ECU climbed from a teachers college to a major university and medical center by always reaching for the next level.

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PIRATES HAVE HOOKS
Who needs a sword or an eye patch when you can show Pirate pride with the finger hook? The Boneyard student section in the new horseshoe at Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium was full of hooks at Homecoming.
ARE WE THERE YET?
By Mary Schulken ’79. It’s been a long climb for East Carolina, the scrappy little teachers college that fought epic battles to become a major university and medical center. Have we arrived? And if so, how do we know?

STOCKING THE PANTRY
By Steve Tuttle ’90. Just two years out of college, Sam Wornom co-founded The Pantry chain of convenience stores and grew it into nearly 500 locations. In the second act of a stellar business career, he’s again proving he can spot business opportunities that satisfy consumer appetite.

EASING THE OUCH
By Marion Blackburn. Cecelia Valrie ’99 is identifying new ways to help sick children feel less pain and lead more normal lives.

THE UMPIRE OF ELIGIBILITY
By J. Eric Eckard. Tim Metcalf, who’s responsible for keeping ECU out of trouble with the NCAA, relies on a 484-page book of rules. And the rules change every year.

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Are we there yet?

While she was researching material for the cover story in this issue, Mary Schulken ’79 talked with alumni and friends who exhibited varying degrees of the famous ECU chip-on-the-shoulder attitude. Some she talked to had it bad, relating vivid memories of times when they perceived ECU’s dignity was slighted in the public square or on the football field. Others seemed to have much less of this aggrieved underdog attitude. Younger alumni didn’t know what she was talking about.

That’s when it occurred to us that you can often predict how an alumnus feels about East Carolina by what it says on their diploma. If yours says East Carolina College, you probably have a bad case of the chip because you were here when the school really did suffer at the hands of state budget writers, a time when it was ridiculed on editorial pages for aspiring to become a university.

If your diploma says East Carolina University, you probably have either a mild case of the chip or none at all, depending on whether you graduated before or after the medical school opened in the early 1980s.

That was one of the more interesting things we discovered while digging into the origin of East Carolina’s redheaded stepchild mentality and how Leo Jenkins used it to rally the troops during epic battles with the powers that be in Raleigh.

At first we didn’t understand why younger alumni exhibited hardly any trace of ECU’s classic underdog mindset. They gave us blank looks when asked how it felt to graduate from an up-and-coming institution that could achieve great things but for…. They were quick to set us straight: We didn’t go to an up-and-coming anything. We graduated from a major research university with highly regarded schools of business, education, nursing, communication and fine arts. One with a nationally acclaimed medical school, an engineering program and a school of dental medicine about to open. One that’s becoming pretty hard just to get into.

That’s when Schulken and I began to wonder: Maybe East Carolina has arrived. One hundred years after Robert Wright first began “to dream dreams and see visions” for the school’s future, maybe it’s time to declare victory in the school’s long battle for acceptance and respect.

What a long, strange trip it’s been. Are we there yet? How do we know?

Steve Tuttle
MY MOTHER WAS A BECKWITH GIRL
Thanks for the article on Kate Beckwith [the elegant lady principal who taught the social graces during East Carolina's earliest days]. My mother, Sarah Gilliam Daniels, was there in 1923–25 and I’m sure she brought the values she learned from Mrs. Beckwith back with her and carried them forward in her teaching career in Halifax and Franklin counties. She came to ECTC on a state grant that required her to teach in a poor county. She taught in Halifax County a few years before coming home in Franklin County to teach there. I followed a lot of women in my family who graduated from East Carolina and taught school. I have a Bible that belonged to an aunt signed by Dr. Wright in 1927. I have bricks under the cupola for my mother, my daughter and myself. My youngest daughter, Michelle Susan Moser ’88 ’96, taught there for two years. I have a question about something my mother alluded to over the years: In those days, did schools require women to stop teaching if they got married?

—Bob Daniels ’59, Wake Forest

Editor’s note: We put that question to Jo Ann Norris of the Public School Forum of N.C. in Raleigh. Her answer is yes, many school districts would not employ a married woman. “I have had somewhere a copy of the duties of teachers and the prohibition of marriage was in the list,” Ms. Norris says, adding that the ban likely gave rise to the phrase, “old maid school teacher.”

MY MOTHER-IN-LAW WAS, TOO
I am the daughter-in-law of Essie Woolard Clark ’14 who was quoted in the [story about Mrs. Beckwith]. Mrs. Clark was true to the words in your article. She grew up in a large family in Cross Roads Township in Martin County. She went on to be a schoolteacher in eastern North Carolina in elementary education. She was the mother of seven children, all of whom graduated from North Carolina’s public universities. All three of her daughters graduated from East Carolina. She was grandmother to 21 grandchildren, all of whom are college graduates. Several of her grandchildren graduated from ECU, including one who was one of the first graduates of the medical school. All of her great-grandchildren who are of age have graduated from four-year institutions as well. Mrs. Clark created a legacy of education that began at East Carolina and continues to this day. Mrs. Clark passed away in 1990 and was always proud of her affiliation with East Carolina.

—Betty D. Clark ’56, Williamston

ANOTHER MISS NORTH CAROLINA
It has been brought to my attention that my name was left off the list of ECU alumni who are former Miss North Carolinas. I was Miss North Carolina-USA for 1989 and placed in the top 15 at the 1990 Miss USA pageant. In addition, I was awarded the “Betty Lane Evans” swimsuit award at the Miss North Carolina finals in 1985. Thanks for your attention to this and I look forward to visiting ECU for some football!

—Jacqueline Padgette ’90, Raleigh

Editor’s note: This discussion started two years ago with a Timeline item noting the 50th anniversary of the crowning of Betty Lane Evans ’58 as Miss North Carolina. The story said five other alumnae were later chosen either Miss North Carolina or Miss North Carolina USA, a rival pageant. Since then we have had letters from three alumnae pointing out omissions to the list. With the addition of Ms. Padgette, the list now stands at 10: Joan Melton ’58 in 1956; Evans in 1958, Anita Johnson in 1969, Patsy Gail Wood in 1971, Mary Rudroff, also in 1971 (a year when ECU students simultaneously held the competing crowns), Lynn Williford ’79 in 1981, Ms. Padgette ’90 in 1989, Monica Polumbo in 2001 (chosen Miss Congeniality at the Miss USA pageant), Dana Reason in 2003, and Kristen Dalton ’09 in 2008 (chosen Miss USA in 2009).
What does college really cost?

The UNC system is beginning to look at how much college costs the same way a parent does: the bottom line. And in that light, tuition becomes just one expense item among many, and not even the largest. Besides tuition, there’s a dorm room and a meal plan, books and supplies, travel and insurance as well as personal expenses for cell phones and laptops.

In a report issued this summer, the UNC Board of Governors says that, all things considered, it cost $16,405 for an undergraduate in-state student living on campus to attend East Carolina in 2009–10. That’s third highest among the 16 campuses, behind UNC Chapel Hill ($17,424) and N.C. State University ($16,028). The least expensive campus was Fayetteville State University ($12,363); the average of all 16 was $15,216.

Where do families get the money to pay for college? Nearly two out of every three East Carolina students receive some type of financial aid, according to the report. Those loans pile up quickly; the 1,683 in-state students who graduated in the 2009–10 school year had accumulated an average $19,987 in student loan debt.

There are many grants and scholarships available to qualifying students that generally don’t have to be repaid. Taking that into account, the net cost of a year at ECU for families earning less than $30,000 a year fell to $5,299 in 2008–09, the report says. The net cost for families earning less than $48,000 was $7,232 per year.

Across the UNC system, tuition on average rose 5.1 percent in 2007, 1.2 percent in 2008, 2.8 percent in 2009 and 23.1 percent this year. Still, the cost of attending ECU and every other UNC school is among the lowest among their peer institutions.

The report was informational only but it notes that one area of future concern for the Board of Governors is the wide disparity in what UNC campuses charge for things beside tuition. East Carolina had the highest “non tuition fee” total among UNC schools, at $11,998 per year. By contrast, a similar group of charges at Fayetteville State was $8,552. Differences in student athletic fees, activity fees and the charge for the student recreation center account for much of the differences among campuses, officials say. Generally speaking, these non tuition fees are highest at the larger campuses with NCAA Division I sports programs, lower at schools with smaller sports programs.
ECU best in three benchmarks

East Carolina ranks high in new studies conducted by the UNC Board of Governors measuring how well the 16 campuses are doing at achieving three important public policy goals. The campuses were measured on graduating more and better-trained schoolteachers, on producing greater numbers of nurses, and on expanding access to college through online education. Here’s a summary of the reports:

Nurses: By a wide margin, East Carolina continues to produce more nurses than any other UNC campus, and its graduates have one of the highest passing rates on the state licensure exam. East Carolina conferred 1,131 bachelor’s, master’s and doctoral nursing degrees in 2009. UNC Chapel Hill, with 666 nursing graduates of all types, was second among the 11 UNC campuses with nursing programs. UNC Greensboro, with 651 nursing graduates, was third. Of the 257 ECU nursing graduates who took the state RN exam for the first time in 2009, 248 passed, a 96 percent passing rate that’s second only to Carolina’s 97 percent rate. East Carolina has about doubled its nursing graduates in the past decade, rising from 529 in 1997 to 1,131 in 2009.

Online education: The number of degree-seeking students taking online courses through one of the 16 UNC system campuses soared from under 7,000 to more than 56,000 in the past 10 years. The 16,603 who were taking courses at ECU account for about 29 percent of the total. For the fall 2011 semester, 27,813 online students were enrolled at ECU, which was among the first to push online education. Its successful model later was expanded into a systemwide approach exemplified by the UNC Online portal. As a sign of how pervasive distance education has become, an online student now can choose from among 3,368 courses to complete one of 234 degrees, certificates or licensure programs offered completely or mostly online.

Teachers: East Carolina not only produces more schoolteachers of all types than any other UNC campus, it’s also doing a good job graduating teachers with specialized skills that are in greatest demand such as math and science. ECU graduated 796 teachers of all types in 2008–09, the last year for which complete data is available. Appalachian State University was second with 580 graduates. Looking at key needs, ECU was No. 1 in producing middle grades math teachers, No. 1 in middle grades science teachers, No. 1 in secondary grades science teachers, No. 1 in middle grades education teachers and No. 2 (to UNC Greensboro) in special education teachers.

He makes chemistry fun

Students actually like science since Ythol Arul ’09 began teaching last year at Richlands High School in Jacksonville. “The enrollment for chemistry courses has increased by more than 50 percent since he started teaching there,” says C.J. Korenek, human resources director for Onslow County Schools.

Arul, who teaches chemistry honors, earth science and earth science honors, was recognized as Onslow County School’s 2010 Beginning Teacher of the Year. “He’s very hands on and is such a positive force, and it’s his excitement—you see it every day in his classroom,” said beginning teacher coordinator Darlene Burgess. “Students sense his excitement and they pick up on that.”

Born in Cambodia among the Montagnard people, Arul emigrated when he was 6. Before coming to Raleigh in 1992 he had no formal education and could not speak a word of English. Sponsored by a Lutheran church in Raleigh, Arul and his family moved to Cary in 1999. He graduated from Cary High School, came to ECU and completed a BS in science education with a chemistry concentration. He received the Latham Award of Excellence in Teaching in 2009 and was the 2009 Student Teacher of the Year.

“I am by no means a great science teacher, but my hope is that others may think of me as a great communicator and a very relational person,” says Arul, who also is an assistant coach for the school’s volleyball and track and field teams. “I believe that it is my passion for chemistry and my ability to relate and connect well with my students that has helped me to have a successful first year. However, I know that I have much to learn about this profession. But that is the beauty of being a teacher; every day is a learning experience. Both for students as well as for teachers.”

—the Jacksonville Daily News contributed to this report
The Jerry McGee Distinguished Professorship in the College of Health and Human Performance. The gift qualifies for state matching funds from the Distinguished Professors Endowment Trust created by the General Assembly.

Dean Glen Gilbert said the gift “will create a legacy that celebrates his inspiring history with the college and is especially promising in the current economic climate where competition to recruit exceptional faculty continues to increase.”

