote this after our younger son, Daniel, donned his white coat and began his first year at Brody:

It rained off and on, complicating travel and parking, but despite the gloom, the general enthusiasm of the day could not be dampened by weather. My older son, Paul, his wife, and my youngest daughter had joined me for the occasion. We were gathered to participate in the white coat ceremony for my younger son, Daniel. Unfortunately, my husband was unable to join us because he was on call. Actually, when the same event was held for Paul's first year medical school class in 1999, my husband attended but I was not there; I was on call.

As we waited for the ceremony to commence, I thought of the problems my husband and I have faced over the years in the practice of medicine: rising practice expenses and overhead, medical liability litigation, declining reimbursements and ever-increasing demand for more services. We were forthright with our children about these issues; we let them know the sacrifices that would be expected. Our sons knew all these things and they still chose to follow this path for their life's work. How were they able to identify the rewards through all of the fog and trouble?

These young men and women choose this path, knowing the risks, frustration and exhaustion of a career in medicine. They chose this work because, despite all the difficulties, it is a calling like no other. The privilege, bestowed by society, of healing and helping people at their most vulnerable and often most frightening moments of their lives is entrusted to only a few. The indescribable reward of being that person—empowered by medical education to serve at that moment—is the compelling force that still brings some of our best and brightest to the doors of medical schools across this state.

At the end of the ceremony they asked the class to turn around and face the audience, wearing their new white coats. They were introduced as the Class of 2010. Across the country, there are about 19,000 first year medical students who are now working their way through the first year of medical school. Take the world by storm, 2010; leave it a better place than you found it.

—Dawn Brezina, Wilson

ABOUT THAT BASEBALL PICTURE

I'd just like to offer an additional tidbit of information [about East Carolina's 1961 national championship baseball team pictured in *Upon the Past* in the last issue]. I was the *Daily Reflector* reporter who accompanied the team to Sioux City and spent the week covering the Pirates' games

as well as taking photographs. I'm 99.9 percent sure I took the picture of the players looking for four leaf clovers. But the picture was taken on the campus of Morningside College where we stayed while we waited for a bus to transport us to the stadium. That last win for the championship is as exciting today as it was all those years ago. When Cotton Clayton's bases-loaded home run won the game, I watched the ball until it went out of sight over the fence. That was a great team with great players and a marvelous coach in Jim Mallory. Thank you for the look back.

—Roy Martin '61 '67, Roanoke, Va.

I learned two interesting facts about Roy Martin while chatting with him via e-mail. One is that he grew up in a house where Mendenhall Student Center is now. Second, he had two careers, the first in journalism, including years as night city editor at the Washington Star and later as news director at WSLR Roanoke. He followed that with 18 years as a schoolteacher in Roanoke, teaching English as a second language to immigrant children, "some of whom have gone on to advanced degrees and great jobs," he said. Legendary ECU journalism professor Ira Baker once described Martin, who retired in 2002, as the first from Greenville to make it in big-time journalism. "I've always appreciated him saying that. Now look: Our graduates are everywhere, writing books and winning Pulitzers."

MORE ON BETH GRANT

Thanks to Bubba Grant for informing us of his sister Beth Grant's successful film career [in his Letter to the Editor in the last issue]. I have enjoyed her for years and most recently in *Flags of Our Fathers* and never knew she was an ECU Class of '71 graduate. I looked up her bio and I wish you would include a special feature article on Beth with pictures from her last films in your next publication. ECU needs to share her success with all her ECU family of friends and alumni.

—Graham Felton '71, Tucker, Ga.

We profiled Beth Grant about three years ago.

MORE ON THE RIOT OF '71

Our story on the 1971 campus demonstrations over dorm visitation prompted many calls and e-mails. We heard from Bill Schell, the only one of the “rabble rousers” we weren’t able to track down for the story. The story also got the creative juices flowing in Ken Finch ’71, the former *Fountainhead* cartoonist who chronicled the period. He’s planning a comic book (right) based on the student demonstrations and arrests.

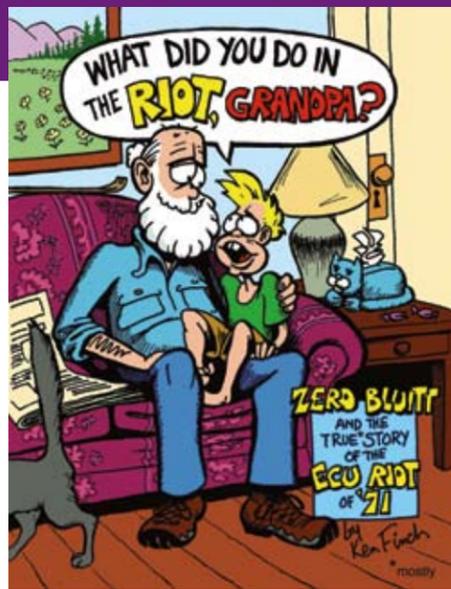
Many thanks for the retrospective on the 1971 events at ECU. Your extensive research, factual accuracy and reflection of the high spirit of student unity brought back many memories. In particular, it highlighted the extensive efforts at responsible student self-government, following the Supreme Court rejection of *in loco parentis*. Students then received the legal rights of adults, and ECU students took this new role very seriously. As detailed in your article, the fact that most students chose to express themselves in legal and nonviolent ways, and that no one was hurt in the demonstrations, highlights that sense of responsibility. Freedom of speech is not the exclusive property of either liberals or conservatives, but a gift to be shared by us all. I believe this to be the most impressive element of your article.

—Bob Thonen ’77, Carteret County

Usually, I leave the *East* magazine out in my den for people to see when they come in. Not anymore. I do not appreciate the Finch cartoon. I do not need a cartoon to tell me to “F---” anyone. To me this does not belong in a professional and well-designed magazine. You made your point in the article.

—William F. Dorey ’71 ’85 ’90, Greenville

I’ve ignored ECU for 35 years [and] probably would’ve ignored ECU for another 35 years if not for Steve Tuttle’s article about my old editor, Bob Thonen, and the Riot of ’71. Reflecting on the *Fountainhead* years and the crackdown that came after the riot, I realize I’ve been carrying more hurt and anger than I’ve wanted to acknowledge. More than a few students of my generation, some of the best and the brightest, left ECU quite alienated from their alma mater. I doubt all



has been forgiven. I thank you for printing a piece that is a reasonably accurate, if incomplete, look at a most important period in the university’s development.

—Ken Finch ’70, Olympia, Wash.

When the student visitation demonstrations and boycotts began, it was the first time I ever experienced a group of people banding together for a cause in which they believed. The resistance of the administration served as a model for our own resistance. We pushed and they pulled. Somewhere, it spiraled out of control and people were hurt. It stopped President [Leo] Jenkins’ political aspirations and extinguished some of the brightest stars at the university. But, as Benjamin Franklin said, “Those things that hurt, instruct.” I learned much about myself and others through the events of those years. And I wouldn’t trade that for anything.

—Cindy Maulsby Burt ’73, Los Angeles

I was one of the student activists in 1971 and look back on those days as a defining moment in my life. Looking at it superficially, it seems strange that the issue that set passions ablaze at ECU was dorm visitation rather than the war in Vietnam. However, thousands of students at ECU were motivated by the same concerns as students elsewhere. Once again this country is bogged down in a distant and unjustifiable war and civil liberties are being threatened. Would we be in another bloody war squandering lives and huge amounts of treasury if authority had been challenged before the invasion of Iraq? American

institutions vital to our democracy such as the media and universities failed to question authority when it was most critical to do so. The purpose of universities in a democracy should not be to produce complacent and unquestioning graduates. The years at university should be a time to explore new ideas, think outside the box and learn to both question and sometimes to challenge authority.

—Cecil Myers ’72, San Francisco



I read with interest “The Miscast Martyr for Student Rights” and was surprised to find I was reported missing in action in the “where are they now” sidebar. I still annoy university presidents; I led formation of a faculty union to oppose an arbitrary president at Murray State University in Kentucky where I’m a full professor. I didn’t attend the 1971 campus demonstration because I thought it would be a glorified panty raid and that the Vietnam War was the more important issue. I didn’t find out what happened until I went to pull my shift at WECU campus radio. I wrote my letter there and was just finishing when someone came in saying the administration had barred arrested students from taking exams. I didn’t know if this was true, but that perceived injustice prompted my infamous salutation. My expulsion was indirect. The student court allowed me to stay in school, but I got mono and withdrew. When I tried to reenroll the administration considered me a new enrollee and undesirable. I sued and my ACLU lawyer, Jerry Paul, won an injunction and I enrolled for a summer session where I met my wife, Janet Wingfield ’72, [but didn’t graduate]. We married and lived near Roanoke Rapids. [After serving in the Army and holding various jobs, I] enrolled at UNC Chapel Hill. I finished my BA and earned a PhD in history [at Carolina]. Today, although I have MS, life is good. Looking back, all I can say is when I came to a fork in the road, I took it.

—Bill Schell, Murray, Ky.

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Photo provided



Scott Cooper

Constructing a national reputation

There were ten good reasons why Department of Construction Management faculty members were cheering so loudly when quarterback Jeff Blake connected with tight end Luke Fisher to give ECU a come-from-behind victory over N.C. State in the 1992 Peach Bowl. Blake, Fisher and four other players on that team majored in construction management. Four more were enrolled in what was then known as the School of Technology.

Fifteen years later, construction management is still drawing cheers, particularly from major companies in residential and commercial construction. Founded in 1985, the program is now the largest in the Southeast, with 645 current undergraduate majors. For the past six years the program has boasted a 100 percent placement rate. Last fall, it launched an online master’s degree to help returning professionals meet the demands of new technologies, processes and equipment.

Today, Blake ’94 works in land development in Texas. Fisher ’92 is involved with real

estate restoration in Florida. Mike Johnson ’90 is vice president of operations for K. Hovnanian Homes in Raleigh. Scott Cooper ’90 is marketing manager for Caterpillar’s Telehandler Alliance Group in McConnellsburg, Pa.

“The construction management program gave me a solid base to succeed in the construction industry by preparing me to understand my customer’s needs,” Cooper said. “It was beneficial that everything in our program was hands on. We also were supported by a staff that knew everyone personally and made us feel like our family away at school.”

Cooper wanted to give back to ECU. His efforts yielded donations of several pieces of Caterpillar equipment, and, in 2006, the Caterpillar Foundation pledged \$250,000 in support of the construction assembly high bay laboratory. Gregory Poole Equipment Co. in Raleigh matched the pledge. The money is for faculty professional development, research and the latest technology.

“Alumni like Scott Cooper make ECU

what it is and are its future,” said Doug Kruger, chairman of ECU’s construction management department. “Scott serves as a model of what can be accomplished when alumni support their alma mater.”

In 2005, the program caught the attention of the National Housing Endowment, the philanthropic arm of the National Association of Home Builders. It pledged \$100,000—its largest single gift ever to a university.

Centex Corp. chairman and CEO Tim Eller visited campus last fall as the featured speaker on a webcast seminar produced in partnership with the National Housing Endowment. ECU trustee Mark Tipton moderated the discussion about the future of residential construction. Industry professionals and students from many universities tuned in to the webcast. The second seminar is scheduled for later this spring.



Another honor for Mott Blair

Dr. Mott Blair of Wallace, the older of the Blair boys on the cover of our last issue, was named state Family Physician of the Year by the N.C. Academy of Family Physicians. Mott and younger brother Seaborn, both Brody graduates, were featured in the cover story on ECU’s impact on health care in this region. Their father, the late Dr. Seaborn Blair Sr., practiced medicine in Duplin

AROUND CAMPUS



Dr. Phyllis Horns, longtime dean of the School of Nursing, was named interim vice chancellor for health sciences and interim dean of the Brody School of Medicine. She takes over from Dr. Cynda Johnson, who was appointed to a senior post in the Division of Research and Graduate Studies. Horns, the senior dean at ECU, said her top objectives for the near term are reversing the flow of red ink from the medical practice plan and boosting morale and teamwork at the medical school and across the entire Division of Health Sciences.

Chancellor Steve Ballard announced the changes in November as part of his concerted plan to improve the medical school while reducing the millions of dollars in losses the university suffers for providing indigent care. The faculty group practice, known as ECU Physicians, has lost \$25 million in the last five years. As part of that move, Dr. Michael Lewis, former vice chancellor for health services, was appointed an executive assistant to Ballard directing initiatives such as the new dental school.



Dr. Lynn Roeder was named interim dean of students, a position that hasn't existed for several years. In her new role, Roeder, who previously headed Counseling and Student Development, will bring together all personnel who deal directly with student complaints and violations. Officials said having a dean of students will provide one central office to deal with all student issues.



Dr. Marilyn Sheerer, a former dean of the College of Education, was named vice chancellor for student life after briefly holding the position on an interim basis. She will oversee nonacademic areas of the university, including housing and dining, recreation services, the Student Health Service, the student bus system, sororities

and fraternities, the student center, and the campus police department.



Robin Johnson, policy analyst in the chancellor's division, was named state relations officer and will become the university's main representative to the General Assembly. That task previously was performed by Chief of Staff Austin Bunch. Before joining ECU last spring, Johnson served as the lead education counsel for the N.C. General Assembly for a number of years.

County for many years. Seaborn Blair practices in Ocracoke, and their sister, Dr. Elizabeth Blair, practices in Greenville. Mott Blair has served on the Duplin County Board of Education and the Wallace Chamber of Commerce and is team physician for Wallace-Rose Hill High School. He's a past president of the N.C. Academy of Family Physicians and represented the state at the national organization's Congress of Delegates. The Blair brothers were reversed in the photo cutline on page 12 of the winter issue. That's Seaborn, not Mott, in the photo.

Sharing a passion for journalism

The *Stang Times* is run by 27 editors, writers and photographers who work within deadlines, coordinate story assignments and use computers to piece everything together. Unlike other newspapers, however, the employees of the *Times* aren't worried about improving readership or competing with Internet advertising; their goal is simply surviving sixth grade.

But the *Times* staff, which really is Mrs. Jorgette Mullins' class at Hope Middle School, is getting lots of help from ECU students who work for *The East Carolinian* student paper. Along with their advisor Ken Robol, production manager Jennifer Hobbs, sports editor Eric Gilmore, web editor Rachael Lotter, photo editor Zach Sirkin and editor Sarah Bell have supervised the newsroom's formation and the direction of the paper's content.

"The students volunteered for positions in the sections they found the most interesting, and we helped guide them through brainstorming story ideas and setting up a chain of command," said Hobbs. "The whole class was enthusiastic and came up with some great articles."

The class wrote stories on topics ranging from student government and teacher-of-the-year nominations to how to get more accelerated reading points. There were profiles of outstanding students and, of course, basketball.

"I was surprised by how knowledgeable the writers I worked with were about ECU athletics and their own school's teams; they were spitting statistics at me," said Gilmore. "It made me realize just how large of an audience we can reach through our reporting."

In addition to discussing the components of a good story, the editors stressed the importance of good communication and teamwork in a newsroom. "Don't forget about your photographers," Sirkin said to the class. "You need to talk to one another, and

keep each other in the loop if you want to pull this off."

The editors from *The East Carolinian* plan to continue visiting the class to keep track of their progress and assist in completing the production of the first issue.

—Sarah Bell

Helping our citizen soldiers

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services awarded East Carolina a \$3.1 million grant to develop programs

that will help National Guard troops to hold their marriages together while serving overseas. The 12-hour program, Essential Life Skills for Military Families, will help citizen-soldier couples to meet the challenges of extended separations by improving their skills in problem solving, conflict resolution, communication, resource management and parenting.

The five-year grant will underwrite the development of a research-based curriculum, offered first as a pilot program through N.C. State University's Cooperative Extension Services, then as an ongoing program in communities across the country. The low-cost skills training will teach couples how to build "protective factors" into their relationships to buffer the risk factors that accompany mobilization and deployment.

Since 9/11, more than 259,000 National Guard and 152,000 Army Reserve members have been mobilized, including more than 10,000 N.C. National Guardsmen.

Nice home here costs \$263,000

Is Greenville an expensive college town? Yes and no, according to a national survey by the Coldwell Banker real estate firm. The survey found that a four-bedroom home here costs \$263,000, which is about \$100,000 less than the national average for Division I-A college towns. However, you could buy the same house much cheaper in Winston-Salem, Durham or even Raleigh. Among college towns in North Carolina, only Chapel Hill and Wilmington are more expensive than Greenville, according to the survey.

The College Home Price Comparison Index tracked prices of homes of roughly 2,200 square feet, with two and a half baths, a family room and a two-car garage located in what Coldwell Banker considered a "neighborhood for corporate middle-management transferees."

The average price for all 119 college markets studied was \$359,779. In Tulsa, Okla., the nation's cheapest Division I-A college town, this typical house costs \$148,575. In Palo

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Alto, Calif., home to Stanford University and the nation's most expensive college town, it goes for \$1.7 million.

A surge in new faculty members at ECU is one reason why Greenville's housing market remains strong. The faculty has grown by more than 500 since 1995, to more than 1,600 today. "I found that housing prices were not out of line with my expectations for this market," said Professor Bill Loving, who came to ECU last summer from Idaho State. "Having looked at houses in the Boston area and on Long Island, Greenville was a welcome break."

"College towns have so much to offer residents, such as employment, continuing education, cultural opportunities and, of course, sports," said Jim Gillespie, president and CEO of Coldwell Banker Real Estate Corp. "The social and economic draw of these communities is enticing. Many of these markets are very attractive to baby boomers who want to downsize or retire from urban areas."

