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On Saturday, May 5, the newest graduates will join the Pirate Nation as alumni during commencement exercises. More than 3,750 students will be recognized during this prestigious ceremony, joining the ranks of over 120,000 alumni worldwide.

The Alumni Association will sponsor two events during Senior Week in recognition of our student's achievement; the Senior Candlelight Induction Ceremony and Senior Salute. The **Candlelight Ceremony** is the official welcome to our graduates as alumni and will be held at the Taylor-Slaughter Alumni Center on Thursday, May 3. **Senior Salute**, a dinner for graduating seniors and their families, will be held on May 4 at Joyner Library Sonic Plaza.

Robert H. Wright Award

The prestigious **Robert H. Wright Alumni Leadership Award** recognizes academic achievement at East Carolina, service (both to the University and the community), and leadership qualities (both potential and exhibited). Four outstanding Seniors will be presented with this award at commencement on May 5. This year's

A Look Back

Campus Dining



Soda Shop in the Old Cafeteria, 1947

In 1909 the dining hall was built that would become the present day "Old Cafeteria." Students paid \$90 per year for board. Students were served "family style" and assigned to a specific table for several weeks at a time. They were expected to bring their own linen napkins to campus. These were washed for the students in the campus laundry. This was part of the student training for later life. Enrollments stayed around 300 until 1923 when it began steadily increasing every couple of years. Meals cost \$4 per week in 1935.

In 1987 Dahlia Lautares, a student from 1942 to 1946, recalled, "two dining halls were located in the Old Cafeteria building. Each quarter we ate 'family style' with the same eight students. We dressed very casual for all meals except Sunday noon and Thursday dinner when we were required to dress more formal. Almost nightly, prior to the meal, we gathered in the lobby where Camille Jernigan (Mrs. Kenneth Hite)

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To begin using this discount on May 10, contact Membership Coordinator Dan Frezza at 800-ECU-GRAD or Dan.Frezza@Piratealumni.com.

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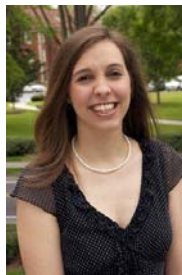
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ECU Reacts to Va. Tech

The tragic events of April 16, 2007 on the campus of Virginia Tech have changed our nation and brought safety concerns to the forefront of discussions at institutions of higher education. East Carolina is no different, and Chancellor Ballard has taken a serious, immediate approach to the continued protection of our students, faculty, and staff.

“ECU has an excellent safety record, and we have

played the piano and we sang.”

In the late 1940's with enrollments nearing 2,000 the dining service began a cafeteria style operation. The Old Cafeteria expanded as well to three, North, South and East Cafeterias served by a single kitchen. In 1947 the cafeterias served 1700 meals a day with 3 bakers and 6 cooks.

Dottie & George Knight came to campus in 1954 as students and remained as teachers. "The cafeteria was a very big thing for us," said Dottie, "almost everyone got up and had breakfast and it was a big social gathering." She also remembers that she could leave her books and musical instruments outside the cafeteria while eating and they would be there when she returned. When the Knights were students, nearly all dormitory students ate at the cafeteria, by 1972 only about twenty per cent of the students boarded on campus. In 1958 the cafeterias served 4,000 meals a day with 35 employees and 80 student workers.



Old Cafeteria, present day

Share Your Memories



Todd Dining Hall

The Old Cafeteria went out of service as a dining hall in the 1970's. To



great leadership in our campus safety organizations. At the same time, we are very concerned because our society has so many risks. That is why we will continue to devote time, energy and resources to this vital issue," stated a message from Chancellor Ballard to the ECU Family on April 17, 2007.

In conjunction with Dr. Marilyn Sheerer, Vice Chancellor for Student Life, Dr. Ballard is working with ECU Police, the Greenville Police Department, and other community partners to ensure prevention methods and a plan of action are in place, should an attempt be made at East Carolina. Click [here](#) to read Dr. Ballard's message regarding Virginia Tech.

ECU Networking Night

Join alumni and friends for an evening of everything ECU! Get the latest campus news, find out what tomorrow holds for your alma mater, and network with other ECU alumni. You'll have three opportunities in May to attend an ECU Networking Night.

Beginning in Richmond, VA, on May 17, featured guests will be Dr. Alan White, Dean of the Thomas Harriot College of Arts and Sciences, and Dr. Jeffrey Ewell, Dean of Fine Arts and Communication. Click [here](#) for details and registration.

The following week, join Dr. Rick Niswander, Dean of the College of Business, and Dr. John Swope, Interim Dean of the College of Education on **Wednesday, May 23 in Washington, NC**, and on **Thursday, May 24 in Greenville, NC**.

Take advantage of these networking opportunities to find out what tomorrow holds for ECU!

Baseball Viewing Parties

Cheer on the Diamond Pirates together with fellow Pirates as they take on the Houston Cougars on May 4. For food, fun, and to watch a great game of baseball, fans in central Florida will gather at **Devaney's Sports Pub in Winter Park** and fans in Wake County, NC will gather at **Highpark Bar & Grill in Raleigh!**

Pirate Career Calls

Pirate Career Calls are held from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. ET and free to all alumni and friends of East Carolina. When you register for a class you will be

serve an ever growing student population, Dining Services expanded in 1987 with the opening of Wright Place and the Croatan. Todd Dining Hall came online in 1994. The most recent addition is the state of the art West End Dining Hall only a few years old. Did you eat meals in the Old Cafeteria? Did you work in one of the cafeterias as a student? If so, share your memories with the University Archivist 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.