In the 18 years McGee has been president, Wingate achieved university status while about doubling in size to 2,400 students. The school, located near Charlotte, is recognized as one of the best small liberal arts colleges in the South. It offers 32 undergraduate majors, six master’s degrees and doctorates in education and pharmacy. McGee previously served at Gardner-Webb University, Meredith College and Furman University.

Throughout his 37-year career in higher education, McGee also worked weekends as an official at college football games, mostly in the ACC. A field judge, he worked more than 400 regular-season games and dozens of bowl games. After officiating at his third national championship, McGee retired his yellow flag after the 2009 game. “As I watched the clock wind down,” he said then, “I thought about many people who had helped me along the way, including East Carolina coach Jack Boone who hired me as an intramural football official when I was a college sophomore.”

“Like so many of ECU students, he embodies the American dream that determination and an education can make a bright future possible,” Gilbert said. “He grew up with little or no financial resources and sometimes had to literally fight his way to and from school.”

A native of Roberdel, a mill village near Rockingham, McGee was a member of the Phi Epsilon Kappa fraternity and the 1963 varsity baseball team. His mentors were professor Clint Strong and coach Boone, who hired McGee as the student director of intramural programs, the income from which allowed him to stay in school. Although he enjoyed sports, he also remembers spending many nights studying with classmates who remained lifelong friends,” he said, mentioning Jimmie Grimsley ’66 ’67 of Winterville, UNC Pembroke Chancellor Charles Jenkins ’66 ’67 ’68 and Jack Bobbitt ’66 ’70 of Blounts Creek.

McGee has two sons—Ryan, a graduate of the University of Tennessee, who is a senior writer for ESPN the Magazine; and Sam, a graduate of Wake Forest University and Yale Law School, who is a practicing attorney. He was married to Hannah Covington McGee for 33 years before her death in 1999 and recently married Marcella McInnis of High Point.

McGee said he made the commitment to establish the professorship because the education he received at East Carolina changed the course of his life.
Balancing badge and book

Television is loaded with cop shows in which quirky lab workers find the evidence to solve the crime. TV forensic scientists usually are hip and cool, like NCIS’s eccentric medical examiner “Ducky” Mallard and Goth-dressing forensic specialist Abby. For the real Duckys and Abbys of the world, however, analyzing crime scene evidence is much less glamorous. The work often is frustrating and painstaking but it’s mostly routine, as students minoring in forensic science at ECU know all too well. Offered by the Department of Criminal Justice, the program focuses on criminal investigation and crime scene investigation—the crucial nuts and bolts of police work. The program has 354 students in the bachelor of science program and 43 in the master’s program.

One important thing the cop shows do get right, according to instructor Dennis Honeycutt, is showing the division of labor in crime scene investigation between agents at the scene carefully gathering and packaging evidence for examination later in the morgue and lab. “Courses in the minor give students the chance to spend time at mock crime scenes finding and processing evidence such as blood and other body fluids, weapons, and fibers,” says Honeycutt, a nationally recognized crime scene expert who has worked on many high-profile cases over a 30-year career. “The students then follow that evidence into our forensic laboratory where they learn to use the equipment and techniques necessary to identify, classify and prepare the evidence for further analysis.”

Cops are cops but forensic scientists are a different breed, says department chair Bill Bloss, because they usually are “educated in the natural sciences such as biology or chemistry.” Still, there’s a strong partnership between police work and the academic community, even in disciplines as diverse as accounting—the source of forensic accountants who investigate white-collar business crimes, Bloss says. “There’s even a forensic subfield in entomology concerned with studying insect infestation in human remains,” he adds.

As police work becomes more complex, there’s a greater demand for college-educated investigators equipped with specialized skills. “In today’s job market, law enforcement agencies are hiring in many different disciplines,” says Honeycutt. “At present jobs are fairly plentiful in the latent evidence (fingerprint) field, DNA analysis, drug chemistry and in computer forensics. But whether on the collection side or the analysis side, the most valuable forensic workers are those who truly care about the service they’re providing, no matter what the discipline. Success comes from the tenacity to go the extra mile and make sure evidence is processed correctly and thoroughly.”

—Peggy Novotny

News briefs

Walk-in docs: Faculty and staff and their families can now receive fast medical care at Student Health Services on Main Campus. The new practice site for ECU Physicians’ Rapid Access service, led by Dr. Susan Keen ’94 ’97 ’03, a clinical assistant professor of family medicine at the Brody School of Medicine. ECU employees can make same-day appointments or just walk in. The practice has two exam rooms, complete with purple and gold tiles. Pharmacy, laboratory and radiology services are also available.

ECU adds degrees: East Carolina has received authority from the UNC Board of Governors to begin offering three new degrees—a bachelor of science in geographic information science and technology and master’s degrees in biomedical sciences and in security studies. The master’s in security studies “will provide students an interdisciplinary approach to understanding and addressing the diverse domestic and international threats to U.S. security,” the school says. ECU also has begun planning to offer a Ph.D. in economics.

Project HEART honored: An AmeriCorps program based in the College of Education that places tutors in schools and afterschool programs to help high-risk kids in the region was featured in a national publication of the American Services Commission, which operates the AmeriCorps program. Project HEART, for High Expectations for At-Risk Teens, was one of 39 AmeriCorps programs nationally chosen for publication. The program is a regional partnership between ECU, AmeriCorps, the North
Carolina Commission on Volunteerism and Community Service, community colleges, local schools and Boys & Girls Clubs. Started in 2000, Project HEART helps teens stay in school, graduate, go to college and return to their community to help others. In a press release, Gov. Beverly Perdue said “Project HEART is a great AmeriCorps program that is shining a light on North Carolina at its best.”

Helping farmers: ECU’s Center for Survey Research is helping North Carolina farmers combat the notion that runoff from farming operations is a major cause of pollution. With backing from the Environmental Education Fund and the N.C. Rural Economic Development Center, the center is conducting focus groups around the state on the topic of rural development and environmental sustainability. “Many people think that agricultural runoff is one of the key sources of environmental pollution when in actuality, municipalities are the main source,” said center director Mandee Foushee Lancaster. So far, the center has interviewed farmers in Rutherford, Warren, Polk, Sampson, Moore and Randolph counties and plans are being made to collect data in Robeson, Pitt, Bertie, Pamlico and Lincoln counties.

Sex offenses increase: The number of forcible sexual offenses reported on Main Campus in 2009 increased to nine from three the previous year, about the only statistic in an annual report by the ECU Police Department that rose from the prior year. Included in the statistic are all incidents of a sexual nature reported anonymously to any campus official. Most other on-campus crimes declined from 2008 to 2009, with arrests for weapons law violations dropping from 11 to eight, arrests for drug law violations falling from 59 to 49, arrests for liquor law violations falling from 303 to 133, and robberies dropping from one to zero. For at least the third year in a row, no crimes were reported on the Health Sciences Campus. Also for at least the third year, no hate crimes were reported on either campus.

Another record enrollment

ECU set another record for enrollment fall semester with 27,813 students, up 143 from this time last year. Most of this year’s enrollment growth is in the Graduate School, which rose to 6,014 students from 5,892 last year. This year’s freshman class grew from 3,956 to 4,193.

Officials said dealing with the continued enrollment growth was eased by the fact that Scott Residence Hall on College Hill reopened after an extensive renovation and addition that raised its capacity to 613.

With all residence halls full, the number of students living on Main Campus fall semester exceeded 5,000.

“These are very positive numbers for the university, especially considering the uncertain state of the economy and the higher costs this year,” said ECU spokesman John Durham. “We look forward to a productive, exciting year with another record-setting student body.”

ECU showed improvement in the percentage of freshmen returning for their sophomore year, which indicates fewer are dropping out. This widely watched retention rate is
the highest it has been in 10 years, at 81.33 percent, up from 78.8 percent the previous year. “We have invested a lot of time and energy in improving our retention figures across the campus, and we are pleased and encouraged by these numbers,” Durham said. “We will continue our efforts and look forward to even better retention rates as we move ahead.”

The numbers for fall 2010 aren’t official until released by the UNC General Administration along with similar data from other universities in the state system.

—Anna Logemann

**ECU rolls out e-Proctoring**

ECU has solved a problem that is preventing the UNC system’s online education program from growing into academic disciplines that require students to sit for monitored exams, something that’s hard to arrange when students in a class may live anywhere in the country. The solution is to identify local educators or people like librarians who could be trained once to become a proctor, as exam monitors are known. Their names would go into a database that any campus in the UNC system could tap as a resource. At exam time, the professor can give students lists of approved proctors in their area. This so-called “write once, deploy everywhere” approach is much more efficient than the current fragmented system.

The e-Proctoring system, which will be based at ECU, went live fall semester and was demonstrated for the Board of Governors at its Oct. 7 meeting. A ECU staff member will provide oversight for the system, which will serve students enrolled through any of the 16 UNC system campuses. For the time being ECU will be the only campus using all the e-Proctoring features; several other campuses, including UNC Chapel Hill, are on a slower roll-out.

ECU and N.C. State were pioneers in online education in North Carolina and continue to operate the largest programs in the state.

**ECU now smart phone-friendly**

East Carolina rolled out a new generation of technology that allows students to use their smart phones to access the same level of interactive online services as has been delivered to their laptops. By redesigning the university’s main web portal to display on the tiny screens of iPhones, Droids and other smart phones, it’s now possible for students to log on to Blackboard to see their grades and homework, or go to OneStop to check financial records, while walking between classes.

ECU’s mobile site was developed by staff in four and a half months, with the majority of that time spent on researching the capabilities and limitations of smart phones, and then testing designs on real and simulated mobile devices. The mobile site has had approximately 70,000 users in the first weeks since it launched at the start of fall semester.

Of those, 34 percent are Android powered devices, 25 percent are iPhones, 16 percent are Blackberries, 13 percent are iPads and 11 percent are iPod Touches.

A “you are here” geolocation service displays a map on smartphones that shows your location on campus and give directions, a feature that is useful to lost freshmen as well as returning alumni.

“The mobile market is continuing to grow and change by leaps and bounds,” said Joe Norris, ECU’s chief information officer. “Our students, faculty, staff and alumni are part of this market—many of them stay on the go and rely on their smart phones and other mobile devices to get information quickly and from any location.”

“Our extensive research led us to the decision to base the mobile interface in a web environment rather than an application, so that the site would be viewable on many different devices and operating systems,” explained Jo Lynne Daughtry, senior IT specialist. “Whether you’re using a Droid with the Android operating system, an Apple iPhone, or even a desktop computer, you can easily navigate the mobile site.”

—Meagan Williford
Closing the diploma gap

East Carolina has attracted notice for graduating African-American students at rates similar to their white counterparts, defying a national achievement gap. A report from Education Trust, a Washington, D.C.-based organization that works to close achievement gaps, recognized ECU and two other universities in the UNC System, UNC Charlotte and UNC Greensboro, as leaders in graduating African-American students.

Among African-American ECU students, 56.2 percent graduate, while 55.4 percent of white students do. Nationally, African-American students earn bachelor’s degrees from four-year institutions at rates nearly 20 points below those of their white peers, according to the report.

Education Trust analyzed federal data for 293 public and 163 private colleges. Rates cited are three-year averages, based on statistics for 2006 through 2008. For-profit and historically black institutions were not examined.

This is the second time Education Trust has cited ECU’s success in graduating African-American students. In 2004, the organization noted that ECU’s graduation rate among black students was almost double the rate of similar universities.

—Greenville The Daily Reflector

Degrees on the chopping block

Looking for ways to cut the budget, the Board of Trustees is considering dropping some degree programs that attract few majors or merging similar majors that overlap. Although the board has performed these reviews since 1993, they seem more urgent this year as shrinking budgets grow ever tighter.

Briefing trustees at their Sept. 16 meeting, Provost Marilyn Sheerer said three programs were cut after the last such review, in 2008. At that time 22 others were flagged for low productivity, 15 agreed to increase enrollment, six were retained with future low enrollment likely, and one was combined with another program on campus.

