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**David Garrard's
summa cum season**



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By opening up his home and his private life to relatives and their friends, Taylor had unwittingly exposed himself to danger. In the wake of that tragedy, wouldn't most star athletes instinctively raise their guard a bit when talking to the media about their private lives? Would it make Garrard uncomfortable if I asked him to talk about his happy marriage to his college sweetheart and the birth of their son? The legions of his admirers in the Pirate Nation who have followed his career since college would want to know the details, to share in his personal and professional triumphs. But where, I wondered, does one draw the line these sad days between the athlete we cheer for and the private person who just wants a normal home life?

I hung up the phone and glanced at the list of questions I had jotted down to ask David and crossed off a few, not out of a fear that printing his answers might be unwise but out of respect for the family values he embraces, qualities he has repeatedly said he acquired at East Carolina.

Yes, he is a star quarterback in the NFL, and yes, he and Mary Knox Garrard '03 both are esteemed alumni whom we hold out as among East Carolina's great success stories. But perhaps we, more than other media outlets, should be cautious in our loving embrace to be sure we don't smother with attention a young couple just starting their family.

Besides, David's life on the football field is a heartwarming story in itself. Pirate fans who want to know more about his life off the field can just ask in person. The Garrards both are in North Carolina frequently to visit their families; they summer at a home on Lake Gaston. He carries a wallet full of baby pictures, many taken by Mary, who has become an accomplished photographer. Just ask, and watch him grin when he whips out the photos.



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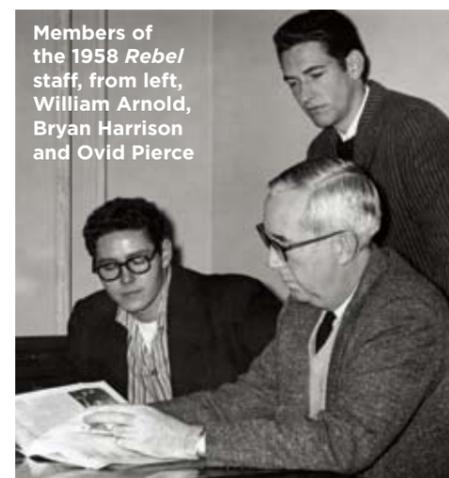
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Members of the 1958 *Rebel* staff, from left, William Arnold, Bryan Harrison and Ovid Pierce

REMEMBERING THE REBEL

I was pleased to see your reference to the *Rebel* magazine in the winter edition. I still have great beery memories of working with Bryan Harrison, Billy Arnold, Hugh Agee, John Butler, and several others to get out a "literary" magazine in those counter-culture days of the fifties. We wrote and/or coerced work from budding student writers and artists and printed it all on an offset press. The very helpful head of the Art Department, Dr. [John] Gordon, surprised us with a spiral-shaped graphic for the *Rebel's* first edition. Foremost in my memory of those times is the long-distance phone call to Ernest Hemingway from our upstairs office in Old Austin. We also spent great times with the poet Peter Viereck as well as with ECU's own Ovid Pierce ("On A Lonesome Porch"), who took the *Rebel* staff to the Sir Walter Raleigh Literary Awards in Raleigh. There we met Thad Stem, North Carolina's poet laureate; Harry Golden, editor of the *Carolina Israelite*; and Carl Sandberg. Sandberg was a great hulk of a man with a sheaf of white hair and the hands of an oversized statue. To our surprise, each of these gentlemen could play cards and enjoy cold drinks. Who knew English majors could have that much fun?

—David E. Lane '59, Reidsville

I saw the picture and caption in the last issue of *East* about the *Rebel* and its 50th anniversary. I was editor in 1960–61. For some reason, I thought the *Rebel* had been discontinued or turned into a humor magazine. I'm pleased to know it still lives. Ovid Pierce was the faculty advisor and we were located on the top floor of Old Austin. During my tenure as editor, I opted to join the Associated Collegiate Press because I believed that if the magazine was to endure, it needed evaluation by some outside source with clout. The 1962 award was for the 1960–61 magazines. The late Carolista Fletcher Golden (granddaughter of Inglis Fletcher) was a part of our staff and Jim Stingley Jr., from Jacksonville, contributed promising poetry as did Tom Jackson, from Godwin, and others. Stingley made it to the *Los Angeles Times* and spent a number of years as a general assignment reporter. He died about 20 years ago at age 42. Tom, a former editor of the *East Carolinian*, is now a gentleman farmer in Sampson County.

—Roy Martin '67, Roanoke, Va.

STILL 'FEUDING'

I compliment Bethany Bradsher on her article "Family Feud" in the fall issue of *East* in which she called North Carolina State our biggest football rival in the state. The article was interesting but I disagree with her premise. I suspect that if she took a poll among ECU football fans she would find that the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill to be the state team that we had most rather beat because of their refusal to play us for years and their strong efforts to squash the establishment of a medical school and university status at ECU; also, their recent unsuccessful effort to prevent the establishment of a dental school in Greenville added to the resentment. Thank you for an enjoyable magazine. I look forward to the next issue.

—Bill Jackson '62, Kure Beach

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WE BEAT WAKE IN '63!

In his letter in the winter edition about ECU beating N.C. State in football in 1972, Paul Haug '70 said: "It was a great win, as it was the first time ECU had beaten an ACC school in football." That's not true, because East Carolina beat Wake Forest 20-10 in 1963.

—Wayne L. Ennis '74, Durham

In all due respect to Mr. Haug, I think he missed the game between Wake Forest and East Carolina in the '60s. I was there and I believe we won that game. If I am correct, that was the first ACC team EC beat. I still have the game program and news write-ups. The interesting thing about that game was (seeing) Brian Piccolo, who was then a running back for Wake Forest.

—Bob G. Daniels '59, Wake Forest

REMEMBERING ROGER THRIFT...

I was saddened to read in your winter issue that Roger Thrift had died. He was a close friend while I was at ECTC. He was not only a great quarterback but a fine person. I read that ECU now has about 26,000 students. When I entered ECTC in 1947 there were about 987 students. When I graduated in 1951 there were over 3,000 students. You are doing a great job with *East*. Congratulations to ECU on 100 years of providing a quality educational opportunity for so many persons.

—James L. (Jim) Ratledge '51, Charleston, S.C.

...AND DR. TODD

Your piece about Dr. Richard Todd (in the winter issue) was right on the money! Among his many credentials, Dr. Todd was an expert on the Civil War. I still have a copy of his book *Civil War Finance* which he autographed. A major memory from his classroom teachings is the origin of the term "soul food." He taught that during the slavery and Civil War days when a plantation owner was to give a big party serving food, he told his slave cooks, "Now I want you to put your *soul* into preparing that food!"

—Robert Blake '66, Sarasota, Fla.



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In this photo from the 1964 *Buccaneer*, Wake Forest running back Brian Piccolo is tackled by three East Carolina defenders during the first game played in Ficklen Stadium, on Sept. 21, 1963. East Carolina won, 20-10, to earn the school's first victory over an ACC team. That night legendary East Carolina running back Tom Michel ran for 120 yards and three touchdowns. Piccolo, a junior that year, carried the ball 11 times for 53 yards and a touchdown. He kicked the extra point and a 32-yard field goal to account for all of Wake Forest's scoring. East Carolina went 9-1 that year and ended the season with 27-6 victory over Northeastern in the Eastern Bowl. Wake Forest went 1-9 and fired its coach. The next season, new Wake Forest coach Bill Tate built an offense around Piccolo, who went on to win the national rushing title and be drafted by the Chicago Bears. Michel was drafted by the Minnesota Vikings but the two apparently never faced each other in a pro game. Piccolo died of cancer in 1970. His life story is told in the movie *Brian's Song*.

THE EQUAL OF UVA?

My connection with East Carolina is through several of my children who hold various degrees at varying levels from the university, (which) explains why I was able to read your fall edition. For more years than I care to remember, as a grad of both UNC and UVA I have received regularly the quarterlies of each, and although they have been in the game much longer than ECU, yours is their equal in format, content and overall satisfaction derived from reading good writing. I wish you continued success.

—Thomas Hold, M.D., Warrenton



SMARTER THAN A MED STUDENT?

It has been brought to my attention that I was featured in an article in *East* after I was recently on a game show (*Are You Smarter than a Fifth-Grader*, where he won \$500,000). I would be very interested in getting a copy so I could show it to my family. I am getting ready to get out of the Marine Corps and apply to medical school with the winnings.

—Capt. Robert Rutter '02 '03, San Clemente, Calif.



A student grinds the axle for a Baja race car built by ECU's budding engineers.

First class of engineers graduates

East Carolina's first class of engineers will graduate this spring, four years after the UNC Board of Governors approved creation of a degree program tailored to boost economic development in the region. About 24 ECU students representing the inaugural class of engineers are expected to receive their diplomas during commencement exercises on May 10, university officials said.

The students have been trained in an emerging field called systems engineering. Systems engineers—as opposed to civil or electrical engineers—focus on ways to integrate technology, people and organizations to achieve a specific mission. The job of a systems engineer is to find out how to best solve problems given a variety of constraints, especially time and money. Officials said that type of training is particularly needed in eastern North Carolina to bolster economic development in the region.

Ralph Rogers, dean of the College of Technology and Computer Science that houses ECU's engineering program, first approached the Board of Governors in 2002 about creating an engineering program in Greenville. The board voted its approval in March 2004, an action followed by an unexpected flurry of criticism.

Within days, N.C. State's trustees voted 12-1 to express displeasure with the Board of Governors' action. The resolution said State was concerned that an engineering program at East Carolina would sap money from its program, which, with about 5,700 undergraduates, is the nation's fifth-largest.

ECU's engineering program became the fourth in the UNC system, joining those at N.C. State, UNC Charlotte and N.C. A&T in Greensboro. At least seven private schools in the state also offer engineering.

Since its inception, East Carolina's

engineering program has grown to offer three additional concentrations, in engineering management, biomedical engineering and bioprocess engineering. The department currently has 13 professors. Total enrollment is around 200 and is expected to grow to more than 400 within a few years, according to Paul Kauffmann, department chair.

Kauffmann said roughly three-fourths of the first graduating class of engineers are from eastern North Carolina. Most of the rest are from Wake County, he said. “These graduates demonstrate ECU’s capability to provide engineering talent, which is essential to attract and retain industry and grow economic development in the region,” Kauffman said.

Officials said ECU would seek national accreditation of its engineering programs from the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (ABET) this coming fall. ABET cannot accredit a program until it has produced graduates.

Planning for growth

East Carolina is developing a new facilities master plan that will guide the selection and location of new buildings on campus for the next several years. The new master plan should be completed within the next 18 months and will consolidate infrastructure planning for the entire university into one document.

“This plan has been needed for two years,” said William E. Bagnell, ECU’s director of facilities, engineering and architectural services. The previous master plan was completed in 2000 and included only the Main Campus. It did not cover planning for the Health Sciences Campus or for athletics facilities, which were treated separately.

The new master plan will focus on buildings needed to house programs in the Colleges of Education and Business, along with other buildings needed on the Health Sciences Campus, including the dental school and a family medicine center.

“This master plan will be inclusive of all university assets—our Main Campus, the Health Sciences Campus, the West Research Campus and outlying properties that include the north recreation fields complex,” Bagnell said. “It will be comprehensive.”

SmithGroup, a national architectural and planning firm with offices in Raleigh-Durham, was selected to create the new master plan. The firm is being guided by the university’s mission statement, strategic plan and corresponding academic programs.

A major focus of the plan is “academic building A,” a shorthand description for a large new building that will house the Colleges of Education and Business. The plan also will address the need for a performing arts center and additional research spaces for biology and other sciences.

Bagnell said the previous master plan had served its purpose of guiding university growth up to now. “A good portion of it has been implemented or, through the dynamics of growth of the institution, has changed,” he said. “There is a need to revisit it.”

—Marion Blackburn

Searches for two deans near end

The university is close to hiring new deans for the Brody School of Medicine and the School of Dentistry. Separate search committees have been at work for months on what Chancellor Steve Ballard has said are two critical hiring decisions.

Dr. Daniel Moore, chairman of the department of physical medicine and rehabilitation who chairs the 20-member medical school dean’s search committee, said the group has met weekly since August to develop guidelines and procedures for applications. “We are very focused on finding a new dean,” Moore said.

The search will include physicians in medical specialties not currently part of the medical school and will actively seek minority candidates. “Consideration of minority candidates is an important part of our goal,” Moore said.



Coach Skip Holtz raises the Hawaii Bowl trophy after East Carolina’s 41-38 victory over Boise State.

By December, the search committee had sent about 2,200 letters and e-mail messages across the country announcing the opening. Advertisements also have appeared in several national medical journals. To assist with the search, the medical school has contracted with Witt/Kieffer, a Chicago consulting firm.

Interviews could begin as early as February, with a new medical school dean on site by late spring or early summer. A timetable has not been set, however.

Chairing the 13-member committee searching for a dental school dean is Stephen Thomas, dean of the College of Allied Health Sciences. That committee will contract with a still-undetermined search firm that has experience relevant to dental

school dean recruitment, Thomas said. The search will include internal candidates as well as those currently outside ECU. Dr. Gregory Chadwick, a former Charlotte endodontist, is serving as interim dean.

The School of Dentistry will be housed in a 112,500-square-foot, \$60 million building on the Health Sciences Campus where students will study general dentistry. The architectural firm BJAC of Raleigh has been selected to design the building. Students’ dental training will take place, in part, off campus at one of 10 planned “service-learning centers,” the dental offices where they will work with a faculty member. These practices will be built in areas across North Carolina that don’t have enough dentists to serve their residents. The dental school will

help address a statewide shortage of dentists, which is especially acute in the East, where four counties have no dentists at all.

“Our national search will enable us to find the most qualified candidate to help us build the new dental school and bring it to prominence,” Thomas said. The new dean could be in place as early as the summer or fall, he said. The first dental school class of 50 could enter as early as 2011. The dean will oversee building, hiring and academic policies related to the new school.

The positions of medical school dean and vice chancellor of health sciences, traditionally the same person, will now be separate. A decision on that post will be made once the deans are in place.

—Marion Blackburn



About 2,000 students and as many parents have signed up for the university’s new cell phone emergency alert system, a measure implemented to improve campus safety in the wake of the Virginia Tech tragedy. The system will transmit text messages alerting students in the event of school closings, severe weather, a campus lockdown or other emergencies. The new program bolsters East Carolina’s existing emergency notification system, which includes campus-wide blast e-mail, web site updates, an emergency hotline and pop-up instant messages on PCs. To sign up for the service, go to www.ecu.edu/alert.

Boddie endows Heart Institute



Two major centers within the new East Carolina Heart Institute will be named for the Boddie family of Rocky Mount family that pledged \$500,000 toward costs of the pediatric cardiology and cardiac diagnostics units. “We are happy that we are in a position to contribute to a worthy cause that will mean so much to the people of eastern North Carolina,” said Mayo Boddie, chairman of Boddie-Noell Enterprises. David Whichard, chairman of the ECU Medical & Health Sciences Foundation, said, “Their gift will help us improve services to both children and adults with heart problems in our community.”

