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MEMBER BENEFIT

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Vacation season has arrived; the only question is, "What is your destination?" Deciding where to stay on a trip is equally as important. The East Carolina Alumni Association's partnership with Choice Hotels gives you access to savings nation-wide at a variety of hotel chains. Summer is right around the corner, where will you and your family be staying this season?

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Another school year has commenced at East Carolina University and the Alumni Association is proud to welcome over 3,000 graduates to the Pirate alumni family! Take a moment to reflect on your first few months after graduation. Did you already have a job lined up? What was your first day like? Did you and your best college buddies take a road trip across America before joining "the real world?" Maybe you back-packed across Europe "to find yourself." Or did you and your sweetheart have your dream wedding in June? However you spent your first few months after graduation, it was a special time in your life, and a time to realize the impact your East Carolina education would have on your life. "Praise to your name so fair, Dear old East Car'lina!" Welcome, Class of 2007!

Homecoming

Mark your calendar for Homecoming 2007! Join us to celebrate the Centennial and your Pirate heritage on October 26-27. An exciting weekend is planned including an open house breakfast at the Taylor-Slaughter Alumni Center, front-row seating for the annual Homecoming parade, a family-friendly Alumni Tailgate, and of course cheering our Pirates to victory against the UAB Blazers! The Class of 1957 will be inducted into

A Look Back

Around Town



Downtown Greenville, 1951

What was Greenville like when you attended East Carolina? Students in the early days were restricted to campus except for very specific trips into town. Their perceptions of Greenville may have been limited, and became even more so when the college built a railroad spur that delivered students directly to the college instead of the depot in town. Students were encouraged to attend churches and could get special permission to stay in town on Sunday afternoons, and perhaps ride in a car. Saturdays in town were strictly regulated. Seniors were allowed to go to movies in groups, but no student was allowed to go anywhere in town alone.

Of course, those days are long gone. Eventually, apartments were built to accommodate more students and married students. Downtown merchants counted on students as part of their livelihood. Denton's College Store with its soda fountain gave way to department stores like Blount-Harvey and Belk. The Pitt Theatre was in business throughout the 1950's, and alumni who

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Questions? Call Dan Frezza, Membership Coordinator, at 800-ECU-GRAD.

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

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Visit Our Partners



the Golden Alumni Society during the ECTC/ECC Reunion, and once again the Black Alumni Chapter will sponsor an After Hours social at Hilton Greenville. Many schools, colleges, and departments will also host gatherings during Homecoming weekend. Visit Homecoming.PirateAlumni.com for details.

Golf Tournament



Grab your clubs and your favorite teammates for the **Alumni Association Scholarship Golf Classic** to raise funds for ECU student scholarships on Friday, October 19, 2007 at Ironwood Golf & Residential Community. Flight times are 9:00 a.m.

and 2:00 p.m., with a continental breakfast beginning at 8:00 a.m. and a luncheon catered by O'Charley's scheduled from noon to 2:00 p.m. An awards presentation and social will take place after the last round in Ironwood's Clubhouse. Scholarships for the 2007-2008 school year totaled \$16,000, assisting a number of deserving ECU students. Let's increase this year's total and reward even more Pirates! Sponsorships are still available and are a great way to advertise your business while hitting the links for a good cause. Contact the East Carolina Alumni Association at 252-328-6072 or 800-ECU-GRAD for more information on playing in the tournament or sponsorship.

Freshmen Sendoffs

Wish the newest members of the Pirate Nation "good luck" as they take their place as ECU's Class of 2011! **Freshmen Sendoffs** will be held in 12 areas of North Carolina and one each in New Jersey and Virginia. Share your memories of time spent at "dear ole East Car'lina," tell a story about your favorite Pirate football moment, give advice, and share your Pirate pride with incoming freshmen students and their families. Freshmen Sendoffs are a great time to rekindle good feelings about East Carolina, and meet our newest Pirate family members. For more information or to attend a Freshmen Sendoff near you, click [here](#).

had vehicles may remember the Greenville Drive-in.

Popular spots in more recent decades included the Treehouse and the Attic. Darryl's, another popular hangout was on the other side of campus until Hurricane Floyd swamped it in 1999. Cubbies, BW3's and Boli's are familiar spots to our current students.



Railroad Bridge on Charles Boulevard, 1982

Share Your Memories



Pitt Theatre, 1958

These photos show how the town has grown up with the college, or vice versa. What was your favorite hang out? Where was the hot spot on Friday or Saturday night when you were at East Carolina? 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



The 5th Street Inn
A Bed and Breakfast



Alumni Tailgate

Leave your grill and cooler at home and make the **East Carolina Alumni Association Alumni Tailgate** part of your game-day tradition! With a new location, located just outside Gate 1 of Minges Coliseum (adjacent to last year's location), we've got plenty of room for the whole family! Great food, plenty of Pirate beverages, live music, door prizes, activities for children, and a visit from Pee Dee and the ECU cheerleaders before each home game...what more could you ask for?