The low productivity list, Sheerer told trustees, doesn’t address matters of a program’s quality or student achievement. It simply means that the program didn’t meet a certain threshold in enrollment or graduation numbers. For bachelor’s degrees, that means programs are to be reviewed if they have awarded fewer than 20 degrees in the last two years, unless upper-division enrollment in the most recent year exceeds 25 or degrees awarded in the most recent year exceeds 10. The thresholds for master’s, professional and doctoral programs are lower. Newer programs are given time to grow enrollment and thus aren’t flagged for review.

The General Assembly in 1993 directed the UNC Board of Governors to biennially identify programs that are, in the words of the legislation, of “low productivity or low priority or are unnecessarily redundant.”

College of Business Dean Rick Niswander pointed out that some programs traditionally on the low-productivity list, such as physics and philosophy, don’t usually have many majors, but hundreds if not thousands of students pursuring different majors are required to take those core courses. Such programs, Niswander said, have “significant service to the rest of the university.”
Intern joins staff

Anna Logemann, a native of Winston-Salem and a graduate student at East Carolina University, is serving an internship with East magazine during fall semester. She is writing news and feature stories for the magazine and helping out in other areas of University Publications, including helping produce short videos shown on the ECU web site. Logemann is enrolled in the master’s of communication program at ECU. Her area of focus is health care communication. She also is a teaching assistant this semester in the School of Communication. She completed her undergraduate work with honors in May 2009, earning a bachelor’s in broadcast journalism.

Grant to build dental centers

A grant of $1.76 million will help the School of Dental Medicine build its first two community service learning centers in northeastern North Carolina. The three-year grant from the federal Health Resources and Services Administration is targeted for the planned centers in Ahoskie and Elizabeth City. The funds will help establish a dental residency program, recruit faculty staff and residents, develop and promote dental practices to underserved patients and provide office and dental equipment for both facilities.

Each center will be a fully functioning general dentistry office with 14 operatories, X-ray equipment, educational spaces and more. Officials are working on the property deeds for the centers and plan to open them by 2012.

“It is especially gratifying to see our success getting the grant since no one at our school has much experience preparing such grant proposals,” said dental school Dean James Hupp. “Plus, the team did this work while preparing for our national accreditation evaluation. Such efforts will help us leverage state funds to replace some that we lost due to the state’s budget difficulties.”

A full-time dental school faculty member will staff each center, along with dental hygienists and other staff members. Fourth-year dental students and residents will train at the centers. Dr. Gregory Chadwick, associate dean for planning and extramural affairs, has described the centers as similar to “moving the fourth floor of the dental school—the clinical training—off campus to rural areas of our state where dental services are needed.”

A third center is planned for Sylva in western North Carolina’s Jackson County. A total of 10 centers will be built in underserved areas across the state at sites to be determined.

The School of Dental Medicine has begun its accreditation process and is interviewing its first group of applicants. The school plans to admit its first students next fall, with plans to admit 50 students each year. The N.C. General Assembly has provided about $90 million in funding for construction of the school.

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New fraternity on campus

The first new fraternity on campus in many years has received its national charter as the Pi Nu chapter of Phi Gamma Delta. A year after starting as a colony, the new fraternity has 42 members—including two top SGA officers—and 16 pledges. Meanwhile, Sigma Tau Gamma, which originally joined the Inter-Fraternity Council in the 1970s, is undergoing a re-founding and is operating as a colony; it expects to receive its national charter this spring. Both fraternities focus on academics. Phi Gamma has four other chapters in North Carolina, at N.C. State, UNC Wilmington, Davidson College and UNC Chapel Hill. A third group is in the process of founding a chapter of Alpha Tau Omega on campus. ECU now has 16 fraternities and 15 sororities.
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100 YEARS AGO

Connecting town and gown
As ECTTS starts its second year, walking over from town to view the handsome new buildings becomes a popular Sunday afternoon outing for Greenville residents. It’s quite a hike because town ends where Fifth Street stops at about Cotanche Street. From there the strollers follow a sandy path across “Buzzard’s Roost” ravine—site of the town slaughterhouse—and up the hill through dense underbrush to the school. The town begins extending Fifth Street and in 1910 the school plants a hedge and lays a wooden sidewalk on its side of the new street. Four years later the school builds a home for President Robert Wright across Fifth Street (photo), now the Career Services Building. With Fifth Street now connecting town and campus, the growth of Greenville—which had been spreading west from Five Points—reverses course toward the college.

75 YEARS AGO

Amelia Earhart visits
She gets a big laugh during a Jan. 15, 1936, assembly in Wright Auditorium when she says her biggest fear is trying to balance a salad on her lap while flying. In an oral history recorded later, Lucy Stuart Parrish Murphy ’37, one of the students who greeted her, says Earhart was wearing a dress she designed and made herself. “She was vivacious, charming, poised and beautiful. She wore her evening gown with grace and assurance. I was awestruck that she not only knew how to make a plane fly but she could also make a sewing machine fly, and very successfully!” Earhart disappears over the Pacific 18 months later. “When she became lost,” Murphy adds, “it was unconceivable that she could really have any problem—just a matter of misreading a map, perhaps a dense fog. Even today, I often think she will just walk in with a smile and ‘What’s up?’”

Campaign nears $200 million goal

The generosity of thousands of alumni, supporters and friends has pushed the Second Century Campaign over the $181 million mark toward its goal of $200 million, reaching a campaign milestone more than a year ahead of schedule. The university expected to meet or surpass the $200 million goal in 2011, which would be an especially successful effort given the economy.

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2007. While fully funding that ambitious vision would take more than $1 billion over the next decade, the Second Century Campaign is a first step toward accomplishing great things at ECU. Since that launch, alumni and friends have contributed gifts large and small, voicing their continued commitment to the university.

That commitment is embodied in donors like Marguerite Perry, who taught foreign languages at ECU for 47 years. A long-time supporter and volunteer for ECU, Perry has established several scholarships, funds and charitable gift annuities to benefit ECU and its students. She remains involved with the university through programs such as the Women’s Roundtable, Retired Faculty Association, and the advancement councils of the Thomas Harriot College of Arts and Sciences and Foreign Languages and Literatures.

“I am proud to say that dedicated alumni and friends like Marguerite Perry are the norm at ECU, rather than the exception,” said Dowdy. “Her contributions and planned gifts have had, and will continue to have, an incredible impact on ECU’s students, faculty and staff for many years to come. Her loyalty to ECU and the diversity of her contribution sets a wonderful example for the whole Pirate Nation.”

Gifts may be designated for the program, college or school, or area of the donor’s choice. For more information about the Second Century Campaign and how you can contribute, call Dowdy at 252-328-9550 or visit www.ecu.edu/devt. —Kara Loftin

Riding shotgun with Leo
As enrollment zooms past 5,000 in the fall of 1960, newly installed President Leo Jenkins knows he must delegate authority to have time to pursue university status. He elevates Robert Holt from registrar to dean with broad discretion to run the campus. To keep up to date, Jenkins asks Holt to ride with him on his frequent speaking engagements around the state. They debate politics and educational policy as they barrel down the back roads of eastern North Carolina, with both occasionally talking into tape recorders to note decisions made. Jenkins’ rhetoric sways public opinion but it’s glowing praise in the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools’ 1963 reaccreditation—an effort led by Holt—that provides irrefutable proof that East Carolina is ready for university status, which finally comes in 1967. After a 34-year career with the school, Holt retires in 1984.

Sculls and crossbones
Left high and dry after a June 1970 warehouse fire that destroys most of the equipment, the crew team regroups and presses ahead. Training on improvised facilities on the Tar River and the Pamlico Sound, crew then races to a surprisingly successful 1971 spring season by defeating some northern schools with long-established programs. The sport becomes a rage on campus when Pirate oarsmen take sixth place in the Dad Vails Regatta in Philadelphia and second place in the Grimaldi Cup races in New York. They even beat Carolina. But student interest in a sport so unusual in the South soon fades. Crew isn’t mentioned in the yearbook after 1976.

Images courtesy University Archives
Stadium video upgraded

Fans raving at the quality of the videos shown on the new scoreboard in Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium can’t see the reason for the improvement. It’s hidden in a control room tucked under the giant scoreboard. There, live feeds stream into a new state-of-the-art video production facility from five new Panasonic HD cameras positioned around the stadium. The cameras capture game action, crowd shots, halftime activities and presentations on the field during game breaks. Before this year ECU Athletics rented a production truck and hired local television station personnel to produce the stadium’s video show. Now, that work is done by a staff led by Mike Myles, who serves as technical director for home football game coverage. When the football season ends, the control room will be used to produce coverage of baseball and softball home games, as well as soccer, volleyball, and basketball in the 2011–2012 season.

Men’s Basketball Schedule

Nov. 15 vs. Campbell
Nov. 18 vs. N.C. State
Nov. 19 Charlotte or George Mason
Nov. 21 Charleston Classic
Nov. 24 vs. Lenoir-Rhyne
Nov. 27 vs. UNC Greensboro
Dec. 1 vs. UNC Charlotte
Dec. 04 vs. Fayetteville State
Dec. 07 vs. Old Dominion
Dec. 19 at Coastal Carolina
Dec. 22 at George Washington
Dec. 29 at Clemson
Jan. 03 at N.C. Central

CONFERENCE GAMES

Jan. 8 at Memphis
Jan. 12 vs. Alabama Birmingham
Jan. 15 vs. Tulane
Jan. 19 at Central Florida
Jan. 22 at Marshall
Jan. 26 vs. Southern Miss
Jan. 29 vs. Houston
Feb. 2 at Southern Methodist
Feb. 5 vs. Central Florida
Feb. 12 vs. Marshall
Feb. 16 at Tulsa
Feb. 19 at Southern Miss
Feb. 23 vs. Texas El Paso
Feb. 26 at Rice
March 2 vs. Memphis
March 5 at Alabama Birmingham
Conference Tournament

Women’s Basketball Schedule

Nov. 12 vs. American
Nov. 14 at Western Carolina
Nov. 19 vs. UNC Wilmington
Nov. 22 vs. Virginia Union
Nov. 26 vs. Maryland
Nov. 28 vs. Massachuestts
Dec. 2 at VCU
Dec. 5 at Charlotte
Dec. 8 vs. Hampton
Dec. 20 vs. UCLA (in Hawai’i)
Dec. 21 at Hawai’i
Dec. 29 vs. Prairie View A&M (in Iowa)
Dec. 30 vs. Florida A&M (in Iowa)

CONFERENCE GAMES

Jan. 6 at UTEP
Jan. 9 vs. Memphis
Jan. 13 at Tulane
Jan. 16 vs. Rice
Jan. 23 at Southern Miss
Jan. 27 vs. UAB
Jan. 30 vs. UCF
Feb. 3 at Marshall
Feb. 6 at Memphis
Feb. 10 vs. Southern Miss
Feb. 13 at Houston
Feb. 17 vs. SMU
Feb. 20 at UCF
Feb. 24 vs. Tulsa
Feb. 27 vs. Marshall
March 3 at UAB
Conference Tournament
Art professor Robert “Bob” Ebendorf received the state’s highest honor, the North Carolina Award, along with five other leading cultural figures. Gov. Beverly Perdue and Cultural Resources Secretary Linda Carlisle presented the awards at the N.C. Museum of History. The award “celebrates creativity and innovation, two values which sustain our economy, our culture and our people,” said Perdue. Ebendorf has been a leader in the studio jewelry movement since the early 1960s and is world renowned as an artist and teacher. In addition to gold, silver and bronze, unusual materials such as fossils, animal claws or even soda pop pull tops find their way into his creations. Previous honorees in Fine Arts included painter Francis Speight, musician James Taylor, jazz great Billy Taylor, actor Andy Griffith, painter Bob Timberlake, and folk and bluegrass music legend “Doc” Watson. His work is in the collections of the Metropolitan Museum in New York City, the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston, the Smithsonian Institution, the Mint Museum in Charlotte and the Victoria and Albert Museum in London. He came to ECU in 1997 and was named the Carol Grotnes Belk Distinguished Professor of Art in 1999.