The ECHI comprises two buildings. The ECU building, funded by state appropriations and private contributions, is under construction on the medical campus. It will house offices and research labs for cardiologists, cardiothoracic surgeons, vascular surgeons and scientists. The four-story, 206,000-square-foot, \$60 million building also will house outpatient treatment facilities and educational facilities for students, physicians and scientists. The six-story, 375,000-square-foot, \$150 million cardiovascular bed tower Pitt County Memorial Hospital is building on Moye Boulevard will house operating rooms, 13 interventional labs and 120 patient beds. Both buildings should be complete later this year.

Boddie-Noell Enterprises employs more than 12,750 people and is the largest Hardee’s franchise operator in the United States, with 343 restaurants. The company owns the Texas Steakhouse & Saloon and Café Carolina and Bakery restaurant brands. It also operates Moe’s Southwest Grill franchises and the historic Rose Hill Conference Center in Nashville, N.C.

Pact strengthens cancer research

The Leo Jenkins Cancer Center at East Carolina and the Lineberger Comprehensive Cancer Center at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill have agreed to collaborate on research and patient care. The agreement is further evidence of a growing relationship between the state’s two public cancer research centers.

Produced after more than a year of negotiations, the agreement widens access by ECU physicians to facilities and resources available in Chapel Hill, and vice versa. Officials said doctors at the Jenkins Cancer Center are particularly interested in genomics, cell biology and library resources available at Lineberger.

The agreement calls for an integration of the two schools’ clinical research programs. ECU doctors and patients now will have access to research results at Lineberger, which is among the top 15 nationally in cancer research funding. “What (Jenkins) patients and the region will gain is access to new drugs and therapies, some of which are still under study,” said Dr. Adam Asch, associate director of the Jenkins Cancer Center.

That opens the possibility, for example, of patients from eastern North Carolina receiving bone marrow transplants and post-surgical care in Greenville, rather than having to travel to Chapel Hill, Asch said.

The agreement “sets out the framework and a direction, and I think that five years from now our relationship is likely to be tighter and more significant,” Asch added.

The agreement “represents another significant partnership in medical education with UNC Chapel Hill,” said ECU Chancellor Steve Ballard. UNC Chapel Hill Chancellor James Moeser said, “North Carolina’s two medical schools and their cancer centers can offer more services for more people as a result of this collaboration.”

UNC President Erskine Bowles said “working together, medical faculty and

scientists at ECU and UNC Chapel Hill can accomplish far more than they could individually. This is truly a case where two plus two can equal five.”

Studying a royal relic

Five graduate students in the maritime studies program traveled to Stockholm to participate in the first collaborative project between ECU and the Swedish National Maritime Museums. The students assisted Swedish scholars working on the *Vasa*, a 17th-century royal warship that sank on her maiden voyage in Stockholm Harbor in 1628. Raised in 1961, *Vasa* has yielded remarkable insights into 17th-century maritime history but the ship’s hull has not yet been completely recorded. During their three-week study, the ECU graduate students helped museum personnel record *Vasa*’s breakhead.

Schools gain college status

Two UNC Board of Governors voted to grant college status to ECU’s School of Allied Health Sciences and the School of Nursing. East Carolina now encompasses nine colleges as well as the medical school and the graduate school.

Dorms to get sprinklers

Sprinkler systems will be installed in Cotten and Fleming residence halls this summer at a cost of about \$1 million. Aycock and Jones are scheduled to get sprinklers in the summer of 2009. All UNC campuses must install sprinklers in all residence hall rooms by 2010. ECU has more residence hall rooms without sprinklers than any of the 16 campuses.

Student fees rising by \$38

The Board of Trustees voted unanimously for a \$38 increase in student fees for the coming academic year, the smallest increase in several years. Currently, fees are \$1,423 annually for a full-time in-state student,

plus a \$144 technology fee and a \$220 health service fee. A semester at ECU now will cost \$2,245 in tuition and \$1,961 in total fees.

Water use cut by 17%

Conservation measures cut the university’s water consumption by 4.4 million gallons, or 17 percent, in one month last fall. Officials said most lawn watering was stopped and fountains were shut off. The outside pool at the Student Recreation Center also was taken off line. About all non-necessary use of water was halted.

Requirement delayed

East Carolina delayed requiring all students to carry health insurance next school year, but officials said the mandate may come in fall 2009. Chancellor Steve Ballard put off a decision on a hard-waiver policy, which would require full-time students to carry insurance or buy it through the university. More financial aid will be available to students next year, Ballard said. Administrators estimate 9,500 ECU students who get financial aid aren’t covered under a parent’s health insurance.

Eakin honored

The College of Nursing is naming its first endowed distinguished professorship for former Chancellor Richard Eakin, who led ECU from 1987 to 2001. The professorship will support a nurse scientist who will specialize in research into the health needs of eastern North Carolinians. The endowment is made possible by a \$667,000 challenge grant from the C.D. Spangler Foundation and \$333,000 in state matching funds.

AROUND CAMPUS



Dr. Sam Sears, a nationally recognized leader in the psychological care of patients with implantable cardiac devices, has joined the faculty as director of health psychology in the

Department of Cardiovascular Sciences at the Brody School of Medicine. Sears will oversee the development of the doctoral program in health psychology at the new East Carolina Heart Institute.

The founders of the *North Carolina Literary Review*—Alex Albright, professor of creative writing; Eva Roberts, professor emeritus of graphic design; and W. Keats Sparrow, former dean of Thomas Harriot College of Arts and Sciences, were recognized for their longtime commitment and development of the state’s literary journal of record. The award was presented at ECU’s Fourth Annual Literary Homecoming, a two-day celebration of writers with roots in North Carolina.

Professor of literature and folklore C.W. Sullivan III won a Fulbright grant to study and teach in Hungary. He left in January to be senior lecturer in English Studies at the University of Debrecen, which is about 100 miles east of Budapest. He visited the university last January to address the Hungarian Society for the Study of English.



Scott Snyder, senior associate dean in the College of Arts and Sciences, retired after a 35-year career at East Carolina. He started as an assistant professor in 1972 and became a full professor in 1983. He

spent 10 years as director of graduate studies for the Department of Geology, then served as chair of the department from 1988–98. In 1998, Snyder became director of the PhD program in coastal resources management.

Dr. Cynda Johnson, senior associate vice

chancellor for clinical and translational research, resigned to become the dean of the new medical school at Virginia Tech. The school is planning its first class for 2010.

Kenny Flowers, former executive director of the N.C. Rural Development Council within the state Department of Commerce, was named director of community and regional development. Flowers has 17 years of experience in economic development in the state’s 85 rural counties.

Pat Bizzaro, director of the university writing program and former chair of the Writing Across the Curriculum Committee, is retiring after a 20-year career at ECU.

YOU SHOULD GO



Feb. 21—University of Minnesota historian Lisa Norling lectures on the intersection between maritime history and women’s history in “Captain Ahab Had a Wife,” at the Sallie Southall Cotten Lecture at 7:00 p.m. in Wright Auditorium.

Feb. 25—Federal Reserve Governor Frederic Mishkin will be the keynote speaker for the College of Business’ Beta Gamma Sigma speaker series. His 7:00 p.m. address at the Hilton Greenville is open to the public. Before becoming a Fed governor in 2006, Mishkin was the Alfred Lerner Professor of Banking and Financial Institutions at the Graduate School of Business at Columbia University.

April 10—Cambridge University librarian Mark Nicholls addresses the life and times of Sir Walter Raleigh in the annual Thomas Harriot Lecture at 7:00 p.m. in the Science and Technology Building.

2008 Spring Arts Calendar



CELEBRATING CONTEMPORARY MUSIC

Speculum Musicae, the New York-based ensemble serving as Robert L. Jones Distinguished Visiting Professor of Music this year, will be the featured guest artists during the this year's New Music@ECU Festival, which runs Feb. 27-March 2. The 12-member ensemble earned a 2003 Grammy nomination for its recording of Elliott Carter's Oboe Quartet. *Speculum Musicae* is composed of 12 of New York's most gifted musicians who work together in a co-operative organizational structure.

This year's festival—the eighth-annual program celebrating contemporary music—will include six concerts, master classes with visiting composers, performers, conductors and reading sessions of student composers' works. Most performances will take place in A.J. Fletcher Recital Hall.

Speculum Musicae will perform Feb. 29 at 8 p.m.; the **ECU New Music Camerata** will perform March 1 at 3 p.m. with soprano **Louise Toppin**; pianist **Geoffrey Burleson** will perform March 1 at 8 p.m., and the **ECU Chamber Orchestra** will perform March 2 at 3 p.m., with **J. Christopher Buddo** as guest conductor and **Jon Wacker** as solo percussionist.

Clarinetist **Christopher Grymes** will play Feb. 27 at 8 p.m. at the Starlight Café in downtown Greenville, and **Janette Fishell**, director of ECU's keyboard and sacred music programs, and her husband, organist **Colin Andrews**, will perform Feb. 28 at St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

Those not able to attend the festival may listen to a live webcast of the music through the ECU web site, www.ecu.edu/music/newmusicfest.

CHAMBER MUSIC

The popular **Four Seasons Chamber Music Festival** continues its music-making on the road in 2008. The festival programs will include a March 26 performance at the Turnage Theater in Washington, N.C., and on campus March 27-28. Pianist Arnon Erez, violinists Ittai Shapira and Hagai Shaham and cellist Zvi Plesser join artistic director Ara Gregorian on viola to play Shostakovich's Allegretto for String Quartet; Elgar's Piano Quintet in A minor, Op. 84; and Brahms' Piano Quintet in F Minor, Op. 34. The group

also will perform April 23 at the Turnage Theater, April 24-25 at ECU and April 26 in Columbia, N.C. The performers will be Elna Vahala, violin; Hsin-Yun Huang, viola; Maria Lambros, viola; Raman Ramakrishnan, cello, and Gregorian, violin. The festival players will return to Carnegie Hall in New York Feb. 23 at 8:30 p.m. During most of the performance, the group will play as Concertante, a chamber music sextet. Gregorian and others will perform Schumann's Adagio and Allegro; Brahms' String Sextet in B-flat Major, Op. 18; and piano music by Chopin. Joining Gregorian will be pianist Adam Neiman, violinist Ani Gregorian Resnick and cellist Sarah Carter. The 2007-08 season will conclude with a May 23-28 tour of Israel, where concerts will be given in Jerusalem, Tel Aviv, Rishon Le Zion and Raanana. The May 26 concert at Henry Crown Hall in Jerusalem will be broadcast live on radio.

PERFORMING ARTS



The **State Symphony Orchestra of Mexico**, conducted by Enrique Batiz, will perform at Wright Auditorium Feb. 13. The performance, part of the S. Rudolph Alexander Performing Arts Series, will include Rachmaninoff's Third Piano Concerto and Mendelssohn's *Reformation* Symphony.

The **St. Petersburg Ballet Theatre's** production of *Romeo and Juliet* will take place April 8 at Wright Auditorium.



The series will conclude April 28 with a special performance of *Lake Wobegon Days*, a scaled-down version of Garrison Keillor's *Prairie Home Companion* radio program that he stages at smaller venues.

The **School of Theatre and Dance** will stage *Flora, the Red Menace*, an offbeat musical love story with political overtones set in the Great Depression, Feb. 29-March 4. Other spring performances include Euripedes' *Iphigenia in Aulis*, a Greek tragedy about war and sacrifice, which will run April 17-22. The Family Fare series will present *Katie Couric's The Brand New Kid*, as staged by the **Kennedy Center Theater for Young**

Audiences, March 14, and *All Aboard America!* as staged by **Storybook Theatre**, April 11. The **ECU Opera Theatre** will present Mozart's *The Magic Flute*, which is among the dozen most frequently performed operas in North America, March 5-7.

SYMPHONY

The **ECU Symphony Orchestra** will offer concerts on March 2, with works from the contemporary repertoire by Richardson, Nowak and Adams; and April 20, with works by Beethoven, Martinu and Respighi.

CHORAL MUSIC

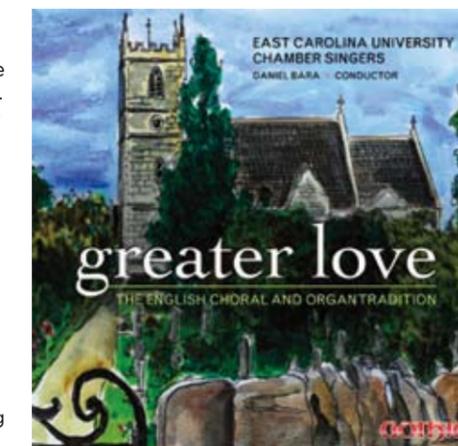
The **University Chorale** and **St. Cecilia Singers**, under conductor Jeff Ward, will present a concert Feb. 24 that will include works by Debussy, Britten and several American composers. The annual **High School Singers Symposium** will conclude with a concert March 29, in which the **ECU Chamber Singers** under conductor Daniel Bara will join the scholastic choristers in performances of works by Faure, Beethoven and Rachmaninoff. Immediately following the symposium, the **Chamber Singers** are traveling to Northern Virginia and Washington, D.C. The Chamber Singers will be the choir in residence

at National City Christian Church in Washington March 30 and will offer clinics and concerts in Virginia high schools March 31 and April 1. The University Chorale, Choral Scholars and St. Cecilia Singers will present a concert April 12 that will include Mozart's *Missa Brevis* and works by Handel, Haydn, Vivaldi and Mendelssohn. The **ECU Chamber Singers** will sing Rachmaninoff's *Vespers* at St. Paul's Episcopal Church April 27. The work will be performed in Russian a cappella.

WHO'S IN TOWN?

The university's fourth annual **Youth Arts Festival**, sponsored by the **School of Art and Design**, is scheduled April 5 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. on the ECU Mall. In past

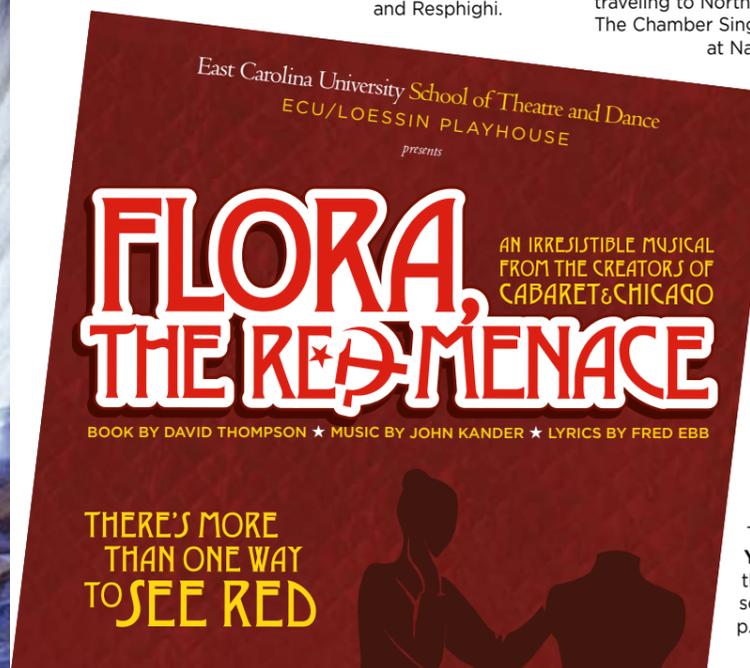
festivals, more than 100 visual and performing artists from the university and across the region have exhibited and performed. The event has included such activities and demonstrations as wheel-thrown ceramics, watercolor painting, weaving, felting, papermaking, printmaking and portraiture.