Home prices in N.C. college towns

Greensboro	.....	\$195,905
Winston-Salem	.....	\$214,143
Raleigh	.....	\$218,575
Charlotte	.....	\$228,500
Durham	.....	\$240,954
Greenville	.....	\$263,327
Wilmington	.....	\$335,725
Chapel Hill	.....	\$350,500

Home prices across the region

Marshall	.....	\$177,750
Clemson	.....	\$181,769
Tennessee	.....	\$184,933
South Carolina	.....	\$191,666
Memphis	.....	\$193,875
Georgia	.....	\$221,500
Vanderbilt	.....	\$226,000
Alabama	.....	\$242,000
Auburn	.....	\$258,000
Kentucky	.....	\$266,750
Virginia Tech	.....	\$275,225
UAB	.....	\$294,925
West Virginia	.....	\$322,100
Georgia Tech	.....	\$322,210
U. Virginia	.....	\$352,950
U. Maryland	.....	\$431,250

Source: Coldwell Banker. Prices are for homes of roughly 2,200 square feet, with two and a half baths, a family room and a two-car garage located in what is considered a "neighborhood for corporate middle-management transferees."



Dr. Chitwood with the new da Vinci Surgical System

Brody gets third robotic surgeon

One day after East Carolina acquired its third surgical robot, it was used to perform the 300th robot-assisted mitral valve repair done in Greenville. Acquisition of the \$1.5 million device, known as the Intuitive Surgical da Vinci S Surgical System, solidifies ECU's reputation as a center for robotic surgery.

Dr. W. Randolph Chitwood Jr., ECU senior associate vice chancellor for health sciences, chief of cardiothoracic and vascular surgery at the Brody School of Medicine and a robotic surgery pioneer, said the new da Vinci model has several improvements including smaller size, better vision and controls, and more capabilities. "It's a very important step in the evolution of robotic surgery," said Chitwood, who's also director of the East Carolina Heart Institute.

Surgeons make three small incisions to insert three robotic arms into the patient. One arm holds a tiny camera that projects 3-D images onto a monitor; images are magnified 10 times, to where millimeter-sized arteries and veins appear about the size of drinking straws. The other two arms, which move similarly to the human wrist, hold the

pencil-sized instruments used to perform the actual surgery.

Seated at a computer console apart from the operating table, the surgeon views the images on the console while controlling the surgical instruments using two joystick-like devices. The robot allows surgeons to perform complicated procedures in a minimally invasive manner with greater precision than conventional surgery.

In May 2000, Chitwood performed North America's first robot-assisted total mitral valve repair at PCMH. "We're clearly the number one program in the state," he said.

Divers returning to pirate ship

The return of warmer weather and calmer seas means archaeologists can resume work on raising more cannons and the 2,600-pound sternpost from what's believed to be the flagship of the infamous pirate Blackbeard. Work was halted last fall because of the lack of an adequate lifting vessel.

Project archaeologist Chris Southerly said the cannons he hopes to raise can weigh between 2,000 and 2,500 pounds,

depending on how much concretion has attached to them. Four smaller cannons pulled from the shipwreck have weighed between 800 and 1,000 pounds.

Blackbeard, whose real name was widely believed to be Edward Teach or Thatch, was tracked down at Ocracoke Inlet by volunteers from the Royal Navy and killed in a battle on Nov. 22, 1718. The *Queen Anne's Revenge* is believed to have sunk the same year. The ship, discovered in November 1996, is the oldest shipwreck found off the North Carolina coast.

Making math practical

East Carolina is using a \$1.2 million grant from the National Science Foundation to help public school teachers plan lessons that focus on business-related science, technology, engineering and math problems. The aim of the three-year project is to help students see how math and science are used in real-life business situations.

The hope, said Ernie Marshburn, director of strategic initiatives in the Division of Research and Graduate Studies at ECU, is to help rural schools prepare high school students to meet the region's growing demands for workers with high-tech skills.

Faculty members from the colleges of business and education are meeting with high school teachers from Hertford, Northampton, Halifax, Edgecombe, Beaufort, Martin, Nash, Washington and Warren counties at Halifax Community College to develop the curriculum. More than 30 businesses from these counties have signed on to help the educators develop realistic business-related situations and problems. As many as 70 high school teachers and students from northeastern North Carolina will participate in the project over the next three years.

A second National Science Foundation grant received by ECU will help public school teachers prepare students for careers in technology, science, engineering and mathematics. Known as the ITEST

(Information Technology Experiences for Students and Teachers) program, the \$1.3 million grant will enable ECU to host IT academies and a symposium for teachers, students and parents from 20 rural school systems in eastern North Carolina.

Over the three years of the project, three groups of 60 high school students will come to ECU for a three-week summer IT academy. See page 18 for a list of other grants received by the university in 2006.

Gift funds geriatric center

A \$2.5 million gift from a Greenville family will help build a geriatric center at the new family medicine center planned on the East Carolina Health Sciences Campus. The gift by the late Frances Joyner Monk of Farmville will fund the Frances J. and Robert T. Monk Sr. Geriatric Center. It is one of the largest gifts the university has received in recent years.

Frances Monk, who died in June at age 87, became interested in health care for older adults from first-hand experience as a caregiver for her mother and husband. She read widely in geriatric health issues and was actively involved in the planning for the geriatric center. Frances Monk also wanted to honor the memory of her husband, Robert, who died in 2001. He was a former member of the Pitt County Memorial Hospital Board of Trustees.

David Whichard, vice chairman of the Medical Foundation of ECU, expressed thanks to the Monk family and said he hoped their generosity would inspire others to consider such gifts as a tribute to their own families and a way to give back. "Their legacy will live through this contribution to their community," Whichard said.

Asian studies expands

The Asian studies program at East Carolina is expanding thanks to a \$1,568,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Education. The two-year award allows the university to

revive classes in Chinese after a long hiatus and to hire a full-time instructor in Japanese language and culture. Currently 60 students are enrolled in Japanese language classes. The students will have a chance to study in China this summer at China Agriculture University in Beijing or during the next academic year through one of the available exchange programs. The grant also will enhance the interdisciplinary minor in Asian studies, which debuted two years ago.



Remembering Marshall

Dignitaries from East Carolina and Marshall University joined to dedicate a plaque at Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium commemorating the 75 Marshall players and coaches who died in the plane crash after the 1970 game at Greenville. The tragedy was retold in the motion picture *We Are Marshall*.

Tuition increases 5.9 percent

East Carolina trustees approved a 5.9 percent hike in tuition and fees for next year, an increase of \$215 over the current \$4,003 for full-time, in-state students. The increase is below the 6.5 percent maximum allowed by the UNC Board of Governors. ECU's Student Government Association approved the increase Nov. 13. If approved, ECU students will see a \$96 tuition increase, with \$59 going toward student financial aid; \$24 for faculty salary increases; and \$13 for student access, retention, and graduation programs, Ballard said. ECU students would also see a \$119 increase in fees, which encompass non-academic program such as student government and life, recreational

services, health services, athletics and technology. The tuition increase will generate approximately \$1.12 million in financial aid for ECU students.

Kirklands endow scholarship

Getting a college diploma came within reach for Evelyn Kirkland '61 '62 of Lumberton when she received one of the first Prospective North Carolina Teachers scholarships awarded in 1958. She went on to teach sixth grade language arts for 30 years while husband Jim Kirkland '61 built a tire and auto business in Lumberton. They always wanted to give something back to the university, and now they have. The Kirklands' \$100,000 gift to ECU will fund a scholarship benefiting undergraduate students majoring in middle grades education with a concentration in either language arts or math and science. First preference will be given to qualified students from Robeson County. "We both believe education is where everything begins," said Mrs. Kirkland. She added the reason they chose to establish a scholarship for middle grades education is because it is a tremendous place to reach students who are our leaders of tomorrow.

Dental school is funding priority

Securing funding for its new dental program is East Carolina's top priority this year in the North Carolina General Assembly. The UNC system has requested \$43.5 million each of the next two years to build the dental school in Greenville. Tied to the proposal is a \$96 million expansion of the dental program at UNC Chapel Hill. Other priorities for ECU in the legislature this year is \$10 million over the next two years to reimburse the Brody School of Medicine for care given to indigent patients and \$8.45 million to plan a new classroom building that the colleges of business and education would share. ECU also will ask legislators for authority to designate parts of campus as nonsmoking areas. The UNC Board of Governors has given its approval



Photo by Marc Kawanishi

Candles brighten the night and seemingly the spirits of East Carolina students during a vigil and march at College Hill marking the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday. Students also participated in a daylong volunteerism effort benefiting several organizations, heard a presentation by noted civil rights activist and filmmaker Keith Beauchamp, and ended the day attending a performance by the ECU Gospel Choir.

to creation of doctor of dental surgery degree program at ECU. An initial class of 50 students is expected. The state legislature pays for about 33 percent of the UNC

system's budget, which was \$6.4 billion last year. The rest comes from tuition, fees, federal appropriations, grants, donations and investment income.



2007 SPRING ARTS CALENDAR

Feb. 15: Duo-Trio-Quartet performance with guest artists MinJung Kang, violin; Uwe Hirth-Schmidt; and faculty members Keiko Sekino, pianist and Ara Gregorian, viola; 7:00 p.m., A.J. Fletcher Recital Hall. Free.

Feb. 16: The Koresh Dance Company performs at 7:30 p.m. in Wright Auditorium. Ticketed.

Feb. 20: ECU Symphonic Band, 8:00 p.m., Wright Auditorium. Free.

Feb. 22-27: ECU/Loessin Playhouse: *Urinetown*, the musical. Music and lyrics by Mark Hollmann, book and lyrics by Greg Kotis. Nightly at 8:00 p.m. except for a Sunday matinee at 2:00 p.m., McGinnis Theatre. Ticketed.

Feb. 22-23: Four Seasons Chamber Music Festival: *A Taste of Classics*, 7:00 p.m., A.J. Fletcher Recital Hall. Ticketed.

Feb. 22: Undergraduate Exhibition Juror Lecture, 5:30 p.m., Jenkins Fine Arts Center's Speight Auditorium. Free.

Feb. 23-April 2: Wellington B. Gray Gallery: 2007 School of Art and Design Undergraduate Exhibition, free. Awards ceremony and reception on Feb. 23, 5:00 p.m., Jenkins Fine Arts Center's Speight Auditorium. Free.

Feb. 24: Black History Month Concert: *A Tribute to Motown*,

featuring Aishah with Bill Crews, vocals; Bill Ford and Aaron Graves, keys; 8:00 p.m., Wright Auditorium. Ticketed.

Feb. 24: University Chorale and Choral Scholars Concert, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 7:00 p.m. Free.

Feb. 27: Guest guitarist Kenneth Meyer, 8:00 p.m., A.J. Fletcher Recital Hall. Free.

Through April 2: Wellington B. Gray Gallery presents the 2007 School of Art and Design Undergraduate Exhibition. Free.

Feb. 28 through March 4: The NewMusic@ECU Festival presents seven public concerts featuring the music of our time. Guest artists and composers convene for informal readings, score critiques and performances. Learn more at www.ecu.edu/music/newmusicfest

March 2: The NewMusic@ECU Festival presents the Flux Quartet. Ticketed.

March 3: The NewMusic@ECU Festival presents soprano Tony Arnold (first vocal winner of the prestigious Gadeamus Prize) and Jacob Greenberg, piano, in recital. Ticketed.

March 6: The S. Rudolph Alexander Performing Arts Series presents the Moscow Festival Ballet in their performance of *Don Quixote*. Ticketed.

March 23: The Robert L. Jones Distinguished Visiting Professor, organist Dame Gillian Weir, performs in recital on the C.B. Fisk, Opus 126. Free.

March 27: The Symphonic Wind Ensemble and ECU Jazz Ensemble (A) perform in Meymandi Symphony Hall in the BTi Center for Performing Arts in Raleigh. Free.

March 29 through April 1: Enjoy an Italian/American double bill when the ECU Opera Theatre presents *Gianni Schicchi* and *Old Maid and the Thief*. Ticketed.

March 31: The School of Arts and Design presents the Youth Arts Festival, beginning at 10:00 a.m. on the ECU mall. Free.

March 31: The Friends of the School of Theatre and Dance present "Night of the Rising Stars," a gala dinner performance fund-raiser for merit scholarships. Ticketed.

April 12, 13: Four Seasons Chamber Music Festival presents its *Thrilling Season Finale*. Ticketed.

April 13 through May 24: The Wellington B. Gray Gallery hosts the School of Art and Design MFA Thesis Exhibition. Free.

April 12-17: ECU/Loessin Playhouse presents *The Tempest*, by William Shakespeare. Ticketed.

April 15: Faculty bassoonist solos before the ECU Symphony Orchestra. Free.

April 19-21: The School of Music hosts the Billy Taylor Jazz Festival, featuring three public concerts, jam sessions, workshops for high and middle school jazz ensembles, and critiquing sessions with guest artists. Learn more at www.ecu.edu/music/jazz/jazz-festival.

April 21: Billy Taylor Jazz Festival presents Sherrie Maricle and the DIVA Jazz Orchestra, an 18-piece old-school big band, with guest vocalist Marlene Shaw. Ticketed.

April 21-22: The seventh annual ECU Centennial Celebration Antique Show and Sale will be held at the Greenville Convention Center from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday. Antique dealers from several states will offer antique rugs, maps, silverware, jewelry, collectibles and more. The event is sponsored by the Art Enthusiasts, a support group for scholarships for the School of Art and Design. Admission is \$5.

April 22: The Chamber Singers and Early Music Ensemble join together to present Bach's *Ascension Oratorio*. Free.

April 27: The S. Rudolph Alexander Performing Arts Series presents the Emerson String Quartet. Ticketed.

Research Under the Microscope

Already known for medical discoveries, ECU pursues a broader research mission

By Marion Blackburn



Joseph Houmard

Don't be surprised if you pick up the paper one day soon and read that researchers at East Carolina University have discovered cures for obesity and diabetes, giving hope to the hundreds of thousands of people who suffer the deadly consequences of those diseases.

It was an ECU doctor, after all, who helped perfect the first proven treatment for obesity with his refinements to gastric bypass surgery more than 20 years ago. What's more, studies by bariatric surgery pioneer Dr. Walter Pories produced the stunning insight that diabetes disappeared in most patients who have the so-called "Greenville gastric bypass," which reduces stomach size and reroutes part of the small intestine.

That discovery led ECU researchers, including Dr. Joseph Houmard, to focus on an abnormality that directs the body to store fat from food rather than burning it as fuel.

The work by these teams of researchers recently caught the attention of Johnson & Johnson, the giant health care company, which believes ECU is close to finding solutions to the metabolic flaws that give rise to obesity and diabetes. It provided a major grant to support what many believe will be the end-stage research into drugs, which

Johnson & Johnson would bring to market.

"There's tremendous data at East Carolina that shows they're onto something that could be a significant breakthrough," North Carolina Sen. Richard Burr said at a meeting on campus announcing the gift.

Along with other health breakthroughs, including the SpeechEasy anti-stuttering device and successful clinical trials of the da Vinci robotic surgery system, ECU's search for a cure for obesity and diabetes is putting Greenville on the map of major American research universities. That's new terrain for a school that started out as a teacher training academy.

East Carolina always has counted improving the quality of life in eastern North Carolina among its core missions, and curing diabetes would do that in spades. Now the university is pursuing that mission in fields outside medicine while continuing to focus on achieving practical results important to the average person. Two years into an overhaul of its Division of Research and Graduate Studies, officials believe ECU's new synergistic approach to research offers hope for solutions to some of eastern North Carolina's most worrisome problems.

Exploring uncharted territory

East Carolina needed to do two things to get to this point: It had to make research a primary focus of the entire faculty, and it had to create an administrative infrastructure and support services that would make it easier for faculty to pursue research grants. With federal dollars coming with more and more strings, when even the grant application process is entirely online, administrative support becomes critical.

Since the arrival on campus in 2005 of Dr. Dierdre Mageean as vice chancellor for research and graduate studies, the Division of Research and Graduate Studies (DRGS) has added several key staff and now has about 95 people. Several key DRGS support services have been grouped together, and the office's new mission is to help researchers apply for grants and then ensure compliance with all stipulations that come with the grants. The office promotes ethical conduct and manages the institutional review boards for the university and the medical school. Those IRBs have the critical task of monitoring all research that involves human subjects, whether they are taking part of a new cancer treatment or participating in a sociology survey.

The division has gained new abilities to foster communication between the university, government agencies and large foundations, while helping bring discoveries to the public through licensing.

The swelling number and size of grants awarded to ECU researchers recently is proof that the new approach is working. Already this fiscal year, about \$14.5 million in grants and other external funding has flowed into research projects at ECU, compared to about \$9.5 million in the same period last year. If these trends continue, the total could exceed \$50 million this year, compared to about \$38 million last year, from agencies like the National Institutes of Health, NASA and the National Science Foundation.

While those amounts pale in comparison



Dierdre Mageean



to the billions that some elite universities receive, ECU officials argue that effectiveness is what's most important. They point to a recent report by the Milken Institute which ranked ECU sixth in the nation for inventions per million dollars of research, third for patents issued per million dollars of research and sixth for start-ups per million dollars of research. The growth

in grant dollars also is concrete evidence that East Carolina has constructed a strong infrastructure to support its larger research mission.

"It's hard to measure success," says Mageean, who came to ECU from the University of Maine. "One way is dollars, but that doesn't say it all. Creating critical mass is important, because it creates the dynamics for research



Paul Gemperline

that will attract other graduate students and researchers."

A surge in Graduate School enrollment is another way to measure that success. In just the past five years, it has grown from about 3,400 to more than 5,100. Graduate students now make up about 22 percent of ECU's total enrollment of more than 24,000.

Priming the pump

As it enlarges its research capabilities, East Carolina is learning that you often have to spend money to make money. It's doing that through several internal grant channels, including more than \$1 million a year in "seed money" it doles out to help recruit promising new faculty and jump start their research projects. The start-up packages range from several thousand dollars to \$200,000 and more, especially in fields like the physical sciences where the costs of establishing a research laboratory tend to be high.

One recipient of this seed money is associate professor Dr. Jennifer Bugos, the university's first music researcher. She hopes to determine how music may help improve mental clarity in older people. She is working with colleagues in allied health and psychology to see how concentration and music instruction are related.

"The ECU community of researchers is very open, and that's important in maintaining collaborations," she says. "It's a great community to be a part of."

Faculty Research and Creative Activity Awards also can help cover the cost of initial data gathering, which is usually required before a researcher becomes eligible for outside funding.