Distinguished professors in biology Mark Brinson and Robert Christian are retiring after long careers at East Carolina. Brinson, who came in 1973, received the Thomas Harriot College of Arts and Sciences Distinguished Professor Award and the Board of Trustees Lifetime Achievement Award. Christian, who came in 1981, has directed 17 master’s theses and two doctoral dissertations.

Sociology professor Jeffrey C. Johnson is the Thomas Harriot College of Arts and Sciences Distinguished Professor for 2010. The award recognizes a professor whose career exemplifies a commitment to and a love for knowledge and academic life, as demonstrated by outstanding teaching and advising, research and creative productivity. During 30 years here, he has mentored more than 16 master’s students and 19 doctoral students.

Maria C. Clay was appointed chair of the Department of Bioethics and Interdisciplinary Studies (formerly the Department of Medical Humanities) at the Brody School of Medicine. She had served on interim basis since 2008.

Phillip H. Pekala was named chair of the Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology at Brody, which he joined as a faculty member in 1981. Pekala had served as the interim chair since 2006.

New senior level staff members in the Office of Student Affairs include Bobby Woodard ’98, the new executive director of Student Involvement and Leadership in Mendenhall Student Center. He was associate dean of students and director of the Tate Student Center at the University of Georgia. Kathleen Hill is the inaugural director of Assessment, Research and Retention, a new position. She was a program manager for the John Glenn School of Public Affairs at Ohio State University. Bill McCartney is the associate vice chancellor for Housing and Dining. He was director of International House at the University of Chicago.

Syed Ahmed is the new chair of the Department of Construction Management in the College of Technology and Computer Science. He comes from Florida International University in Miami, where he was an associate professor and graduate program director.

Stephanie George and Chad Bosseti have joined the faculty of the Department of Engineering and will specialize in biomedical engineering. Ricky Castles also joined the faculty there to teach computer engineering.
Gregorian joins noted quartet

When the Daedalus Quartet performs on campus this winter as part of the Four Seasons Chamber Music Festival, one of the players will look quite familiar. One of the two violinists is Ara Gregorian, artistic director of the festival and a member of the ECU string faculty since 1998. Being asked to join a group praised by the Philadelphia Inquirer as playing so sweetly that “seams between instrumental timbres seemed to disappear” is a large feather in Gregorian’s already well-decorated hat.

“I’ve always wanted to be in a string quartet. The Daedalus Quartet already is 10 years into a great career, and I can step into place to help build where they are going,” he says.

Based in New York City (Columbia University) and Philadelphia (University of Pennsylvania) for concerts and master classes, the quartet also performs between 50 and 80 concerts here and abroad. It has built a repertoire that “spans the earliest quartets to pieces being commissioned now,” Gregorian says.

Despite this new demand on his time, Gregorian remains committed to East Carolina, to teaching and to supervising the Four Seasons Chamber Music Festival, which began its 11th season in September. “It will still get my full attention,” he says. Because his teaching involves mainly one-on-one instruction with ECU string students, that arrangement should be flexible enough to accommodate periods to travel with the quartet.

In a newspaper interview last March, violist Jessica Thompson said quartet members already were familiar with Gregorian. “We’ve played with him many times. We also read with a lot of different violinists and rehearsed with several different people. We just really felt a musical connection.”

The quartet, with Gregorian in one of the violinist’s chairs, also will play in the regularly scheduled January concert of the Four Seasons Chamber Music Festival (Jan. 13-14). Gregorian says he would like to bring the other three players to Greenville more frequently.

For all of Gregorian’s varied interests since leaving the Juilliard School, this is the first time he has been a member of a full-time string quartet. “I always tried to wait for the right opportunity. This is thrilling, this is great, and I am having a wonderful time.”
Who’s in town?

S. Rudolph Alexander Performing Arts Series brings pianist Emile Pandolfi to Wright Auditorium on Dec. 1. He’s known for lush arrangements of show tunes and classical music. Opole, the National Philharmonic of Poland, will come to ECU Feb. 10 for a concert consisting of Mozart’s Overture to The Magic Flute, Chopin’s Piano Concerto No. 1 and Beethoven’s Symphony No. 3, the “Eroica.” The Dayton Contemporary Dance Company, rooted in the African-American experience, will perform Feb. 23.

Student and faculty ensembles: The Wind Ensemble, Concert Band and Symphonic Band will present a concert Nov. 16 at Wright Auditorium. The School of Music’s percussion players and ensembles will play Nov. 17 at Fletcher Recital Hall, and the Guitar Ensemble will perform at Fletcher Dec. 1. The School of Music’s combined holiday concert leads off a series of seasonal concerts Dec. 4 at 3 p.m. in Wright Auditorium. The choral music program, under the interim leadership of Alfred E. Sturgis, will present a pair of seasonal music concerts before the winter break. The Chamber Singers, with Sturgis directing, will perform Dec. 6 at 7:30 p.m., and the University Chorale and St. Cecilia Singers, under the direction of Dr. Jeffrey Ward, will perform Dec. 7 at 7:30 p.m. Both performances will take place at St. Paul’s Episcopal Church.

The ECU Symphony Orchestra will present a concert Dec. 4 in Wright Auditorium featuring guest violinist Wolfgang David playing Brahms’ Violin Concerto in D-major. Also on the program is Mozart’s Symphony No. 39 in E-flat. On Feb. 12, the orchestra will perform the suite from Stravinsky’s The Firebird, and faculty member Christine Gustafson will be guest soloist in Mozart’s Flute Concerto No. 2 in D. Both concerts will begin at 7:30 p.m.

The Music School’s jazz program will be represented in a combined jazz band concert Dec. 3 at Wright Auditorium. The popular Jazz at Christinne’s series, featuring students and faculty members, is continuing its third season. After September and October programs, the performances, with TomtheJazzman as host, return on Jan. 21 and Feb. 18. Performances begin at 8 p.m. in the restaurant at the Hilton Greenville Hotel.

The Fisk on Fourth concert series, sponsored by the Musical Arts Education Foundation, will bring Dr. Ann Labounsky, chairman of the sacred music and organ program at Duquesne University, back to Greenville Feb. 5 to present a recital with Andrew Scanlon, organist-choirmaster at St. Paul’s Episcopal Church and organ professor at ECU. Their joint recital at St. Paul’s will begin at 7:30 p.m.

Theatre programs: The School of Theatre and Dance’s annual dance extravaganza, part of the ECU/Loessin Playhouse season, is scheduled Jan. 27-Feb. 1. Dance 2011 will feature original choreography by faculty members and guest artists and will include ballet, tap, jazz and modern dance styles.

Exhibitions: The School of Art and Design winds down its annual faculty exhibition Nov. 22 at the Wellington B. Gray Gallery and then sponsors its annual show of student and faculty work Dec. 2-4. From Jan. 13 to Feb. 19, the gallery will present the Seventh Photographic Image Biennial Exhibition. Juror Keith Carter will give a talk to open the exhibition Jan. 13 at 5 p.m.
It’s been a long climb for East Carolina, the scrappy little teachers college that always looked up and reached high. In the 1960s, it fought the state’s higher education establishment to become a university, instigating wrenching changes that yielded the current UNC system. In the 1970s ECU fought a bitter political battle for funding from the General Assembly to open a medical school.

But in recent years the climb has seemed easier. When East Carolina proposed expensive capital projects—new classroom buildings, the East Carolina Heart Institute, the Family Medicine Center—the General Assembly was surprisingly generous and old critics were muted. When ECU proposed opening a dental school, newspapers that once editorially questioned the school’s academic capabilities published supportive opinions. The General Assembly funded the school and has stuck with it through a deep recession.

Why was it so hard back then and so relatively easy lately for East Carolina to gain public recognition and generous state funding? Observers say it’s because ECU proved it could deliver what it promised. Give us the money to build a medical school, ECU said, and we will train family doctors who stay and improve health care in the East. Today the Brody School of Medicine is nationally recognized as a leader for accomplishing that mission. Give us more classrooms and labs, ECU said, and we’ll confront the state’s critical need for teachers, nurses and health care workers. ECU has doubled the number of its graduates entering those crucial professions.

So when East Carolina pointed to a glaring need for more dentists in counties east of I-95 and proposed building the second school of dentistry in North Carolina to address it, its record, its reputation and a sense of momentum weighed in its favor. “ECU already has a fine track record of looking out for the health care interests of rural residents,” said an editorial in the Raleigh News & Observer.

After a trip of a century, perhaps it’s time for East Carolina—and its alumni—to ask: Are we there yet? And if so, how do we know?
Charles Jenkins ’66 ’67 ’68 heard the talk about East Carolina College from some teachers in his rural eastern North Carolina high school. “Based on a few comments teachers made, ECU was in a developing stage, a stage of developing its academic reputation,” says Jenkins, a retired university administrator.

But it was the graduates he knew personally, not the talk he heard, who shaped his view of the institution. “My positive image of ECU was based on a number of teachers and coaches in the public schools who had gone to ECU and the positive image they had,” he says.

Jenkins had bumped up against a defining factor in East Carolina’s life: the school’s origins. As a teachers college sprung from a rural region, it lacked the standing and history other institutions enjoyed. “It suffered from the fact it was ECTC (East Carolina Teachers College),” says Jack Claiborne, retired associate editor for the Charlotte Observer and longtime observer of the state’s higher education. “The promise of the teacher colleges by the end of World War II was beginning to sound hollow.”

Fast forward to 1996, and the picture looks different. When Michael Aho ’02 was shopping for colleges, the strength and national reputation of East Carolina’s special education program drew the attention of the honor student from Virginia Beach. He wanted strong academics and a robust campus life, including football and marching band.
“Before I got there and when I was there, my sense was it was a place on the rise, a place doing what it needed to do to get where it was going,” Aho says. Now an analyst for the federal government covering United Nations peacekeeping efforts worldwide, he credits the depth in teaching and practical learning experiences he gained at ECU for landing him in a field where he is thriving.

Aho, too, had bumped up against a new defining factor in East Carolina’s story: Its academic maturity and competence. His and Jenkins’ experiences, some 40 years apart, bookend the journey the university has made and its change in standing.

“It works hard at teaching and research and public service and when you do those things well, you develop a reputation that’s gold,” says Bill Friday, who presided over the UNC system for 30 years.

How do you measure success?

On the football field, East Carolina prides itself on playing hard teams and winning games with an underdog attitude. A competitive football program has provided a visible rallying point for the institution’s growth. Yet sustainable academic maturity—growth in scholarship, funding and outreach—along with a record of public service, are what boosted its standing and changed perceptions. The numbers tell the tale.

In 1982 ECU had 14,510 students; it offered 93 degree programs and conferred 2,646 diplomas. By 2009 everything had doubled. Enrollment was 27,654; the university offered 202 degree programs and conferred 5,589 diplomas. It’s been the fastest-growing UNC campus for several years, still third overall in enrollment to N.C. State and, just barely, to UNC Chapel Hill.

“It’s one of the really great stories of growth, but not just growth for growth’s sake; there’s quality in programs and initiatives and service,” says Friday, who remains the unofficial dean of higher education in North Carolina.

Alisa Chapman ’96 ’06 ’09 considers Friday a mentor. As associate vice president for academic affairs for the UNC system, she directs policy for K–16 education. She has turned to him with questions and to talk through ideas. In more than a decade working in North Carolina’s system of higher education, she has learned to recognize practical milestones that signal a campus’s growth. They include expanding enrollment, an array and diversity of programs, high standards and applied research.

“When I look at today’s campus, it’s the fastest-growing campus in the system,” Chapman says. “I think it’s got good things going on.”

In that sense I believe ECU has arrived,” Chapman says. “There are a number of areas it has confidence and a culture of confidence in its expertise.” Examples are growing
school leaders, distance and online education and rural health care. Jenkins spent 39 years at UNC Pembroke, 16 as provost and chief academic officer and a year as interim chancellor. He helped guide that institution's growth into a leading provider of teachers and school administrators in southeastern North Carolina. So he knows from experience what it takes to build a university's standing. “The largest contributor to one's reputation and integrity is years of service and length of tenure,” Jenkins says. “It takes some time.”