CHAMBER SINGERS RELEASE ALBUM

The ECU Chamber Singers have released an album of classical English works, entitled *Greater Love*, which was recorded in St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Greenville using the church's new Fisk organ. The album includes such masterpieces for choir as Britten's *Rejoice in the Lamb*, Ireland's *Greater Love Hath No Man*, and Howell's *Requiem*. The album can be ordered online at www.gothic-catalog.com.

—Steve Row



David Garrard's *summa cum* season

The Jacksonville Jaguars quarterback enjoys a stellar year on the field, but it's his happy home life, and a new baby, that he cherishes most.

By Steve Tuttle





All Garrard photos by Harry Scull

David Garrard '01 is too nice of a guy to say “I told you so” to the critics who thought he didn’t have the skills to excel as a starting quarterback in the National Football League. Some sportswriters had pigeonholed Garrard as a good backup but not the star who could lead a team through a winning season and into the playoffs. In case they haven’t noticed, that’s exactly what he just did.

Six years after leaving East Carolina holding 28 school records in football, Garrard finally got the chance to prove he’s a blue-chip NFL player. Officially tapped as the starting quarterback at the beginning of the season, Garrard relied on deadly accurate passes and timely runs to led the Jacksonville Jaguars to an 11-5 record and a spot in the playoffs. At one point in the season he completed 230 consecutive passes without an interception and was hailed as a David among the NFL quarterback Goliaths.

His last-second, fourth-down scramble for 32 yards to get the Jags within field-goal range to beat the Steelers in the AFC wild-card game instantly became an ESPN highlight reel. Analysts saw it as a career-defining moment validating his new spot among the NFL’s elite, sealing his reputation for winning big games, often while coming from behind.

Garrard never would say “I told you so” because that would involve negative thoughts, and Garrard just doesn’t “do” negative—not even during the three and a half years he labored in the shadows as the Jags’ No. 2 QB. “I felt that if I was patient, not causing a fuss and remaining positive, that would get me there eventually [as the starter],” he says. “There were things I couldn’t control. What I could control was trying to get better every year, improving my skills. And I just wanted to do those things and focus on being a good teammate and a person the coaches could always count on.”

Making this breakout year even more special for Garrard is the joy he experienced in becoming a father. In September he and his wife, Mary Knox Garrard '03—the college sweetheart he proposed to on the giant

TV screen at a 2003 game at Jacksonville Municipal Stadium—celebrated the birth of a son, Justin.

Does he change diapers? “That’s *my* job,” he laughs, implying that their division of labor puts Mary in charge of important things and assigns David to diaper duty.

“Family life is something that is important to me,” he says in voice that is warm and genuine. He was 14 when his mother died; he and a younger sister were raised mainly by two older brothers. “I had my two brothers and my sister, and we tried to keep our family going [after his mother died]. When I got married my wife became a big part of my life, and now with the baby we are a complete family.”

It seems entirely appropriate that the year David Garrard became a complete NFL player also was the year his family was completed.

A diamond in the rough

As a tall, heavyset ninth grader trying out for the JV team at Southern Durham High School, David and other players were asked by the coach to stand at midfield and see how far they could throw a pass. He threw the ball through the uprights, a good 65 yards on the fly. He threw a 70-yard touchdown pass in one of four games he played on the JV squad before being promoted to varsity. As big as a lineman and faster than most linebackers, David was installed as quarterback in an option offense. He ran the ball with a bruising abandon. Or, he would fake the handoff, drop back and toss a perfect spiral downfield.

(In high school, David got kidded a lot

about his weight. At home, he loved to cook, which he did regularly for his brothers and sister after their mother died. He had ambitions of being a chef. In an interview some years later, older brother Quincy was asked if David was a good cook. He was a good eater, Quincy replied.)

Garrard was the state’s top-rated high school quarterback in 1997 and received scholarship offers from several football powerhouse schools. Based on his size and speed, most college recruiters saw him not as a quarterback but as a linebacker or defensive end, like Julius Peppers. Luckily for East Carolina, Garrard had attended summer football camp in Greenville and caught the eye of then coach Steve Logan, who in recent years had produced two NFL-quality quarterbacks, Jeff Blake and Marcus Crandell. David reportedly weighed 268 pounds when he arrived at camp and didn’t look like either of them. Except for his arm.

“He came to our football camp and I asked him where he played,” Logan recalled in a 2001 newspaper article. “I was figuring he was a defensive lineman. He said, ‘quarterback.’ Then he threw one over the elementary school across the street [from the football stadium], and I thought, ‘Maybe you are a quarterback.’”

He redshirted his freshman year while spending time in the weight room turning baby fat into muscle. Going into the 1998 season, he was among a few rookies trying out for the quarterback job. Logan tried each, then gave Garrard his first start in a midseason game at Alabama. East Carolina was outmatched and fell behind 21-0 but Garrard and the Pirates came back late, forcing the Tide to complete a two-point

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—Steve Logan, former ECU football coach

conversion to eke out a 23-22 victory. It was the first of many late-game highlight reels he would produce in a Pirate uniform.

ECU's young squad, now led by a 19-year-old Garrard, struggled to a 5-5 record and was on the road at Memphis to end the '98 season. A winning record and a bowl game were on the line. The game started badly and the Pirates fell behind 24-7 but Garrard and the offense exploded in the second half. In one stretch he completed 15 straight passes, producing three long touchdown drives. The score was tied 31-31 with 2:12 left in the game when ECU got the ball at its own 5-yard line. With riflelike passes and one timely scramble for a first down, Garrard methodically led the team to the Memphis 24, calmly called the final time out with seven seconds left for ECU to kick the winning field goal. He was 33 of 44 passing that night for 414 yards, including 166 yards on the team's last two scoring drives. Those are a few of the 28 school records he eventually would set at East Carolina. And, in his eyes, it wasn't even his best college game.

The Miami miracle

Expectations understandably were high the next year, and the team didn't disappoint. The Pirates opened the 1999 season with four consecutive victories, beating Duke, West Virginia, South Carolina and then No. 9-ranked Miami. Pirate fans still are in awe of the last two of those games, which occurred just before and just after Hurricane Floyd. Playing in Columbia, ECU beat the

Gamecocks 23-3 as the deadly hurricane approached and was left stranded by the worsening weather. South Carolina opened its dorms and allowed the team to practice on its fields. After the hurricane passed, it was evident ECU couldn't play Miami on Saturday in waterlogged Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium. N.C. State stepped forward to offer its Carter-Finley Stadium as the host site.

Garrard picks up the story at that point. "I remember so clearly going down to South Carolina, beating them, then having the hurricane roll through and flood out our town, having to stay in South Carolina the whole week and then playing the Miami game in Carter-Finley. They had that whole Miami mystique about them. It was just so cool.

"But the game got away from us and the score was 20-3 at the half. Our backs were against the wall. But that night our fans were great; there wasn't an empty seat in the house. At halftime they were cheering so hard all we could hear [in the locker room] was 'E-C-U' and 'Pirates.' We just came out and turned it on in the second half. I threw the game-winning touchdown at the end of the game. I could not have written it any better."

It was just one of many magical scripts Garrard eventually would write in the ECU record books, including the last game of that wondrous 1999 season when the Pirates beat N.C. State 23-6 in the Wolfpack's first game in Greenville.

The Pirates finished that season 9-2 and were ranked in the Top 20 but lost a tough

bowl game to highly-touted Texas Christian.

There were more heroics his junior season in 2000, which produced an 8-3 record with notable victories over Syracuse and Louisville and an impressive bowl victory over Texas Tech. But his senior season was marked by disappointments and frustration. Weakened by injuries and the loss of the team's strength and conditioning coach, ECU won only two of its first five games. But then the team, led by 20 seniors, seemed to regain its stride and notched four straight wins, including road victories over TCU and Cincinnati. Ahead was a season-ending showdown against Southern Miss.

That last game of the 2001 season—Garrard's final game in Dowdy-Ficklen—left a sour taste in many mouths. Hoping for a big TV audience, Conference USA and ESPN scheduled the game for a Friday night, which in North Carolina traditionally is reserved for high school games. A storm of criticism engulfed the team and, more broadly, the university. The game began with an announced attendance of some 30,000 but the stadium looked half empty. The Pirates led early but then gave up five turnovers and lost the game, 28-21.

Still, ECU was invited to the GMAC Bowl to play Marshall, led by star quarterback Byron Leftwich. That game also started well for the Pirates, who cruised to a 38-8 half-time lead. But disaster struck in the second half. Garrard fumbled once and was picked off twice. The sloppily played game ended in a 51-51 tie. Marshall ultimately won 64-61

Analysts say Garrard's improved ability to read pass defenses is a key to his success, as he showed in this play against the Carolina Panthers. Garrard sees that wide receiver Reggie Williams (11) is uncovered, a mistake also spotted by Panthers cornerback Richard Marshall (31), who points to Williams. Garrard takes a quick drop and sees Williams running a slant route into the undefended area of the end zone. Touchdown.



after two overtime periods. It still stands as the highest-scoring game in college bowl history.

Turning pro

In three and a half years as ECU's starting quarterback, Garrard gained 9,029 yards passing and 1,209 yards rushing. He threw 60 touchdown passes and rushed for 21 more. In his four years on the team the Pirates won 29 games and played in three bowl games. But after football practice he says he was just another college student hanging out with his friends.

"I went downtown probably too much," Garrard laughs. "I had two really good roommates—Corey Floyd, a tight end on the team, and Charlie Robinson, who was a defensive back. We went to parties, played a lot of PlayStation and all the video games. It was through Kevin Miller, the kicker on

the team, that I met my wife, and I started hanging out with her friends. It was fun, doing all the things that college kids are supposed to do."

Completing a bachelor's degree in construction management, Garrard was drafted in the fourth round by the Jacksonville Jaguars as the backup to veteran Mark Brunell. Garrard adapted to life as a pro, but he admits he became lonely for his college friends, lonely for his family.

During the preseason in his second year in Jacksonville he decided to pop the question to the girl he had left behind in Greenville. A teammate helped Garrard set up the surprise during the fourth quarter of a game they knew she would be attending.

"The stadium announcer asked if there was a Mary Knox in the stands, that she should turn her attention to the Jumbotron. And it says "Mary Knox, will you marry me?"

I went to find her in the stands and the cameras were following me but she wasn't sitting where I thought she was. She was sitting on the other side of the stadium with my family, so I couldn't find her. It wasn't until after the game in the parking that I was able to find her and finally, officially get down on my knee and propose."

But there were some low moments in that 2003 season. After apprenticing under Brunell, Garrard had hopes of becoming the starting quarterback. But the Jaguars drafted Leftwich, and when Brunell was injured in the fourth game of the season, the coaches tapped Leftwich, not Garrard, to lead the team.

An even greater disappointment came in the spring of 2004 when Garrard suddenly became ill. He developed sharp pains in his stomach, lost 35 pounds and was diagnosed with Crohn's disease, which is a chronic



David Garrard's ECU Career Stats

YEAR	ATT.	CMP.	PCT.	YDS.	TD	INT.	RUSH	YDS.	TD
1998	255	157	61.6	2,091	14	7	127	164	2
1999	312	181	58.0	2,359	14	12	138	493	8
2000	312	164	52.6	2,332	19	11	135	358	5
2001	290	164	56.6	2,247	13	9	116	194	6
TOTAL	1,169	666	57.0	9,029	60	39	516	1,209	21

inflammation of the lining of the intestines. Surgeons removed about a foot of his intestines and followed that with infusions of immune suppressant drugs. Under Mary's watchful eye, Garrard bounced back to rosy health. Just months after his surgery, he got a rare start in a game against the Detroit Lions and threw the game-winning touchdown in overtime.

Although he's enjoyed many victories since then, he says that game will always stand out as his finest moment as a professional athlete. "Up until then there were questions about whether I could be a starting quarterback. On top of that there were the other questions about my health. I was happy to answer all those questions."

Garrard remained the backup to Leftwich through the 2005 and '06 seasons. But he dedicated himself to improving his skills at reading defensive formations. At the start of the '07 season, the Jaguars abruptly cut Leftwich and named Garrard the starter. A midseason ankle injury kept him out of four games. In 12 games as the signal caller, he threw for 2,509 yards with 18 touchdown passes and only three interceptions. His 102.2 rating—the key measure of a quarterback's proficiency—was third-best in the NFL.

Strong community ties

In his six years there, Garrard has established strong ties to the Jacksonville community. In memory of his mother, he volunteers his time for media events and public appearances at Baptist Cancer Institute in Jacksonville. He's also given quite a bit of his time volunteering with the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America and travels around the country appearing at special camps for pediatric Crohn's patients. Although he's the star athlete in town, Garrard doesn't do many local TV and radio commercials. "The family comes first," he told a Jacksonville sports writer last fall. "I'm not going to get carried away with [endorsements]. I don't want to be sleeping in this locker room."

Garrard, who signed a three-year contract extension with the Jaguars in 2005 that came with a \$2 million signing bonus, is just hitting his stride as an athlete, but he's not necessarily hoping for a long career in the NFL. He faced Vinny Testaverde, the oldest quarterback in the NFL, in a late-season game against the Panthers. Would he want to still be playing when he's 44?

"Absolutely not. Even if I could play quarterback at that age, I wouldn't want to. I am a family guy. I have a family life and I

don't want to go on missing the holidays away from my family. You know, we [the Jaguars] are working constantly for months at a stretch, and I miss having Thanksgiving and Christmas. I have to have that in my life.

"[Family helps] keeps things in perspective. When I got sick [with Crohn's], that put things in perspective. That showed why family is so important because I came so close to not being here. What I know is, when you get upset with your family, don't let that last because your family is all there is that is important."

Garrard maintains strong ties to ECU. He continues wearing the No. 9 jersey he wore in college. During post-game press conferences this season he's often sported a Pirate-purple jacket. His smiling face pops up on the video screen at Dowdy-Ficklen exhorting ECU fans to make some noise. He and Mary return to the area several times a year to visit their families and to attend university events. They also own a house on Lake Gaston and spend a lot of time there in the off-season.

Mainly, he focuses on remaining level-headed. "I know it will not always be peaches and cream for me, on the field and at home, but I have been through some tough times and I know how to balance the good and bad and keep moving forward to be a better player. And now, I just want to be a better parent." **East**



David among the Goliaths

NFL quarterbacks are ranked according to their passing proficiency. The best have a high pass-completion rate, a lot of touchdowns and not many interceptions. An overall score of 100 is considered very good. According to league statistics, here are the five best quarterbacks for the 2007 season.

NFL PASSING LEADERS



Tom Brady
New England Patriots
117.2



Ben Roethlisberger
Pittsburgh Steelers
104.1



David Garrard
Jacksonville Jaguars
102.2



Peyton Manning
Indianapolis Colts
98.0



Tony Romo
Dallas Cowboys
97.4

Additional photos of Garrard are at our web site, www.ecu.edu/east.



Attorney Privilege

By Steve Row

Grateful for what ECU made him, Phil Dixon gives back with his advocacy and advice.

Phil Dixon confers with Chancellor Steve Ballard at a Board of Trustees meeting.

You don't have to bleed purple and gold to become a lawyer in Phillip Dixon's office. But you'd better have a Pirate sheepskin. The three other attorneys in the Greenville firm of Dixon Conner Allen & Garcia are all ECU graduates because that's the way the senior partner wants it. It's one way Dixon '71 shows his loyalty to his alma mater.