Dr. Rebecca Torres, an assistant professor of geography, was able, with colleague Dr. Jeff Popke, to use such a grant to begin research into the demographics of Mexicans who come to North Carolina to work. She has since received a \$430,000 grant from the National Science Foundation to continue her

work on immigration to the rural south.

The research and graduate studies division also works closely with academic departments to shape the university's goals of expanding creative projects and grant funding for them.

"We have to increase the numbers of faculty who are research productive," says DRGS Associate Vice Chancellor Paul Gemperline. "So while the message is coming from the deans and department chairs that people need to be more productive, we are also providing seed funds."

Faculty are embracing the challenge of becoming more research oriented, Mageean says. "We're really moving," she says. "We're agile and nimble, and not as heavily invested in traditional views the way some universities are."

"This is how the model should work," Burr said about ECU's collaboration with Johnson & Johnson in medical research. "It's leveraging all the assets we have in the United States that the rest of the world can't do because they don't have the infrastructure."

While early indications are that ECU's new research model is working well, the university has turned to outside experts to evaluate its effectiveness. It retained the Yardley Research Group to review all graduate research programs and make recommendations. The university now has received that report and is implementing many of its suggestions.

"We owe it to our students to expose them to cutting-edge research, to set a standard for the skill level we expect so they will be prepared," Mageean says. "Our students deserve the best exposure to research in their education."

"It's important, as we move forward, that we focus our research on solving problems and helping with the health care needs of people in eastern North Carolina," says Dr. Martha Engelke, associate dean for research and scholarship at the School of Nursing.

Regional problems, global approach

Much of the new research being conducted at ECU focuses on wind and water—two vital yet unpredictable elements of the eastern North Carolina economy. With rising sea levels threatening many coastal counties and hurricanes regularly rampaging across the state, this research holds important implications for the future of eastern North Carolina.

At the heart of this effort is the Institute for Interdisciplinary Coastal Science and Policy, which brings together the doctoral program in coastal resources management and the Institute for Coastal and Marine Resources and several other areas. Coastal Systems Informatics and Modeling, known

as C-SIM, will examine diverse hazards to determine how computer databases can help communities cope with natural disasters.

Through a \$1.7 million, three-year grant from the Chapel Hill-based Renaissance Computing Institute, ECU is housing a database designed to keep public health, population and scientific records that focus on the region's coastal areas.

Ernest Marshburn, DRGS director of strategic initiatives, said the initiative will pull together the region's atmospheric, ecological, medical and economic data, with the goal of helping the region and its residents have the tools to be better prepared.

The data will also prove useful for medical and emergency responders, said Dr. Lloyd

Novick, director of the Division of Community Health and Preventive Medicine at the Brody School of Medicine. "The most critical problems associated with disasters are protecting the health of the public and arranging for the ongoing care of individuals with existing chronic diseases," said Novick. "The informatics project is a major step forward in meeting the health needs of eastern North Carolina and preparing for disaster."

Meanwhile, ECU's North Carolina Center for Sustainable Tourism will help small towns promote and protect their assets. "This is an area with lots of beautiful resources and people want to visit here," Mageean says. "They want to visit our Outer Banks and inner banks, our historic towns. So how do we build that industry,

but not have so much development that no one wants to come here?"

Attacking these problems can benefit those who haven't even heard of eastern North Carolina. "We can have a global effect, since 80 percent of the world's population lives within 100 miles of a coast," says Dr. Patrick Pellicane, dean of graduate studies. "There are environmental, social and economic issues that are common denominators around the world."

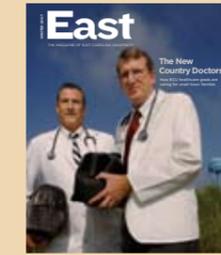
As those initiatives go forward, East Carolina is continuing to explore health-related research. The latest example of that is the East Carolina Heart Institute, a heart hospital, teaching and research center now under construction on the medical campus. The \$60 million facility will

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house clinical, research and educational components where faculty and staff will work together in outpatient care, research, training and educational activities. The four-story, 206,000-square-foot facility will

house science and clinical research, robotic-surgery training, future space for simulation laboratories, a clinical outpatient facility for cardiovascular diseases, a database center, offices and an auditorium.

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Relishing the 'aha' moment

After more than 20 years of research into what causes obesity and related diseases like diabetes, the moment of revelation was thrilling for the teams of ECU researchers. It came when follow-up studies on patients who had the "Greenville gastric bypass" showed that diabetes disappeared in four out of five of them. "The 'aha' moment was when we saw reversal of diabetes in a week," Dr. Lynis Dohm remembers.

Obesity causes 300,000 deaths and costs the U.S. health care system about \$100 billion a year. It's a greater threat to human health in the U.S. than tobacco. It robs people of their quality of life while killing them slowly with heart disease, high blood pressure, diabetes and chronic illness.

Researchers at ECU are working to crack the code of this epidemic, in hopes their discoveries will lead to better treatments. In the search for causes, they have some critical findings.

Ongoing studies at the Human Performance

Lab, in tandem with the School of Medicine, have shown overweight people have a glitch in their inner furnace, making them unable to burn fat the way someone of normal weight does. Instead of burning fat, they store it, especially in muscle tissue. They gain weight and find it almost impossible to lose.

"Very overweight people really are different," says Dr. Joseph Houmard, director of the Human Performance Lab, part of the College of Health and Human Performance. "It's not just that they eat a lot and don't do any physical activity. There are real metabolic problems. You may remember the kid in high school that could eat a lot and not gain weight, and others who seem to look at food and gain weight. They are different."

The idea that obese people had a problem was not entirely new when the team began taking a closer look a few years ago, but ECU researchers were able to demonstrate it was true.

"The defect in fat oxidation answers a lot of questions about why people get obese,"

Houmard says. "We have been part of the group that has proven it is real. We've shown it in human subjects, and we've also taken pieces of muscle and shown it there. We've also shown it in cell cultures that we grew from their muscle. So we have a comprehensive picture of it as a real phenomenon."

Because the muscle tissue of overweight people doesn't burn fat well, they become prone to insulin resistance, weight gain and diabetes.

Dr. Walter Pories, whose refinements to gastric bypass surgery more than 20 years ago at the ECU medical school helped make it a safe method of weight loss, launched these breakthrough studies with his discovery that the procedure appeared to reverse diabetes in obese patients.

What's more, his patients' diabetes went away even before they lost significant amounts of weight. "It's evident that diabetes is probably caused by the intestine," he says. "That's a big deal." Those results

eventually caught the attention of Johnson & Johnson, which granted the university \$491,000 in 2005 to fund further studies.

"Dr. Pories was the first to report that diabetes was reversed after gastric bypass," recalls Dohm, a physiologist at the medical school who has worked closely with Pories for many years and today continues to study insulin's signals to the cells.

These days Dohm continues to search for the possible defect that interferes with an obese person's ability to use the hormone insulin, essential for human metabolism.

"I am interested in the insulin signaling pathway, and how it is blunted in the muscle of obese people, making them insulin resistant," he says. "Those two seem to be linked—the fat that accumulates in the muscle tends to cause the insulin resistance. You have to figure out what fat oxidation does that reduces insulin signaling."

Over the years, the research teams have included, in addition to Pories and Dohm,



Lynis Dohm

Drs. Hisham Barakat, research director of the Diabetes and Obesity Center at ECU, colleagues in Exercise and Sports Science including Ronald Cortright, Robert Hickner, Darrell Neuffer, Scott Gordon and Timothy Gavin, endocrinologists Dr. Chris Newton and Dr. Robert Tanenberg, surgeon Dr. William Chapman, Dr. Edward Seidel and nurse Rita Bowden, among others.

They collaborate, yet pursue individual research that may one day lead to better

treatments for obesity and diabetes. ECU is home to the Metabolic Institute, approved by the UNC Board of Governors in 2005 and of which Pories is chief.

"This university is one of the few places where lots of people get together to look at a major project," Dohm says. "Joe and I have been partners for 15 years, Walter and I for more than 20 years. We have our individual projects but they are integrated in a way that supports each other." —Marion Blackburn

Making math add up

A \$1.3 million grant from the National Science Foundation—among the largest single research grant received by the university last year—will enable East Carolina to help public school teachers prepare students for careers in technology, science, engineering and mathematics.

Known as the ITEST (Information Technology Experiences for Students and Teachers) program, the grant will enable ECU to host information technology academies and a symposium for teachers, students and parents from 20 rural school systems in eastern North Carolina. This is one of two grants ECU has received this year from the National Science Foundation to help develop public school curricula.

“We want to expose students and teachers of eastern North Carolina to a range of tools which can infuse science and math classes with practical and useful applications to stimulate student interest,” said Paul Kauffmann, chairman of ECU’s Department of Engineering,

This summer, 60 math and science teachers and guidance counselors will be introduced to robotics and biomechanics and work with engineering, mathematics and exercise science faculty to develop lesson plans. Over the three years of the project, three groups of 60 high school students will come to ECU for a three-week summer Information Technology Academy for Students.

During the student academy, public school educators and ECU faculty members will show students how to integrate their knowledge of science, math, engineering and technology through two course explorations. The biomechanics program will enable students to use sensors along with engineering and mathematical software to investigate the human gait. The robotics program will let students assemble and program robot rovers for navigation and speed control.

Below is a list of other grants of \$50,000 or more received in the first 11 months of 2006, alphabetized by donor.

American Federation for Aging Research

■ \$53,363 to Scott Gordon (Exercise and Sports Science) for “Targeted Rescue of Protein Translation and Synthesis in Aged Skeletal Muscle.”

American Heart Association

■ \$66,000 to Yan-Hua Chen (Medicine) for “Regulation of Paracellular Ion Permeability by Phosphorylation.”

Association of American Medical Colleges

■ \$50,000 to Lloyd Novick (Medicine) for a “Regional Public Health Medicine Education Center.”

BioGen Idec

■ \$125,000 to Michael Van Scott (Medicine) for a BioGen Idec Sponsored Research Agreement.

■ \$100,000 to Michael Van Scott (Medicine) for “BioGen Idec Sponsored Research Agreement.”

Blue Cross Blue Shield of North Carolina

■ \$120,000 to Kristen S. Borre (Agro Medicine) for “Students Lead the Way to Become Fit Together Move More Communities.”

Children's Hospital of Boston

■ \$81,158 to Stephen Engelke (Pediatrics) for “Molecular Antecedents of Brain Damage in Preterm Infants.”

Domantis Limited

■ \$75,000 to Michael Van Scott (Medicine) for “MRA DOM R1: Expansion of the Dust Mite Sensitive Colony of Cynomoglus Macaques.”

■ \$150,000 to Michael Van Scott (Medicine) for “MRA DOM2: Collaborative Investigation into the use of Domain Antibodies in Asthma.”

Duke Endowment

■ \$100,000 to Elaine Cabinum-Foeller and Dale Newton (Medicine) for “Project CARE.”

■ \$240,000 to Elaine Cabinum-Foeller (Medicine) for “Improving the System for Abused Children.”

Duke University Medical Center

■ \$57,550 to Charles J. Sang Jr. (Medicine) for “The Duke Pediatric Cardiology Clinical Center.”

Duke University

■ \$158,899 to Joseph Houmard (Exercise and Sport Science) for “Peripheral Effects of Exercise on Cardiovascular Health.”

Ethics and Excellence in Journalism Foundation

■ \$60,000 to Timothy Hudson (Fine Arts and Communication) for a “Student Multimedia Newsroom.”

Florida Atlantic University

■ \$74,765 to Michael Vitale (Education) for “Validation of a Multi-Phase Design for Scaling Up a Knowledge-Based Intervention.”

GlaxoSmithKline

■ \$722,266 to Maria Clay (Office of Clinical Skills) for “Introduction Health Professions Spanish.”

Greene County Health Care

■ \$50,000 to Jennifer Hodgson and Angela

Lamson (Child Development and Family Relations) for Integrated Care for Rural Diabetic Patients.

■ \$144,550 to Angela Lamson and Jennifer Hodgson (Human Ecology) for “Integrated Care for Rural Diabetic Patients.”

GGNSC Administrative Services

■ \$105,457 to Tae Lee (Medicine) for “Greenville Health and Rehabilitation Center, Teaching Nursing Home Grant.”

Innovative Biosensors

■ \$135,187 to Arthur P. Bode (Medicine) and Yong-qing Li (Physics) for “Stabilization of Biosensor Cells used in CANARY Pathogen Detection.”

Institute of Museum Library Services

■ \$668,222 to John Harer and Larry White (Education) for “COLRS: Community Oriented Librarian Recruitment Scholarships.”

Kate B. Reynolds Charitable Trust

■ \$126,180 to Elizabeth Byrd (Medicine) for the “Medical Education and Resource Clinic at ECU.”

■ \$193,124 to Martha Engelke (Nursing) for “Case Management Services for School Age Children.”

■ \$100,102 to Thomas Kerkering (Medicine) for “HIV Care in Eastern North Carolina.”

■ \$100,000 to Denis Brunt, Amy G. McMillen and Leslie Allison (Physical Therapy) for “Evaluation

and Treatment of Gait and Balance Disorders.”

McNeil Nutritionals

■ \$491,000 to Walter J. Pories and Ying Chang (Medicine) for “Cooperative Research Initiative Between Johnson & Johnson and ECU.”

National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal Skin and Diseases

■ \$209,388 to Anthony Capehart (Biology) for “Effect of Versican Mutation on Limb Development In Vitro.”

■ \$156,545 to T.K. Lee and Roberta Johnke (Medicine) for “Radioprotective Potential of Ginseng.”

■ \$231,339 to Jian M. Ding (Medicine) for “Dysregulation of Circadian Rhythm by HIV Protein Tat.”

■ \$253,255 to Joseph Chalovich (Medicine) for “Protein Exchange to Study Muscle Function and Disease.”

■ \$273,190 to Joseph Houmard (Exercise and Sports Science), and Medicine faculty G. Lynis Dohm, Walter J. Pories, and Kenneth G. MacDonald for “Muscle Glucose Metabolism in Diabetes and Obesity.”

■ \$189,525 to Qun Lu (Medicine) for “Delta-Catenin and Cell-Cell Adhesion in Prostate Cancer.”

■ \$311,275 to Roy Martin Roop (Medicine) for “Brucella Iron Metabolism in Host Macrophages.”

■ \$330,485 to Abdel Abdel-Rahman (Medicine) for “Mechanisms of Alcohol-Estrogen Hemodynamic Interaction.”

■ \$50,303 to C. Jeffrey Smith (Medicine) for “Role of B. Fragilis Oxygen Stress Response in Infection”

■ \$213,750 to Robert C. Hickner (Exercise and Sport Science) for “Impaired Muscle Acyl-CoA Synthetase-Lipid Oxidation in African-American Women.”

■ \$222,642 to C. Jeffrey Smith (Medicine) for “Role of B. Fragilis Oxygen Stress Response in Infection”

■ \$214,192 to Larry H. Toburen (Physics) for “Electron Transport in Tissue-Like Material.”

■ \$285,000 to Mary Jane Thomassen (Medicine) for “Cytokine Dysregulation in GM-CSF Autoimmunity.”

■ \$285,144 to Paul DeVita (Exercise and Sport Science) for “Mechanical Plasticity in Locomotion with Age.”

■ \$247,653 to Joseph Chalovich (Medicine) for “Actin Based Regulation of Smooth Muscle Contraction.”

■ \$210,766 to Mary Jane Thomassen (Medicine) for “PPARγ Dysfunction in Sarcoidosis.”

■ \$303,130 to Robert Hickner, Chuck Tanner and Matthew Mahar (Exercise and Sports Science), Michael McCammon (Human Performance Lab), and John Olsson and Joseph Garry (Medicine), for “Reduction in CVD Risk in Children by Physical Activity 2.”

■ \$314,158 to Joseph Houmard (Exercise and Sports Science) for “Lipid Metabolism in Obesity, Exercise and Weight Loss.”

■ \$189,525 to Qun Lu (Medicine) for “Delta-Catein and Cell-Cell Adhesion in Prostate Cancer.”

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■ \$285,144 to Paul DeVita (Exercise and Sport Science) for “Mechanical Plasticity in Locomotion with Age.”

■ \$247,653 to Joseph Chalovich (Medicine) for “Actin Based Regulation of Smooth Muscle Contraction.”

■ \$210,766 to Mary Jane Thomassen (Medicine) for “PPARγ Dysfunction in Sarcoidosis.”

■ \$303,130 to Robert Hickner, Chuck Tanner and Matthew Mahar (Exercise and Sports Science), Michael McCammon (Human Performance Lab), and John Olsson and Joseph Garry (Medicine), for “Reduction in CVD Risk in Children by Physical Activity 2.”

■ \$314,158 to Joseph Houmard (Exercise and Sports Science) for “Lipid Metabolism in Obesity, Exercise and Weight Loss.”

■ \$189,525 to Qun Lu (Medicine) for “Delta-Catein and Cell-Cell Adhesion in Prostate Cancer.”

■ \$146,710 to Anthony A. Capehart (Biology) for “Effect of Versican Mutation on Limb Development In Vitro.”

■ \$59,139 to Qun Lu (Medicine) for “Delta-Catenin Cleavage by Presenilin and Synaptic Remodeling.”

National Aeronautics and Space Administration

■ \$146,345 to Michael Dingfelder (Physics) for “Patterns of Energy Deposition by HZE Particles in Cellular Targets.”

National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health

■ \$229,999 to Kristen Borre (Agro-Medicine) for “A Southern Regional Center for Agromedicine.”

National Science Foundation

■ \$60,369 to D. Reide Corbett, J.P. Walsh and David Mallinson (Geology) for “The MASS Event.”

■ \$62,612 to Rebecca Torres (Geography) for “CAREER: Rural Transformation and Latino Transnational Migration in the U.S. South.”

■ \$395,644 to Ernest Marshburn (Research and Graduate Studies), Rose Sinicrope (Education), Ronald Preston (Education) and Beth Eckstein (Business) for “TechMath; Real-World Math, Technology and Business Connections.”

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Ischemia/Reperfusion Injury to Heart-A.”