Yet it also requires specific credentials. For six years Jenkins visited institutions in other regions as a commissioner for the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. SACS looks at certain criteria to judge the academic health of a university, he says. Among them: The quality of the faculty based on their scholarly preparation and participation in research. Documentation the institution and students are doing quality work. Financial and physical resources that support academic excellence. He sees large strides in those areas at ECU in the five decades since he was a student.

Look at ECU's numbers, he says. Since 1982 bachelor's degree programs more than doubled, from 51 to 110. Master's degree programs show a similar spurt, from 36 to 76. Doctoral degree programs in research and scholarship more than tripled, from five to 16.

Then-and-now snapshots of the faculty show it's not only much bigger but also more diverse. Since 1995, the faculty grew by 639 members, the numbers of women increased 8 percent and the number of minorities rose 10 percent.

Similarly, snapshots of the student body and freshmen classes in 1995 and 2009 show campus diversity and test scores rising. Minorities in the student body increased from 12.3 percent to 20 percent. In 2009, more students were coming from urban counties such as Wake, Mecklenburg and Cumberland. Students were coming from 33 states. The average SAT of entering freshmen rose from 913 to 1046.

Diversity is particularly important because it's a key component of academic maturity. It signals a university has broad appeal and offers students a rich learning experience, says ECU Provost Marilyn Sheerer. “Our students will be working in a very diverse world. We need to be able to prepare them in an institutional setting for what they will face,” she says.

**SNAPSHOT:** The student body today is more diverse, has higher test scores and comes from a broader region of the nation.

- 1995: 17,923 students
  - 12.3% minorities
  - Average freshman SAT: 913
  - Top 5 N.C. counties represented in student body (in order): Pitt, Wake, Craven, Wayne, Cumberland.
  - 24 states represented in freshman class
- 2009: 27,654 students
  - 20% minorities
  - Average freshman SAT: 1046
  - Top 5 N.C. counties represented in student body (in order): Pitt, Wake, Mecklenburg, Cumberland, Wayne.
  - 33 states represented in freshman class

Source: ECU fact books
Mary Chatman ’90 ’96 ’10, senior vice president and chief nursing officer at Memorial University Medical Center in Savannah, Ga., graduated salutatorian of her small high Hyde County high school, then earned her first-ever D in a chemistry course at ECU. She needed a college experience, she says, that was varied and rigorous. She found it.

“What I realized was that I had become at expert in high school at reading, memorizing and ‘regurgitating,’” she says. “I learned instead at ECU to take the knowledge and apply it. It’s a university that takes academics seriously.”

SNAPSHOT: The growth in undergraduate enrollment is impressive and tends to overshadow huge strides made in graduate and professional programs.

1982: 12,239 undergraduates
• 2,058 master’s students
• 12 doctoral research students
• 201 doctor’s degree/professional students

2009: 21,458 undergraduates
• 5,439 master’s students
• 363 doctoral research students
• 394 doctor’s degree/professional students

Source: UNC general administration

SNAPSHOT: In the span of a generation, ECU doubled the number of degrees it offers.

1982: 93 degree programs
• 51 bachelor’s programs
• 36 master’s programs
• 5 doctor’s degree/research programs
• 1 doctor’s degree/professional program

2009: 202 degree programs
• 110 bachelor’s programs
• 73 master’s programs
• 16 doctor’s degree/research programs
• 3 doctor’s degree/professional programs

Source: UNC general administration

SNAPSHOT: Like the change in the student body, the faculty is bigger and more diverse. Faculty today tend to be younger than before.

1982: 1,143 faculty members
• 36.2 percent women, 63.8 percent men
• 8.3 percent ethnic minorities
• 61.2 percent had 10 years or less of service with university
• 50 percent tenured
• 26.7 percent on tenure track

2009: 1,782 faculty members
• 44 percent women, 56 percent men
• 18 percent ethnic minorities
• 68 percent of faculty had 10 years or less of service with university
• 42.1 percent tenured
• 20.9 percent on tenure track

Source: ECU fact books
Show me the money

Rob Nelson was in charge of the numbers for the UNC system as its vice president for finance until retiring in 2010. He did not graduate from ECU, but observed it as a child growing up in Pitt County. “The physical transformation I saw and experienced ... is ECU has certainly grown up facility-wise, and is, in my view, competitive with UNC Greensboro, UNC Charlotte and N.C. State, excluding the Centennial Campus, and to some degree, UNC Chapel Hill,” Nelson says.

State appropriations, Nelson says, shows ECU has financial momentum. Its ability to get capital funding from the state legislature is a critical indicator of clout, he says. ECU’s momentum perhaps began when it ranked third among the 16 UNC campuses, behind larger N.C. State and UNC Chapel Hill, in construction dollars per full-time equivalent student it got from the $2.5 billion university bond referendum passed by voters in 2000. ECU’s momentum built in 2004, Nelson says, when the legislature approved $380 million in spending for health-related university facilities. UNC Chapel Hill’s new cancer center and the cardiovascular center at ECU accounted for two-thirds of that money.

In other areas of funding, Nelson sees ECU lagging. Although it’s the third-largest campus, it consistently ranks fifth or sixth among the 16 UNC schools in state appropriation per full-time equivalent student, he says. By that same measure, it ranks consistently sixth or seventh among its national peers. ECU ranks fourth, behind Chapel Hill, N.C. State and N.C. A&T, in sponsored research dollars, he says.

Throughout its growth, East Carolina has been the underdog, Nelson says. But it turned that position into a winning strategy. “Rather than feeling inferior and sorry for itself, ECU has fought hard and pushed folks to recognize the school’s potential and demanded the resources to grow and succeed,” he says.

There’s no doubt East Carolina once had to fight hard for every dollar. In an oral history for Mary Jo Bratton’s book on the school’s history, ECU President Leo Jenkins described how money followed reputation in a pyramid of education power and money in North Carolina. Legislators believed “Woman’s College (now UNC Greensboro) and (UNC) Chapel Hill should, and State should be the apex. They should be at the top. They should have the most money. They should have the best instruction and the most difficult courses. In the middle would be East Carolina, Appalachian and maybe West(ern) Carolina. At the bottom of the apex should be the black colleges and the Indian college, Pembroke.”

The underdog wins

Pine forests and the occasional tobacco field line U.S. 264 until you hit Greenville’s city limits, and the landscape suddenly changes into the sleek architecture of a modern medical center. Several new medical buildings partially shield an older one farther off the highway. That’s the nearly 40-year-old, five-story concrete building housing the Brody School of Medicine at East Carolina University. It’s never been pretty, but it is loved.

Ask almost anybody what factor changed ECU’s image the most, and they will tell you it was securing a medical school against powerful opposition, then building it into a pipeline for primary care doctors. “ECU has done what it says it would do by bringing improved health care to eastern North Carolina,” says Charles Mercer, a Raleigh attorney who sits on the UNC Board of Governors. Mercer, who grew up in eastern North Carolina, was a student at UNC Chapel Hill during much of the medical school debate.

“I think the success of the medical school and the other increased academic offerings has had a transforming effect on that university not just in North Carolina but throughout the U.S. and beyond,” he says.
The numbers, again, offer proof. Both Appalachian State University and ECU started as teaching colleges. Nelson compared the full-time equivalent enrollments of those campuses in 1972 and 2010 as well as their appropriations.

Here’s what he found: ASU is 2.3 times bigger now than in 1972. Its budget is 18 times larger. ECU is 2.5 times bigger now, but its budget is 27 times larger. “That’s indicative of the growth which could be attributed to the med school and related allied health programs,” Nelson says.

The political fight for the med school cast the former teacher’s college in its signature, unifying underdog role. On the opposite side were some of North Carolina’s most powerful figures and forces: Bill Friday, politicians from the urban Piedmont crescent and editors of the state’s largest newspapers.

Playing the role of the small school striving for a deprived region proved a perfect tool to manipulate debate and direct the emotions of supporters.

In a 2007 interview in East, former U.S. Senator Robert Morgan ’47 recalled the critical votes in the General Assembly that elevated East Carolina to university status. During that summer of 1967, Morgan was both chair of the East Carolina Board of Trustees and an influential state senator.

“Originally, I introduced a bill in the Senate just to cover East Carolina, and it passed the Senate. But when it got over to the House, they killed it. To say it in the nicest way possible, a lot of them thought we just weren’t qualified to be a university.

“One night later I got a call from [former governor] Terry Sanford, and he said the problem was that East Carolina’s base of support wasn’t broad enough. He said I ought to include Appalachian and maybe Western in the legislation because it would give some recognition to all the old teacher training schools, and because doing that would get more votes. So we did. That bill was introduced in the Senate and it passed. But when we sent that bill over to the House it ran into trouble again.

“The opponents put an amendment on the bill to make N.C. A&T a university, too, because they believe it would kill the bill if it included one of the historically black schools. They thought eastern North Carolina just wouldn’t take that. But when the bill came back to the Senate, we said it would be a fine thing for A&T to be a university. And after the Senate concurred in the House amendment, I gave the only speech I ever gave from the podium of the Senate. I said East Carolina knew what it was like to suffer from some bias, and so we welcomed A&T because they had suffered, too.”

Charlotte Observer, April 25, 1967
Then-President Leo Jenkins seized upon it both to whip up the faithful and shame opponents into getting on board. That often-antagonistic posture put Jenkins, in charge of one of North Carolina’s individual campuses, squarely opposite Friday, head of the newly unified UNC system. It was the same adversarial relationship they had during the university status battle.

“Universities have different ways of making points as they progress. His was challenging things in the public arena,” Friday says. “I saw that beneath that...was a solid wall of caring about eastern North Carolina.”

Friday now says outright that ECU has grown into one of North Carolina’s brightest gems. “It is an aggressive, full partner in the state’s higher education. It has carried its share of that burden and I think done so with great strength.”

ECU’s impact in eastern North Carolina has moved it into an elite group of institutions, he says. “You have in universities the teaching and research. But the best institutions add a third element, the element of public service,” Friday says. “I don’t know any place that does it with a more devoted and creative spirit than East Carolina.”

**Ditch the chip, keep the passion**

Given what East Carolina has accomplished, can it still play the underdog with a straight face? Has the time for angst and antagonism on behalf of a striving institution passed? Observers like Nelson see a new day. “I think the mere establishment of the new (dental) school speaks volumes of the respect ECU has earned over the last 40 years, in higher education and in the legislature.”

The state’s large newspapers supported the school on the basis that East Carolina’s successful record with primary care doctors put it, not Chapel Hill, in the best position to train rural dentists. “ECU’s medical school has used the same method to recruit and train rural family doctors,” said the Charlotte Observer in an editorial published Nov. 6, 2006. “And what better way to increase the number of rural dentists than to train them in a rural area?”

Even with a sea change in reputation, the strong emotions unleashed by the battles for university status and the medical school have lingered. They lend a harder edge to the feelings of many with direct ties to that chapter of the school’s history—an edge that
has begun to feel out of place against the backdrop of today's university.

“It’s who you ask, and my generation has experienced it,” says Carl Davis ’73 of Raleigh, assistant general manager for WUNC-TV. “Nobody wants to hear it,” says Aho. “They’ve never wanted to hear it, particularly in the state. Getting on board as a university and the fallout from the medical school and the legislative component are things that happened so long ago they are no longer relevant.”

Aho sees a chip-on-the-shoulder attitude as an anachronism. “Most of it is self-initiated group-think: Let’s share this view with each other so we can share this view with each other,” he says. “All of it, at least, for my contemporaries, is unnecessary. The chip on the shoulder is misplaced.”

Having a determined underdog spirit is healthy, says Charles Jenkins. But having a chip on your shoulder is not. “We are way beyond having a chip on our shoulder when you have accomplished what ECU has accomplished,” he says. “If that’s still there, and it’s not clear to me it is, we need to recognize that’s just baggage.”

Chatman is among less than 1 percent of chief nursing officers for medical centers nationwide who are African-American women. Having a chip on your shoulder doesn’t matter so much as how you respond to that chip, she says. “If you let your ‘chip’ become you, then it’s a liability,” she says. “If you use it to push and constantly become better, that’s an asset.”

