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The 5th Street Inn



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Alumni Association Launches New Web Site

As an ongoing effort to keep East Carolina alumni connected to ECU and to one another, the East Carolina Alumni Association recently launched a new Web site. The site still offers alumni and campus news as well as information on programs such as Alumni Association Membership, Alumni Awards, Scholarships and events like the popular Alumni Tailgate series, Homecoming and Reunions. However, the information is easier to access and features like news items and an opinion poll keep the content fresh and offer more ways to help you stay connected to ECU.

The new integrated online community provides more features to keep alumni and friends of ECU connected. Included in the online community is a searchable online alumni directory, business card exchange, post a job or resume, and submit a class note which will be posted to the online community and may be submitted to *East* magazine. Alumni may also update their contact information with the university online using the online community profile. You can share your photos, create personal pal lists of your closest friends, and get updates when new content is added to the pages of your friends and fellow alumni. Additional features include free e-cards of ECU scenes and a discussion board that will be available to talk about hot topics.

To register for the online community, visit **PirateAlumni.com**, click on **First Time Users** in

A Look Back

Marching Pirates



The first band appeared as the Concert Band in the 1939 Tecoon.

In 1938 the ECTC band was organized by Dean Tabor. He began with twenty students during the winter quarter. Mr. Tabor offered instruction to any willing participant regardless of previous experience. By the end of the first year the band numbered sixty and were awarded purple and gold uniforms. As with most things on campus, the band was disrupted during World War II.

In 1956 the band reemerged as the East Carolina College Marching Band with new uniforms supplied by the SGA. In 1957 the band reached the 100 member goal set for themselves in 1939. Over the years the band has grown and participated in many events, not just football and bowl games.

They have marched in gubernatorial inaugurations, homecoming parades, political rallies and during the halftime of the Washington Redskins football game. In 1971 the band reached the 200 member mark.

Dean Tabor directed the band through 1940. It went through many directors during the 1940's

Breakfast" by the Greenville Times' "2006 Best of Times." The 5th Street Inn is perfectly located directly across from the main campus of East Carolina University, near Uptown Greenville.

Amenities of the three-story 1924 Colonial Revival House include: 24-hour host, Personal Event Coordinator, concierge services, wireless internet/printer and a private bath with French toiletries. In the morning, a European Continental Breakfast is served, in addition to a private guest galley offering beverages and snacks throughout your stay.

Furnished with a pleasant mix of antiques, with the style of the classic 1920's, a stay in The 5th Street Inn encompasses the best of the roaring twenties making it the ideal place for business travel, wedding guests, romantic dates, and personal leisure activities.

Through Membership in the East Carolina Alumni Association you aid the institution in vital ways such as the student scholarship program. We like to reward the dedication and support our members give us by offering various benefits only available to active members! Use your membership and receive a 10% discount on room rates at The 5th Street Inn. Come visit ECU and stay in elegant style!

Call 252-355-0699 or visit www.the5thstreetinn.com to learn more or to make reservations.

Learn more by clicking [here](#) and join today! Arrrggghh you a member?

the top left corner of the page, and use your last name (token insert) and your Constituent ID (token insert) to begin the registration process.

East Carolina Alumni Association 101

What is the Alumni Association all about? What does membership in the Alumni Association do for me? What does my membership do for ECU? Should I join? What benefits are offered? What programs does the Alumni Association sponsor? These questions and many more will be answered during this free hour-long teleconference on February 5 at 12 p.m. ET hosted by Paul J. Clifford, Associate Vice Chancellor for Alumni Relations at East Carolina. We encourage you to call in to hear about the Alumni Association and get your questions answered.

To register for the conference call, click [here](#).

Pirate Career Call on February 1

Pirate Career Calls are held from noon to 1 p.m. ET and free to all alumni and friends of East Carolina. When you register for a class you will be given a toll-free phone number to call on the day of your class and a PowerPoint presentation to help you follow along.