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: Diversity Workshop
This workshop will focus on issues of diversity in a professional setting. We will address the realities and myths most often associated with this topic and explore the benefits to understanding and embracing diversity, personally and professionally. To register, click [here](#).

Pirate Career Calls will take a hiatus over the summer months, but keep an eye on PiratePulse for the Fall 2007 schedule.

Painted Pirate Project



Launched during the first annual PirateFest, the *Painted Pirate Project* is now well underway! Soon many streets and business properties in Pitt County will showcase these "life-sized" Pirate statues.

Artists' creative ideas for painting or otherwise decorating the six-foot-tall fiberglass statues are due by June 15, 2007. Following the selection of winning designs, sponsorships will be acquired and artists commissioned to complete their *Painted Pirate* vision. Click [here](#) if you would like to download an artist information/statement form and Pirate outline.

Completed *Painted Pirates* will be unveiled during PirateFest 2008, ready to take their commanding stance in and around Greenville!

Alumni Shag Party



Put on your dancin' shoes and shag to your favorite beach music on Saturday, May 12 at Devils Ridge Golf Club in Holly Springs, NC with the Raleigh/Wake County Chapter of the East Carolina Alumni Association. You don't need to be a pro on the dance floor to have a great time with fellow Pirates! The party starts at 6:00 p.m. and includes hors d'oeuvres, shag lessons, and dance. Click [here](#) to register.

Golf Tournament

Enjoy a great day of golf, food, and giveaways at the **12th Annual E. Marvin Slaughter and James A. Johnson Memorial Golf Tournament** at Greenbrier Country Club in Chesapeake, VA on Monday, June 11. Sponsored by the Southeast Virginia Pirate Club Chapter and the Tidewater Virginia Alumni Association Chapter, this tourney raises funds for academic and athletic scholarship endowments at East Carolina University.

Ladies Football Clinic

Calling all ECU football fanatics! (Ladies, that is!) The third annual *ECU Football Ladies Clinic* will be held on Saturday, July 28, 2007 at the Murphy Center from 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Continental breakfast will be served and all participants will receive a T-Shirt with their paid registration.

Join Pirate football coaches in an exciting overview of all the “first and tens,” “offensive holdings,” and “blitzes” you can handle! Prepare to impress your fellow fanatics with an extensive repertoire of football plays.

For more information, contact ECU Football at 252-737-4570 or click [here](#) for the registration form. Don't wait! Make your reservation today!

Night at the Mudcats

Bring your family to Five County Stadium to root for the Carolina Mudcats as they play the Chattanooga Lookouts at **ECU Night at the Mudcats!** Sponsored by the Rocky Mount/Wilson Alumni Association Chapter on Friday, June 15, this outing provides the perfect opportunity for folks to meet and mingle with fellow Pirates in a fun, family friendly environment! Be prepared to end the night with a bang as this game will conclude with a spectacular fireworks show!

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Opinion Poll

Results from April's opinion poll:

What regional program are you most likely to participate in?

- 29% - Athletic Events when the Pirates are in your area
- 23% - Career networking opportunities
- 20% - Social activities
- 11% - Speakers from ECU
- 9% - Legislative advocacy (NC only)
- 6% - Community service project
- 3% - Student recruitment

Visit PirateAlumni.com and share you opinion on this month's question:

Homecoming 2007 is not far away. Which of the following should be the theme of this year's Homecoming?

- Pirate's of the Carolinas: The Centennial
- 100 Years of Pirate Fever: The Temperature's Rising
- 100 Years of Purple and Gold: A Pirate's Life for Me

Event Photos

- [Tomorrow Starts Here - Winston-Salem](#) - April 4
- [Scholarship Luncheon](#) - April 14
- [Ambassador End of the Year Banquet](#) - April 21
- [Senior Celebration](#) - April 23
- [Chancellor's Tour - San Francisco](#) - April 27
- [Softball/Baseball Alumni Tailgate](#) - April 28

Upcoming Events

May 3

Pirate Career Call - Diversity Workshop
Via Teleconference
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May 3

Senior Candlelight Induction Ceremony
Taylor-Slaughter Alumni Center

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May 4

Senior Salute
Joyner Library Sonic Plaza

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May 4

ECU vs. Houston Baseball Viewing Party
Orlando, FL

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ECU vs. Houston Baseball Viewing Party
Raleigh, NC

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May 12

Alumni Shag Party
Raleigh, NC

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May 17

Alumni Networking Event
Richmond, VA

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May 19

A Pirate's Life for Me!
Featured guest: Ali Hillis, actress

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May 23

Alumni Networking Event
Washington, NC

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May 24

Alumni Networking Event
Greenville, NC

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June 3

Greater Greenville CMN Telethon Day
Greenville, NC

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June 11

12th Annual E. Marvin Slaughter and James A.
Johnson Memorial Golf Tournament
Chesapeake, VA

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June 15

ECU Night at the Carolina Mudcats
Zebulon, NC

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