He's demonstrated that loyalty countless times by donating many hours of his time to serving the university, including stints on the Board of Visitors and the Board of Trustees. Currently he's one of only three ECU graduates on the UNC System Board of Governors.

What motivates him so deeply to continue serving ECU? He says it's because the university changed his life so dramatically after he arrived on campus in 1967 from the town of Wake Forest, the son of a broken family experiencing severe economic pain.

"We were really poor. We lived on a dirt road next to railroad tracks," Dixon remembers. "My dad was a handyman at Wake Forest College when it was in Wake Forest, and after the college moved in 1955, our two movie theaters closed, our grocery store closed. And yet we bought a house because he had saved some money."

The college's move to Winston-Salem disrupted the town and the Dixon household. Dixon's father wanted to relocate with the college to Winston-Salem but his mother didn't, so his parents separated when Dixon was 9. The family soon moved to Raleigh, where Dixon received his first exposure—indirectly—to East Carolina, as a junior high and high school student.

"My [high school] teachers

and coaches were East Carolina College graduates. I remember that one coach who was from East Carolina, Lynn Bower, took me to my first college football game, and my English teacher had a son who went to ECC to play football. In ninth grade, I was 6-feet-2 and 185 pounds, and she started me thinking about going to college and maybe playing sports,” he says.

Dixon’s mother wanted him to go to work after leaving high school, but he had other ideas. “I filled out all the applications by myself. I was accepted, and I came here.”

Excited to be here

Carrying a “beat-up suitcase I got at W.T. Grant,” Dixon was so excited about going to college that he arrived on the Greenville campus a day before he was supposed to, and the only other student he encountered was someone from the Bahamas, “and he was freezing in August.”

The handyman’s son did well at East Carolina, “probably better than most people thought I would. I made something like a 3.94 [GPA] my first year. When I was in school, I was so worried about flunking out that I probably worked too hard,” he laughs.

Dixon majored in business administration, although he initially thought he would go into teaching or coaching after college. But he also took a business law course, and the idea of being a lawyer interested him.

He was elected vice president of the Student Government Association his junior year, where he learned to debate rules and defend his positions. He set his sights on law school at UNC Chapel Hill and got accepted. There, he attracted enough attention to receive an invitation from the Institute of Government in Chapel Hill to serve a summer internship as one of 25 students statewide who would work in various state agencies. Dixon applied and was assigned to the state Supreme Court, working in antitrust research. At the end of the summer he wrote an article, “A Study of Looseleaf and Pocketpart Supplementation of Law

Books,” that was published in an American Bar Association *Student Lawyer Journal*.

During his three years of law school at Carolina, Dixon edited and wrote articles and editorials for the *North Carolina Law Record*, at the suggestion of the law school dean (whose name, interestingly enough, was Dixon Phillips). In his second year, he worked for then-Attorney General Robert Morgan ’47, and as he was finishing law school, he interviewed for a position with Judge Naomi Morris on the N.C. Court of Appeals.

“The first thing she said to me was, ‘I don’t think much of your school. Doesn’t everyone refer to it as ‘EZTC?’”

“I told her that I had a wonderful experience at ECU, and all my professors were quite good. She reared back and laughed and said, ‘You’re hired.’” Dixon says Morris proved



SGA officers for 1970 were (back row) Robert Adams, student affairs, and Phil Dixon, elections; (middle row) Ada Sanford, entertainment, and Katie Houwse, special events; and (sitting) Paul Breitman, entertainment. Breitman now is director of the Frist Campus Center at Princeton University. Adams is president of the Virginia Commonwealth Long Term Care Foundation.

to be a great teacher, especially because she had a master’s degree in English and was a stickler for clear writing.

Educating the law

After clerking for Morris for a year while living in Raleigh, he returned to Greenville in 1975 to work at a local law firm. Three years later he organized his own firm and developed a special interest in education law. A friend who was a local school board member asked Dixon if he would be the school board’s attorney.

That was nearly 30 years ago, and Dixon has served continuously as school board attorney for either Greenville city or Pitt County schools. He also has served as attorney for Washington County schools for more than 12 years and has provided legal services to 18 other school systems.

Dixon also represents Pitt and Martin community colleges and has represented Carteret, Bladen and Halifax community colleges as well as the College of the Albemarle. At the state level, he has represented the N.C. Association of Community College Trustees. He is a former chairman of the N.C. Council of School Attorneys and the Education Law Section of the North Carolina Bar Association. Dixon’s firm also specializes in municipal and utilities law and works in business and real estate as well as estate planning and administration.

Currently, his firm’s other lawyers are Ernest L. Conner Jr. ’84, W. Lee Allen III ’89 and Adrian A. Garcia ’02. Dixon says he expects two of his sons to join the firm one day soon. Phil Jr. is finishing his law degree at N.C. Central University, and Scott, an ECU junior, plans to enter law school after graduation. Middle son David chose an entirely different field and now plays guitar for the beach music group the Embers.

‘Very driven and organized’

Colleagues and classmates describe Dixon as one of the hardest-working people on



‘Be willing to pay the price’

Here are Phil Dixon’s “Rules to Live By,” which he shared with graduates as the speaker at the winter 2005 ceremonies:

1. *Be willing to pay the price.* You graduates have already invested four or more years as a down payment, while some of your former high school classmates decided to spend these past four or more years elsewhere beginning their careers. Today most of them are already earning what they can expect to earn for the rest of their lives. Don’t throw that down payment you have made away.
2. *Be self-disciplined.* Discipline is simply control. If you don’t control yourself,

someone else will, or no one else will. Either case will be less desirable than self-control.

3. *Set some goals.* “Winners” in this world expect to win in advance. Life for them becomes a self-fulfilling prophecy. Choice, not chance, determines destiny.

4. *Learn to get along with others.* Studies confirm over and over again that people do not lose their jobs because they don’t have the technical know-how and the requisite skills. Most frequently, they simply cannot get along with other people.

5. *Be a dreamer.* We need more people in the workplace saying “why not?”

6. *Take risks.* Don’t be afraid to fail.

7. *Stay informed.* Wealth was once measured in gold. Now it is measured in what we know.

8. *Be ethical.* Right has been, and always will be, right.

9. *Have some fun.* Choose a job you love, and you will never work a day in your life.

10. *Define success in your own terms.* Some people spend their lives climbing the ladder of success only to find that when they get to the top, the ladder is leaning against the wrong building. Decide what you want.



“Why did I stay so close to ECU? I could never pay them back. I had never had a steak, never had real spaghetti, never had so many vegetables. I went to the travel film series, the summer theater here. They gave me a life. I came here with low self-esteem, poor as a church mouse, and I went through such a metamorphosis. Plus, it was interesting.”

—Phil Dixon

the planet. Jim Hicks '71, a classmate and fraternity brother who also roomed with Dixon for a year in Raleigh, says Dixon always was “very driven, organized, active and a hard worker. When we were living in Raleigh, while he was clerking at the Court of Appeals, he was president of the Wake County ECU alumni chapter. They might not have had a president like that before—he was organizing trips and events, and the chapter grew to some good size. I remember he even organized a trip to the zoo in Asheboro.

“But he was that way in school, too,” adds Hicks, a senior vice president and trust officer at U.S. Trust Bank of America Private Wealth Management in Greensboro.

“Phil Dixon is the hardest-working man I’ve

ever known,” says Randy Doub '77, a former law partner and now U.S. Bankruptcy Court judge for the Eastern District of North Carolina. “He gives everything 110 percent, and if he takes on a project, you can bet the ranch it will be done perfectly.

“He is also one of the finest men I’ve ever known,” Doub adds. “He hired me as a summer law clerk in 1977, and I went with the firm in 1980, so we practiced law together for almost 26 years. I know him as an excellent attorney, always prepared.”

Carl Joyner '71, says Dixon “can’t say no. He always runs at 90 mph, and he’s been such a great friend to his university, his employees, his family and his community.” Joyner, senior financial advisor and trust officer at Old North State Trust LLC in Greenville, had

classes with Dixon and is a fellow Phi Sigma Pi fraternity brother. He says Dixon always has had “a great charismatic personality. He’s a very sociable individual and always had great wit. He never lacks for a great story to tell, and he always makes you feel good about yourself.”

Dixon’s passion for ECU is evident to those who know him. “Probably next to his love of family and God, his love for the university is boundless. He’s been such an attribute to the university in his service—he loves anything purple and gold,” Joyner says.

Doub says Dixon has been a “rabid ECU Pirates fan” his whole life. He remembers many years ago when Dixon started an organization called the Order of the Crow, which referred to the crow’s nest of a pirate ship and to a Greenville restaurant called the Crow’s Nest. “We’d meet for lunch every Friday and have the chicken special and talk about Pirate athletics. He took the initiative to have special certificates printed up for members. I have one framed in my office right now,” Doub says.

An all-round Pirate

But Dixon is more than just a sports fan. He is a former chairman of the ECU Board of Trustees and former president of the East Carolina Alumni Association, and he received the 2006 Distinguished Alumni Service award. He has been chairman of the Pitt Community College Board of Trustees and has served as president of the Greenville Museum of Art and chairman of the Pitt-Greenville Chamber of Commerce.

“He is very committed to the [Greenville] community and to the ECU community,” Doub says. “He’s served in about every organization that exists in Greenville, and he’s served in leadership roles. He does all these things selflessly, and he puts his whole heart and soul into that vision of where ECU ought to go. He doesn’t play golf, and he doesn’t seem to have any real hobbies other than community service.”

“That’s what I do for fun,” Dixon says. “I

want to be a big-brother type. I go to the hospital once or twice a week, helping with wills and powers of attorney.”

He also has been on the receiving end of community outreach—when his wife, Mamie, was diagnosed with cancer several years ago. “I can’t tell you how many people helped us. They came out of the woodwork,” he recalls. “My most profoundly satisfying experience has been working for the United Way, after seeing so many agencies come to our assistance.”

He and Mamie met as students at East Carolina. She completed a bachelor of music degree in 1974 and a master’s in 1976. They celebrated their 30th anniversary in November. She teaches yoga classes at the ECU Student Recreation Center.

Dixon was named to the UNC Board of Governors in 2005, where he has been able to take his loyalty to ECU to a larger arena. East Carolina’s enrollment growth in recent

years has made the university more of a player in state higher education circles, and Dixon wants to be “sort of a conscience” to remind other board members about ECU’s rising stature.

“We’re not the runt of the litter. We have a place at the table. We have the best distance education program, we produce more teachers and more health professionals. And kids who come here from poorer areas just flower,” he says. “But we have to do a lot on our own.”

His passion for ECU draws praise from Chancellor Steve Ballard, who calls Dixon “an indefatigable supporter of ECU whose energy, historical perspective and commitment make him an excellent member of the Board of Governors and a true friend of ECU.”

Ballard foresees Dixon becoming “a champion for the ‘new ECU,’ as portrayed in our strategic plan. That is, ECU leads the state in the service mission and has also

grown to a place where we have the respect of the higher education community and can expect the necessary resources to fuel our vision and mission.”

“Why did I stay so close to ECU? I could never pay them back,” Dixon muses. “I had never had a steak, never had real spaghetti, never had so many vegetables. I went to the travel film series, the summer theater here. They gave me a life. I came here with low self-esteem, poor as a church mouse, and I went through such a metamorphosis. Plus, it was interesting.”

Dixon knows about ECU’s position in this part of the state: “ECU has become a unique university in some respects. The region identifies with the campus, and ECU identifies with the region. This is a university that offers some hope to people with disadvantages.”

Maybe like a handyman’s son from Wake Forest.

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A Banner day for learning

By Bethany Bradsher

We asked sophomore Matt Kucinich to keep a log of his internet use on a typical day. Here's his report:

Morning

- 7:25 woke up to alarm on computer and home alarm clock ringing at the same time
- 7:27 checked fantasy football on Yahoo.com
- 7:28 checked e-mail via ECU web access
- 7:30 checked Facebook
- 7:30 sent 3 messages to members of group project
- 7:42 wall post on Facebook
- 7:58 read news on my home page (my.yahoo.com)
- 8:00 checked fantasy football
- 8:07 checked weather online at weather.com
- 8:45 put laptop in car and listened to songs via Ruckus player
- 9:00 in class with laptop
- 9:15 downloaded 3 Powerpoint slide shows off of teacher's Blackboard web site
- 9:17 did homework on computer
- 9:50 skated up hill listening to music from laptop in backpack
- 10:00 accessed campus wireless network outside of the galley
- 10:02 Blackboard for homework
- 10:03 researched homework topics using Google
- 10:40 E-mailed document via ECU web access
- 10:59 saved document on pirate drive
- 11:00 printed off homework from computer lab below Aycock
- 11:02 skated back to class listening to Ruckus using computer
- 11:03 skated to car listening to Ruckus

Evening

- 11:30 checked e-mail via ECU access
- 11:35 checked Facebook
- 11:47 turned Ruckus/home alarms on
- 12:00 (ish) fell asleep

You hear mostly positive comments from students about East Carolina's new \$18.7 million computer system called Banner—that it simplifies registering for classes, that it makes it easier and faster to get financial aid checks, that it allows them to transact about any business with the university entirely online. They say they're encouraged that it eliminates using Social Security numbers as an identifier, which reduces identity theft concerns.

In the few months that Banner has been up and running, students seem to have accepted it as the logical next step to the OneStop system they're familiar with. In OneStop, students could search the course catalog, check on parking tickets and see if tuition payments were due. Banner expands those features to allow professors to post homework assignments online and for students to submit them online. Students who don't take good notes or lose the class handout can usually go to the professor's Banner web site and download those, complete with PowerPoint presentations and study materials.

Actually, the students themselves aren't saying all that much about Banner because to them it isn't that big of a deal. They are the first generation of college students who have never known when a computer wasn't a central part of the classroom.

The ones who are commenting about Banner are ECU administrators and staff, and not always favorably. They have had to learn how to use the new software to complete a myriad of administrative tasks, and mastering new methods of completing old chores can be difficult.

Virtual classrooms

Sophomore Matt Kucinich, an urban planning major from Herndon, Va., seems nonplussed by the fact that one of the few actual, hold-in-your-hand documents that he has received from East Carolina was his acceptance letter. Almost every other interaction he has had with the university since then has been via computer.

He applied to ECU by e-mail after researching the web sites of several schools. He submitted the required admissions essay as an e-mail attachment. "Every application I submitted was online," he shrugs. "I didn't do one single hard copy."

When Kucinich arrived as a freshman, he met with his advisor, who handed him a list of classes he should take the first few semesters. Kucinich then signed up for those classes from the comfort of his dorm room, using his wireless laptop, through OneStop.

While OneStop was good for handling many academic functions, the university relied on other software systems to manage tuition payments and financial aid. Still other systems managed administrative tasks. And because all of this information resided in different databases, the various software systems couldn't "talk" to each other. Worse, they all relied on a student's Social Security number as the only form of acceptable identification, making identify theft a constant concern. A rare breach in security in February 2007 potentially exposed thousands of ECU students' Social Security numbers to unauthorized users.

East Carolina solved most or all of those problems with the launch of Banner, a four-

FROM THE CLASSROOM

year, \$18.7 million project whose goal was to merge admissions, registration, tuition payments, financial aid and human resources into one software platform, according to Don Sweet, director of the Banner project.

“This is a huge undertaking,” says Sweet. “There’s a lot more to it than people realize.” Banner is so versatile that it will run “what if” scenarios for students considering switching majors and identify classes they will need for the switch.