This month's Career Call: Skills to Become a Great Manager

Are you a manager or looking to become one? This teleconference will highlight the skills that make manager great to work for. To register, click [here](#), or call 800-ECU-GRAD.

Join us on March 1 for: Getting Promoted- Leaving Entry Level to Mid-Management

Are you looking to go to the next level professionally? Do you want to know what it takes to escape an entry level position? Then this teleconference is for you! Join us and learn how to launch yourself up the ladder of success.

A Pirate's Life for Me!

A Pirate's Life for Me!, the Alumni Association's radio show that features East Carolina alumni continues bi-monthly this spring Saturday's at 10 a.m. on Pirate Radio 1250 & 930 AM. To listen to past episodes, visit the *A Pirate's Life for Me!* Page on PirateAlumni.com or subscribe to the *A Pirate's Life for Me!* [podcast](#)  to have them delivered to you!

Tune in this month:

until Herbert Carter took over in 1947. He was joined by Marching Pirate alumnus George Knight in 1963. George Knight stayed with the band through 1970 when Harold Jones was selected to be director.

Share Your Memories



Trumpet players in 1988, left to right: unidentified, Allison Gentry, and Dustin Miller.

Were you a Marching Pirate? Do you remember a particularly inspiring performance by the band? If so, please share your memories and let the archivist know if you can identify anyone in these photos.

Please share your memories and let the archivist know if you have photos to contribute by completing the [Share a Memory online form](#).

Additionally, the University Archives needs your help in identifying photographs in the collections. The unidentified images are posted [here](#).

You can click on a thumbnail to see a larger version of the image and if you recognize it, there is a form you can fill out and send. You can also view the entire catalog of photographs at the link above. Thanks for your help in this endeavor.

Volunteer Spotlight

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The 5th Street Inn
A Bed and Breakfast



February 10: Jerry Tolley '65
ECU football record holder from the early 1960's and a member of the ECU Athletics Hall of Fame



February 24: Vince Wilson '90, '94
Family physician for the NBA's Orlando Magic

Pirate Voyages

Where can a Pirate Voyage take you? Together with Quixote Travels, the Alumni Association has planned opportunities for alumni and friends of East Carolina to vacation together in 2007. Currently, the following trips are available:

Cancun, Mexico

May 2, 2007
Moon Palace Golf & Spa Resort

Bermuda Cruise

June 16, 2007
Departing from Norfolk, VA

Mediterranean Riviera Cruise

July 14, 2007
Departing from Barcelona, Spain

Call Quixote Travels (252-757-0234 or 800-346-6158) or visit <http://www.qtravels.com/ecualumni.htm> for more information. Passports will be required.

Do you RSS?

With our new Web site comes the change of address for our Pirate Alumni News, *A Pirate's Life for Me!*, and Pirate Career Call RSS feeds. If you previously subscribed to these feeds, please update your feed address to the following:

Pirate Alumni News

[A Pirate's Life for Me!](#)

[Pirate Career Calls](#)

Charlie Martin '69



You may recognize Charlie Martin's good-natured smile whether you are new to the ECU Pirate family or old. Charlie embodies ECU's motto "Servire" or "To Serve" and was recognized in 2005 by the Alumni Association as a Distinguished Service Award recipient. One of the most prestigious awards offered by the university, the award recognizes uncommon and outstanding service to the Alumni Association and/or the university as a whole. Charlie has been an active member of the ECU community since his graduation in 1969. He has given of his time to ECU in many ways including serving as President of the ECU Parent Council and ECU Board of Visitors, member of the Pirate Club Board of Directors, the Pirate Club and Alumni Association chapters in Durham/Orange County and Pitt County, member of the Chancellor's Society since 2002, and member of the Athletic Director search committee in 2003.