■ \$100,000 to Arthur Bode (Medicine) for “Homeostatic Performance of Lypohilized Platelets (Stasix) in the Presence of ADP Receptor Blockade and other Platelet Dysfunction.”

N.C. Commission on Volunteerism and Community Services

■ \$563,169 to Betty Beacham and John Swope (Education) for “Project HEART.”

N.C. Department of Environment and Natural Resources

■ \$442,009 to Mark Brinson (Biology) for “An Approach to Coordinate Compensatory Mitigation Requirements so They Meet Goals of the Coastal Habitat.”

■ \$78,856 to Roger Rulifson (Coastal and Marine Resources) for “Establishment of an Inshore Large Mesh Commercial Gillnet Observer Program in N.C.”

■ \$120,000 to Roger Rulifson (Coastal and Marine Resources)

■ \$221,941 to Charles Daeschner III and Charles Knupp (Medicine) for the “N.C. Sickle Cell Program.”

■ \$233,397 to Q. Jean Hood (Medicine) for “Genetic Services Contract.”

■ \$138,000 to Gary Stainback (Medicine) for assistive technology services.

■ \$216,558 to Charles Daeschner III and Charles Knupp (Medicine) for “N.C. Sickle Cell Program.”

■ \$268,387 to Gary Stainback (Medicine) for the “Developmental Evaluation Clinic.”

■ \$84,314 to James Cummings (Medicine) for a “Neonatal Outreach Education Program.”

■ \$298,952 to Edward Newton (Medicine) for a “High Risk Maternity Clinic.”

■ \$76,012 to Debra Tristram (Medicine) for “HIV Pediatric Social Worker Case Management Services.

■ \$65,000 to Alana Zambone and Sandra Warren (Education) for the “ECU Deafblind Professional Development Model.”

■ \$100,901 to Elizabeth Montgomery and David White (Health Education and Promotion) for “ECU Regional Training Center.”

■ \$58,300 to Nancy White (Coastal and Marine Resources) for “Development of Case Study Hydrologic Curve Methods and Draft Ordinance Language.”

■ \$172,596 to Jamie Kruse (Economics) for “The New Orleans; Evaluating Preferences for Rebuilding Plans after Hurricane Katrina.”

■ \$121,992 to Timothy Johnson and Wayne Cascio (Medicine) for “Engineered Nanoparticles for Targeted Delivery of NO to Decrease

Ischemia/Reperfusion Injury to Heart-A.”

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Kolasa, Doyle Cummings and Susan Morrissey (Medicine) for “Child, Youth, and Community Obesity Prevention/Reduction Initiative.”

N.C. Department of Public Instruction

■ \$122,244 to David A. Powers (Education) for “NCDPI Division of Exceptional Children Contract.”

■ \$145,493 to Marilyn Sheerer (Education) for “Educational Consultant to Assist NC DIP with Implementation of NCLB Legislation.”

N.C. Rural Economic Development Center

■ \$64,164 to Ron Nowaczyk (Regional Development Services) for “Rural Entrepreneurship Development System for North Carolina.”

N.C. Scottish Rite Masonic Foundation

■ \$75,000 to Gregg Givens (Communication Sciences and Disorders) for the “N.C. Scottish Rite Clinic for Childhood Language Disorders and Training Program.”

■ \$115,500 to Ralph Rogers (Technology and Computer Science) for “Upgrade and Save II.”

■ \$62,235 to Melani Duffrin and David Rivers (Nutrition and Hospitality Management) for “Impacting K-12 Learning Environments.”

■ \$85,275 to Erol Ozan (Technology Systems) for “Development of an Information Assurance scholarship program at ECU.”

■ \$53,929 to Roger Rulifson (Coastal and Marine Resources) for “Feasibility of Stocking Adult River Herring to Restore Spawning Populations in Alberta.”

■ \$430,909 to Nancy White (Research and Graduate Studies) for “Monitoring, Prioritization and Assessment of Ocean Outfalls of Stormwater in

■ \$138,167 to Lauren Whetstone, Kathryn

N.C. State Board of Education

■ \$63,000 to Sandra Warren and Alana Zambone (Education) for “ECU Teacher Support Program for Teachers of Students with Deafblindness.”

N.C. State Energy Office

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Ohio University

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PCS Phosphate

■ \$50,000 to Donald W. Stanley (Biology) for “PCS Phosphate Effluent Monitoring and Water Quality in the Pamlico River Estuary.”

Philip Morris Research Management Group

■ \$258,341 to Christopher Wingard, Robert Lust, Ruth Ann Henriksen and Michael Van Scott (Medicine) for “Adenosine Signaling and Vascular Endothelial Dysfunction following Fine Airborne Particulate Matter Exposure.”

N.C. Health and Wellness Trust Fund

■ \$138,167 to Lauren Whetstone, Kathryn

PhytoMyc Research Corp. ■ \$112,801 to Brian E. Love (Chemistry) for Synthesis of Hyperparasite Fungal Metabolite Analogues.

Pitt County Memorial Hospital

■ \$78,000 to Joseph Zanga (Medicine) for a generalist physician program.

■ \$60,172 to Daniel Everhart (Psychology) for “Development of Research Programs at the Sleep Center at PCMH.”

■ \$78,000 to Joseph Zanga (Medicine) for a “General Physician Program.”

Pitt County Memorial Hospital Foundation

■ \$56,284 to John Olsson, Kathryn Kolasa and Sarah Henes (Medicine) for “KIDPOWER.”

■ \$72,500 to Micheal McCammon (Human Performance Lab) for “Physical Activity and Nutrition Intervention for Overweight Adolescents.”

■ \$56,284 to C. Tate Holbrook, John M. Olsson, Kathryn M. Kolasa, and Sarah Henes (Medicine) for “Kidpower.”

RIT International

■ \$145,317 to Brian McMillen (Medicine) for “Motivational Interviewing to Reduce College Drinking.”

Town of Rolesville

■ \$51,778 to Nelson Cooper, Joseph Flood and Robert Wendling (Recreation and Leisure Studies) for “Rolesville Parks and Recreation Comprehensive Plan.”

■ \$187,914 to Alta Andrews (Nursing) for “Increasing FNP’s in Underserved Areas via Technology.”

■ \$157,020 to Kelly Lancaster (Medicine) for “Scholarship for Disadvantaged Students.”

■ \$326,812 to D. Dean Patton and Ronald M. Perkin (Medicine) for an “Obesity Center in Primary Care.”

Schering-Plough Corp.

■ \$135,209 to Michael R. Van Scott (Medicine) for “Expansion of the Dust Mite Sensitive Colony of Cynomogus Macaques.”

Southern University

■ \$50,000 to Daniel Wong (Rehabilitation Studies) for Rehabilitation Research Institute for Underrepresented Population.

U.S. Department of Defense

■ \$85,275 to Erol Ozan (Technology Systems) for “Development of an Information Assurance scholarship program at ECU.”

University of California at Los Angeles

■ \$134,676 to Wayne Cascio (Medicine) for “Cardiovascular Health Effects of Fine and Ultrafine Particles during Freeway Travel.”

University of Connecticut

■ \$51,149 to Chris Riley-Tillman (Psychology) for “Project VIABLE: Validation of Instruments for Assessing Behavior Longitudinally and Efficiently.”

UNC—Chapel Hill

■ \$430,909 to Nancy White (Research and Graduate Studies) for “Monitoring, Prioritization and Assessment of Ocean Outfalls



Who are these folks?

An odd mixture of civic leaders, developers and contractors eager for sales stare out from ECU's most iconic photograph

By Henry Ferrell

There they are, looking at us from a hundred years ago. The photographer with his clumsy machine caught time in a bottle and left us the most famous photograph in East Carolina's collection. Taken in midday of a warm July 2, 1908, on the outskirts of Greenville, this image

has been reproduced dozens of times and attracts our attention again with the arrival of the university's centennial celebration.

To come to this point, many years of maneuver and compromise had been necessary. North Carolina's eastern counties lacked a college to educate white teachers in the

segregated years of the early twentieth century. Several organizations statewide had argued with the General Assembly for such a resource.

Foremost in the group, the school superintendent organization, whose members were in woeful need of trained classroom teachers, pushed hard. By 1904 Pitt County

Superintendent William H. Ragsdale had recruited a network of eastern school administrators to lobby for a normal school somewhere in the east. He led the Pitt County's Committee of Eighty to Raleigh to secure the teacher training school.

The state association of women's clubs and reformers, led in part by Pitt County author and educational reformer Sally Southall Cotten, spoke for improved public education, better libraries and improvement of civil rights for women throughout the state. Identifying themselves as the arrival of the women's movement, the association proved politically influential—although women lacked voting privileges—by using their wit and the political influence of their husbands and families.

A third combination—politicians—provided the glue to hold together the crusade. From former Gov. Charles Brantley Aycock to members of the General Assembly, educational reform had proved popular. James Fleming, a rising politico in Pitt County had, along with other eastern legislators, prompted the legislature to assure a teachers college. Denied a four-year school by Piedmont interests, the easterners accepted a two-year teacher school on March 8, 1907. A committee would recommend a site for the school somewhere in the eastern counties.

Fleming's role proved significant as he presented the advantages of a Greenville location. A new water system and a central rail location were attractive to the authorities. Greenville and Pitt County citizens had pledged two \$50,000 bond issues. The sum would pay for much of the early construction of the school buildings. On July 10, 1907, members of the State Board of Education chose the river town for the new school. Plans were laid that included architectural drawings and bids on four buildings to be placed on Harrington Hill, east of the city. Neither Ragsdale, Cotten,

nor state senator Fordyce C. Harding were in the 1908 photograph. They should have been and dozens of others as well.

Before the mule-drawn drag pans began moving earth, lawyer and former North Carolina governor Thomas Jarvis invited some friends and neighbors to a groundbreaking. As contractors prepared to begin grading the rolling hills of the former Harrington Farm, stakes were placed; one is visible in the photograph a few feet in front of Nell Skinner Moseley (10). And this explains the time and date of the famed picture.

The ceremony attracted a combination of friends and business associates. Thomas Jarvis (15) and Mary Woodson Jarvis (2), his wife, both held strong commitments to public education. A trustee of the new school, he also chaired its executive committee. Also present were Mary B. Dail (1) and Haywood Dail (14), the school's major contractor.

The latter, fresh from site work, gripped a spade that had proven too short for Jarvis and too difficult for the old Confederate to manipulate. He had shattered an arm at Drewy's Bluff in 1864. A longer shovel was found.

Other contractors and building material providers and their spouses were in attendance. These included Celeste Evans (16) whose husband, Edward D. Evans (18), did contracting work and sold electrical fixtures. Charles V. York (21), another builder who ran a planning plant that shaped wooden beams, stood next to Robert J. Cobb (22). He owned the Pitt Lumber and Manufacturing Co. next to the Atlantic Coast lines at 12th Street. The school trustees had selected him as board treasurer. Beside Dail stood accountant Richard A. Tyson (13).

Realty developers were present. With note pad and pencil in hand, David J. Whichard (19), the Greenville *Daily Reflector* editor, held

connections with the Home Building and Loan Association. Bennett W. Moseley (11) sold insurance, invested in real estate and supplied cotton farmers with fertilizer.

Robert D. "Bob" Harrington (7), and his father, William A. Harrington (8), and Cecil Cobb (20) were planters and large landowners. William Harrington had sold part of one his farms as the site of the teacher training school. Other Greenville investors included commodity factor Jesse Speight (9) and attorney "Colonel" Fernando James (5). In his earlier days, James had studied law under Jarvis' tutorship.

James and other Greenville leaders a few years earlier had begun a Greenville chamber of commerce that would boost the city. He served on the organization's legislative committee and was a member of the staff of Gov. Robert Glenn, an outspoken supporter of the new school. Among the groundbreaking group, James' daughter, Mary Dancy James (3), stood a few feet away.

Nell Skinner Moseley's (10) absent husband, Alfred, was employed by the Ficklin Tobacco Co. Irma Cobb Dunn's (12) spouse was an attorney. Richard W. King (17) could match the local political influence of anyone within camera range. He chaired the Pitt County commissioners. Samuel T. White (6) owned White's Piano Co. and, with his wife Jennie (4), was an avid booster of the new school.

In the tree screen to the left stood agricultural buildings that were soon to be removed. On the right, horses of some of the participants' rigs waited for a signal to leave. Others members would walk down through the woods to Greenville. Before they departed, they posed for the photographer, who left us a keepsake of an exciting moment, a bit of East Carolina's photographic heritage.

Henry Ferrell is the university historian. University Archivist Suellyn Latbrop contributed to this article.

Pillars of Strength

ROTC cadets say leadership training makes them better students

By Bethany Bradsher



As a child living in low-income housing and watching his mom work two jobs to put food on the table, Omar McArthur saw some vivid examples of what he did *not* want out of life.

McArthur discovered what he did want when he walked into the East Carolina Air Force ROTC office late in his sophomore year, after a troubled start to university life. Once he was a cadet, he found the drive to catch up with his class.

“Thinking about my future is what brought me here,” said McArthur, a junior who was chosen to be a field commander at the AFROTC’s training camp last summer. “I’m looking for security—job security and financial security. When I think about how my mother had to work so hard, and how she worked hard to get me things I needed and things I wanted, I wanted to try to have something better for me and for my family.”

When he signed up, McArthur joined more than 150 students in the Air Force and Army ROTC programs who live dual lives as students and cadets on campus. He is part of a group for whom the backdrop of college life is discipline, structure and accountability—characteristics that can be in short supply among the students who sit beside the cadets in classes each day.

“It’s definitely tough trying to live the college life and be with your friends when you know you have to get up for PT [physical training] in the morning at 6 o’clock,” said Charles Smith, an Army cadet from Knightdale. “It’s more of a mental toughness that’s prepared me for the future life.”

The financial rewards are substantial. There are four-year, three-year and two-year scholarships available that can total \$68,000, plus a living allowance of \$4,000 a year and \$900 for books. The program also awards four \$1,000 book scholarships and doles out prime dorm room space, including 40 slots in Fletcher Hall and nine in Jarvis. ROTC students majoring in nursing are offered additional incentives and scholarships.

When students enroll in either the Air Force or Army ROTC programs, they agree to take



elective classes that teach leadership and military theory. They agree to attend weekly leadership labs and participate in physical training sessions at least three times a week. They spend most of one summer—after sophomore year for Air Force and after junior year for Army—at a national camp with other cadets.

In addition, corps members attend countless university events, march in honor guards at athletic events and parades and shoot the cannon at Pirate football games. Frequently, they compete with units from other colleges at events like the Army Ranger Challenge in Virginia, in which the ECU Ranger team placed second among 19 participating schools.

'I can keep myself on track'

For cadets like Joelle Banjo-Johnson, a sophomore originally from London, the military route seemed preordained. She was raised a Navy brat, moved from base to base, so college wouldn't have seemed right without a built-in military family. She said that her full slate of obligations—in

addition to ROTC she is an honors student and a member of the Student Government Association—sets her up to succeed.

"If I have lots of things to do, I can keep myself on the right track," Banjo-Johnson said. "It's when I get bored that I get in trouble."

As a second-year cadet in the Air Force program, Banjo-Johnson is in full preparation mode for field training, an intensive summer program that, for Air Force students, bridges the gap between the two years of volunteer participation in ROTC to the upperclassmen years, when they sign a contract to serve after graduation in the active duty Air Force.

Some, like Smith and McArthur, dive in even with no prior knowledge of the demands and lifestyle of the military.

"We have some who just come in off the street and they say, 'Hey, my parents have never been in the military, I don't know anybody who's ever been in the military. Talk

to me about what this is all about,'" said Lt. Col. Dennis Millsap, the lead officer for the Air Force ROTC program.

Jacob Bowen spent his first three-and-a-half years at ECU as a traditional student. But as graduation neared, he felt a pull of duty and enlisted in the National Guard. In February 2004, he was deployed for a year in Iraq. Returning home, Bowen could have finished school in just one semester. But the military was offering so many tuition benefits that he decided to complete a second major—this time as a cadet in the Army ROTC program. "I need to educate myself more," he said.

Leslie McCann started in a soccer uniform. Originally a member of the women's soccer team, McCann traded her cleats for combat boots and found that the teamwork of college athletics was trumped by the experience of working side-by-side with other cadets.

"It was a transition, but what wasn't new was being able to work as a team, and the camaraderie," said McCann, an Apex native who comes from a military family. "It's almost like it's a different level of camaraderie. My mission to be on a sports team was just to win a game. Here, it's part of everything. It's really hard to describe how awesome it is."

Providing a feeling of family

Several cadets mention the family aspect of the ROTC corps, but these families comprise more than just brothers and sisters. There are also mother and father figures—officers in the cadre and senior cadets who hold the younger students accountable on anything from parking tickets to sinking grades. It's an aspect of the ROTC experience that endears them to parents at home, Millsap said.

"When you're in the geography department, and you get a ticket, the geography professor will not pull you aside and say, 'What were you doing going 60 in a 45 zone?'" Millsap said. "But I will. That's the difference. I'm

going to sit you down and say, 'What was going through your mind? And then they get the idea that, wow, I am being held to a higher standard."

Senior cadets like Bowen and Adam Phillips say they learn valuable leadership skills in the protected university environment that they will soon employ on a military base.

Phillips recalls a conversation with a recent ECU Air Force ROTC graduate—now a field artillery officer—who arrived on her base and within 30 minutes was expected to take command of a flight of 54 soldiers. "You get to have them when they come in

and they're 17 years old, and then you watch them until they graduate, and then you get to hear about all the fun places they go," said Joan Phillips, the receptionist in the Air Force ROTC office who is retiring this spring after 46 years. "I've just seen a lot of them mature and spread their wings through the program."

"It's amazing to see them come back in a year or two, and hear the stories," said Dr. Steve Duncan, the ECU director of military programs. "Some of them have been in Afghanistan, some are flying jets. It's just astounding how fast they grow up."

The benefits of the ROTC experience transcend the eight years of military service that cadets are required to serve after they graduate, Bowen said. His time in Iraq and in the Army program have prepared him to face virtually any situation and have, he believes, made him more employable down the road.