Getting Banner up and running has been challenging, including a worrisome hiccup in the software last fall when the new system was blamed for a spate of financial aid delays. Most of the problems seem to have been resolved as programmers iron out the final bugs and as faculty, students and administrators become more familiar with the system.

Kucinich used Banner for the first time to register for his spring semester classes. “It was so quick,” he says. “It took me maybe five minutes.”

Within one nine-minute period last fall, 514 students completed registration for spring semester classes. Even considering the huge increase in enrollment here in recent years, Sweet adds, “What used to take eight days to get all the students registered is down to five days.”

Learning in cyberspace

It’s not only the big tasks like admission and registration that have been transformed by technology. Daily classroom attendance, studying and homework all are now supported by cyberspace.

When Kucinich attends his first day in a new class, the professor reminds the students that the syllabus and class requirements can be found on Blackboard. Some professors still distribute printed syllabi and some still require homework assignments to be physically carried to the classroom, but Kucinich says that more often than not he is encouraged by his teachers to complete quizzes, homework and papers online.

“Blackboard is a lifesaver,” he says. “I think the best thing is doing the homework online, and being able to submit it that way. There’s no forgetting it. It’s just a click away.”

Al Burne, a lecturer in the planning department, is Kucinich’s advisor and has taught several of his classes. He is also fully linked to Blackboard, using the program to communicate information with his students and to post lecture notes or other material they might need.

“It’s made teaching much more efficient,” said Burne, who has been teaching for eight years. “If they miss a handout or something like that, they know where to go to get it.”

Which is not to say that Blackboard doesn’t present some new challenges for professors, Burne said. For one thing, many of the assignments in the planning department involve drawing and submitting detailed maps online, and those files are so big that it used to tie up Burne’s e-mail inbox when students submitted them. Now the assignments come through the Blackboard server instead of his personal inbox, which has increased his efficiency.

Teaching in a digital age

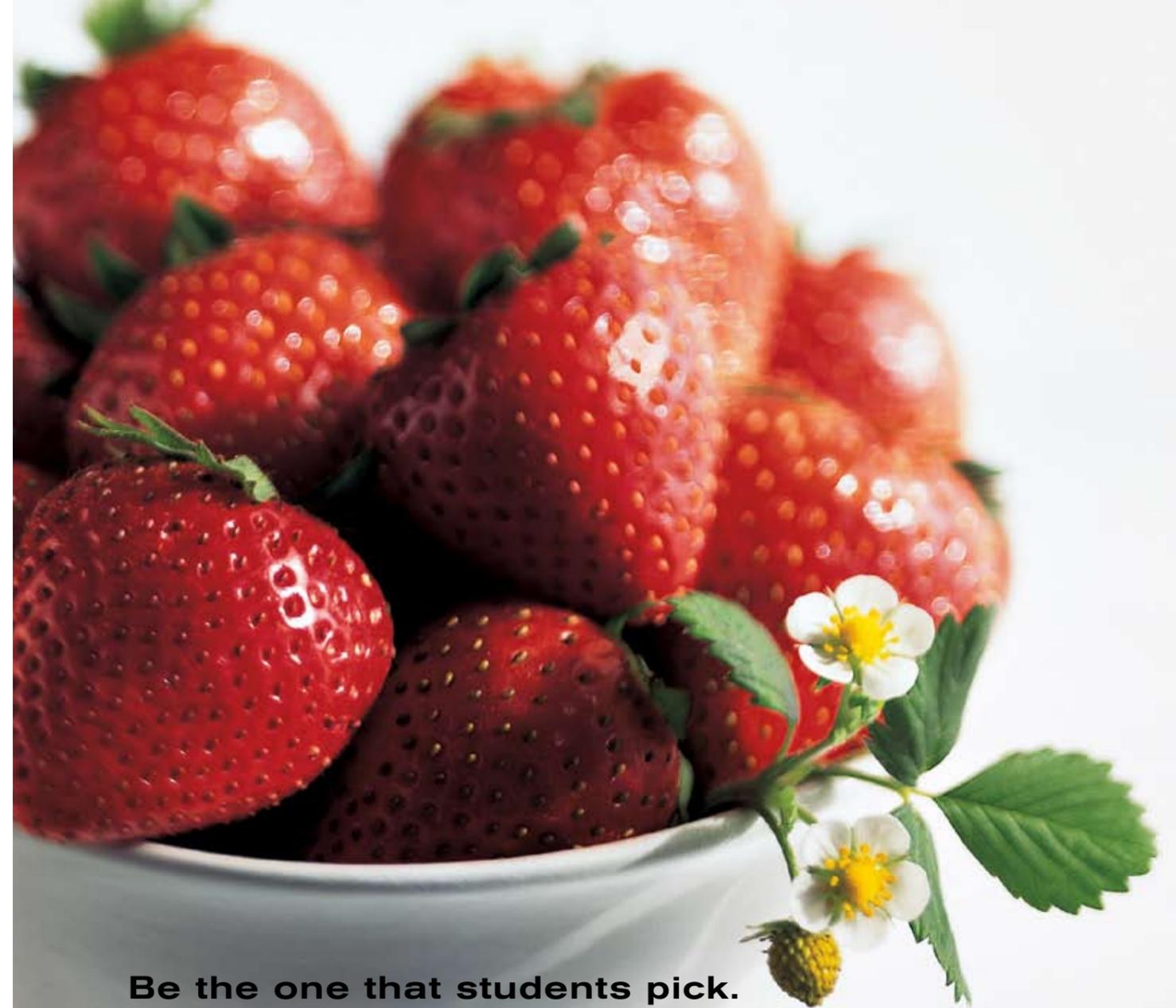
When he’s not logged on to Banner, Kucinich—like nearly every other college student on the planet—is spending time on Facebook, a social networking web site that allows members to post pictures, communicate with each other and plan get-togethers. On one hand it’s the ultimate online time-waster—Kucinich said it’s one of the places he visits when he’s supposed to be doing online schoolwork—but it also has served a valuable purpose for groups of students that need to work together.

When Kucinich is given a group assignment, he starts by finding the members of his group on Facebook. He “friends” them, he says, (asks them to join his friend network), then makes a special Facebook group so that they can talk online. From there, they can easily talk about progress or plan work sessions.

Because Kucinich has never known life as a student without the constant companionship of the Internet, he is quick to learn new systems like Banner when they come along. Anything that makes his campus life more convenient is welcome, he says.

Teaching administrators and staff members to use Banner has been harder because they have to learn new ways to do their jobs. The university spent more than \$6 million bringing in consultants to teach Banner to its employees.

“My daughter knows more about Banner than I do sometimes, and I’m in charge of it,” Sweet said. “Students are so much quicker to pick these things up.”



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—Don Sweet



Ask the average Pirate fan and it's doubtful they would correctly answer this question: What is the winningest sports program in East Carolina history? It isn't football or baseball. It's swimming and diving, the sport where a 7-4 season is considered a major slump and the coach just notched his 400th win.

Lapping the Competition

By Bethany Bradsher

Walk into Minges Natatorium and the first thing you see are the trophy cases crammed with gleaming plaques and statues—conference championships, All-American awards, three national championship ribbons. Dozens of other plaques and commemorations hang in neat rows down the long hallways outside the pool area. Apparently, the trophies do pile up when you've had 25 consecutive years without a losing season.

That's the remarkable distinction achieved rather quietly this year by the swim team. The 61 men and women athletes on the team hardly slowed their strokes to celebrate. They just kept practicing in search of even more milestones. Head coach Rick Kobe, who has led the program for 26 years, is confident that even greater successes lie ahead.

"As good as we are this year—and I say this every year—I think we're going to be better next year," says Kobe, who has coached 29 National Collegiate Athletic Association qualifiers and four All-Americans at East Carolina. "I think we're just going to keep on going."

After a fall dual meet season that included competitors such as N.C. State and UNC Wilmington, the women's team was undefeated and the men's team had lost only to the Wolfpack. In the Nike Cup, a competition that included UNC Chapel Hill and other ACC schools, the Pirate swimmers qualified for 50 finals and women's diver Christie Icenhower took first place in the 3-meter event.

Diving right in

Pirate swimming began with a big splash in the 1950s when the program started under legendary coach Ray Martinez, one of the early proponents of what is now known as biomechanics. By studying swim strokes and dives on film, and applying the principles of mechanics and motion, he was able to

convert wildly thrashing arms and legs into smoothly functioning windmills in the water. He was called the "stroke doctor."

In just its third year, the program reeled off impressive showings and won the 1957 National Association of Intercollegiate

Athletics national championship. It was East Carolina's first national title in any sport. In more than two decades as the swim coach, Martinez produced two NAIA national titles, 20 championship swimmers and 45 All-Americans.

Ted Gartman, a retired professor in the ECU School of Social Work, was a member of the first team Martinez fielded; he was a junior who played a major role in bringing the national title to Greenville in '57. In those days only men competed in swimming, and

the team included only eight swimmers and two divers. Gartman became an All-American even though he was not a competitive swimmer until he arrived at East Carolina. "They said they were going to have a swimming team, and one of my friends and

I decided to try out," said Gartman, who went on to be a survival swimming instructor in the Navy after graduation. "Coach Ray Martinez said he thought he might be able to make swimmers out of us, and we of course stuck with the team. That helped



Senior Christie Icenhower, a three-year letterman and All-Conference performer, now holds all ECU diving records.

“Our goal isn’t to be the winningest team on campus.
Our goal is to beat other teams.”
—*Geoff Handsfield, swim team captain*

change my life in terms of finding something I really was good at and enjoyed.”

In the 1960s and '70s the Pirates, under Martinez and later coach Ray Scharf, continued to compile winning records and defeat larger programs such as Clemson and Georgia. Kobe arrived in 1982 to begin his matchless tenure over the Pirates’ pool. In Kobe’s second season his men’s team swam to an 8-4 record. The men haven’t had a losing record since. With their victory over College of Charleston on Nov. 10 they ensured their 25th consecutive winning campaign, breaking the record set by the men’s baseball team from 1972 to 1995.

It’s a nice record, said senior Geoff Handsfield, but not enough for this team with its sights on a Conference USA title. “Our goal isn’t to be the winningest team on campus,” said Handsfield, who is carrying a 4.0 in physics while serving as the swim team captain for the past three years. “Our goal is to beat other teams.”

East Carolina first fielded a women’s swim team in 1977; in the 30 years since then, the women have failed to compile a winning record only four times and only one of those came during Kobe’s tenure. Senior Austine Enderle, who was drawn to ECU from her Delaware home by the warmer climate and the unity of the swim team, said that the high point of this fall was her team’s victory over N.C. State on Oct. 20.

Recruiting gets tougher

As in any college sport, recruiting is the most important aspect of keeping a winning streak alive. Kobe and his staff say they are determined to find swimmers who can add new chapters to the Pirate swimming success story. But they say that gets harder every year because swimming is becoming more attractive as a collegiate sport.

The emphasis this season was on refilling the men’s roster after a large and talented group was lost to graduation. The result of those efforts, Kobe says, was the most gifted class in ECU history—17 new members of the men’s team who made an impact right away.

“When you come in here, there’s no growing-up process,” Kobe says. “You’d better be ready to go. [New team members] should be as talented if not more talented than the upperclassmen, if we’ve done our job recruiting correctly.”

One of those newcomers, Thiago Cavalcanti, came all the way from Brazil via Roanoke, Va., where he swam with a club team in a swimmer exchange program after finishing at his Brazilian high school. A distance swimmer, Cavalcanti has quickly adjusted to the intensity of Division I training; he won first place in both the 1,000-meter and the 500-meter freestyle races in his team’s victory against UNCW.

After capping off the fall season at the highly competitive Nike Cup meet, swimmers like Cavalcanti looked to their next big challenge: the swim team’s annual 10-day training trip to Florida. The setting is a 50-meter pool in a sunny location, but the focus is on shaving precious seconds off swimmers’ times in preparation for the conference championships in February and the NCAA Tournament in March. There’s also the potential for some individual swimmers to qualify for the U.S. Olympic Trials in July.

“I’m expecting hard work, so we can do well at conference,” Cavalcanti said of the Florida trip.

Programs across the Southeast compete for the same top-level swimmers, Kobe said. But ECU often has a recruiting edge because the coaching staff has a reputation for pushing its athletes well beyond their personal bests.

“When they come in here they improve,” Kobe said. “That’s why you have a good program is that kids continue to improve. There are some schools that have reputations that their kids don’t really improve that much. And that’s not fun, because all swimmers want to get fast. That’s their number one goal, is to swim faster.”

Freshman Lauren Dufault has only been competing since August but already she has taken two seconds off both her 200 butterfly and 200 individual medley times, she said. She has been swimming hard all of her life, she said, but the Pirate regimen has stretched her work ethic and brought results.

Always a family

Twelve years ago, McGee Moody had just finished his last race as a Pirate. It was the last event of the meet, and something kept him from getting out of the pool. After about 15 minutes, Kobe walked over to him and said, “You don’t want this to be done yet, do you?”

The next thing Moody knew, he was a graduate assistant under Kobe, which led to an assistant coaching job and a career path that propelled him, at the age of 33, to the head coach’s post at the University of South Carolina. He considers Kobe one of his chief mentors and the Minges Natatorium the place where he forged lifelong bonds.

“Coach Kobe, he really emphasizes the idea that you’re a family, that if you come into this program it’s not just something you’re doing for four years,” said Moody, who was the head coach at William and Mary for three seasons before he was hired by South Carolina in August. “I talked to two of the guys I swam with today. We had a reunion a few years ago, and it was great. You had people from the class of ’96 sitting down with the class of ’80, and you would have thought everybody swam together.” **East**

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- ECU head coach, swimming and diving, men’s and women’s teams, since 1986.
- Overall record of 395-152. His 72 percent winning percentage is the best of any coach since ECU went Division I in the mid-1960s.
- Coached 29 NCAA qualifiers, four NCAA All-Americans, one Olympian, 138 individual event conference champions and 111 All-conference performers.
- Telling quote: “There are some schools that have reputations that their kids don’t really improve that much. And that’s not fun, because all swimmers want to get fast. That’s their number one goal, to swim faster.”

The Avett Brothers—Bob Crawford, Scott Avett and Seth Avett, from left—perform at the Ryman Auditorium in Nashville, Tenn., during the Americana Music Association Honors and Awards Show in November.



The Avetts call the tune

For Scott Avett '99 '00 and his bandmates, 2007 was a busy year. The Avett Brothers—Scott, brother Seth, and Bob Crawford—released a new studio album, *Emotionalism*, which debuted at No. 1 on *Billboard* magazine's Heatseekers Chart. They performed some 185 concerts, including spots at the Telluride Bluegrass Festival in Colorado and the Coachella festival in Indio, California; a string of dates in the United Kingdom; and sold-out shows at the North Carolina Museum of Art in Raleigh and Belk Theater in Charlotte.

They played to national audiences on NBC television's *Late Night with Conan O'Brien* and the *etown* radio program. They were honored by the Americana Music Association as the duo/group of the year and the emerging artist of the year.

Performed on acoustic instruments—banjo, guitar, stand-up bass—the Avett Brothers' music is an eclectic mix of roots and pop that defies easy categorization. The band's current lineup was in place by 2002, and a

steady stream of recordings followed. Music critics have praised the band's unique style and heartfelt lyrics, while a growing fan base has developed thanks in large part to the band's energetic touring schedule.