Observers say it’s time for East Carolina to ditch the chip—but keep the passion. The energy that once focused on earning respect can now be focused on urgent work at hand—improving health care in the rural East, strengthening schools and supporting a more diverse economy—and on furthering the record of public service that has won the admiration of former opponents such as Friday.

“I don’t know anybody who’s self-conscious about the state of East Carolina University,” says Friday. “Self-conscious is not a phrase to use if you are from ECU. That university is moving. It can demonstrate it’s impacted the region.”

“I think there is a clear view that whatever you think of the university, the people who come out of there are capable of doing the things they do,” says Aho. So are we there yet?

“We certainly are not there,” says Charles Jenkins. “We won’t ever get there. There’s always changing needs. We need to continue on this same projected path, continue to be strong in service to the region we are bound to and in academic progress.”

“Continue the passion for the university and its mission to serve eastern North Carolina and the state of North Carolina,” says Mercer. “Continue to grow your academic reputation…continue to attract talented faculty…continue to emphasize retention of students…and increase graduation rates…continue to be devoted to that mission…Servire.”

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Stocking the Pantry

Just two years out of college, Sam Wornom co-founded The Pantry chain of convenience stores and grew it into nearly 500 locations. In the second act of a stellar business career, he’s again proving he can spot business opportunities that satisfy consumer appetite.
Sam Wornom III ’65 keeps a heavy winter coat handy in his office at Imperial Freezer Services, a sprawling building that sits off U.S. 1 in Sanford, about 30 miles south of Raleigh. He throws it on to give visitors a tour of the 125,000-square-foot facility, which essentially is a giant icebox. “We store food items for several companies until they need it,” he explains. Food products move in and out of the plant through 16 truck bays and two railroad bays. “About 60 percent of what goes through here is bound for overseas, mostly poultry products,” he adds. That product is stored in a section of the warehouse that remains in perpetual deep freeze, kept at a constant 10 below zero. “You don’t want to go back there,” he deadpans.

Wornom co-founded Imperial in 1995. It’s one of several enterprises he’s started since 1987 when he sold The Pantry chain of convenience stores at the tender age of 45. “I’m really not active in the management here,” Wornom says about Imperial. “I’ve done this business like most companies I get involved with now. I can spot a business opportunity and negotiate a deal but then I turn over the actual running of the business to people who are good at that, people who are smarter than me.”

Wornom, a Lambda Chi brother, was just two years out of East Carolina then he opened the first Pantry store, but he knew the mercantile trade. As part of a business class project, he helped open a new concept for Garner-Wynne-Manning, a Greenville wholesale supplier of notions, over-the-counter drugs and sundries. Garner-Wynne opened a Big Value Discount Store in downtown Greenville, and Wornom started working there part-time. After graduation he took a full-time job managing a Big Value store in Tarboro and then moved to Sanford when Garner-Wynne opened a store there. But Wornom wanted to go into business for himself, and he needed a partner. At a Sanford Jaycees meeting he met the perfect one in Truby Proctor, whose family owned Lee-Moore Oil Co. in Sanford. Wornom knew how to stock and operate a store that stayed open late and sold a few common household products; Proctor knew the oil and gasoline delivery business and their partnership began. “In most small towns back then, you couldn’t buy a quart of milk or get gas after five o’clock. We thought we could make money serving that need.”

Then he pauses in reflection. “Actually, I don’t believe I have ever had an original idea. I didn’t even have the idea of starting the Pantry. Truby and I together came up with the concept.”

**Gas and groceries**

Those two elements—gas and a grab bag of groceries—create what we know today as the convenience store. It was a formula Wornom and Proctor repeated again and again in other stores they opened in central North Carolina, always on the main drag of small towns that had at least 750 homes within a couple of miles. With each new store they refined the concept until they had the process down cold, using profits from existing stores to pay for opening new ones.

Wornom and Proctor were able to add additional stores through the help of two dairies who were losing shelf space in the big chain supermarkets. The handful of Pantry stores swelled to dozens, then hundreds, across the Carolinas, Kentucky, Tennessee and Indiana.

Wornom branched out into other businesses. He became associated with another Sanford-based business, Trion Inc., a manufacturer of commercial, industrial and residential indoor air products. He bought into the Mack Stores chain, which also was headquartered in Sanford, when its owners retired. Now occupied with other interests, Wornom needed someone to take over management of the young but growing Pantry chain. He turned to an ECU alumnus, Gene Horne Jr. ’64, who had taught school in Maryland after college and tried his hand at running a store. Horne joined the Pantry in 1973 and led it through a period of explosive growth. He remained a top executive of the company after the company was sold to Montrose Capital, an investment firm renowned for its famous shareholders, including Dave Thomas, the founder of Wendy’s, and Wayne Rogers, the former Trapper John on the TV series *M*A*S*H*. The company later went public and rebranded many of the stores under the Kangaroo name. The Pantry remains one of only two Fortune 500 companies headquartered in the Raleigh area.

Throughout their careers, both Wornom and Horne kept close ties with East Carolina. Wornom joined the Board of Visitors and was a founding member of the Chancellors’ Society. A member of the Order of the Cupola, he was honored with an Outstanding Alumni award in 1980. He was appointed to the Board of Trustees in 1983 and served there for eight years, serving as chairman from 1990–91. Horne, a Kappa Alpha brother, received the Alumni Association Distinguished Service Award in 1988 and chaired the College of Business Golden Anniversary Campaign.

**New horizons, old friends**

Roddy Jones ’58 of Raleigh was skeptical at first when Wornom called in 1997 to propose investing in a new bank. Even though he didn’t know much about banking, Jones listened because he valued Wornom’s advice. “I have known Sam for so long I’m embarrassed to say because it makes us look old,” Jones laughs. “He is the type of guy who is analytical about every decision he makes in business, which I think has done well for him over the years. So when he called me about becoming a founding director of Capital Bank I knew it would be a smart move. I’ve been in construction and real estate development my whole life. I
knew very little about banking. But I knew Sam and if he said that was a good deal, that’s all I needed to know.” Charles Atkins ’75, president of a real estate development company in Sanford, had the same reaction when Wornom called him about investing in the bank. Capital Bank began in Raleigh and quickly grew into 33 branch offices across North Carolina with $1.6 billion in assets.

He invests in other ventures through Nouveau Investments, the financial vehicle he created to manage his business interests. While his business interests have ranged far and wide, he’s remained close to home in other areas of his life. He’s active in Lee County community, where for decades he’s been the force behind the local Boys & Girls Club as well as a National Trustee for the organization. He’s a deacon at Jonesboro Heights Baptist Church and he helps the local United Way drive and several other civic organizations.

One reason he’s fond of his alma mater is because that’s where he and his wife, Sandy, met as students. She left college early to get married. After raising two daughters she came back to ECU and became a student again, staying in Greenville during the week with a daughter, son-in-law and their first grandchild, going home on weekends. Sandy completed her degree in 1999 in business education.

Nowadays, Sam and Sandy are in town so much that they have a condo here. He’s currently serving on the ECU Foundation and is involved in many other aspects of university life. They rarely miss a football game because those are prime opportunities to spend time with family. In Wornom’s case, family includes children and grandchildren, his old Lambda Chi brothers, Sandy’s old Chi Omega sisters and several other alumni whose business careers and his have intersected over the years.

James Maynard ’65 of Raleigh, founder of the Golden Corral restaurant chain, is one of those old friends. “Sam Wornom is one of the most dedicated Pirates I have known,” he says. “The university has been very fortunate to have Sam’s wisdom and advice for more than 25 years. We need more like Sam.”

Wornom, Jones, Maynard and two other alumni, the late Pat Draughon ’60 and Alvin Hutzler ’65, teamed up in 1983 to establish the Pirate Club’s Endowment Fund to provide scholarships for student-athletes.

Now 68, Wornom remains fit and trim through a strict diet and regular exercise. He looks back and wonders how it all happened so fast. He was just a kid out of Hampton, Va., who came to East Carolina with a group of students from his hometown and ended up enrolling here because a friend did. He picked business as a major because he had to write down something. “I was 17 so I picked business for no real reason other than I felt like it would be interesting,” Wornom says in retrospect. “It seemed to be a good choice. I am very thankful for the blessings and opportunities the Lord has given me.”

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Cecelia Valrie (right) is mentoring doctoral student Jessica Tomasula.
Her classroom has no walls, but Cecelia Valrie '99 teaches every day. Whether working with doctors at the medical school on programs for chronically ill children or helping her students grasp the complexities of kids’ pain, she’s doing all she can to educate others about making life better for sick children and their families.

By profession she’s a developmental health psychologist, but her expansive knowledge and restless curiosity have taken her far beyond her field’s traditional boundaries. Her goal is enabling children with lifelong, painful illnesses like sickle cell anemia to have more normal lives. She’s researching the special psychology that affects them, and sharing that information with their doctors, families and teachers.

As the recipient of a $600,000 grant from the National Institutes of Health, she’s creating a novel research program using cutting-edge technology like smart phones, iPods and even wristwatch computers. Using these gee-whiz tools, she’ll collect information from kids about what makes them feel better. She’ll combine that with what she knows about developmental psychology—the science of how we mature emotionally and intellectually—to craft approaches that allow children to grow and thrive despite long-term pain or medical conditions.

“Sick children experience acute pain, and have to undergo intensive medical procedures,” Valrie, 32, says. “They miss school, and have physical and psychological complications because of their illnesses. If they’re going to lead good lives, they need people who understand these stressors and who can assist them in the process.”

After graduating from ECU summa cum laude with a dual degree in psychology and math, she received master’s ('04) and doctorate ('06) degrees from UNC Chapel Hill in developmental psychology. She joined ECU’s psychology department in 2006.

In addition to her research and work with kids and professionals, Valrie teaches psychology at all levels and supervises doctoral students as part of the university’s new Ph.D. in health psychology. This program, one of very few in the nation, examines the emerging field of how we think about health—and how that affects our physical condition. It also explores the diagnosis and treatment of mental illness, as well as factors that affect both mental and physical well-being. The doctorate has tracks in clinical health psychology and pediatric school psychology. It enrolled its first students in 2007 and today has about 30 enrolled.

Kathleen Row, chair of the department of psychology, applauds her colleague’s work in this emerging field. “She was here as an undergraduate, and we’re thrilled to have her back as a faculty member,” Row says. “She’s an excellent teacher and outstanding researcher—just an all-around academic citizen, who’s willing to pitch in with what needs to be done.”
Sickle cell research

Sickle cell disease is Valrie’s research focus and although not a physician, she has learned a great deal about the disease and its effects on children. It’s an unplumbed area of study; previously, people with sickle cell disease didn’t always reach adulthood, especially with serious forms of the disease.

These days, medical advances mean people with sickle cell disease often have a life expectancy to the 60s and beyond. So it’s important for them to have healthy development along the way, even as they deal with the hardships of their disease. Sickle cell disease in this country mostly affects African-Americans. The trait creates sickle-shaped red blood cells that cannot pass through vessels properly and become clogged, leading to pain and tissue death. Pain can begin as early as 6 months old, with childhood strokes a possible complication.

While it’s hard on children, it’s also tough for parents. “Parents are under quite a bit of stress when they have a chronically ill child,” Valrie says. By showing parents how to work with their children on specific goals despite the discomforts of illness, they can usher their kids forward developmentally. Strong families, she says, raise strong, happy children.

“We want to make sure families don’t feel they’re all alone,” she says. “We want to give them, and their children, a sense of hope, that they can plan for adulthood while they also understand the struggles of their disease.”

She’s interested in evaluating all types of pain management methods and sleep disorders in children, since pain disrupts a child’s nighttime rest, compounding the effects of the illness. These facets of health are critical for psychologists, parents, teachers and doctors: sooner or later, health problems take a toll on a child’s ability to learn and grow. Equipped with a better understanding, adults can stand by children as they grapple with their health problems.

Her interest in childhood development takes her into other research areas, including blood diseases (hematology), obesity and chronic pain. Charles W. Daeschner II, division chief for pediatric hematology-oncology at the Brody School of Medicine, is a mentor on her NIH grant.