"You're just a better student," said Bowen, who served as company commander in the fall. "You're more prepared. You get so many leadership skills. When I do something in one of my classes, I feel like I'm light years ahead of the other students. All this experience, it just really builds you up and makes you very marketable."

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Self Portrait

After four decades together, Beverly Cox and the National Portrait Gallery
reflect the same sense of timeless grace

By Steve Tuttle

Photographs by Forrest Croce

An air of serenity wafts from Beverly Jones Cox '67 as she glides down the hushed halls of the National Portrait Gallery in Washington, where she is director of exhibitions. She is leading us to see Gilbert Stuart's famous "Lansdowne" portrait of George Washington (the original, not the copy at the White House), which the museum recently purchased for \$20 million. Along the way her guests stop at Sen. Hillary Clinton's recently hung portrait as first lady. Cox agrees that it flatters Mrs. Clinton, then nods toward a nearby portrait of a 19th-century predecessor, Dolley Madison, who was from Greensboro, you know.

More intriguing facts fall from Cox as we turn down another hall, making it clear that she knows every inch of the gallery and the story behind many of its 19,400 historic portraits. She should, because Cox has worked here nearly 40 years, since graduating from East Carolina in 1967. Within seven years she was named curator of exhibitions and served in that role until 2000 when she became responsible for all exhibitions and collections management. She's mounted more than 300 exhibits and developed a reputation for staging shows that pull in gobs of visitors.

You could say that the museum itself is her most recent show. It's housed in the circa 1836 Old Patent Office building above the Gallery Place Metro Station at Eighth and F streets NW. The imposing edifice, with a portico modeled after the Parthenon, reopened last summer after a five-year renovation and again looks like the structure Walt Whitman praised as "the noblest of Washington buildings." During the renovation, most all of the gallery's pieces remained on loan or in traveling exhibits. For the official reopening last July, Cox finally had the pleasure of displaying the collections in a state-of-the-art facility.

The National Portrait Gallery is much more than the only job Cox has ever had; it's been her life, she says later when we sit at the



coffee shop. Her desk was in the same room in this building for more than 20 years, in the area where Whitman himself toiled as a clerk in the Bureau of Indian Affairs in the 1860s. Revolutionary War portraits now hang in that space.

"I raised my kids here; they are as familiar with the gallery as their own home," she says. Years of staff Christmas parties were held here in the coffee shop, which used to be the library. "I can still picture my youngest playing over there." The gallery provided a warm, inspiring focus for family life as she and husband Norman Cox '66, whom she met at East Carolina, raised two daughters. The massive columns guarding the gallery entrance seemed to block out unsettling strife from the White House and the Capitol just blocks away.

After all these years together, the institution and Cox have come to look like each other. The gallery reflects her personality and taste in a thousand ways, large and small. There also is a striking resemblance between the women in the historic portraits gracing the gallery walls and Cox's own appearance. Her face is unlined and untanned, just like Dolley and many of the other figures smiling down from the gallery walls.

Living the revolution

The peace and quiet found in a museum was exactly what Cox craved after college. Like the rest of the '60s Generation, she experienced Vietnam, three assassinations and graduated into a nation in flames.

Growing up in suburban Washington, where her parents and many neighbors worked for the federal government, meant she felt those stings more than most.

It's not surprising, then, that Cox identifies her years at East Carolina with national scares and tragedies, beginning with the Cuban missile crisis her freshman year. "I remember getting a call from my mother on the pay phone in the hall at Umstead. She worked for the Joint Chiefs of Staff and wanted to warn me to be extra careful and maybe pack a bag because we might go to war with Russia. I remember sitting on the dorm floor crying because I thought we were going to be bombed."

President John F. Kennedy's assassination placed a pall over the campus her sophomore year. "We thought it was the end of the world. A friend and I drove down to Emerald Isle to get away from it all." They walked the beach and cried to the stars. Junior year, she

remembers lining up at Wright Auditorium to give blood for ECU boys dying in a place people were just becoming familiar with—Vietnam. And then there were those awful months after graduation when Bobby Kennedy and Martin Luther King Jr. were gunned down.

"I came home after graduation and interviewed at the Smithsonian. They said they had a job at the new portrait gallery, which was opening in six months. I got a position as an historian writing labels for the opening exhibition. A few months later I was at lunch when the waiter brought news that Dr. King had been shot, and the city had turned violent. I raced back to the gallery in time to watch as all of Seventh Street was being burned and looted. I had to get through a rioting mob in order to get out of the building that evening. The next day the National Guard was posted all over the area. It was very frightening."

Cox threw herself into her work inside the comforting walls of the museum. She quickly learned the velvet ropes process of staging exhibitions. Each one requires between two and four years of planning, she says. "Most of the work is done in the field, researching the pieces of art, where they are, who owns them, arranging for them to be loaned to us. You have to do all these necessary steps for up to 200 pieces in each exhibit."

With a couple of hundred exhibits under her belt, Cox began thinking of ways to broaden the public's perception of the gallery as just the place with all the portraits of the presidents and first ladies. One idea she had was a show entitled *If Elected*, a 1972 exhibition of portraits of all the candidates who ran for president and lost. Critics initially sniffed at the idea but later conceded that the show added new shades of understanding of presidential campaigns.

"That was a lot of fun, and it did generate a lot of discussion that some of those losers—Adlai Stevenson, George McGovern—really contributed to our understanding of what America is."



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How Beverly Buys Art

What does the director of collections and exhibitions for the National Portrait Gallery actually do? Sometimes she just answers the phone and knows the right thing to say.

Beverly Cox's ringing phone back in 2000 is what started a cascade of events which resulted in the gallery obtaining ownership, at a price of \$20 million, of what critics agree is the most seminal piece of American art, Gilbert Stuart's famous "Lansdowne" portrait of George Washington. It had been on permanent display at the gallery since 1968 but actually was owned for generations by a British noble family.

"I got a call from the owner, Lord Rosebery, saying that he needed to sell the painting to cover the costs of his farms," Cox recalls. "My heart sunk at the news [that he wanted \$20 million] because I couldn't imagine that we would ever be able to raise the money in the few short months he gave us. Fortunately, our director went on the *Today* show making an appeal for support—school children from all around the country sent in their dollars—and within a few days the Donald W. Reynolds Foundation of Las Vegas agreed to buy the portrait for the nation."

And what did *you* do at the office today?

She topped that in 1983 with the *Champions of American Sports* exhibit, remembered as probably the only time Bobby Hull's hockey stick has hung in a museum. "It was one of the best exhibits we've ever done. I got to travel all over the country to different sports halls of fame collecting material. I got to meet such interesting people—Bill Russell, Red Auerbach, Johnny Unitas, Arthur Ashe.

"I raised my kids here; they are as familiar with the gallery as their own home."

"It was one of our most popular exhibits. It attracted an audience of people who might not normally come to a museum. President Reagan liked it. He invited us to the White House for lunch." Even the *New York Times* art critic was impressed after first wondering if "Wilma Rudolph's track shoes can compete with van Gogh."

Meeting her husband

Beverly Cox knew only one other person—an older girl from her hometown of Arlington, Va.—when she enrolled at East Carolina in 1962. She was pleasantly surprised to meet several other students from the Washington area on campus. One was Norman Cox, a Lambda Chi Alpha who served in student government and helped coach the JV swim team under Coach Ray Martinez. Norman came to East Carolina with his twin brother, Tom.

Norman and Beverly hit it off immediately and were married in 1966—her junior year, his senior year. He majored in psychology; after taking a year off, she earned a teaching degree in American history while student teaching at Robersonville High School.

Norman was hired as a special education teacher at Beverly's old high school in Arlington, "which was a little awkward at first because here she was married to a

teacher at her old high school and being around her old teachers who remembered her as 'Bad Bev,'" Norman laughs.

Norman soon took a better-paying job with a federal agency and eventually worked for more than 30 years at the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp., retiring in 1997 as deputy director of personnel. During those years the family put down roots in Arlington and raised daughters Megan and Cara. Cox, who barely stands five foot three, volunteered as a Brownie leader, soccer coach and PTA president.

Megan graduated from UNC Chapel Hill and then the physician assistant program at Duke University. She works for the state at a public health clinic in Durham. Cara inherited her mother's art sense and obtained a degree in graphic design from the Corcoran School of Art in Washington after first attending N.C. State. She now works in Philadelphia.

"We're down in North Carolina pretty often to visit Megan, and we've stopped at Greenville several times over the years on the way to the beach," says Norman, who does a lot of volunteer work with hospice. "We've always had a dream of coming back to East Carolina, having a house at the beach. Some of my fraternity brothers still live there,

people like Chuck Humphrey."

Beverly also has maintained a friendship with former North Carolina Sen. Robert Morgan, who serves on the gallery's advisory commission.

Even after 40 years of marriage, Norman is Beverly's biggest fan. "She is an extremely bright woman, a kind woman, and one of those success stories of people who came out of East Carolina and did well. She is a classic story of the person who started at the bottom and worked her way to the top."

The end of the tour

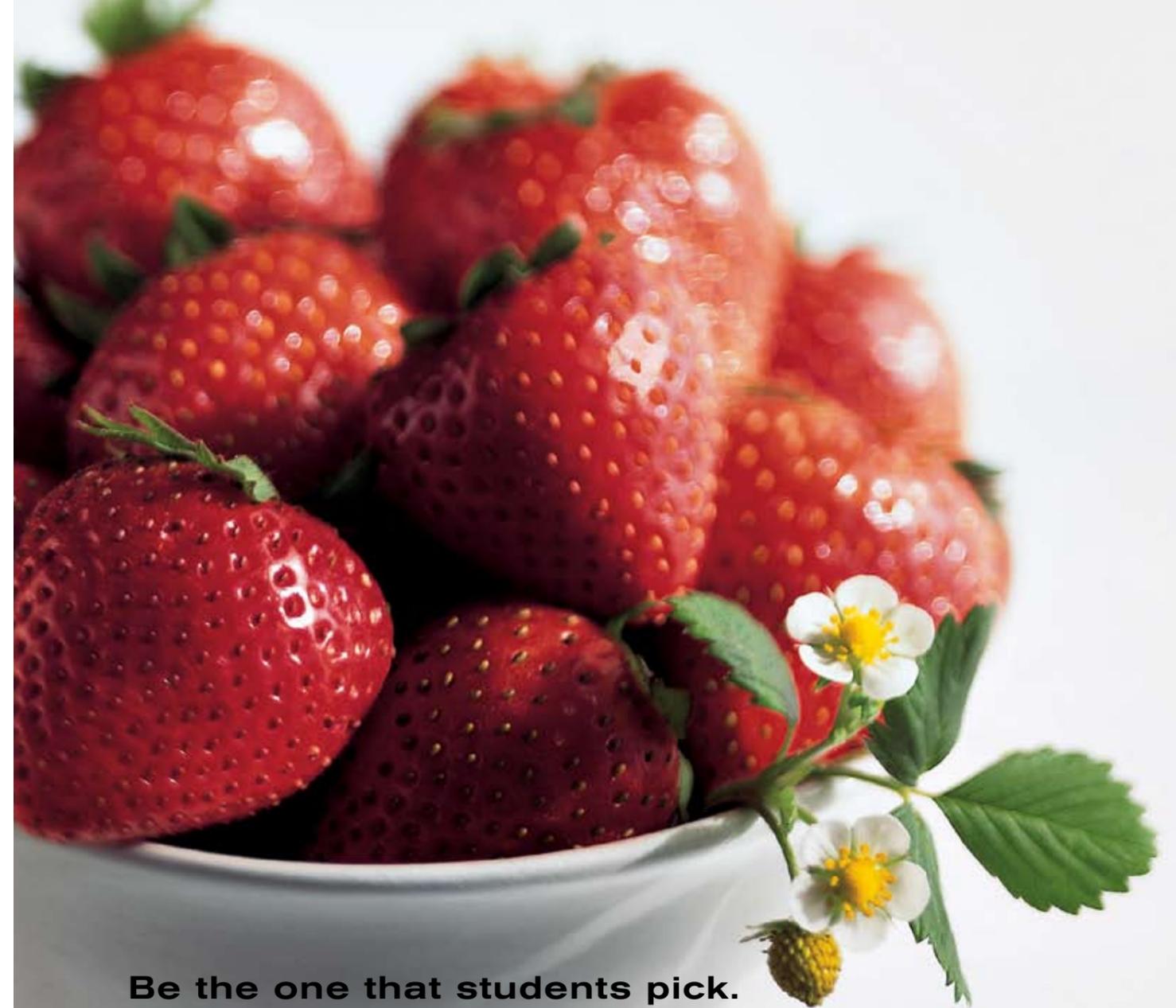
Beverly Cox senses that it soon will be the right time to leave the only job she's ever had. The National Portrait Gallery is firmly established as a pivotal force in American art and is now ensconced in one of the Capital's most beautiful buildings. There's a sense of mission accomplished.

"When we're talking about new shows I find myself saying 'we've done that' or 'that isn't the way we did things in the old days.' So, it's almost time to wrap it up and let some new blood come into the museum. But I'm having a hard time letting go."

She says this standing on the ornate tiled floor of the vaulted gallery in the main hall. "Guests danced on this floor during Lincoln's second inaugural ball," she says, adding softly after a pause that "maybe I'll retire in the spring."

Then she brightens and asks her guests if we've seen Joseph Duplessis' portrait of Benjamin Franklin, which graces the new \$100 bill. Perhaps we'd enjoy Andy Warhol's portrait of Michael Jackson or Jo Davidson's portrait of Gertrude Stein. They're right this way.

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Extra Bases

After stellar college careers, six former Pirates now are coaching at Division I universities

By Bethany Bradsher

To find out what makes this group of college buddies special, you would want to eavesdrop on a few of their phone calls from university towns like West Point, N.Y., Nashville, Orlando and Baton Rouge.

Teammates on four straight NCAA Tournament teams at ECU, they still talk nearly every day, sometimes about new houses and plans for reunions. But most often they discuss conditioning drills, infield strategies, scheduling and how to motivate underachieving players.

One topic that is off-limits is the particulars of which high school prospects they've been recruiting lately. That's because these former teammates are now competitors as coaches

at different Division I-A schools. They've shared a lot over the years, in college and afterward, but none of them wants to let slip something about a prized recruit, even if the other coach was a groomsman in his wedding.

"We talk once a week, but we won't talk about the recruiting side of it, because we're all going after the same players," said Joe Hastings '01, currently an assistant coach at Boston College. "One of the great things is that we see each other on the road all summer long. We go grab a bite to eat, tell stories and make fun of each other."

Sitting around those tables with Hastings at various recruiting stops across the country could be any of the following ex-Pirates who

are now assistant baseball coaches at Division I schools: Erik Bakich '02 at Vanderbilt, Cliff Godwin '00 '06 at LSU, Nick Schnabel '03 at West Point, Bryant Ward '02 at South Florida and Ben Sanderson '03 '06 at ECU.

It's extraordinary that so many college teammates—the six represent 20 percent of ECU's 2000 squad—would be coaching in Division I baseball at the same time. Some will even face each other on the field this season. Vanderbilt and Bakich will play Hastings' Boston College on Feb. 25. Bakich and Godwin, both coaches in the SEC, will meet in their last regular-season series in mid-May.

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Billy Godwin opens his second season as East Carolina's baseball coach impressed by the hard work his players put in during fall practice. He thinks this will translate into better success than last year, when the Pirates finished the season 33-26 and failed to qualify for the NCAA postseason tournament for the first time in eight years.

"Their work ethic, I've been around a long time and I've had a lot of teams, but it's far exceeded any other team I've ever had," said Godwin, who will be marking his 20th year in the dugout. "I feel as good about where we are now as I possibly could." Off the field, Godwin conducted personal interviews with each player to discuss goals and strengths and to emphasize the team's ironclad work ethic.

The Pirates have their eyes on the College World Series in Omaha. So as Godwin crafted the 2007 schedule, he looked for chances to line up against the teams the Pirates want to emulate. That led to this year's awesome schedule that features the first-ever meeting between ECU and Cal State-Fullerton, the 2004 national champion. The two teams will play a series at Clark-LeClair stadium March 9-11. In all, the Pirates will compete in 28 games

against 11 different teams that qualified for the 2006 NCAA tournament. Other squads appearing at ECU's 38 home games are Michigan, N.C. State, Memphis and Liberty.

The 2007 squad will feature returning standouts like shortstop Dale Mollenhauer, outfielder Harrison Eldredge and pitchers T.J. Hose, Jeff Ostrander and Dustin Sasser. The Pirates will sorely miss first team All-Conference USA catcher Jake Smith and second team honoree Adam Witter. A busy recruiting season for Godwin and his assistant coaches netted immediate contributors like David Forbes, a transfer from Campbell University, and junior college transfer Corey Kemp, both catchers.

One of the final gaps that needs to be filled on the Pirates' depth chart is the closing pitcher. Godwin has several strong candidates. It's a search that is particularly important for a team that lost nine games in the ninth inning last season.

"I think we've got a lot of options," Godwin said. "We've got maybe 13 different guys who can be in the lineup on any given day. That's the kind of depth you need to have to be really successful."

—Bethany Bradsher

BASEBALL SCHEDULE

2/9	Liberty	home
2/10	Liberty	home
2/11	Liberty	home
2/16	UCLA	away
2/17	UCLA	away
2/18	UCLA	away
2/21	Campbell	home
2/23	St. John's	home
2/24	Washington	home
2/25	Duke	home
3/2	Pepperdine	home
3/3	N.C. State	home
3/4	Western Carolina	home
3/6	N.C. A&T	home
3/9	Cal State Fullerton	home
3/10	Cal State Fullerton	home
3/11	Cal State Fullerton	home
3/13	Radford	home
3/14	Radford	home
3/16	Michigan	home
3/17	Michigan	home
3/18	Michigan	home
3/21	High Point	home
3/23	Memphis	home
3/24	Memphis	home
3/25	Memphis	home
3/28	UNC-Wilmington	home
3/30	Tulane	away
3/31	Tulane	away
4/1	Tulane	away
4/4	N.C. State	away
4/6	Rice	home
4/7	Rice	home
4/8	Rice	home
4/11	UNC-Wilmington	away
4/13	Marshall	away
4/14	Marshall	away
4/15	Marshall	away
4/18	Old Dominion	home
4/20	Savannah State	home
4/21	Savannah State	home
4/22	Savannah State	home
4/24	North Carolina	away
4/27	Southern Miss	home
4/28	Southern Miss	home
4/29	Southern Miss	home
5/4	Houston	away
5/5	Houston	away
5/6	Houston	away
5/9	North Carolina	home
5/11	UCF	home
5/12	UCF	home
5/13	UCF	home
5/17	UAB	away
5/18	UAB	away
5/19	UAB	away
5/23	CUSA tournament	New Orleans

It's a phenomenon explained by their common mentor—former Pirate baseball coach Keith LeClair. To a man, each is sure that he wouldn't be in the coaching profession without the imprint of LeClair, who died of ALS in July.