Scott Avett says that now more than ever, the band concentrates on creating work that has an emotional effect. "That is the true art we leave behind," he says of the music, "so our goals, our focus, our eyes are set on that."

"I never planned on being in something that had such a positive sort of energy and focus," he adds, "and now I've realized that it's a thing to be embraced and carried and emphasized."

While his music career occupies most of his time these days, Avett, who played in bands around campus while majoring in communications and staying on for his BFA in art, also continues to hold painting and printmaking as passions. "The priority of what I'm doing I try not to let shift far from the title of artist, whether it's in music or visual," he says.

Now living in Concord, north of Charlotte,

he maintains an active painting studio; two of his pieces were part of an exhibition at the Envoy Gallery in New York City during the winter. He regularly stays in touch with ECU art faculty and pays visits to the School of Art and Design on campus when rare breaks from touring and recording permit.

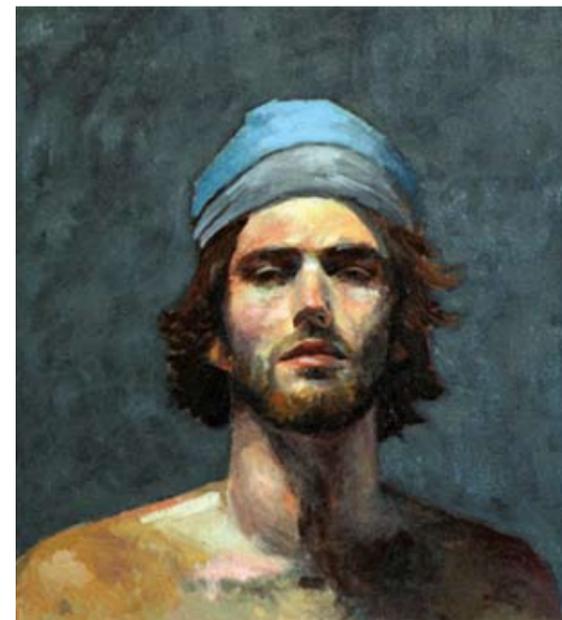
Through all the band's songwriting, recording and performances, Avett agrees that honesty has kept its members grounded.

"The plain evidence of that would be in the lyrics—in kind of an unapologetic laying out of the words in a way that is plain, simple and straightforward," Avett says. "That's definitely how we started because we didn't know any other way. Day by day, we have just found ourselves in many, many situations—businesswise, entertainmentwise, artistically—and we're constantly rethinking it and getting together and trying to make the right decisions."

—Jimmy Rostar

Visit the band online at www.theavettbrothers.com. To see more of Scott Avett's paintings, visit www.scottavett.com.

Self Portrait, a painting by Scott Avett



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Thursday, March 13—Greek alumni event, Wake County
Saturday, April 5—Scholarship Luncheon

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

2007

KRISTEN LEIGH BLOODWORTH and Steven Lee Cox were married Sept. 15 at the groom's grandparents' house in Grimesland's Autumn Lakes. She works at Greenville Veterinary Hospital. **THOMAS BLAKE LANGSTON** and Tracy Lauren Smith were married Sept. 22. He works for One Source Communications in Greenville.

2006

KATHERINE EGAN is the athletic director and a health teacher at the Pennington School, an independent boarding school for middle through high school students in Pennington, Del. Egan was a teacher and coach in Plumsted Township School District. **KAREN FREEMAN** was named one of the top 100 nurses in the state by the Great 100, a scholarship granting organization that recognizes excellence in nursing. She works at Tarboro's Heritage Hospital in the labor and delivery, ICU, and emergency departments. **ASHTON NELSON JAMES** and Jennifer Lynn Hudson were married May 25. He works at PCMH and they live in Winterville. **CRYSTAL SHIPLEY** opened Crystal's Elite Dance Studio in Rocky Mount in September. **TONIQUE TABRON** is a registered nurse and family nurse practitioner at the OIC Medical Center in Rocky Mount. **MICHAEL PAUL TAYLOR** and Heather Nicole Williams were married on Aug. 25. He is a superintendent with WIMCO Corp. in Washington.

2005

DAVID RUSSELL GILBERT and **HEATHER MARIE SUGGS '06** were married on July 21 in Indian Beach. He is in the BSOM class of 2020, and she teaches elementary school in Pitt County.

2004

WILLIAM AUTRY, an assistant vice president at BB&T, was promoted to business service officer in the bank's commercial loan department. He is enrolled in ECU's MBA program. **CHRISTOPHER GRAY CARAWAN** and **COURTNEY MICHELLE KULERS '06** of New Bern were married on Oct. 13. He works for the N.C. Department of Crime Control and Public Safety, and she is a registered nurse on the cardiovascular intermediate care floor at Craven Regional Medical Center. **WILLA DICKENS** is vice president for economic and workforce development for the N.C. Community College System. She has three children and two grandchildren. **JENNIFER LAUREN FRAZIER** and James Ray Mabe were married Oct. 13. She works at Grady-White Boats



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honor veterans who have "served our nation with honor consistent with the finest traditions of military service." The program operates with the Veterans History Project at the Library of Congress to preserve oral histories of America's war veterans.

And what a story Fitzgerald has to tell.

A member of the swim team for two years who was president of the Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity his junior year, Fitzgerald joined the Navy after graduation. He was trained as a SEAL and commanded a platoon of SEALs in Vietnam. In 1969 he commanded a team of Navy divers who led the ocean recovery of the Apollo 11 capsule after its historic moon landing.

He obtained a master's degree in strategic intelligence and foreign affairs in 1972 and completed training as a naval attaché. He was assigned to the U.S. Embassy in Phnom Penh, Cambodia, and was one of the last Americans to leave the embassy in 1975 when Cambodia was overrun by the communist Khmer Rouge.

He served on the staff of the U.S. Senate Committee on Armed Services from 1977 to 1980 and followed that with a stint as director of congressional affairs at the Department of Energy.

Recalled to active duty, Fitzgerald served during Desert Storm. When that war ended, he was hired as director of legislative affairs for Northrop Grumman Corp. Recalled to active duty again in 1995, Fitzgerald advised the secretary of the Navy on worldwide terrorism while serving as the chief liaison officer to the Central Intelligence Agency.

He retired in 2000 after completing nearly 20 years of active military service and 14 years as an active Navy Reserve officer. But after the attacks of 9/11, he was asked by the newly formed Transportation Security Administration to serve as director of recruitment and helped hire and train hundreds of screeners working at airports across the Northeast.

He shares his insights into military issues as a contributor to the op-ed pages of the *Richmond Times Dispatch*.

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT



Cheryl Berry Stevens '75, vice president of workforce and supplier diversity at Oncor Energy in Dallas, Texas, was elected board chair of the Women's Business Enterprise National Council. WBENC, which is based in Washington, D.C., is the nation's leading advocate of women's business enterprises as suppliers to corporate America. Formerly WBENC board secretary, Stevens has served on the organization's executive committee since 2004.

She's passionate about helping companies owned by women and minorities to get ahead. "I've spent 17

years preaching the fact that when you buy something from a company owned by a woman or a minority you won't pay more and the quality is just as great. I believe that there will be no economic freedom until we have social freedom."

Stevens has worked at Oncor Energy, formerly TXU Energy, for 29 years. For the past 17 years she has been responsible for supplier diversity at the huge utility. She was promoted to vice president in 2000.

"Things definitely are better today for companies owned by women and minorities but we still have a lot of challenges. [WBENC] released a report this year that shows that women are starting to make purchasing decisions based on this issue."

The WBENC survey found that among women consumers between the ages of 35 and 55, an overwhelming 79 percent said knowing a company buys from women businesses would compel them to try a company's product or services if they were not a current customer.

Stevens was named a "Woman of Excellence" by Women's Enterprise, "Minority Business Advocate of the Year" by the Small Business Administration, and received the MCompany "Catalyst Award." *Minority Business News* named her to its Supplier Diversity "Best of the Decade" list in 2000. She was named one of "Fifty Key Women in Energy" by *Commodities Now* magazine.

She is married to retired women's basketball coach Don Stevens. They live in Carrollton, Texas, with their toy poodle Jackpot.

in Greenville. **KENNETH GREGORY** '04 '07, a former Army medic supervisor, is a registered nurse and family nurse practitioner at the OIC Medical Center in Rocky Mount. **MICHAEL STEPHEN HARRIS** and Mary Ruth Wingate were married on Sept. 8. They live in Ayden, and he is a validation associate at DSM Pharmaceuticals. **JONATHAN LOCKLEAR** is a mortgage loan officer at the full-service branch office of First South Bank on Arlington Boulevard in Greenville. He previously worked with Household HSBC Group. **DANIEL ARRINGTON ROBINSON** and Heather Lynn Andrews were married on Sept. 29 in Williamston. They live in Oak City, and he is a sales rep for Dodson Brothers pest control. **ASHLEY ANN WAGONER** of Winston-Salem and James Edwin "Jimmy" Lentz III of Clemmons were married Nov. 10 in Winston-Salem, which is where they live. She is an associate project manager for Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center.

2003

JULIE ELIZABETH BLALOCK and Craig Jackson Walker of Winterville were married Sept. 15 in Hurdle Mills. She is a portable x-ray technician at PCMH. **KRISTA WILLIAMS BUNTING** received her National Board Certification in 2007 and teaches online reading courses at ECU. **COURTNEY DARE ELKS** '03 '05 and Joshua Isaac Yates were married on Oct. 13 at Yankee Hall Plantation. She is a counselor at Pitt County's D.H. Conley High School. **VALERIE HARDY GALBERTH** was named Pitt County's 2008 Wachovia Principal of the Year. She has 28 years of experience in education, including six in her current position as Farmville Central High School principal. **ALTRICE GALES**, a Pitt Community College criminal justice instructor who lives in Grimesland, was chosen to participate in the North Carolina Community College Leadership Program, a six-month series of seminars on diversity, conflict resolution and leading through change. In 2006, she went to Seoul, South Korea, for a Rotary International-sponsored vocational and cultural exchange program. **BRIAN SCOTT JAESCHKE** of Mackinaw City, Mich., received the director's award from Makinac State Historic Parks, where he is registrar of collections. **PAUL KAPLAR** and his wife, Jessica, had their first child, Mackenzie Lee, on July 22, 2007. Paul lettered in football at ECU and is assistant vice president and commercial lender for Four Oaks Bank & Trust in Fuquay-Varina. **JOHN NICHOLAS NAZARCHYK** of Fayetteville and Tiffany Drema Few of Joshua, Texas, were married Sept. 1, at Medina Chapel on Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas. He is an Army sergeant stationed at Fort Campbell, Ky.

2002

COLLIN DAVID BATTEN joined the Chicago company of Blue Man Group in 2007, and in January 2008 transferred to the Las Vegas company of Blue

Man Group. He also had an acting/dancing part in *Across the Universe*, a film released in October 2007. **TIMOTHY GENE CORNETTE** '02 '06 and **RACHEL VIRGINIA HARRIS** '03 '06 were married on Nov. 3 in Norfolk, Va. **JEREMY ALLEN GORE**, a space and missile officer with the rank of captain stationed at Malmstrom Air Force Base in Montana, and **AMANDA RADFORD GORE** '04 had their first child, Jackson Asher, on Nov. 2. **DR. JEFFREY TODD KORNEGAY** '02 '06 and **JENNIFER LEIGH RUSSELL** '03 were married on Oct. 20 at her parents' house near Burlington. He is an internal medicine resident, and she is an occupational therapist, both at PCMH. **RANDY MINTON** and **ASHLIEGH BLAND** '07 of Winterville were married Sept. 15 in Morehead City. He works for Regional Acceptance, and she works at ViQuest. **SUSAN PAGE TAYLOR** and Matthew Joseph Lee married Sept. 15 in Wilson. She is a kindergarten teacher in Pitt County. **JENNIFER BEACHAM WORSLEY**, an audit manager with McGladrey & Pullen, and Matthew Worsley of Rocky Mount had a son, Brandon Matthew, on April 19.

2001

ALAN DIXON DUPREE, a biology instructor, was named North Duplin High School teacher of

the year and Duplin County teacher of the year for 2007-2008. He is also an adjunct professor in Mount Olive College's Heritage Adult Education program and in anatomy and physiology for James Sprunt Community College's Huskins program. **ROBERT CHAD HERRING** and Melissa Diane Tuttle of Mount Olive were married Aug. 19 in Las Vegas. He works for the family business, Herring Pork Producers and H-3 Grading and Excavating. The mother (right) of the New Year's baby in Tacoma, Wash., says her newborn will grow up to be a Pirate. Second Lt. **SARAH MCCREIGHT** '01 welcomed Evelyn Rose into the world a few minutes past midnight at Madigan Army Medical Center and quickly slipped a white knit Pirate cap onto her head. Mrs. McCreight is a signal communications officer stationed at nearby Fort Lewis. Husband Devlyn McCreight is a student at Seattle University's graduate school of divinity. **NICHOLE LEE MOORE** and Bryan Reid Pair of Wilmington were married on Sept. 22 in Washington. She teaches fourth grade at New Hanover County's Eaton Elementary School.

2000

JASON PAUL ANNIS '00 '05 and **LINDSAY LEA JESSUP** '04 were married on Oct. 20 at Yankee Hall Plantation. They live in Winterville. He is a certified



registered nurse anesthetist with East Carolina Anesthesia Associates, and she is a state probation and parole officer working with school partnerships. **LAUREN RENAE GAST** and Ashley Brian Jackson were married on Sept. 8 in Raleigh. She is research specialist in a molecular genomics and reproductive



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physiology laboratory at the NCSU College of Veterinary Medicine. **KELLEY PAYNTER**, originally of Southern Pines and now of Rocky Mount, is the public relations director at Nash Community College. She is also the Rocky Mount/Wilson Chapter Leader for the East Carolina Alumni Association and the Young Professionals Network board marketing chair. **ANDREW WRIGHT** and Shana Phillips of Winston-Salem were married Oct. 22, 2007, in Mount Airy. He is a lead pharmacy technician for Winston-Salem Health Care Pharmacy, and she works for Excel Imaging Inc.

1999

JASON BRYANT debuted an exhibition called *Fleshpot* at the Like the Spice art gallery in New York. He converted from drawing to painting at ECU, became an assistant to Brooklyn artist Kehinde Wiley in 2005, and showed work in several states and England. His popular and consumer culture-themed works have appeared in several publications. **CHENA CAYTON '99 '06** was named Pitt County Schools assistant principal of the year. In education for eight years, and administration for nearly half of her career, she manages in-school suspension and other disciplinary programs at J.H. Rose High School. **STEVE GASKINS**, the Lumberton High School principal, was named 2007–2008 Robeson County

Principal of the Year and received a trip to Senegal, Africa. His 26 years in the public schools include teaching social studies, coaching basketball, and being an administrator at several schools. **ROB HOWARD** is vice president at Cobb Financial Strategies, which is affiliated with the Wachovia Securities Financial Network. **REBECCA ANN REYNAUD** and **JONATHAN BAILEY ADAMS '01** were married on June 22 at the Carolina Inn in Chapel Hill, and they live in Apex. She is a regional human resources manager for Aramark's higher education division, and he is a project manager for Royal Oaks Building Group. **SUSAN GREGG WALLACE '99 '00** and **JARRETT WALLACE** had their first child, Christian White, on Dec. 6, 2007. Susan teaches first grade in Cumming, Ga., for Forsyth County Schools, and Jarrett is vice president of Horizon Construction Co. in Alpharetta, Ga.