“I’ve known Dr. Valrie since she was a student at Chapel Hill,” he says. “I was very pleased when we could recruit her as faculty. She has a strong interest in children with chronic illnesses, and has brought a new depth to our comprehensive sickle cell clinic. We’re hoping to find some things that will show us how to better work with our kids. Because living with a chronic disease is very emotionally stressful.”

Teacher and mentor

In addition to working with doctors, nurses and other psychologists, Valrie also teaches life-span development—how people develop over the course of their lifetime—to psychology majors, nurses and teachers, along with the history of psychology.

She works closely with doctoral students in research and scholarship. Kristen Alston, 23, a clinical health psychology doctorate student, shares Valrie’s interest in sickle cell disease. Growing up with a close family member who had a chronic disease gave her a personal interest in these illnesses.

“Sickle cell disease is the most commonly inherited blood disorder, but people with it have the least access to comprehensive care,” Alston says. “I think that’s unacceptable.”

She wants to change that. “It used to be that no one looked at how this disease would affect a person mentally and psychologically,” she says. “Now we’re looking at that a lot more.”

While it’s a new field, she believes her mentor is having a vital role in research. In addition, Valrie is her biggest cheerleader. “I can truly call her a mentor,” she says. “As a first-year student, you can get in over your head. But I can count on her to help me realize what’s feasible, and how to take things step by step—and stay on track.”

Valrie parcels her time among many roles—conducting research and supervising graduate students, delivering lectures and educational presentations, collaborating with providers at the medical school to develop programs, and working with the kids she enjoys so much.

What’s really exciting these days is the technology available for research and the promise it holds to allow professionals to better understand what works for kids—and what doesn’t. She’s making good-use gadgets like smart phones to record children’s pain levels. “This technology will completely change the way we do research.”

When she’s not at work, she enjoys movies, especially the independent kind. “I like to escape into a good story,” she says, noting that comedies are always a good choice. “I love to laugh.”
Would you still go to church if you knew you could live to be 500 while still enjoying good health? With some futurists saying that medical advances will permit such Methuselah-like life spans in the next 20 to 30 years, that question is more than just idle speculation. Genetic engineering, tissue and organ replacement, the merging of computer technology with human biology, advanced scanning technologies, robotics and nanotechnology all play a role in this unfolding drama.

While achieving what the authors call “practical immortality” sounds like wonderful news at first, two East Carolina professors argue that society hasn’t thought about what it really means. In Religion and the Implications of Radical Life Extension, co-edited by religious studies professor Calvin Mercer ’97 and philosophy professor Derek Maher, the case is made that we should begin that conversation now.

“One need only reflect briefly on the economic, political and social implications of people living for such long periods to realize the significance of ‘practical immortality,’” Mercer said. “I think this and related human enhancement issues, in time, could trump terrorism, the economy, and global climate change as the leading political and social issue of our world.”

Mercer thinks that funding for radical life extension research will be less problematic than many other domains of medical research. “Once the wealthy class sniffs the possibilities of living forever, the money pipelines will open widely,” he said.

The media carry stories about relevant medical breakthroughs and occasionally suggests their more radical implications. “However, the significance of these developments has not yet dawned in the public’s mind,” Mercer said. “Radical life extension and related research constitute one of the most urgent public debates that needs to occur in our society.”
Tim Metcalf, who’s responsible for keeping ECU out of trouble with the NCAA, relies on a 484-page book of rules. And the rules change every year.
Tim Metcalf remembers the call well. He was working at Georgia Southern University at the time, and an assistant coach there had just dropped off a women’s soccer recruit at the airport, officially ending the school’s 48-hour time limit to woo the prospective athlete. But a snowstorm had closed the 16-year-old’s destination airport, and there were no more flights out of Savannah that day. The coach phoned to ask Metcalf: Should I turn around and pick her up and violate NCAA rules or leave her there and hope for the best?

“I told him to pick her up and take her to a hotel,” says Metcalf, who now is East Carolina’s director of compliance. “There’s the legal thing to do, and there’s the moral thing to do. I’m not going to leave a 16-year-old girl at an airport a thousand miles from home.”

For doing what he knew was the right thing, Metcalf and the coach received letters of admonishment from the NCAA, and the recruit wasn’t allowed to enroll at Georgia Southern.

It was clear what to do then. These days, hardly any of Metcalf’s decisions are so easy because the rules governing college recruiting have become so complex. This year’s NCAA book of rules covering everything from eligibility to financial aid is 484 pages long and more than three inches thick. And it changes every year.

“One of the toughest things about the job is you get questioned on things, and you get 99 out of 100 correct. The one you get wrong is the one they remember,” Metcalf says, adding a bit wistfully, “Nobody pulls for the umpire.”

It’s a stomach-churning kind of job. “We have to be right every time. There’s no kinda-sorta. And if we’re not, and we overlook something, that student-athlete might not be eligible. That’s a lot of pressure.”

UNC Chapel Hill was expecting to be sanctioned for NCAA violations involving contact between players and sports agents. It could happen here. With recent success throughout Conference USA in football and talk of an automatic BCS bid for the conference champion, pressure on compliance offers at all member schools is compounded. More sports agents are scouting the C-USA ranks hoping to find the next Chris Johnson, the former ECU running back now setting NFL rushing records with the Tennessee Titans.

“With 80 former C-USA student-athletes on opening day NFL rosters last year, our institutions take agent and extra benefit issues very seriously, and I would expect that to continue in the future,” says Rob Phillippi, C-USA associate commissioner for compliance and academics.

Metcalf says most of his dealings with sports agents have been issue-free, especially because the state of North Carolina requires agents to register with schools. Although it’s not required, he takes the extra step of asking all agents looking at ECU players to go through him. “It’s a byproduct of success, and it can be a good thing or a bad thing,” he says. “You do what you can to police it, but we don’t always know who our student-athletes talk to every day.”

Why? Blame YouTube, instant messaging, smart phones and social media sites that have made contact between college coaches and recruits as easy as clicking a mouse. “Times have changed a lot because of technology,” says Metcalf, who worked in the compliance department for eight years at Georgia Southern before coming to ECU in 2006. “There are more rules and more interpretations to keep up with that technology. And not only are there different rules and interpretations for different sports, but sometimes for the same sport. Very few times will a coach ask me a question where I can say yes or no. It’s always evolving.”

No college sports program is perfect, and ECU—like most Division I schools—has self-reported inadvertent violations to the NCAA. But the NCAA hasn’t imposed any penalties on ECU stiffer than those
the school knew it would get for reporting minor violations. A few years ago the ECU's men's basketball team was in danger of losing future scholarships for not meeting the NCAA's Academic Progress Rate, a formula that measures graduation rates, academic performance and other factors. Although the team scored below the NCAA standard in its most recent multiyear evaluation, it has made enough progress to avoid penalties.

**It helps, except when it hurts**

Technology is both a boon and a bane for athletes and college compliance officials. In some ways it can make Metcalf’s job easier. He’s currently evaluating a software program that would allow him to monitor coaches’ phone calls to recruits. Now, coaches turn in paper phone logs of those calls once a month. Technology also makes it much easier these days for high school athletes who aren’t among the top recruits to get coaches’ attention—and scholarship offers. You take the digital home movies Mom shot of your high school games, sit down at a laptop and edit those into a highlight reel and then upload it to YouTube.

It was different back in the olden days of, say, five years ago. Back then, according to Josh Smith, a senior tackle on ECU’s football team, many prospects looking for scholarship offers were still mailing VCR tapes to coaches. “Technology wasn’t where it is today,” says Smith, a 2005 graduate from Garner High School. “I had to make my own videos and send out the tapes. It was so hard in high school to get your name out. It was a hectic experience.”

Smith committed to ECU after his junior year in high school when he was named to the all-conference team and crowned the state’s defensive player of the year. By the time he graduated, the coach who recruited him had departed and Skip Holtz had arrived. Holtz wanted to red-shirt Smith his freshman year. Smith didn’t want to spend a year warming the bench so he decided to enroll in a prep school in Rhode Island. After a year there he transferred to Western Carolina University. After a year there he transferred to ECU and sat out the 2007 season, as required by the NCAA. He finally got to play in 2008 as a red-shirt sophomore.

Smith traces his long and winding road from Garner to Greenville to his original aversion to the recruiting process. “I committed here so quick that I never got any other offers. Most [of my high school teammates] waited, but I hated [the recruiting process]. Should I have waited? Yes. Do I regret it? Not at all. But a year would have made a big difference.”

During Smith’s odyssey high-profile scandals erupted at the University of Miami and the University of Colorado, which led to new limits on perks recruiters can offer. The NCAA even banned text messages from coaches to prospective players.

“There’s lots of information out there for recruits—instantaneous information,” Metcalf says. “People communicate through texts, e-mail, instant messages and social networks. Trying to stay on top of that is a never-ending process.”

**‘Something new every day’**

On a given work day Metcalf might check the eligibility of an incoming student-athlete, send out eligibility waivers for transferring students, process eligibility lists for various sports, call NCAA or conference officials for information or field calls from coaches, students, staff or parents asking for interpretation of the rules. And he does that for all 17 sports teams at ECU, not just football. He attends seminars regularly to bone up on new rules and updates on existing regulations. He’s supported by an administrative assistant, a graduate assistant plus help on financial aid and academic issues from Rosie Thompson-Smaw, the senior women’s associate athletic director. Organizationally, the compliance office sits outside the athletics department to avoid conflicts of interest. “There’s something new every day—no two days are alike.”

Philliippi, the C-USA official, says recruiting rules change every year. “For example, 50 suggested changes relating to recruiting were submitted in 2009,” he points out.

In the past six years, rule changes have included banning the use of private planes and limos on recruiting trips; schools no longer can plaster a recruit’s name on the backs of jerseys or the scoreboards at games; seventh- and eighth-graders now are considered basketball prospects covered by recruiting restriction.

Recruiting was much simpler a few decades ago when NCAA rules mostly dealt with policing booster club slush funds. Roy Bush ’73 of Harrisburg, who played a year of football at ECU under a full scholarship in 1965 before heading off to the Vietnam War, says contacts and visits weren’t an issue in his day. “Everything went through my [high school] coach,” says Bush. “He wanted to funnel it to make sure nothing went wrong. With all the [technology] now, things don’t have to be funneled through high school coaches.”

With the rise of sports opportunities outside high school such as Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) and other traveling teams, today’s high school coaches aren’t always privy to the recruiting process. Britney Roper, a redshirt junior volleyball player at ECU, says when she was being recruited from Pender High School most of what she learned about the process came from college coaches. “They told me that they can’t do this or they can’t do that. They said, ‘I can’t call you all the time, but if you have any questions, call me.’ For some athletes, it can be somewhat of a hassle because you want to find out as much information as you can.

“But I understand why they do it,” Roper adds. “The rules are in place for high school kids to still be kids. Recruiting almost requires you to mature faster.”

Metcalf is very much aware of that and does what he can to help. “I don’t have any biological kids, but I have 500 children, and I feel responsible for them. Figuratively, I’ll give them a hug when they need it and a kick in the butt when they need it. But it can be a challenge.”

East
Yes, Pirates can play roundball

With all the recent talk about East Carolina’s losing records in basketball, it’s easy to forget that the school once dominated in the sport and had players drafted into the pros. But there were, players like Bobby Hodges ’54 ’61, who was drafted by the Philadelphia Eagles of the NFL and by the Philadelphia Warriors of the NBA.

A product of Grainger High School in Kinston, Hodges came to Greenville in the fall of 1950 and made the football team as a freshman on a team that went 7-3 under Coach Bill Dole. He played both tackle and end. As a senior and team captain, he caught 10 touchdown passes in an 8-2 season and made the NAIA All-American team. The team compiled a 25-14-2 record during his four years.

When the football season ended each year, Hodges immediately joined the basketball team, playing center on teams coached by Howard Porter. After mediocre 13-11 and 14-11 records during his first two years, things picked up. Hodges led the Pirates to an 18-5 record as a junior and capped it off with a magnificent senior year that saw the team win 23 games while losing only two. He averaged 26.7 points per game in 1954 and scored a total of 2,018 points during his career, an ECU record that still stands. Again, he was named a basketball All-American along with All-North State Conference.