"We all would have run through a wall for him," Bakich said. "He was a players' coach, 100 percent. He would fight for his players. He set a high expectation level. We all felt like we worked harder than anybody in the country, and he instilled a mental toughness that really allowed us to gel as a team."

"Until playing for Coach LeClair, I never really looked at coaching as a chance to get involved with someone's life at that magnitude," said Ward, a Greenville native who was LeClair's first recruit at ECU.

During Vanderbilt's fall practice, Bakich put the Commodore players through the same conditioning test—eight 300-meter runs in 55 seconds—that LeClair used to torture him and his teammates in the late '90s.

It was LeClair who modeled a whole-player approach that valued not only what a young man can contribute between the baselines but his academics and his relationships with those around him and with the community. "The style of coach I am pretty much mimics him," Godwin said.

LeClair helped some of the current coaches break into the field. He helped Bakich find a volunteer coaching position with his friend Jack Leggett at Clemson, and Ward remembers LeClair writing him a letter of recommendation with his eye-gaze computer when the deteriorating effects of his disease had made other correspondence impossible.

They sent the letters and Ward's resume to 75 colleges, and he ended up with a volunteer coaching position at Cal-State Fullerton, one of the most dominant college baseball schools in the nation. He stayed at CSF for two years before taking his current post at South Florida in July. He was attracted to South Florida in part because it reminded him of East Carolina in the late '90s, before

a new stadium and a string of postseason appearances elevated the Pirates' program.

"Whether me and the staff can even sniff what Coach LeClair did at ECU remains to be determined," Ward said. "But I got to be part of those steps that Coach LeClair took, and hopefully I can assist the staff in making that same environment happen here in Florida."

Perhaps some day all of them will meet in one tournament at Clark-LeClair Stadium. But until that happens, they will continue to burn up their cell phones and look for each other on recruiting stops, confident that their pursuit of excellence is grounded in the firmest of foundations.

"Those teams weren't the most talented teams in the country," Sanderson said of the ECU squads that produced a half dozen coaches. "But you look at so many of those guys that are coaching now, and that kind of tells you one of the reasons why those teams won so many games. They had a good knowledge of the game, and really loved it." **East**

Around the horn



Erik Bakich, Vanderbilt

The third baseman had a .315 career batting average at ECU with 14 home runs and 85 RBI in 1999-2000 and was a central figure on a team that won two Colonial Athletic Association championships. He earned All-Regional honors in 1999. He turned pro with the Springfield Capitals in the Independent Professional Baseball League in 2000. In his fifth season as an assistant coach and recruiting coordinator for the Commodores, the school had the No. 1 recruiting class in the country in 2005, according to *Baseball America*. Bakich began his coaching career in 2002 at Clemson as a hitting coach; that year the Tigers advanced to the College World Series. Prior to that he worked one year as an assistant strength and conditioning coach at East Carolina.

Joe Hastings, Boston College

As a junior in 2000, he led ECU in batting average (.352), home runs (13), RBI (60) and slugging percentage (.605), while tying for the team lead in runs (50). As a senior, he led the team with 62 RBI and captured All-America third-team honors while leading the Pirates to an NCAA regional title. In his four years at ECU, Hastings and his classmates won a class-record 166 games. Drafted in the 24th round of the 2001 draft, Hastings played four seasons in the San Diego Padres' organization. He was an assistant coach at Virginia and VMI before taking the Boston College job.

Cliff Godwin, LSU

An all-region catcher and two-time Academic All-American at East Carolina in 1997 and '01, Godwin was a three-year team captain who started 126 games in his final three seasons. He earned All-East Region honors in 2001 after batting .322 with 15 home runs and 45 RBI. The left-handed hitter also was named first team All-Colonial Athletic Association in '01, a year when he also had 14 doubles and 23 walks in 57 games played. He played two seasons of professional baseball ('01-'02) for the Frontier League's Gateway Grizzlies in Sauget, Ill. He graduated magna cum laude in 2000, received the Pat Draughon Postgraduate Scholarship and received his MBA from ECU in 2002.

Ben Sanderson, East Carolina

He helped the Pirates to four NCAA Regional appearances (2000-03), one Super Regional (2001) and a combined 170-78-2 record. As a senior he earned his second of two NCAA Regional all-tournament team selections in the Atlanta Regional and became the first recipient of the honorary No. 23 jersey which was the number worn by ECU head coach Keith LeClair throughout his coaching and playing career. Sanderson earned his undergraduate degree in exercise and sports science from ECU in 2003 and in May completed his master's degree in exercise and sports science.

Nick Schnabel, West Point

The former second baseman was on back-to-back CAA conference championship teams that earned No. 1 seeds in regionals. Was named first-ever CAA "Defensive Player of the Year" in 1999 while batting .357 with a team-leading 20 doubles and 176 assists. Compiled a career two-year batting average of .333 and was an All-Conference first team selection in 2000. After graduation, played four years in the Montreal Expos organization after being drafted in the 31st round in 2000. Appeared in a Super Regional as an assistant coach at East Carolina in 2004. Spent the 2005 season coaching at Chipola Junior College and joined the baseball coaching staff at the United States Military Academy in 2006.

Bryant Ward, South Florida

A standout infielder from 1998-02 when the Pirates posted a 182-67 record and made four straight NCAA Tournament appearances, Ward was captain his junior and senior seasons. He finished his ECU career fifth in games played (194), seventh in at-bats (687) and third in doubles (50). In 2001, he was first team All-CAA, second team All-East Region and NCAA All-Wilson Regional honors, while leading the Pirates in batting average (.368) and doubles (22). ECU went 47-13, earning the school's first-ever national seed (No. 7) and finishing just two games shy of reaching the College World Series.

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Crossing the Barre

A prima ballerina assumes a new role as teacher

By Steve Tuttle

The ballet students crowd the hall outside the exercise studio, talking quietly as they tie ponytails and pull on pointe shoes. Then like gazelles they bound through the studio doors and into the presence of Galina Panova, a real Russian prima ballerina who probably is the most exotic person these ECU students have ever encountered.

She's past 50 but still moves with the athleticism and fluid grace she first exhibited as a star of the famed Kirov Ballet Company in St. Petersburg. She graduated from the Perm Academy and won the Varna international Ballet Competition in 1968. She was invited to join the Kirov and danced with Mikhail Baryshnikov but married another star of the company, Valerie Panov. The couple became the center of international attention when the Soviet Union at first refused to allow them to emigrate. Along with Baryshnikov, they finally were allowed out in 1973. Galina and Valerie performed together across Europe until Henry Balanchine brought them to the New York stage in 1982, launching her into even higher orbits in the ballet world.

"Begin!" she commands a pas de deux who are practicing a dance for an upcoming program. She follows closely as they leap and spin across the floor, offering occasional bits of advice. "Smile! Put some emotion in your legs!"

Later in her office, she puts her legs up to rest after a long day in the studio.

"I start the day with 35 students in my eight o'clock class, and then I have private lessons all evening," she says with a warm smile. "When I applied for this job, they said 'experienced artist preferred,' so I am sharing my experiences with all these many students, and I think we both are loving it."

She teaches six classes, from an introductory course up through the senior-level Ballet VII.

Panova came to East Carolina in 2003 after teaching two years at Texas Tech. University life offered her a chance to establish some roots after spending so many years as a vagabond, performing and holding workshops in 13 countries in 15 years. The arrival of son Matti complicated her nomadic life. "I dragged my son from country to country to country. He speaks several languages. He wanted to go to college in New York, so I thought it would be better if I settled in one place for a while." She leaps up to retrieve a letter from a file cabinet and waves it proudly in the air. It is her son's acceptance letter to the New York School of Interior Design.

"ECU has a reputation for making movie stars and I think we can be as good in the performing arts. I am very good at recognizing talent. The girl you saw dancing today is an exceptional talent. That's why I was invited here—to produce talent and place it on the stage.

"One thing I like about this program is that our dance majors must take an equal number of hours in ballet, jazz and contemporary dance. To be able to perform in those different styles, they must learn good fundamental techniques. And it is that skill that will help them the most if they really want to get a job."

Critics said it was her mastery of technique that allowed her to successfully perform such diverse classical repertoire roles as diverse as *Swan Lake* and *Sleeping Beauty* are from *Coppelia* and *Carnaval*. She received her most glowing reviews as the ill-fated Giselle.

Growing student interest in theatre and dance has prompted the university to expand the department. There now are 30 faculty members, 10 alone in dance. This demand, coupled with limited rehearsal space, recently forced the department to drop its open door policy. Now, interested students must audition to be accepted into the program.

"What I say to students is, we have small stages here. But there are small stages in London, too. I also say to them that the size of the stage has nothing to do with the size of the talent. We have some big talent here at ECU."

Books by ECU faculty

Holy Crooks: While most theologians focus on the good and righteous people in the Bible, Mark Jones believes there is as much to be learned from examining the lives of the many crooks in the King James. Cain murdered Abel. Joseph's brothers trafficked in slavery. Solomon was a polygamist.

In his new book, *Criminals of the Bible*, Jones examines 25 biblical figures and makes a strong case that their human failures are as instructive as examining the lives of the saints. He also reminds us that some of the good guys in the Bible should have had rap sheets. Moses was a murderer. David was an adulterer.

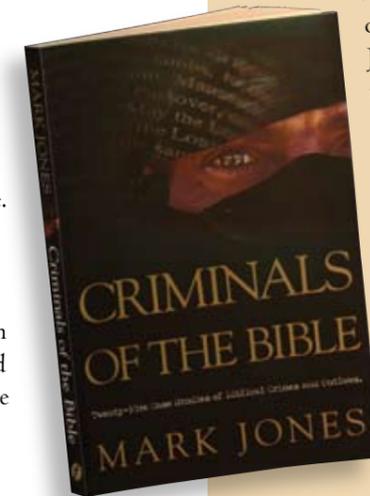
Jones knows a thing or two about crooks. He is a professor of criminal justice who formerly worked as a probation officer and a prison recreation supervisor. "I wanted to see what kind of lessons people could learn from the Bible in the area of crime," he said. "There are good guys and bad guys throughout the Bible. And not everyone accused in the Bible of breaking the law actually did a bad thing." It was civil disobedience, after all, that got Daniel thrown into the lion's den.

"The good thing about studying the Bible is that you can take away not just one thing, but a lot of things," Jones said. "One overriding theme throughout the book is of redemption and forgiveness. No matter how bad a thing a person might do, there's always a way of divine forgiveness."

Case in point: if Absalom had forgiven his father, David, for the rape of his sister by a half-brother, he would not have been killed in a treasonous plot.

Criminals of the Bible is an interesting, quick read that's likely to become a favorite Sunday school text.

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Myrick becomes alumni president

The East Carolina Alumni Association is pleased to announce that Brenda Myrick '92 of Greenville is the newly appointed president of the Alumni Association. She replaces Joe Jenkins '72 of Greensboro, who vacated the seat citing personal reasons.

Myrick took over on Sept. 1 after serving as secretary and vice president of the association. Her other roles include heading the Black Alumni Chapter. A graduate of East Carolina's nursing program, she is a systems analyst at Pitt County Memorial Hospital. Myrick is the first African-American and the first nursing graduate to hold this position.

"The Alumni Association is in the hands of a bright, strong and committed leader," said Paul J. Clifford, associate vice chancellor for alumni relations. "Brenda will continue to advance East Carolina through her service as the president of the Alumni Association."

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- March 6, 7:30 p.m.
Holiday Inn, Fayetteville
- March 11, 2:30 p.m.
Doubletree Southpark, Charlotte
- March 12, 7:30 p.m.
The Grove Park Inn, Asheville
- March 13, 7:30 p.m.
Courtyard by Marriott, Hickory
- March 14, 7:30 p.m.
Marriott Greensboro, Greensboro
- March 18, 2:30 p.m.
Hilton Raleigh-Durham Airport, RTP
- March 25, 2:30 p.m.
Tysons Corner Marriott, Vienna, Va.
- March 26, 7:30 p.m.
Sheraton Annapolis, Annapolis, Md.

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New Class Notes editor for East

Leanne Elizabeth Smith '04 '06 of Greenville is the new class notes editor for *East* magazine. She takes over from Francine Perry Rees, who will cover the ECU centennial programs for the magazine over the next three years. An English major and French minor who teaches research writing at ECU, Smith received the Robert H. Wright Alumni Leadership Award and was a DJ/newscaster at WZMB. She was the Department of English's Outstanding Graduate Student last year. Smith also is president of the ECU Poetry Forum and the ECU Folk & Country Dancers. One of Smith's photos was selected as the cover image for the Fall 2006 issue of *Tar River Poetry*.

2006 KRISTEN BARBEE of Concord, a faculty member in the associate degree nursing program at the Cabarrus College of Health Sciences, was recognized as the N.C. Association of Nursing Students' 2006 Adviser of the Year and elected to the board of the National Organization for Associate Degree Nursing. Barbee is the advisor for the association chapter at Cabarrus College. She earned her master's degree in nursing in July from ECU. **ERICA PLOUFFE LAZURE** of Greenville is in the low-residency master of fine arts program in writing and literature at Bennington College in Vermont. **DEA PAPAJORGJI**, a coordinator with the Mediation Center of Eastern Carolina's Pitt County, received certified recognition from the Mediation Network of North Carolina. **JENNIFER CLAIRE TAYLOR** and Michael Todd Anthony were married August 5. She is a counselor with Pitt County Schools.

2005 VICTORIA DAWN BARTON and **ALAN LEE ZELL JR.** were married Oct. 28. She is the program manager at Carolina Support Services; he is store manager with American Eagle Outfitters. **KATRINA CARTER** was named sales and media manager of the Kinston Indians baseball team. **MATTHEW DAVIS**, a physician assistant, has joined the staff of Southeastern Occupational Health in Lumberton. The practice is affiliated with Southeastern Regional Medical Center and focuses on work-related health care. **SARAH BETH FORDHAM** and John

Beddard McLawhorn III were married Nov. 4. She is a kindergarten teacher at Snow Hill Primary School. **MEREDITH ANNE HARDISON** works for Pricewaterhouse Coopers in Charlotte. **TENEISHA HARDISON** of Greenville was named executive director of the Pitt County AIDS Service Organization. **MANDI NICHOLS** founded **MISSON** (Movitating Inner Strength, Spirituality, and Optimal Nutrition), a fitness training and spiritual development program at Courtside Athletic Club. **KELLY DODD ROBERTS** and Matthew Blake Grace were married Oct. 7. She works at Murray's Carpet Gallery. **JAMES ROGERSON JR.** and Katharyn Jette were married Oct. 28. He teaches first grade at South Greenville Elementary. **ALLISON LEIGH WHICHARD** and **ALBERT RAY BRAXTON JR.** were married Oct. 28. She is an occupational therapist at Pitt County Memorial Hospital; he works at DSM Pharmaceuticals. **HEATHER MICHELE WILLIAMS** and Darin Christopher Hall were married Sept. 30 and reside in Chocowinity. She teaches at Eastern Elementary School in Washington.

2004 ERIC CARLYLE ASKEW and Shelley Elizabeth Williams were married June 15. He is an estimator with Great Southwestern Construction of Denver, Col. **KRISTEN AMBER LANKFORD** and **JONATHAN ERIC LOCKLEAR** were married Aug. 19. She is in sales with WTTN Channel 7; he is a mortgage broker with HSBC. **JESSICA ELLIOTT**

and Jason Earl Brown were married June 3. She works at Martin General Hospital. **KIMBERLY MARIE MILLS** and Matthew Alexander Sessoms were married Nov. 18. She is pursuing a birth-kindergarten certification at ECU. **CHRISTEL RUSSO** and John Joseph Millichap were married Sept. 2. She works in the neonatal intensive care unit at Pitt County Memorial Hospital. **MISTY WEST**, the teen court coordinator with the Mediation Center of Eastern Carolina, received certified recognition from the Mediation Network of North Carolina.

2003 CARMEL LEAH DEEVER and Thomas Wilson Strickland were married Oct. 28 and reside in Wilmington. She is a mortgage loan assistant with Wachovia. **CYNTHIA ELIZABETH HAVENS** and Jason Ryan Beaudoin were married Oct. 14. She is a teacher in the Pitt County school system. **APRIL LUTHERAN**, manager of design at Bill Clark Homes in Greenville, received the 2006 Outstanding Early Achievement Award from the National Association of Industrial Technology's Industry Division at the group's convention in Cleveland. **CLIF MOORE** and **ANGELA KENWARD '05 '06** were married July 15. He mentors children in Washington and she works at Metrics. **WILLIAM MATTHEW VANDIFORD** and Laura Leigh George were married May 21. He is finance manager for CTMG in Greenville. **BROOKE WEITZ**, who has a background in legal technology, was named assistant marketing manager at Builder Services in Pineville. **TROY MATTHEW WILCOX** and Diedre Renee Coffey were married Nov. 11 in Wilson. He works for Empire Distributors of Morrisville. **SAMUEL DREW WILLIAMSON** and **SARAH ANN FORREST WADDILL** were married July 1. Both are employed by New Hanover Regional Medical Center.