Tailgate tickets for Association members go on sale July 10, non-members can purchase tickets beginning August 1. Get your tickets early as we expect to sell out for each home-game Tailgate. Admission is \$5 for members, \$10 for non-members. Children 10 and under are free. Join the Alumni Association today to take advantage of member pricing and advanced Tailgate tickets. Alumni Tailgate begins two-and-a-half hours prior to kick-off. (Alumni Tailgate and kick-off times are subject to change.)

Night @ The Ballpark



Pirate Night at the Durham Bulls

It's Pirate Night at the Durham Bulls! Bring your family to watch the Bulls take on the Indianapolis Indians on Friday, June 15. This Friday night game is a great way to start off your weekend with Durham/Orange Co. Alumni and Pirate Club chapters. The first pitch will be thrown at 7:00 p.m. in Durham Bulls Athletic Park, and keep your eye out for crowd favorites Wool E. Bull and Lucky "the Wonder Dog." For more information and to attend Pirate Night at the Durham Bulls, contact John Bland '86 at jbland@nc.rr.com or 919-401-5433



ECU 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

help in this endeavor.

show!

Chapter Meeting

Build your Pirate network by attending the Durham/Orange Co. Alumni and Pirate Club Chapters monthly meeting at the Carolina Ale House on Thursday, June 21 from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Spend time with friends and fellow Pirate fans to discuss upcoming events, and campus and athletic news. All are welcome.

These chapters gather the third Thursday of each month. For more information about the Durham/Orange Co. Alumni Chapter and how you can become involved, please contact Sharon Cooney '69 at cooneysharon@earthlink.net or 919-620-1513. For more information about the Durham/Orange Co. Pirate Club Chapter, please contact John Bland '86 at jbland@nc.rr.com or 919-401-5433.


Alumni Admissions

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 U.S. Next to students, alumni and friends are East Carolina's greatest assets. With your help, we can continue to set high standards for admission and recruit the very best students. For more information, please contact Chris Murphy, Assistant Director of Admissions, by phone at 252-328-1714 or by e-mail at murphyc@ecu.edu.

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 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!

Affinity Program Update

Our partners and our commitment to you!

The programs of the East Carolina Alumni Association are supported by a number of revenue streams. Much of our budget is self-generated. Affinity revenue and membership are two of the largest sources of income for the Alumni Association. By now, you have read about our membership program and how you can be involved; our affinity partner program is another critical source of revenue.

You have probably received mailings from our credit card partners, **Bank of America**, or our insurance partner, **Liberty Mutual**. Thousands of alumni enjoy the savings and benefits these products offer based on your connection to East Carolina. These companies also support our programs through the payment of royalties to the Alumni Association. Some might ask, "Are you selling my information to make money?" The answer is "No." Our partners do have limited access to the public information contained in our database, but what they are really interested in is that you are a graduate of East Carolina.

We get hundreds of requests from potential partners annually, and we turn down 99 percent of their offers because of our commitment to only passing on the best products and services to our alumni. We encourage you to keep these companies in mind when you are in need of services similar to the ones they offer.

In recent months, the East Carolina Alumni Association has been closely following the actions that the New York State Attorney General has taken against student loan consolidation programs that are endorsed by Colleges and Universities. The scrutiny of the loan consolidation industry and the negative press that other institutions have been subjected to far outweigh the benefit that we were able to pass on to our alumni.

In light of our mission to advance East Carolina University and serve her alumni, the leadership of the East Carolina Alumni Association in conjunction with our partner, Chase Bank, have agreed to terminate our contract, thus ending our student loan consolidation benefit that we offer our alumni. Protecting our University's reputation is of great importance to the Alumni Association and we feel this decision is in the best interest of ECU and our alumni.

Thank you for your loyal support of ECU, the

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Opinion Poll

Results from May's opinion poll:

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

- 51% - 100 Years of Purple and Gold: A Pirate's Life for Me
- 31% - Pirate's of the Carolinas: The Centennial
- 18% - 100 Years of Pirate Fever: The Temperature's Rising

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

If you have not joined the Alumni Association, why not?

- I plan to join.
- I need more information.
- I'm not familiar with the program.
- I think there should be more benefits offered.

Event Photos

- [Senior Candlelight Induction Ceremony](#) - May 3
- [Senior Salute](#) - May 4
- [Wake County Alumni Shag Party](#) - May 12
- [Dinner with 12 Pirates](#) - May 20
- [Alumni Networking Event](#) - May 24

Upcoming Events

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 14

Cypress Glen ECU Club - Second Quarter Meeting
Greenville, NC

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June 15

ECU Night at the Carolina Mudcats
Zebulon, NC

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June 28

California Alumni Social
Beverly Hills, CA

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