Charlie is also a dedicated volunteer within his community. Pitt County Safe Communities, the Greenville Choral Society (Board of Directors), the Pitt County Young Life

Also, we now offer a new feed - Campus News. This feed provides headlines from the ECU News Bureau, Pirate Athletics, and *The East Carolinian*. Point your RSS reader [here](#) to subscribe to this feed.

Questions about how you can stay informed with RSS feeds? Visit our [RSS feeds page](#) on PirateAlumni.com.

ECU Today

Haven't been to East Carolina in awhile? Are you curious to see how the University has changed and grown since you were a student? Attend an ECU Today event in your area to meet with potential East Carolina students and their families to take a "virtual tour" of today's campus without leaving town.

ECU Today introduces potential students to East Carolina University and brings them face-to-face with orientation and admissions staff. We invite East Carolina alumni to participate by being available to answer questions about your East Carolina experience and help recruit new ECU students from your area. ECU Today events reconnect you to your alma mater by sharing a glimpse of ECU in a fresh, new light. Come discover why "Tomorrow Starts Here" and help bring the best and brightest in your community to ECU.

ECU Today events take place throughout North Carolina and in Virginia and Maryland during March. Visit the [Events Calendar](#) to find an event in your area and register today.

Pirate Alumni Admissions Connection

The Pirate Alumni Admissions Connection program was created in response to alumni interest in supporting their alma mater and a desire to extend the reach of the Admissions Office through volunteer recruitment efforts of well-trained and knowledgeable alumni across the United States. Next to students, alumni and friends are East Carolina's greatest assets. With your help, we can continue to set high standards for admission to ECU and recruit the very best students. For more information, please contact Chris Murphy '96 by phone at 252-328-1714 or by e-mail at murphyc@ecu.edu.

ECU Night at UNC-TV

ECU annually supports public television in North Carolina by volunteering to take donor pledges

Committee, and the Governor's Council for Young Adult Drivers have all benefited from Charlie's service.

Charlie is an invaluable member of the ECU community and our thanks go to him for his service, pride, and dedication to ECU!

Alumni Achievements

Melton A. McLaurin '62, '63



Melton A. McLaurin '62, '63 studied history at ECU as an undergraduate and master's student. Melton's wife Sandra is also a '62 and '63 alumna. McLaurin is professor emeritus of history at the University of North Carolina at Wilmington. He has authored eight books, including the award-winning *Separate Pasts: Growing Up White in the Segregated South*. His most recent book, *The Marines of Montford Point: America's First Black Marines* will be available this month.

"This wonderful collection of personal narratives captures not only the struggle but also the triumph of the Montford Point Marines' quest to become part of our nation's most elite fighting force, despite overwhelming odds. Their voices will be heard through this book, telling their poignant testimonies. I am truly honored to walk in their footsteps."--Colonel Adele

during one night of the "Festival" event on UNC-TV. This year East Carolina celebrates its Centennial and will kick-off the first night of UNC-TV's pledge drive!

We invite you to join ECU staff and alumni to volunteer together on ECU Pirate Night at UNC-TV. All volunteers will receive a short orientation prior to answering phones and accepting pledges. Volunteers will need to be at the UNC-TV Studios in Research Triangle Park from 7 – 11:30 p.m. on **Saturday, February 17.**

If you would like to volunteer, please contact Lucretia King by calling 800-ECU-GRAD or e-mail: Lucretia.King@PirateAlumni.com by **February 9.**

ECU Athletics Hall of Fame Nominations

ECU Athletics is accepting Hall of Fame nominations now through May 1, 2007. To learn more click [here](#).

This Month at Loessin Playhouse:

Make plans now to attend the Loessin Playhouse's production of *Dance 2007* showing February 1-6 and *Urinetown* February 22-27, 2007

Dance 2007 February 1-6

Highlighting ballet, modern, jazz, and tap dance - it's sometimes serious, sometimes funny, sometimes lyrical, and sometimes eccentric. This annual dance showcase has become a perennial favorite and is sure to have something for dance aficionados and newcomers alike.