1998

CRAIG ALLAN BROWN of King and Crystal Gayle Payne of Thomasville were married Oct. 13 in Pinnacle. He works in research and development at R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co. **TERRANCE EVINS**, an Oxford native who is owner of and head instructor at King Tiger Academy of North Charlotte, completed the Ultimate Black Belt Test in Tae Kwon Do. **RANDALL MARTOCCIA** and **CHRISTIE**

SAYERS MARTIN '04 were married on Sept. 29 at Jump Off Rock near Hendersonville. He teaches in ECU's English department, and she is the quality assurance director for Personalized Therapy. **STEVEN T. ONUFREY** and **LUCIANA MARIA GAMBINO '01** of Centreville, Va., were married on Sept. 15, 2007, in Fort Lee, N.J.

1997

AMANDA ROSS MAZEY and her husband, Randy, had a son, Weston Aydan Mazezy, on Dec. 26, 2006. Mazezy was a WITN news/sports anchor/reporter for eight years and is now a freelance broadcaster in Fort Worth, Texas.

1996

ARNEATHA GILLIS '96 is an assistant district attorney for the Fourth Prosecutorial District, which covers Duplin, Onslow and Sampson counties. She previously worked as a counselor at a juvenile detention center and as a senior associate judge for the N.C. Court of Appeals. **STEPHANIE TARA MARTIN** and Ronald Steven Yoder Jr. were married Oct. 27 at the Blockade Runner Resort Hotel in Wrightsville Beach. They live in Wilmington, where she is a research coordination manager with PPD, a global contract research organization that manages clinical

trials for drug companies. **CHAD D. SARY** and **TRACY MAURER SARY '97 '06** had their second son, Nicholas Luke, on Oct. 25, 2007. Their first, Benjamin, is 2½ years old.

1995

DEBORAH CERRITO and Patrick Dolan of Durham were married on Oct. 21, 2005, in Raleigh. She is a public health consultant with the N.C. Division of Public Health.

1994

MARY-HELEN ROY GILES and Ellis Giles of Houston, Texas, had a son, Alden Samuel, on June 6. **DUSTY STERLING GILLILAND** of Richmond, Va., and his wife, Maria, had a son, Josiah Delsen, on Nov. 11. He joins siblings David, Daniel, Joshua and Makayla.

1993

MARVIN BLOUNT III, a Greenville lawyer, was reappointed by Gov. Mike Easley for an additional four-year term to represent the eight-county Division 2 on the N.C. Board of Transportation. **CHRISTIE HILL** is co-manager of The Absolute Studio, the first Pilates Reformer studio in Greenville. She was an instructor for cycling, water aerobics and group fitness at Gold's Gym for 10 years. **MARY STRICKLAND** of Nashville was named one of the top 100 nurses in the state by The Great 100, a scholarship granting organization that recognizes excellence in nursing. She owns Cedar Isle Dairy with her husband, volunteers with the Nash County 4-H, and recently became a certified nurse examiner. She previously worked in the NICU at Duke and taught nursing at Nash Community and Barton colleges. **STEPHANIE HILL WARREN** was promoted to chief operating officer after 21 years working at CopyPro in Greenville.

1992

MARGARET ANN JORDAN MOORE of Farmville, an employment counselor at the Employment Security Commission, won the 2007 Harry Paine Jr. chairman's award for excellence in public service. She received an all-expenses-paid trip to Sea Trail Golf Resort and three days' paid leave.

1991

LINDA JEAN STRICKLAND BRUNSON '91 '04 of Clinton was promoted to associate superintendent of human resources administration of Clinton City Schools in August 2007 and celebrated 30 years in education the next month. **STEVE JONES** of Raleigh is RBC Centura's market president for the Carolinas and Virginia and oversees 206 branches.



Kim Westbrook Strach '94 is getting used to testifying as a government witness in high-profile political corruption cases. Her work as the chief investigator for the N.C. State Board of Elections has led to prison terms for former House Speaker Jim Black and former Agriculture Secretary Meg Scott Phipps. Frequently quoted in newspapers and seen on the evening news, Strach is sending a message that the state's new ethics laws will be enforced.

A recent article about her in the *Raleigh News & Observer*, headlined "State sleuth is 5 feet of tough," praised her as "a relentless investigator who has a nose for where to look, and is resolute about bringing the powerful to justice." The article also noted that she is a former beauty queen and described her as "a sharp dresser with a wardrobe mostly from Ann Taylor."

How did she get from being Miss Kinston to the *bete noir* of crooked politicians? "The investigative skills I acquired are things I learned at East Carolina," says Strach, who majored in criminal justice and was a member of the law society. She interned in the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of North Carolina after graduation and then worked for two years as a probation officer in her hometown of Kinston.

Then her career detoured a bit. In 1993, Strach started a dance school that she ran for four years. That seemed logical because she had grown up singing and dancing. She played the female lead in a community production of *Grease* and performed in many variety shows around Lenoir County to raise money for community programs. But then she spotted a help-wanted ad for an elections board investigator. "My career path has been a little unorthodox but it led me to the right place," she says.

Honored by Common Cause for her role in uncovering the Jim Black scandal, she hopes the greater scrutiny being paid these days to campaign finances will lead to a cleaner state government. Politicians should know that they violate those laws at their peril, she says. "There are lots of eyes on elected officials and what they are doing. I hope that they realize that."

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CLASS NOTES

He was president of the Eastern North Carolina and Virginia market starting in February 2007. **ANGELA PROCTOR** of Princeton received her National Board Certification for teaching in 2006.

1990

GARY M. GORE was appointed market executive for Virginia by U.S. Trust, Bank of America's private wealth management division. He has more than 17 years of financial services experience and was a market executive with the company's global commercial bank. He is on the boards of the Virginia Chamber of Commerce and the Virginia Business Council.

1989

MAJ. ANTHONY FREDRIC BOND of Durham is the commandant of cadets for Air Force ROTC Detachment 590 at UNC Chapel Hill. **TRACI FISHER GLASS** was featured in the September 2007 *Southern Living* magazine for her company, Whimsical Cookies. Her television interviews include appearances on the Style Network. **SANDRA MORRIS** '89 '98 '03 is the new principal at Belvoir Elementary School

in Pitt County. She has 17 years of experience as a teacher and administrator, most recently as assistant principal at Grifton School. **BRUCE PROCTOR**, the baseball coach at Princeton High School, led the Bulldogs to the 2007 I-A NCHSAA State Championship.

1988

ELIZABETH W. ELLIS is associate director of human resources with Biogen Idec in Research Triangle Park. She and her husband, **DOUGLAS V. ELLIS** '87, who works with Wyeth Biotech, live in Sanford with their 7-year-old daughter Abigail.

1987

GLENN HARRIS was named the 2008 Elizabeth City-Pasquotank Public Schools' Principal of the Year. A native of the area, he graduated from Northeastern High School and has taught elementary school music classes and served as assistant principal and principal at several schools, most recently at Northside Elementary School for six years. **ALESIA KATHRYN VICK** and James Michael Johnson, a funeral director,

were married Oct. 31, at the Dunn Center for the Performing Arts in Rocky Mount, where they also had a Halloween reception. They live in Nashville, and she is a senior training specialist with QVC. **TED WHITEHURST** of Tarboro was promoted to senior executive vice president and chief lending officer at Providence Bank. He is also a board member for the Edgecombe County United Way and coaches soccer for the Tarboro Recreation Department.

1984

VADA PALMA was elected to the Atlantic Beach town council for a two-year term that began in December. A Raleigh native, she taught for 25 years in Raleigh and New Bern, and at Greenville's J.H. Rose High School, and retired as a basic skills coordinator at Carteret Community College in 2004. **ROBERT WEBSTER ROSS**, a database administrator at ECU from 1984 to 1995, and his wife, LeAnn, of Barnesville, Minn., hosted Min-Gyu Jeong, a 15-year-old South Korean exchange student, for a year. For 12 years, Robert has been a database administrator for Wachovia. He and his wife have three children: Brady (13), Nathan (11), and Samuel (4).

1982

NORMAN BRYANT is a commercial lines and life and health agent for the Southern Insurance Agency's Greenville branch. He has 25 years of experience with the N.C. Farm Bureau, Parrott Insurance Agency, and outside sales. **M. DAVID COGBURN**, a dermatologist in Asheville, was appointed to a four-year term on the UNC Asheville trustees. In 1986, he and his wife founded Carolina Mountain Dermatology, and he received the Thomas D. Reynolds Award for Service from UNCA in 2006.

1981

DIANE POOLE '81 '88, executive vice president of PCMH, received the 2007 ECU College of Nursing Distinguished Alumni Award. She is in several professional organizations, and previously worked at N.C. Memorial Hospital in Chapel Hill and Lenoir Memorial Hospital. Since 1982 has held several positions at PCMH and in the University Health Systems.

1980

WILLIAM "DINO" ELLIS '80 '91, principal at G.W. Carver Elementary School in Pinetops, was named Edgecombe County Public Schools' Principal of the Year for the third time. He also won in 2004 at Carver and in 1998 while principal at South Edgecombe Middle School. **GLENN JOYNER** '80 '85, is the new principal at Chicod School in Pitt County. He has 35 years of experience in elementary, middle and high school administration, most recently as principal at Belvoir Elementary School. **CHRISTY MCBRYDE** of Kinston is head of the health information management department and the Employee Experience team at Heritage Hospital in Tarboro.

1979

NETTIE EVANS '79 '83 was named vice president for patient care at Roanoke-Chowan Hospital in Ahoskie. A registered nurse with several professional certifications who also teaches in ECU's School of Nursing, she spent 28 years in critical-care nursing and administration at PCMH and recently directed the University Health Systems Health Careers Programs. She was also a triage nurse in Waveland, Miss., after Hurricane Katrina in 2005, when she was on the N.C. State Medical Assistance Team II. **DAVID E. LEONARD** was selected to fill an unexpired term on the board for the National Association of Professional Surplus Lines Offices. With 28 years of experience in property and casualty insurance, he worked in casualty underwriting for Crum & Forster and treaty reinsurance underwriting for Employers Reinsurance before joining RSUI Group in Atlanta, where he is executive vice president and chief strategic officer.

KIERAN J. SHANAHAN is principal of Raleigh's Shanahan Law Group, which was named a 2007 Best Place to Work in the *Triangle Business Journal's* small business category.

1977

MARVIN E. "MARK" GARNER JR., a project manager who oversees feasibility studies in the municipal department at Rivers & Associates in Greenville, passed the American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP) examination. He has 30 years of experience with the firm.

1976

BRANTLEY ARMSTEAD BROCK JR. of Morehead City and **DEBORAH ANNE FAIRCLOTH** '03 of Stedman were married on Sept. 22 in Fayetteville. He graduated from Fort Lauderdale Sea School as a master captain and works for Evans Marine Holdings as the captain of the motor yacht *Laura Marie*. She is principal at Stedman Primary School.

1975

DIANE STEPHENS GRAMANN is area director of the Alzheimer's Association of Middle Tennessee and is a board member for the Council on Aging and the Vanderbilt-Reynolds Geriatrics Education Center in Nashville, Tenn. As executive director for the Community Resource Center, she received the Marvin Runyon Award for Excellence in Nonprofit Management and the Nashville Business Journal Award for Excellence in Communications. She traveled to China for the National Association of Social Workers and to Peru with a holistic team of healthcare professionals to study Inca cultural influence on current society. **VALERIE HUTCHERSON SUTTON** '75 '90 opened Benjamin Craig Stationery and printing services were featured in *Signature* magazine. Sutton previously taught high school English and French and college freshman composition for 20 years in northeastern North Carolina, and is a past president of the Greensboro Symphony Guild.

1973

MARY ANNE HOWARD is a regional services associate for the new Sandhills Region division of the North Carolina Community Foundation. She retired as a tops sales performer after 18 years with Coeco Office Systems. Working from Raleigh, she now helps agencies and individuals create endowment funds, especially for underserved areas. **MIKE PHILLIPS** retired from R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Company after 33 years, most recently working as senior regional director for state government relations. **DAVID WYSO**, a Belmont native and nationally known jewelry designer,

opened a shop and studio in August 2007 at Lake Wylie, S.C., after working in Philadelphia's jewelry district for more than 20 years. He worked for an international company, traveling from Egypt to Singapore on construction barges and offshore oil rigs. After breaking his leg and being forced to recover in New Orleans, he found jewelry design, switched careers, and sold pieces at Saks and Tiffany's. He now creates two collections of high-end jewelry a year from gold, sterling silver and semi-precious stones.

1972

GEORGIA JOETTE ABEYOUNIS '72 '75, a reading and technology specialist at South Greenville Elementary School in Pitt County, was named 2007 NC Technology Educator of the Year at the North Carolina Educational Technology Conference in Greensboro on Nov. 29, 2007.

1971

 The Rev. **W. FRISBY HENDRICKS III** was appointed Ecumenical and Interreligious Officer of the Episcopal Diocese of Southeast Florida by Bishop Leo Frade. He will coordinate ecumenical efforts among the 83 congregations in the diocese, whose cathedral is in Miami. Hendricks, known as "Father Frisby," is vicar of All Saints Episcopal in Jensen Beach, the oldest church in Martin County.

1970

BURNEY WARREN retired from BB&T, where he worked starting in 1990 after the bank acquired First Federal Savings of Pitt County, of which he was president and CEO. He is on the ECU Foundation board and is active in the East Carolina Real Estate Foundation.

1969

FAY JESSUP COCHRAN retired in June after teaching for 37 years, mostly as a fifth-grade teacher in Prince William County, Va.

1941

EUGENIA BURR ALLEN CROSS of Elizabethtown retired after 43 years teaching in La Grange, Whiteville and Elizabethtown. She served on the Bladen County School Board for 16 years, and received the Governor's Award and the Order of the Long Leaf Pine for outstanding contributions in education and leadership.

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1930s

EUNICE EDWARDS BROADHURST '38 '57 of Rutherfordton and formerly of Mount Olive, died Oct. 25 at age 90. She was a retired fifth-grade teacher for Wayne County Public Schools.

DELORESE SMITH CAVINESS '36 of Fuquay-Varina died Oct. 16 at age 94. Before her 1978 retirement, she taught elementary school and was a principal in Harnett County for 26 years. Interested in history and genealogy, she established the Chalybeate Springs Baptist Church Heritage Room. She was one of three teachers who piloted the Harnett County Head Start Program in the 1960s.

ISABEL "BELLE" HUNT GLOVER '32 of Bailey died Dec. 3 at age 96. She taught school in Nash and Richmond counties before marrying and moving to Bailey. She was then a postal clerk from 1939 to 1961 and postmistress until her 1976 retirement. She was board president for the Country Doctor Museum, secretary for the public library board and a district officer in the Eastern Star.



NELL MARSH HELMS '30 '44 of Chapel Hill died Nov. 19 at age 97. During WWII, when her husband was a Marine, she was a recreation director for the Red Cross at Eglin Air Base in Florida. They later lived on a farm in Wilkes County, where she taught

eighth-grade science and was active in her church. **IDA HAIR LANCASTER** '36 of Fayetteville died Oct. 20 at age 90. She taught school for more than 35 years and was active in Highland Presbyterian Church. **KATHERINE DICKERSON MUSTIAN** '33 of Warrenton and Wilson died Dec. 4 at age 93. She taught in Warren County schools for 30 years. **POLLY MELVIN OETTINGER** '35 died Sept. 30 at age 94. A Linden native, she taught music for eight years at the Caswell School and was the librarian for 21 years at Kinston's Northwest Elementary School. She was active in the Queen Street Methodist Church and played piano for Sunday school classes for 50 years.