2002 ALBERT DELTON ANDERSON JR. and **MELISSA LEE BARBOUR** were married June 10. She is an associate agent with Nationwide Insurance in Greenville; he is employed by Pitt County Memorial Hospital. **JEFFREY WAYNE BELL '02, '04** and Jennifer Lynn Corey were married Sept. 9. He is employed with Pitt County Memorial Hospital's Children's Hospital. **JONATHAN THOMAS CHAMBLISS** and Amy Lynn Whitehurst were married Sept. 30. He is employed by BB&T in Wilson. **BRANDY PINER '02 '05** of Charlotte was named registrar at York Technical College, Rock Hill, S.C. She worked in the registrar's office at ECU for seven years. **CHAD SMITH '02 '06** is coordinator for the Citizens' Water Quality Monitoring Program through ECU's Institute for Coastal and Marine Resources. **PATTON ELIZABETH SMITH** and Jordan Stanley Simpson were married Nov. 25 in Fayetteville. A Chi

Omega, she is a special education teacher for Wake County Public Schools. **WILLIAM HARVEY WHITEHURST JR.** and Christina Denise Pate were married Aug. 26 and reside in Wilmington. He works with Ready-Mix Concrete.

2001 DAVID BRYAN COX and **AUDRA LEIGH MAYTON** were married July 8 and reside in Cary. He is a photographer with Lifetouch Studios. **KATHRYN LENNOX** of Greenville was named executive director of the Mediation Center of Eastern Carolina. **ANGELA SUE MITCHELL** and Russell Stuart Cayton were married July 15. She is a CPA and a partner at Collins, Asbell, Ward & Greene in Greenville. **ALAN WRIGHT RIGGS** is assistant vice president and Greenville branch manager for First South Bank.

2000 SHAWNA GRAY BATTS and Brian Ray Sumerlin were married Sept. 16. She is a nurse in the medical intensive care unit at Pitt County Memorial Hospital. **JONATHAN CHARLES FOREHAND** and Lauren Rae Smith were married Sept. 23. He works at Wachovia. **BRIAN CHARLES MINSHEW** and Debbie Rochelle Vandiford were married Aug. 5. She is a cardiovascular hospital specialty representative for Sanofi-Aventis Pharmaceuticals, and he is a senior systems engineer with Construction Imaging Systems. **KARA ANN PARROTT** and Chad Eric Holland were married Sept. 30 and reside in Raleigh. She works for the State Employees Credit Union.

1999 CHRISTOPHER GLENN BULLOCK and Amy Elizabeth Price were married Oct. 21. He works at Eastern Radiologists. **DR. HENRY CAPPS** received a distinguished alumnus award and delivered a commencement address at Campbell University in December. A full scholarship graduate of BSOM, he practices at Lakeside Family Physicians in Huntersville, where he directs the urgent care center, serves on the board and is a volunteer physician leader at the Lake Norman Free Clinic. **KEVIN EICHNER**, who teaches metal sculpture at Central Carolina Community College, hosted an iron pour at his studio at the Moncure Museum of Art during the 14th Annual Chatham Studio Tour in December. **DR. ELISABETH ANN SCOTT**, who practices family medicine and obstetrics at Kate B. Reynolds Medical Center in Snow Hill and teaches family medicine part-time at BSOM, received the 2006 Pfizer Teacher Development Award.

1998 STEVEN BLAND '98 '00 and **MEGAN ELIZABETH OGLESBY '00 '02** were married Sept. 16. He is a loan officer at Home-A-Loan Mortgage in Greenville. She is a speech-language pathologist at Caswell Center in Kinston. **LINDA CHRISTIAN BREWER** and John David Heuer IV were married Sept. 30 and live in Raleigh. She is a medical sales representative for Zimmer Spine. **DR.**



George Koonce picked up a shiny new MBA during fall graduation exercises and is now immersed in his new job as director of player development for the Green Bay Packers, where he was a star linebacker and a fan favorite for eight seasons. Koonce earned his master's in exercise science from the College of Health and Human Performance. The Packers were playing the Lions in Detroit that weekend, so he wasn't

able to attend graduation in person. While working on his master's, he spent most of the last two academic years as East Carolina's special assistant to the athletic director in charge of program development.

In his new job with the Packers, Koonce assists players in acclimating to their roles, both on and off the field, especially in terms of their expected contributions to their teammates, the community and team chemistry.

Koonce starred for the Pirates in 1989 and '90 after transferring from Chowan College. After turning pro, he led Green Bay in total (119) and solo (78) stops in 1994 and made a season-high 12 tackles twice. He started 102 of 112 Packers games during a memorable run that included the team's first Super Bowl championship in 29 years. He was inducted into the ECU Sports Hall of Fame in 2002. He launched the George Koonce Sr. Foundation to provide underprivileged children with educational, athletic, artistic and social opportunities. He also owns more than 100 apartment units in New Bern under the moniker Koonce Properties.



Opposing quarterbacks in a historic college bowl game and pro football teammates since then, ECU's **David Garrard '01** and Marshall's Byron Leftwich played out one of the most compelling stories in the NFL this season. Leftwich and Marshall beat ECU and Garrard 64-61 in double overtime at the 2001 GMAC Bowl. Both ended up with the Jaguars, where for the past four years Leftwich was the starter and Garrard the backup. Leftwich went down with an ankle injury halfway into the season, and Garrard came off the bench to lead the team to a respectable 5-5 finish. He threw for 1,735 passing yards and 10 touchdowns, a showing that quieted critics that he didn't have the skills to be a starting quarterback. Close losses in the season's last two games took some of the steam out of Garrard's impressive midseason fireworks. Head coach Jack Del Rio isn't saying whether Garrard will remain the starter next season. Most expect that the star-crossed quarterbacks will continue their friendly rivalry.

Alumni Spotlight



As an executive director for the cable channel Si TV, **Mark Zelenz** '86 has a pretty good day job in Manhattan, but it's what he does on weekends that is his passion. He's the lead singer in a rock and roll band, The Short Bus, that's become a local favorite in the Connecticut suburbs. The group was voted best cover band in Fairfield County, Conn., and given a thumbs up by Gary Dell'Abate from the Howard Stern Show. Zelenz went into media sales and marketing in New York after college. After working for Playboy and the Sega Channel, he became vice president of media distribution at Bloomberg TV in 1999. That's where he met his second wife, Karen, and they now have a baby girl, Madison, joining her 11-year-old sister, Melody.

What's your job like? "I manage the eastern regional affiliate sales team for Si TV, which is the first English language Latino network. I would say two of my successes were launching Bloomberg TV and now Si TV in New York, which is the largest cable system in the U.S."

Did you lose friends on 9/11? "I lost three co-workers who were at Window's of the World that morning. Standing at 5th Avenue and 45th Street as the second plane hit will haunt me the rest of my days. Karen and I volunteered for the Red Cross at Ground Zero and watched fireman with their boots melting. Not a day goes by without a thought of that day and the e-mails exchanged up to the final moments."

What's your favorite ECU story? "I met Sandra Bullock in college, and I had finally gotten up the courage to ask her out, and she actually said yes to coffee the following Monday. But my former college sweetheart decided to reconnect that weekend prior to graduation, and I blew off the date with Sandra. How's that for a sob story? I did see her twice in New York prior to her big break when she was hostess at a restaurant I happened to dine at. She was always a class act."

What's the band like? "Rule #1 is we don't take ourselves too seriously, and rule #2 is we have fun. We go from AC/DC to U2 to Fall Out Boy without missing a beat. If the mood strikes me, I walk through the crowd with my wireless mic. I haven't made it to Madison Square Garden yet but I haven't quit trying either. My dream is still to one day return to ECU as a headline act."

Learn more about the band at www.theshortbusrocks.com.

Octavia Burgess completed her MBA last semester despite being wounded in Iraq, where she was working for a defense contractor and taking MGMT 6722 online. She suffered multiple injuries when her office was bombed. She was transferred to the Army hospital in Germany and to the U.S. to convalesce. She says the accommodating ECU faculty allowed her to complete her final class and graduate on time. She is now in Lathonia, Ga., and will start a new job at the IRS.

SANDI PARDO has joined Family Medicine Associates, a Taylorsville location for the Catawba Valley Medical Group. **VICKIE SMITH** is FavoriteAgent.com's first agent realtor in the Raleigh market. **JASON ROBERT THEOBALD** and **CAROLINE GRAHAM CAMERON** '99 were married Sept. 9, at Saint Mary's Catholic Church in Wilmington. He works for Sanofi-Aventis US and she works at Sun Trust Bank.

1997 **PRENTICE ADAM TURNER** of Richlands and **ELIZABETH SUZANNE JAYNES** '99 '02 of Pfafftown were married July 22 at Wendell Baptist Church in Raleigh. He is the human resources manager at Lowe's of Apex and she is a physician assistant at Triangle Spine and Back Center in Raleigh.

1996 **MELEAH LEA BARNHILL** '96 and **Darin Lee Reynolds** were married Aug. 12 and live in Mount Pleasant, S.C. She is employed with Nucor Steel. **MICHELLE CASEY** '96 '99, a special education teacher, was recognized as a teacher of the year at Polenta Elementary School in Garner. **MICHELLE HARRELL COURIE**, a board member of March of Dimes and the Cape Fear Regional Theater, was named 2007-2008 president of the Junior League of Fayetteville. **GREGORY TAYLOE EVERETTE** and **TIFFANY PAIGE PERSON** '01 were married Sept. 9. She works with Graham, Silver, Nuckolls & Brown; he works with Triple E Trucking Co. **SUSAN JANE KOLVICK NAZARIO**, a teacher in Cumberland County, has participated in the Visiting International Faculty (VIF) teaching program and was based in Surrey, England, with her husband, **GREGORY JAVIEL NAZARIO** '95. She earned the VIF Primary School Teacher of the Year recognition. They recently had their first child, Riley Nereida Nazario. **NICOLE TRIPP SMITH** '96 '98 '04 was named assistant principal at Falkland Elementary School and received Pitt County's Wachovia Assistant Principal of the Year recognition. **TAMRON RENE' WHITLEY** and **Michael Christopher Person** were married Sept. 23 and reside in Clayton.

1994 **ANNA BARRETT**, a case manager at Pitt County's JobLink Career Center, was one of five people and two companies to receive the Wayne Daves Award for Outstanding Achievement in Workforce Development during Gov. Mike Easley's award banquet in Greensboro in October. **ROBERT CARL NELSON II** of Bryan, Texas, has completed his second year as president of the Association for Computer Educators in Texas (ACET).

1993 **STANTON BLAKESLEE**, founder of Eye Integrated Communications and a line of kids' chairs called Freddy & Friends, released a series of children's books, *The Chronicles of the Blue Moon*, that accompany the chairs.

1991 **MICHELE SUSAN BROOKS** and **RICHARD MAURY MILLER JR.** '94 were married Sept. 16. She works for KB Home in Charlotte and he works for Bank of America. **STEVE JONES** of Raleigh was appointed to the ECU Board

of Visitors. **DR. REGINALD WATSON**, an ECU English professor, was appointed board chair of Democracy North Carolina.

1990 **PAT CLARK**, principal of Hope Middle School, was named Pitt County's Wachovia Principal of the Year. **SHELLY SHUMAN-JOHNSON** is director of the Victim-Witness Assistance Program in the Henrico County (Va.) Commonwealth's Attorney's Office. She is married with two children, 11-year-old Evin and 8-year-old Brooke. **MERRI KATHERINE "KATEE" TULLY** '90 '92 of Staten Island, N.Y., was named dean of continuing education and workforce development at Borough of Manhattan Community College in New York City. **DON M. WILKERSON JR.** a partner in S.G. Wilkerson & Sons funeral home, was appointed to East Carolina Bank's Greenville board.

1989 **MARTHA SPARKS BROWN** is one of Pitt County Memorial Hospital's dozen staff chaplains. **GINGER HARRISON**, who has taught at Woodington Middle School in Woodington for 15 years, was named the Lenoir County Schools Teacher of the Year. **STEVEN MILLS** '89 '91 and **AUTUMN NGAMTHONGLOR** '03 were married Aug. 26 at Yankee Hall Plantation. He works for Pitt County Memorial Hospital in clinical information

management and teaches at ECU. She is a realtor. **KARLA SCOTT** is the new director of the Naval Academy Gospel Choir. A resident of Bowie, Md., she also teaches middle school English in Upper Marlboro, Md., at a Christian private school and is working on her doctorate in vocal pedagogy.

1987 **CASSANDRA "CASEY" DECK-BROWN** is the first woman to be promoted to the rank of major in Raleigh's police department. She worked as a community relations officer, detective, and grants manager. **DANIEL HARDY** of Southern Shores was appointed to the ECU Board of Visitors. **CHRIS KNOTT**, a former sales representative for Burberry, has developed a clothing line called Peter Millar. Partly as a result of a large stock sale to Georgia's Sea Island resort, Knott has expanded the line's marketing into more media and men's specialty stores. **GREG THOMAS** '87 '95 of Greenville coached J.H. Rose High School's football team to their fourth consecutive N.C. High School Athletic Association Class 4-A title in December.

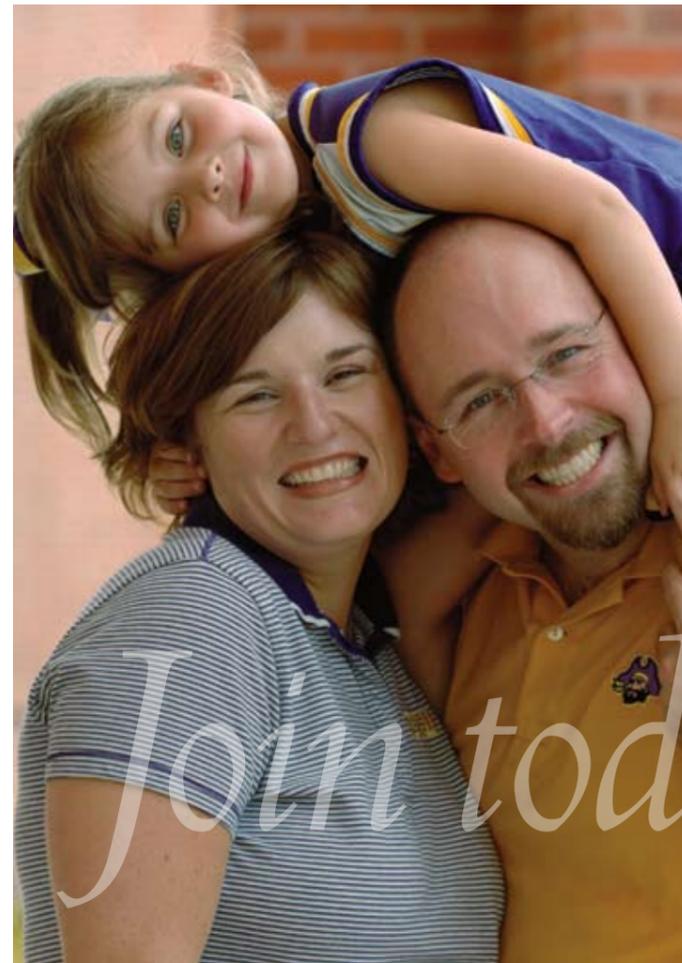
1986 **DR. ROSA E. CUENCA** '86 was appointed to the N.C. Advisory Committee on Cancer Coordination and Control by Gov. Mike Easley. She is an associate professor of surgery, director of the Breast Center and the surgical director of photodynamic therapy at ECU. **DONNA WHITE ROBERSON** '86 '93, a clinical instructor

with ECU's School of Nursing, received the Great 100 Nurses designation for North Carolina. She is pursuing a doctorate at UNC Chapel Hill.

1985 **BRADFORD M. BROWN**, a 20-year veteran of family business succession planning, benefit planning, and estate planning, joined Callahan and Rice Insurance Group in Fayetteville.

1984 **ROSS RHUDY** was named chief operating officer, general manager and partner at Ammons Pittman GMAC Real Estate in Raleigh. During his 23 years of residential sales and management in North and South Carolina, he also received the Realtor of the Year award from the Raleigh Regional Association of Realtors, and he is active in the N.C. Association of Realtors.

1983 **MARK KEMP**, a former music editor at *Rolling Stone* and MTV Networks, read from his book, *Dixie Lullaby: A Story of Music, Race, and New Beginnings in a New South*, at a program sponsored by ECU's creative writing program on Nov. 28. **KATHY SPENCER** '83, '87, '03 of Sneads Ferry was named superintendent of Onslow County Schools after 23 years of teaching and holding administrative positions in the system. Her husband, **TIM SPENCER** '77 '83 '96, is principal at Richlands High School.



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1982 DR. WILLIAM A. BURKE of Greenville was named to the 2006 Best Doctors list. He is the only dermatologist in the group of 25 BSOM physicians named to the list. MIKE HUGHES of Raleigh was appointed to the ECU Board of Visitors. DR. JULIUS Q. MALLETTE was named director of telemedicine at BSOM.

1981 RAMONA SHANNON HANSON of Edmond, Okla., has established the Social Security Disability Law Center of Oklahoma and was accepted to Oklahoma State University (Stillwater) in the philosophy masters program. DAN STONE, a realtor in Alexandria, Va., has reached \$270 million in career sales and earned several recognitions. He and his wife Cynthia have two teenage sons.

1980 ROBERT BENNETT "BOB" GARRETT of Broadway had perfect attendance during his four years in the Masters in Teaching program, which he completed at the Continuing Education branch at Fort Bragg while teaching seventh grade and coaching several sports teams.

1979 JACKIE ADAMS '79 '86, a former teacher and principal in

Pitt County, joined the sales staff at Century 21, and will specialize in residential real estate and new home construction. LUKE WHISNANT of Greenville, a creative writing and literature professor at ECU, was named editor of *Tar River Poetry* and has published a new collection of short stories entitled *Down in the Flood*. TERRY YEARGAN of Willow Spring was appointed to the ECU Board of Visitors.

1975 TOM MARSH was inducted into the New Bern/J.T. Barber High School Athletic Hall of Fame after 19 years as the wrestling coach for the New Bern Bears and principal of Pamlico County High School.