Urinetown February 22-27

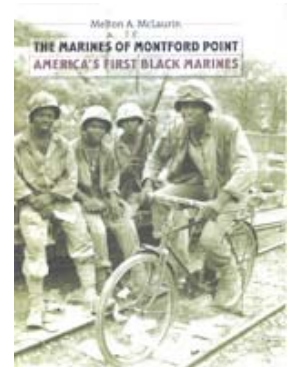
One of the most uproariously funny musicals in recent years, *Urinetown* is a hilarious tale of greed, corruption, love, and revolution in a time when water is worth its weight in gold. In a Gotham-like city, a terrible water shortage has led to a government-enforced ban on private toilets. The citizens must use public amenities, regulated by a single malevolent company that profits by charging admission for one of humanity's most basic needs.

Inspired by the works of Bertolt Brecht and Kurt Weill, *Urinetown* is an irreverently humorous satire in which no one is safe from scrutiny.

The next Loessin production will be *The Tempest* showing April 12-17. For more information on this year's productions, and ticket information, click [here](#) or call 800-ECU-ARTS.

Hodges, USMC

To learn more about *The Marines of Montford Point: America's First Black Marines* click [here](#).



If you or a fellow Pirate have a special story you think the Pirate Nation needs to hear about, please e-mail alumni@PirateAlumni.com.

30 Years Late!

In 1976, WITN-TV sent a job offer in the mail to ECU alumnus Mark Burnette '77. The letter was never delivered and was returned to WITN's studio just a few weeks ago – 30 years after it was postmarked! WITN worked with the Alumni Association to track down where Mark is today. To find out what happened and hear the story, click [here](#).

Campus News

- ECU chapter of Ducks Unlimited invite alumni to attend banquet on February 23... [\[More\]](#)
 - ECU nursing faculty member elected to governing board for Southern Nursing Research Society... [\[More\]](#)
 - Construction continues at Wright Circle... [\[More\]](#)
 - Maya Angelou to speak to ECU students in March... [\[More\]](#)
 - Sheerer named ECU vice chancellor of student life... [\[More\]](#)
 - Clark-LeClair Stadium featured in MVP 07 NCAA baseball game... [\[More\]](#)
 - ECU planning centennial celebrations... [\[More\]](#)
 - LeClair's #23 jersey awarded to junior Chris Powell... [\[More\]](#)
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Upcoming Events**February 1**

Pirate Career Call: Skills to Become a Great Manager
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February 1

Durham/Orange County Chapter Meeting
Durham, NC
[\[More\]](#)

February 1

Retired Faculty Association Monthly Luncheon
Greenville, NC
[\[More\]](#)

February 5

East Carolina Alumni Association 101 Conference
Call
Via Teleconference
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February 6

ECU Symphony Festival

Norfolk, VA

[\[More\]](#)

February 8

Business After Hours

Greenville, NC

[\[More\]](#)

February 16-18

ECU vs. UCLA Baseball Series

Los Angeles, CA

[\[More\]](#)

February 17

ECU Night at UNC-TV

Research Triangle Park, NC

[\[More\]](#)

February 18

ECU vs. UCLA Baseball Series After-Series Social

Westwood, CA

[\[More\]](#)

February 21

Book It to the Nashville Exchange

Nashville, NC

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March 1

Allied Health & Nursing Career Fair

Greenville, NC

[\[More\]](#)

March 1

Pirate Career Call: Getting Promoted - Leaving

Entry Level to Mid-Management

Via Teleconference

[\[More\]](#)

March 2

Hospitality Career Fair

Greenville, NC

[\[More\]](#)

March 4

ECU Today 2007

Virginia Beach, VA

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March 5

ECU Today 2007

Wilmington, NC

[\[More\]](#)

March 6

ECU Today 2007

Fayetteville, NC

[\[More\]](#)

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