FRANCES MARIE OVERTON '33 of Charlotte died Oct. 14. She taught school in Salisbury, Pinehurst, and in Charlotte at Eastover Elementary School for 23 years. **EVELYN STEGALL PIERCE** '36 of Wilmington died Nov. 9 at age 92.

Originally from Union County, she lived in Charlotte until the 1970s when she and her husband moved to Wilmington, where they were active in College Acres Baptist Church. **MARILYN HENDERSON**

STARLING ROGERS '38 of Jacksonville died Oct. 31. She was a teacher in Onslow County Schools and was active in regional historical and cultural societies.

1940s

EDMOND JOSEPH "JOE" ACREE JR. '49 '53 of Aulander died Nov. 29. At ECTC, he was on the Men's Judiciary and the Wilson Hall House Committee, and was a Phi Sigma Pi brother. In addition to teaching Sunday school for 50 years, he was a coach and history teacher at Aulander High School and retired as assistant superintendent of Bertie County Schools. **MITCHELL S. AVERY SR.** '43 of Winterville and Asheboro died Dec. 2. He served in the European Theater during WWII. He worked with his brothers at Edwards Auto Supply and was active in his church. **EDNA EARLE LEWIS BAKER** '49 of Farmville died Dec. 14 at age 100. In Greene County, she established the school and public libraries. In Pitt County, she was a principal and eighth-grade teacher in Fountain before becoming general supervisor for the county school system. During that time, she helped establish libraries and kindergartens in all of the elementary schools, and supervised the system's first special-education program. **LOUISE CHANDLER COBLE** '42 of Burlington died Nov. 23 at age 87. She was a teacher and principal before becoming a homemaker and Meals on Wheels volunteer. **HAZEL BOWEN ELLIS** '42 of Waynesville died Oct. 21. A Greene County native, she taught school and worked for Atlantic Coastline Railroad in Wilmington before getting married. She was active in Beta Sigma Phi sorority. **REAR ADM. WILLIAM MORRIS GREENE** '43 died Dec. 8. At ECTC, he was the Men's SGA president and played offensive and defensive end on the 1941 undefeated football team. After 31 years in the Navy he served as executive director of the N.C. State Ports Authority and an adjunct professor at ECU. In 1963, he was named ECC Alumnus of the Year, and in 1992, was inducted into the ECU Athletic Hall of Fame. He was married to Virginia Cooke Greene '46 for 63 years. Donations may be made to the ECU School of Music. **LAURA BETH SMITH HOWARD** '48 of Greenville died Oct. 19. Originally from Chalybeate Springs, she was active in the Memorial Baptist Church, enjoyed quilting and basket making, and had three sons and four grandsons who are Eagle Scouts. **CHARLES HUDSON SR.** '40 and **ALICE MOORE HUDSON** '42 of Ringgold, Ga., and formerly of Greenville, both died Nov. 15, of natural causes after 62 years of marriage. He was in the Navy during WWII and later became president of Blount Fertilizer Co. and an officer at M.O. Blount and Sons of Bethel and Blount Petroleum in Greenville. He was in the Kiwanis Club, and she was in the Senior German Club of Greenville

and two bridge clubs. Both were golfers and members of the Seventy Six Supper Club. **IRIS DAVIS HUNSINGER** '40 of Greensboro died Oct. 4. She taught English at Central Junior High and Page Senior high schools in Greensboro and was assistant principal at Smith Senior High School. Donations may be made to educational foundations for scholarships. **EVELYN PENDERGRASS LEWIS** '40 of Lake Waccamaw and formerly of Wrightsville Beach died Oct. 19. She taught home economics in Robeson County before getting married and moving to Jacksonville, where she continued to teach and was a Red Cross volunteer.

1950s

EDITH ANN MANGUM FOWLKES BERRY '53 of Morehead City died Nov. 7. She retired from teaching at Beaufort Middle School. **MAJ. JAMES BULLOCK** '52 of Lutz, Fla., died Sept. 19. He was an Air Force fighter pilot for 23 years, and received the Distinguished Flying Cross in 1969 and the Air Medal. A postal worker for 18 years, he was named Postman of the Year. His average bowling score was 185, and he also enjoyed golfing and fishing. **GRETCHEN ASKEW EVANS** '57 of Las Vegas, Nev., and formerly of the Rosewood Community, died Oct. 23. She was a long-time schoolteacher. **JOHN C. HAMILTON** '54 '62 of Beaufort died Nov. 11. He played baseball at ECU and retired from East Carteret High School after 31 years as a teacher and coach. He was active in Atlantic United Methodist Church, the Core Sound Waterfowl Museum and the Decoy Carvers Guild. **HAROLD LEON JACKSON** '57 of Burlington died Oct. 27. He was a foods chemist for the N.C. Department of Agriculture and retired as an environmental engineer at Burlington Industries. He was in the National Guard for 13 years, held office in his church, and enjoyed golfing and fishing. **FRANCES DILDA MCARTHUR** '51 died Oct. 25 at age 96. A Fountain native, she taught school for 33 years in Pitt County and Pinellas County, Fla. After her 1971 retirement, she was a substitute teacher for 10 years and helped found a remedial reading program at a high school in Florida. **WILLIS "BILL" GALLOP MCCOTTER** '59 of Morehead City died Sept. 23. He played baseball on the Cleveland Indians' farm team in Green Bay, Wis., before attending college. After graduation, he was a teacher and coach in Petersburg, Va., and later worked for the federal government. **JAMES FRANCIS "JIMMY" SHINE JR.** '59 '73 of New Bern died Oct. 10. He was an Army radio operator from 1952–1955, and until his 1989 retirement from the public schools, a teacher and sports/school administrator in Carteret and Craven counties. He received the Order of the Long Leaf Pine recognition from Gov. Jim Hunt in 1985 and was inspector for the state for the North Carolina

East Railroad. The 2007 football season was his 45th year of perfect attendance at ECU's games at Ficklen Stadium, and he was recognized as the only Craven County Pirate with perfect attendance. **HARVEY LEE STULL** '51 of Covington, Va., died July 23. He was a member of ECTC's boxing team from 1949 to 1951. He retired after many years with WestVaco. **MICHAEL C. THEMIDES** '57 of Virginia Beach, Va., died on Feb. 15, 2007. Married to **CAROLYN P. THEMIDES** '57, he was a teacher, coach, principal and personnel specialist in Franklin, Norfolk, and Virginia Beach. **BILLY NUNN WARREN** '55 of Farmville died Dec. 31. He was the intramurals tennis champion in college and later played semi-pro baseball and tennis. He was a tobacconist for more than 45 years, mostly with A.C. Monk & Co. He was an avid golfer and supporter of ECU athletics. He battled heart disease for more than 26 years, and his was the story that helped secure funding for the new cardiovascular center at the Brody School of Medicine. **SYLVIA JEAN PATE WOOLARD** '56 of New Bern died Nov. 10. She was active in Spring Garden Baptist Church for 50+ years.

1960s

BRUCE ARTHUR COOPER '61 of Boynton Beach, Fla., died Nov. 12. He was a budget official for several organizations, including the Department of Energy, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, United Nations, and the International Atomic Energy Agency, for which he worked from 1985 to 1991 in Vienna, Austria. He lived in Damascus, Syria, before retiring to Florida. **HENRY LEWIS COPELAND SR.** '63 of Stuarts Draft, Va., died Oct. 17. He was a retired realtor and was a Baptist preacher for 20 years in Apex and Brookneal and Lynchburg, Va. **NATHAN HENRY GAY SR.** '62 died Nov. 21. He was a teacher and a coach for several sports at Union High School for 22 years, during which time he led basketball teams to a record of 398 wins and 127 losses, 15 conference championships, and five district championships. The Union High School gym there is named for him. He received 10 coach of the year awards and was a board of education member for Sampson County. **CARL WAYNE KING SR.** '67 of North Myrtle Beach died Oct. 8. He worked in wholesale and retail clothing and was owner/operator of the Village Shop in North Myrtle Beach before becoming a realtor. **HELEN MCPHERSON POPE** '61 of Greenville died Dec. 25. She was 65 and had operated the Snooty Fox clothing shop downtown for many years. She was active in the Service League, the Downtown Greenville Association, Arlington Village Association and had served on the Greenville BB&T Advisory Board. **JOHN DANIELS ROSE III** '66 of Henderson died Oct. 11. He worked at the *Henderson Daily Dispatch*

before becoming president of Rose Farm and Rentals Inc. and WIZS 1450-AM. **JAMES PHIL SOMERS** '65, of Indiana, Pa., died Nov. 26. He was an Alpha Epsilon Phi brother and captain of the golf team. He taught biology in Virginia Beach—where he also beat Curtis Strange in a golf tournament—before joining the family car sales business and later opening Indian Springs Chrysler-Plymouth. He was active in his synagogue and the Indiana Country Club.

1970s

LINDA LOUISE FORBES '76 of Ayden died Oct. 12. She was the 1970 salutatorian at South Ayden High School and taught adult education at PCC before teaching in Craven County schools and becoming an ordained minister. She was also in the top two percent of the Who's Who for the American Teachers Association. **ANDREW H. GIBBONS JR.** '71 of Logan, Utah, died Oct. 31. In the Navy during WWII, he served on the *USS Hancock*, joined the Air Force in the 1960s, and later became an ROTC instructor at ECU and taught library science at the University of Northern Colorado in Greeley for many years. **JAMES EARL GODWIN** '74 of Rocky Mount died Nov. 16. He was in the Navy and worked at the Wildwood Lamp Company. **JAMES MERRON KENNEDY** '78 of Rocky Mount died Oct. 9. He worked at Dillion Supply Company in Rocky Mount, and was president of the Rocky Mount Jaycees and a board member for realtor homebuilder and mortgage lenders. **WILLIAM W. "BILL" LEE JR.** '77 died Oct. 27, 2007. He served in WWII, Korea and Vietnam before retiring from the Navy in 1968. He then worked for Computer Sciences Corporation in Falls Church, Va., until 1973 when he returned to Greenville and founded the general contracting and real estate firm Bill Lee Enterprises. He and his son owned Millennia Properties, another Greenville real estate firm. He was also an Eagle Scout and a former Pitt district chairman of the Boy Scouts. **GAIL ORR MCKENZIE** '74 of Birmingham, Ala., died Sept. 23. She taught science for 18 years at Samford University, and Beville and Jefferson state community colleges. She chaired the biology department at Jefferson. She received several professional recognitions and was a member of the Phi Theta Kappa honor society. She volunteered with several church and civic organizations, including Habitat for Humanity and the Junior League. **RONALD E. YORKE** '71 of Fort Wayne, Ind., died Sept. 26. Originally of Kannapolis, he worked at the Allen County Public Library in Fort Wayne.

1980s

FREDERICK ROSS CONYERS III '80 of Raleigh died Nov. 19. For 20 years he specialized in

international business development in Asia for G.E. Mortgage Insurance/Genworth Financial. **HELEN LYNN "MIMI" KITE** '87 of Grimesland died Nov. 15. She worked in the automobile business and raised alpacas. **PAUL RAYMOND MURPHY** '80 of Lumberton died Oct. 9. He was an Air Force captain, a physical therapist at Woffard Hall in San Antonio, and later owner of Wilmington Physical Therapy. **MARILYN RUSSELL PLASTER** '82 of Raleigh died Nov. 13. She worked at Duke University Medical Center for 15 years and Duke Raleigh Hospital for 18 years. **LINDA WINTON PYNNE** '87 '03 died Oct. 14. She was a family nurse practitioner with ECU Neurology Associates.

1990s

DIANE RENEE LUNSFORD '87 of Raleigh died Nov. 16. For almost all of her 20 years working with special-needs infants, she was a special-care and delivery nurse at the Rex Hospital Family Birth Center. **LEONARD "LEN" G. MARTIN JR.** '96 of Ruffin died Nov. 11. He worked in maintenance at Isometrics in Reidsville. **KELLIE DANIELLE VALDEZ PAGANO** '97 of Lorton, Va., died Oct. 24. She was a teacher and researcher at the Kendall Demonstration Elementary School at Gallaudet University. She was also a member of the Gallaudet Performing Dance Company and the Wild Zappers Deaf Dance Theater Company.

FACULTY DEATHS

DR. L. KAREN BALDWIN of Greenville died Nov. 14. She was a professor of folklore in the English department and taught in the Women's Studies program. She co-edited *Folk Arts and Folklife in and around Pitt County: A Handbook and Resource Guide* (1990) and oversaw the ECU Folklore Archive. She was active in the NO OLF campaign and the Sierra Club, and was married to Ernie Marshal, who taught in ECU's philosophy department from 1964 to 1996. Donations may be made to the Friends of the ECU Folklore Archive.

DR. ALLEN FRANK BOWYER of Winterville died Dec. 9 at age 75. He was head of the cardiology section at BSOM from 1978 to 1986 and was the first doctor to perform a cardiac catheterization at PCMH. In the late 1960s he helped produce international-award-winning films that used computer graphics to simulate heart motion. In 1985 he co-developed a computer model of left ventricle wall motion that helped better diagnose heart disease. He ended his 40-year medical career when he retired from East Carolina Heart Specialists in 2003.

"We are not here to destroy the old and accept only the new, but to build upon the past..."

—Robert H. Wright, Nov. 12, 1909

From his inaugural address and installation as East Carolina's first president

Alpha Delta Pi sisters greet Kennedy at the airport



The nominee tours a tobacco warehouse



The motorcade passes Christenbury Gym

When Kennedy came to campus

Five days after his address to the Houston Ministerial Association defending the right of a Catholic to run for president and 10 days before debating Richard Nixon on television, Sen. John F. Kennedy touched down at the Pitt-Greenville Airport on Sept. 17, 1960, in his campaign plane, *The Caroline*. "Sen. Kennedy broke into his trademark smile the moment he appeared at the door of his aircraft," *The Daily Reflector* reported. "He was surrounded by newspaper and television photographers from all over the state. There were handshakes and flashing smiles for the folks who just came to look, too, as the senator neared the roped off area on the taxi apron [crowded with about 2,000 people.]"

He rode in a convertible to campus and held a rally at the football stadium packed with students and townspeople.

The controversy surrounding Kennedy's Catholicism left some wondering if the state's Democratic politicians would show up to greet him in Greenville, the first of four stops he would make in North Carolina that day. In fact, they surrounded him. He took the stage accompanied by U.S. senators B. Everett Jordan and Sam Ervin, Rep. Herbert Bonner and several members of the congressional delegation as well as Gov. Luther Hodges and Terry Sanford, the Fayetteville lawyer who would succeed him. Kennedy came at the invitation of President

Leo Jenkins, who wielded considerable political influence in eastern North Carolina.

Speaking at the football stadium, Kennedy said: "I am very grateful to be the guest of East Carolina College. I understand that they have had a most rapid growth and now wish to play in the Southern Conference. I am scheduled in the Southern Conference, too (meaning, he knew he could not win the presidency without carrying the South), and I hope you have success and that I do, also."

The *New York Times* story about the event was headlined, "Democratic Candidate Gets Rousing Reception on First Sortie Into Old South." On Election Day six weeks later, he carried North Carolina, 52 to 48 percent.

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