1974 DENNIS DELAMAR, who has retired from teaching fifth grade in Charlotte-Mecklenburg schools to pursue theater full time, plays Joseph and Potiphar in the traveling Troika Entertainment production of *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*. A new theater at Dilworth Elementary will be named for Delamar. At the Actor's Theatre of Charlotte, he recently directed *I Am My Own Wife*, and will direct *The Great American Trailer Park Musical* soon. MONTY CASTEVENS is celebrating 10 years as executive director of Special Olympics Florida. J. RICHARD JONES II of Chocowinity, a senior vice president at Wachovia in Greenville, was appointed to the ECU Board of Visitors.

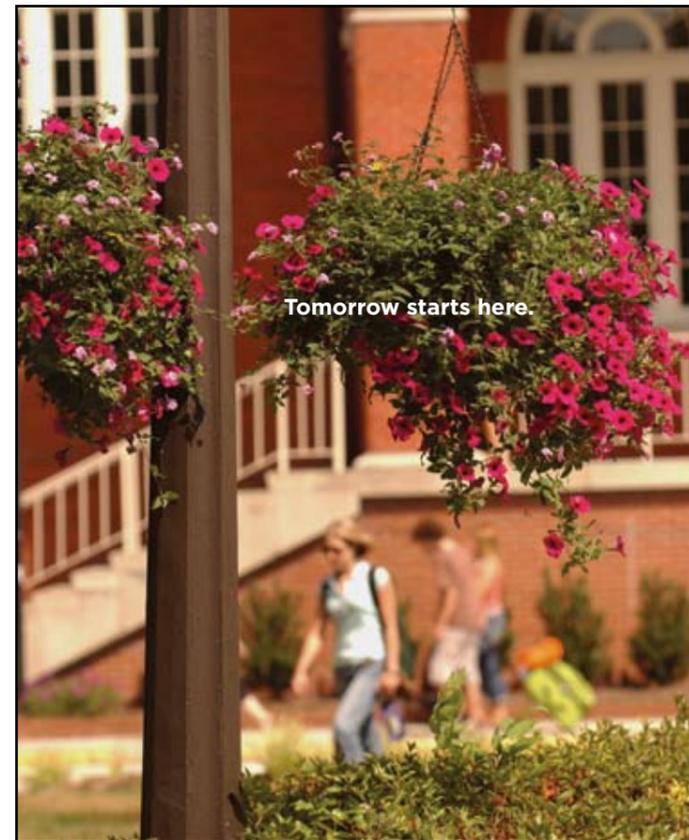
1972 TONY ROBERTSON BANKS, a special education teacher at A.G. Cox Middle School in Winterville, has retired after 34 years. Before retiring, she received Winterville's Educator of the Year recognition.

1971 STEVEN D. MICHAEL of Kitty Hawk was elected president of the N.C. State Bar. He received his law degree from UNC Chapel Hill and has served since 1996 as a state bar councilor representing the 1st Judicial District.

1969 BOB BIRD of Cary and DR. JIM GALLOWAY of Greenville have been appointed to the ECU Board of Visitors.

1968 ERNEST VICTOR LOGEMANN of Winston-Salem, who is treasurer of ECU's Alumni Association, was elected to serve a three-year term on the board of the North Carolina CPA Foundation.

1955 EDWARD M. GORE received a distinguished alumnus award and delivered a commencement address at Campbell University in December. He is an Air Force veteran and continues the coastal real estate business his father started, Sunset Beach and Twin Lakes.



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'06 **DONNA BLAKE WILLIAMS** died Dec. 24. She taught fourth grade at Southeast Elementary School in Kinston and Sunday school at Rivermont Baptist Church.

'98 **NORMAN JAMES ABERNATHY JR.** of Wilson died Dec. 13. He was director of RR Donnelly Co. and was active in the Lutheran church.

'88 **MICHAEL SCOTT BUSH** of Statesville died Sept. 17. He was a certified financial planner.

'86 **JESSICA R. SMITH** of Winterville died Dec. 30. Originally from New Jersey, she provided home health speech and language therapy as a Tri-Therapy East employee.

'85 **SHARON HEWITT DIXON** of Reidsville died Oct. 2. She worked at Moses H. Cone Hospital.

'82 **PETER J. JOOS** of Conway, S.C., died Oct. 17. He owned and operated PJ's Spirits and PJ's Auto Sales and created "Wildman" Competition Chili.

'80 **THOMAS BLACK** of Plainwell, Mich., died Oct. 22. He served in the Navy, worked in the paper industry and taught at community colleges.

'78 **GLENN T. CARPENTER** of Washington, D.C., died Nov. 30. A Greenville native, he had worked as an insurance agent.

'77 **ALVIN JOYNER** of Chicago died Nov. 17. He was a member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity.

'77 **LEONARD LEE OETTINGER III** of Beaufort died Dec. 18. He was a mortgage broker and vice president with Great Southern Mortgage Corp.

'76 **MARY GEORGE AKERS** of Kinston died Dec. 27. She taught at public schools in Ohio and private schools in Kinston. She was active in Queen Street United Methodist Church for 50 years.

'76 **LINDA BUTLER WALKER** of Yanceyville died Nov. 8. She was a social worker with the Division of Services for the Blind of Alamance County.

'75 **ELLEN MAYER ROBERSON** of Washington died Nov. 27. She operated two companies: Special Shapes, a custom brick sculpting business, and Ellen's Studio, a pottery on Water Street.

'74 **RAYMOND LEE CHURCH JR.** of Wilmington died Sept. 25. He was a long-time director of environmental management for New Hanover County.

'74 **JAMES MICHAEL WILLIAMS** of Greensboro died Oct. 22 in an airplane accident. He was a cheerleader and a member of Phi Kappa Tau. He established an alumni scholarship for promising students and served on several boards at ECU. Memorials may be made to the ECU Educational Foundation.

'73 **DONALD LEE MOYE** of Greenville died Dec. 18. He was a farmer and volunteer firefighter in Belvoir.

'73 **MARY ANNE KERR SHELTON** of Oxford died Oct. 15. A musician, she was active in the Oxford Presbyterian Church.

'72 **MARTHA "SISSIE" LEWIS** of Winterville died Dec. 21. A Burgaw native, she worked for the U.S. Department of Veteran's Affairs.

'72 '75 **MALCOLM BRUCE MACDONALD** of Sebastian, Fla., died Nov. 11. He was a musician before changing careers to become an electrical engineer.

'71 **VICTORIA DAVIS JOSEPHSON** of Matthews died Oct.3. She was an art teacher in North Carolina and Florida in public and private schools and colleges.

'71 **ALICE ETHERIDGE LILES** of Knotts Island, Va., died Sept. 5. She was a Kappa Delta who worked with BB&T and owned several businesses.

'70 '81 **JANE ELIZABETH TUCK DODGE** of Raleigh and Hampstead died Dec. 13. She was a career development coordinator at Athens Drive High School in Raleigh and Lakeside High School in Wilmington.

'69 **GEORGE THOMAS HICKS** of Raleigh died Oct. 16. He was president of Pi Omega Pi in his junior year. He taught business education at Whiteville High School and later was self-employed in the rental property business.

'65 **JEAN NEWTON REILLY** of Creedmoor died Aug. 31. She was a member of the Mayflower Descendants, the Daughters of the American Revolution and the United Daughters of the Confederacy. She was married to Dr. Bart M. Reilly, an ECU English professor emeritus.

'64 '69 **L. MICHAEL AVERETTE** of Greenville died Nov. 15. He taught for 33 years at Farm Life School in Vanceboro and then at West Craven High School.

'64 '66 '76 **TOMMIE LAWRENCE PHELPS** of New Bern died Sept. 22. An Alpha Delta Tau, he taught in Craven County schools and was principal of New Bern High School.

'63 **JULIAN DANIEL RHEM JR.** of Raleigh died Dec. 23. He worked for IBM in Fayetteville and Raleigh, at Kodak and Charron Sports Services.

'62 **GRAHAM DALTON LYON SR.** of Durham died Oct. 13. He worked for the Union Camp Corp. for 35 years. A recent recipient of a 50-year Masonic pin, he was a Grand Master of the Masonic Lodge in Winton.

'62 **EDITH BAKER RUDDER** of Raleigh died Dec. 18. She taught for 30 years in Wake County Public Schools.

'61 **ANN BYRD SPELL JEFFORDS** of Winston-Salem died Nov. 18. She was a long-time elementary school teacher in North Carolina and Florida.

'61 **JUNE PAIGE MURPHY LOONEY** of Suffolk, Va., died Dec. 24. She taught psychology at Elon College, where she became dean of women and associate dean of students.

'60 **JOHN EARNEST BURLESON** of Hampstead died Sept. 21. He was a professional pianist and organist.

'59 **CAROLYN ROBERTS LEBER** of Matthews died Oct. 4. For 30 years, she was a substitute teacher for Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools.

'58 **ELIZABETH "LIZ" MERRITT JAMES** of Savannah, Ga., died Nov. 7. A business teacher, she worked in Florida and Georgia.

'57 **ROBERT "BOB" G. BAIRD** of Richmond, Va., died Oct. 12. In 2003 he retired from Lehigh Portland Cement Co.

'57 **MARILYN BLINSON LEE** of Clayton died Nov. 3. She worked as a legal secretary for the State Attorney General's Office and at Carolina Power and Light Co.

'55 **SHEPHERD RUSSELL GRIST** of Washington died Nov. 25. He was principal of P.S. Jones Junior High School in Washington from 1968 to 1989 and then the Beaufort County Schools assistant superintendent.

'55 **GARLAND F. WILLIAMS JR.** of Conway, S.C., died Aug. 31. He was an Army veteran, business owner, and member of Pawley Swamp Baptist Church.

'54 **VIVIAN MCDOWELL** of Marion, S.C., died Dec. 13. A retired elementary school teacher, she was active in her church and studied the history of Bladen County, N.C.

'53 **PEGGY CALDWELL ELLERS** of Chesterfield, Va., died Dec. 28. She taught seventh and eighth grade in North Carolina and Virginia for 31 years.

'53 **ANNE COLE LANDING** of Littleton died Nov. 6. She retired from federal civil service.

'52 **DONALD DEAN BLOOD SR.** of Statesville died Nov. 14. He was an English and French teacher at West Iredell High School and Mitchell Community College.

'52 **KATHRYN LONG "JUNE" LIVERMAN** of Engelhard died Oct. 12. She was a chemist at Union Carbide and the first woman east of Raleigh to become a licensed pilot. She was married to Henry Liverman, who was Hyde County's one family physician for 52 years.

'51 **HELEN ALDERMAN HARPER** died Dec. 19. She taught home economics in Murfreesboro and kindergarten in Snow Hill before becoming a full-time homemaker.

'50 **WILLIAM PITTMAN "BILL" WARREN** of Candler died Oct. 12. He taught at Candler High School and then at Enka High School, where he became the principal. He also was principal of Venable and Candler elementary schools, served on the Buncombe County School Board and taught at Asheville-Buncombe Tech.

'49 '61 **DENNIS BURNETTE BASNIGHT** of Camden died Sept. 18. He taught and coached at Camden High School and was principal at Grandy Primary School.

'47 **THEODORE BERKLEY LUPTON JR.** of Durham died Oct. 8. He worked for Liggett & Myers Tobacco Co. and retired as supervisor of Leaf Information Services.

'44 **ANNE FRANCES ROBERTSON TUTTLE** of Madison died Dec. 12. She taught sixth grade at several schools in Rockingham County before serving two terms as alderman and then becoming the first woman mayor of Madison.

'44 **DOROTHY MARIE "DOT" WILSON** of Raleigh died Oct. 7. From her ECTC graduation until her 1991 retirement, she worked in the State Treasurer's office.

'43 **HAZEL WALL STRICKLAND** of Smithfield died Sept. 6. She was a homemaker active in 4-H and Cub Scouts.

'37 '39 **ALMA RUFFIN WELLONS** of Dunn died Nov. 16. She taught public school in Micro, Dunn and Erwin and received the Dunn Area Chamber of Commerce's Woman of the Year recognition..

'37 **RUTH WOOD PROCTOR** of Southport died Aug. 31. She was a frequent speaker for garden clubs and sang in church choirs.

'36 **GLENNIE MAYO SMITH** of Macon, Ga., died Nov. 7. In Macon, she was active in the First Christian Church.

'36 **JANIE OUTLAND SAMS** of Thomasville died Nov. 8. She taught for 30 years in Ahoskie, Woodland and Conway.

'36 **NELL GRIFFIN GREEN** of Lexington died Dec. 16. She taught third grade for several years and then was a homemaker.

'33 **BEULAH BARBARA MEWBORN** of Snow Hill died Nov. 6. She was a pianist and organist, and was active in the Home Demonstration Club in Greene County.

'33 **LETA MAE WILLIAMS SHOULARS** of Kinston died Oct. 28. Her first teaching job was at B.F. Grady School in Albertson, where she met her husband. Both then taught at Southwood School in Lenoir County for 27 years. She later served as the reading supervisor for Lenoir County's elementary schools.

'31 **CHARLIE FRANCES ROBERTS TERRELL** of Hillsborough died Sept. 18. She retired from the Hillsborough Farmer's Exchange. Active in the community, she was a long-time Red Cross volunteer, started an AARP Organization in Hillsborough, and was a member of the Hillsborough Crafters.

CLASS OF '25, '30 LOSE FOUR

It is with sadness that we note the deaths of a member of the Class of 1925 and three from the Class of 1930. They are:



'30 **HELEN C. BUTLER**, 99, of Vanceboro died Dec. 18. She retired in 1970 after 41 years as an elementary school teacher in public schools in Canton, Rock Ridge, Bailey and Vanceboro. She was inducted into the ECU Educators Hall of Fame in 2002.



'30 **HILDA FLOWE CAMPBELL**, 95, of Pensacola, Fla., originally from the Charlotte area, died Nov. 6. She worked for the Florida Department of Insurance in Tallahassee for 30 years, after which she relocated to Pensacola.



'30 **TREVA PORTER PENDLETON**, 94, of Elizabeth City died Oct. 14. She sang in her high school and college glee clubs and the choir at Newbegun United Methodist Church. After retiring from public school teaching, she was a member of the National Education Association and the North Carolina Educational Association. She was active in the community through the Museum of the Albemarle and its Guild, the Weeksville Lions Club Auxiliary, and the Elizabeth City Women's Club.



'25 **JEANNETTE PROPST LINEBERGER**, a native of Catawba County, died Jan. 9. She was 100. She taught briefly before marrying. Her husband, Fred Powell Lineberger, and her son, Dr. Herman Propst Lineberger, predeceased her. She is survived by four grandchildren, John Wayt Lineberger of New York City, Ann Lineberger Duncan of

Elizabeth City, Dr. Robert Propst Lineberger of Chapel Hill and Dr. Susan Lineberger Battigelli, of South Bend, Ind.

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JANIE SMITH ARCHER of Atlantic Beach and Raleigh died Nov. 26. She taught health, and physical education from 1956 to 1960 and later worked at the state Department of Crime Control and Public Safety.

DR. F. ORIS BLACKWELL of Washington died Nov. 4. From 1974 to 1982, he was a professor of environmental health.

DR. ROBERT PAUL BOLANDE of Pineville died Dec. 9. He taught at BSOM from 1982 to 1988. In his 36-year medical career, he helped develop the field of pediatric pathology. He founded the Society for Pediatric Pathology and its journal, *Perspectives in Pediatric Pathology*.

DR. WARREN A. GALKE of Columbia, Md., and formerly of Cary, died Dec. 5. He taught biostatistics and epidemiology from 1980 to 1985.

DR. LEONARD EUGENE "BRUNO" MASTERS of Jacksonville, Fla., died Dec. 23. He taught in the family practice department and was associate chairman for research at BSOM from 1979 to 1982.

DR. CARL ROBERT MORGAN of Greenville died Nov. 5. He taught anatomy and cell biology at BSOM from 1978 to 1996, and for 14 years, chaired the Department of Anatomy.

DR. RICHARD L. PRESTON of Greenville, Ohio, died Dec. 15. He was an associate professor in administration and supervision from 1981 to 1983 and then became associate superintendent in Pitt County Schools.

JOYCE GRASSMAN REED of Greenville died Oct. 29. From 1991 to 2005, she taught law-related courses for criminal justice and social work students in what is now the Department of Criminal Justice in the College of Human Ecology. She was the first director for the ECU Scholars program and associate director of the ECU Honors program.

TRAVIS STOCKLEY died Aug. 24. He taught musical theater from 2000 to 2002 before going to UNC Pembroke to start its musical theater program.

ALFRED E. WELLONS of Chapel Hill died Nov. 26. From 1973 to 1977, he taught international relations courses to Marines at Camp Lejeune through ECU's continuing education program.



Photo may include: Elsie Horton, Amanda Tillman, SGA President Augusta Woodward, Grace Jordan, Elizabeth Wilkins, Margie Horton, Swannanoa Broughton, Gladys Broughton, Katie Farmer, Dorothy Broughton, Alice Pope, Cleo Richardson, Macy Siler, Kathleen Yates, Eric Smith, Rachel Olive, Lila Mitchell, Nancy Brantley, Louise Phelps and Lucille Lawrence. —University Archives photos

Cool music and hot cars

There are a violin, a saxophone, a guitar and what appear to be six ukuleles being wielded by the members of the Wake County club in this photo from the 1924 *Tecoa*. The building in the background appears to be the original president's home, now the Career Services Building. Such county clubs were popular at East Carolina during the 1920s, with no fewer than 14 of them pictured in the 1924 yearbook. The arrival of cars on campus coincided with the club phenomenon and certainly helped in arranging rides home for the weekend. There even was the Racers Club, which squeezed 12 members into one flivver for a yearbook picture. Wake County has sent a prodigious number of students to East Carolina over the decades and the number has been soaring recently. There were 232 freshmen students from Wake County in 1995, or about 10 percent of the 2,177 total in-state freshman class. A decade later, there are 2,245 Wake students on campus, about 16 percent of the total in-state enrollment of 16,722.



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A flower in full bloom beautifies the grounds around the Science and Technology Building.

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