He had a long career mainly in education but worked at jobs as varied as head basketball and football coach at Lenoir-Rhyne University and as commissioner of the N.C. Division of Motor Vehicles. Now 79 and a Wilmington resident, Hodges remains an avid ECU fan and attends as many games as he can. “A bad back keeps me from getting around as much as I would like,” he explains. The back problem also keeps him off the golf course where he used to shoot in the high 70s. “But I do a lot of reading, travel whenever I can, and go the YMCA as often as possible for some light workouts.”

“By the time I got to ECU in 1956, Bobby was already a legend” said long-time friend Charlie Adams ’59 ’62 of Cary, former director of the N.C. High School Athletic Association. “He was fiercely competitive, but off the field he was a gentle giant, a fine gentleman we can all be proud of. I have treasured my friendship with him over the years.”
As a high school athlete in Kinston, Hodges was one of only a few athletes who played in both the Shrine Bowl football and East-West basketball all-star games. He was recruited by UNC, Alabama and Georgia, but chose East Carolina on the advice of a friend.

Hodges earned a degree in health and physical education and was named to Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges. Although he was drafted for pro football and basketball, professional sports was not an option because of an ROTC commitment. He became an officer in the Air Force and was sent to Japan. He served as base athletic director and played in numerous basketball tournaments, being voted MVP in the Air Force Worldwide Championship in 1958.

After service, Hodges returned to ECU and earned a master's degree in 1961 before embarking upon a career in coaching. His first assignment was as a football coach and athletic director at the Frederick Military Academy in Virginia and later at Frederick College from 1962–68. That led to a three-year stint as football and basketball coach at Hillsdale College in Michigan.

Hodges accepted the position of head basketball coach at Lenoir-Rhyne in Hickory in 1971 and he was there for eight years. It was there that he coached Rick Barnes who later became head coach at Clemson and is now at the University of Texas. He won Small College Coach of the Year in 1968, conference coach of the year in 1971–72 and NAIA District Coach of the Year in 1971–72. Hodges left coaching in 1978 to become headmaster of the Cape Fear Christian Academy in Harnett County, a private K–12 school. In 1988, he joined the N.C. Department of Motor Vehicles as deputy commissioner and took over as commissioner from 1991–93.

Hodges was inducted into the ECU Hall of Fame in 1974, the N.C. Sports Hall of Fame in 1993, and the Kinston/Lenoir County Hall of Fame in 2004, and was honored by the N.C. High School Athletic Association as one of the top 50 athletes in the state during the past 50 years.

Asked to pick his proudest moment as a Pirate athlete, Hodges immediately cited his first year on the basketball team when ECU won the conference basketball tournament and he was named MVP. “And a trip to Chile for the Pan American Games ranks at the top of the list, too, but unfortunately we lost in the finals to Russia, so that was a big disappointment.”

He was married to the former Drue Bain of Erwin, an ECU cheerleader who died of cancer in 1993. The couple had three children and five grandchildren. “I have truly been blessed with a wonderful family,” he says proudly. “I don’t know what I would do without them. Life has been good to me, and it all started at ECU.”

—Bill F. Hensley

Pirate Voyages take alumni around the world

The East Carolina Alumni Association travel program Pirate Voyages provides opportunities for alumni to cultivate their passion for learning through travel. The Alumni Association has partnered with AHI Travel and Go Next to offer East Carolina alumni and friends opportunities to travel the world with fellow Pirates at affordable rates. The experts at these travel agencies have put together itineraries that allow travelers to spend time immersed in new cultures, enriching their understanding of those who share our world.

Upcoming excursions include:

- June 2–13, 2011—Mediterranean Inspiration Oceania Cruises, Venice to Rome (Civitavecchia)—Discover the Mediterranean’s fabled seas and exotic lands on the luxurious, upscale Oceania Cruises’ Nautica.
- October 16–24, 2011—St. Petersburg, The Cultural Season—Like a jewel box fashioned by Fabergé, St. Petersburg is a masterpiece of design and ingenuity, a magical tapestry of vibrant colors framed by sparkling water.

Visit www.piratealumni.com/piratevoyages for details on each Pirate Voyage and to download travel brochures.

April is service month

April is service month and we invite you to join in celebrating the university’s motto, Servire, meaning “to serve,” as hundreds of alumni and friends lend a helping hand in their communities. Many regional leaders will plan service projects for alumni groups across the Pirate Nation, but individuals are welcome to volunteer wherever help is needed. Projects can be as simple as collecting nonperishable items for your local food bank to committing a Saturday to build a home for Habitat for Humanity—the possibilities are endless. If you are interested in planning a service project in your area, please contact Stephanie.Bunn@PirateAlumni.com. Check PirateAlumni.com/servicemonth for additional details about April’s service projects.

Regional contact volunteers

The Alumni Association is always looking for regional volunteers to help spread the good news of East Carolina. Without the help of its volunteers, the Alumni Association would be unable to fulfill its mission to inform, involve, and serve members of the ECU family throughout their lifetime. Please visit the “Pirate Contacts” page at PirateAlumni.com to see if there is a volunteer in your area. If you do not have a contact in your
area, please consider becoming a volunteer. A regional contact’s primary role is to respond to alumni and friends that reach out to you through e-mail or the regional Facebook page to stay connected with the university and fellow alumni in your area. Regional contacts are also encouraged to attend alumni events in their area and to assist in planning at least one local event each year. Training is required for all volunteers and is provided via phone, web, and in person. This year’s training session is on Jan. 29, 2011 at 1:30 p.m.

If you are interested, please e-mail Stephanie.Bunn@PirateAlumni.com or Emily.Adkins@PirateAlumni.com.

Run raises scholarship money

For six years the Alumni Association has awarded scholarships to undergraduates who excel in the classroom and in the community. One hundred and twelve students have received $130,000 in scholarships since the program’s inception. Passionate alumni and friends, and proceeds from annual scholarship events generously fund these scholarships. In October, the Alumni Association hosted the Pirate’s Bounty Scholarship Auction and Scholarship Classic golf tournament, which raised more than $20,000 for scholarships. On Saturday, April 16, 2011, at 9 a.m., the Association will host its annual Pirate Alumni Road Race and Fun Run, with proceeds benefiting the scholarship program. All alumni and friends are welcome to participate in this 5K race and 1 mile fun run. Awards are presented to the top three male and female overall finishers, as well as the top three male and female racers in six age categories. Please visit PirateAlumni.com/roadrace for details about the race and to download a registration form. You can also call the Alumni Center at 800-ECU-GRAD to register.

“I am a member of the Alumni Association because I want everyone to know what East Carolina means to me and how much pride and love I have for ECU. I want to be a part of its continued success. Both of my sisters graduated from ECU, so it is our home, a legacy in our family. I continue to be a member because I hope that one day when I have kids, they too will want to go there, as they will surely grow up attending football games with me, you can count on that! Being a member means the world to me, and is the one way that I can give back and stay connected to the place that gave me the best years of my life. Go Pirates!”

Jeremy Woodard ’01
Broadway actor

JOIN TODAY! CALL 800-ECU-GRAD OR VISIT PIRATEALUMNI.COM/JOINTODAY.
BROOKE JACINDA BARTON ’10 wed JARED THOMAS MCGUIRT ’08 on May 22 in Lake Toxaway. She is pursuing an MBA at ECU. LEWIS FEREBEE is chief of staff for Durham Public Schools. He was regional superintendent in Guilford County Schools. MARY LINDSAY JAMES wed John Wiley Caron on June 12 in Greenville. She teaches in Pitt County Schools. CAROL ANNE MILLS wed Steven Ray Briley on June 19 in Black Jack. She works in the Pitt County Clerk’s office.

TAYLOR CLAIRE NICHOLS ’10 wed PHILIP DAVID HERENDEEN ’08 on July 17 in Greenville. At ECU she was an Alpha Delta Pi, and he was a Pi Kappa Alpha. He works in marketing for the law offices of James Scott Farrin. AMANDA JILL PETREE wed Jason Alan Mabe on Aug. 1 at an outdoor ceremony at Lake Norman. She works at Forsyth Memorial Hospital in Winston-Salem and Stokes-Reynolds Memorial Hospital in Danbury. SHAUN LINWOOD RESPES wed Ashley Nicole Lamm on May 8 at a home on the Pamlico Sound. At ECU, he is pursuing an MBA, and she is pursuing a graduate nursing degree. AMBER JEANNINE ROBINSON of Greenville wed Casey Lee Parker on June 19 at The Duncan House on the Beaufort waterfront. KYLE ROLLER, ECU first baseman and designated hitter, was selected by the New York Yankees in the eighth round of the Major League Baseball draft. LISA MICHELLE SHEPPARD wed Robert Dumais Kornegay III on May 22 on Ocracoke Island. STEPHANIE TURNER is the varsity volleyball coach at the Academy at the Lakes in Tampa Bay, Fla. She played volleyball at ECU from 2006-09, served as the team captain during the 2008-09 season and was named to the Conference USA All-Academic Team in 2008. JENNIFER WELLS was the resident metalsmith for 2010 at Arrowmont School of Arts & Crafts in Gatlinburg, Tenn.

Nearly the whole Nash County town of Bailey gathered recently to celebrate the 100th birthday of Sarah May Stallings ’29, who taught school there for more than 30 years. Her daughters, Celia Glover ’63 of Bailey and Betsy May ’69 of New Bern, helped arrange the community event attended by about 300 people. Stallings may be East Carolina’s oldest living graduate.

“I taught many a person here in Bailey. I taught two generations of students several times,” says Stallings, who retired in 1985. After retiring, she started taking art classes at Wilson Tech and continued for the next 25 years. She painted “until I had pictures everywhere and I got tired of it,” she says. Today, Stallings reads two newspapers daily and at least one book a week. She plays bridge and she makes it a point to walk outside twice each day, weather permitting. Besides eating sensibly (which includes an occasional meal at Parker’s Barbecue) and staying active, Stallings says it is important to “take each day at a time, because we can’t control tomorrow. Give the best to your Master and the best will come back to you. I have been very fortunate in my life. I’m very blessed.” She has two grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

What were her most memorable experiences at ECTTS? “One is that in 1928 there were rumors going around that the world was about to end. Many of us girls were pretty scared. So, President Wright said that as many of us who could fit in there should come and spend that night in Cotten (Residence Hall). He brought a mattress and put it down in the hall on the third floor and spent the night there with us. Also, I remember when I first went to college, a lot of the girls were pretty homesick at first. Mr. Wright told us we should write a long letter home telling everybody how homesick we were and that we wanted to quit college and come home. But he said not to mail that letter but put it in a drawer and wait two weeks. After two weeks we could take out the letter and read it again. He said if we still felt like mailing the letter then, to go ahead. I didn’t mail mine and I don’t think any of the other girls did, either.”

2009

LAURA JEAN BAKER wed Scott Christopher Suttmeier on an Outer Banks beach with a reception in the historic Kitty Hawk Pier ballroom. She works for Wells Fargo Bank in Winterville. HOLLY KERNS CAMPBELL wed GRAHAM CLARKSON SMITH on July 31 at the pergola in Antic Gardens in Wilmington. She works at New Hanover Regional Medical Center, and he works for Kent Homes.

MALLORY JOY CARTER wed DAVID NELSON ADAMS on May 15 in Greenville. He works for The Daily Reflector in Greenville. KRISTEN LEIGH ELKS ’09 wed MICHAEL VERNON BARBER ’08 on June 5 at Atlantic Beach. He is an auditor with KPMG in Greensboro. HOLLY ANN SAILORS had an exhibition of her paintings at the Berkeley College Gallery in New York City. She is pursuing...
“Head Full of Doubt/Road Full of Promise” is one of the more appealing songs by the Avett Brothers. It’s a tune that hauntingly explores, as Scott Avett ’99 ’00 says, “the temporary nature of our buildings and our mentality.” Now there’s a video to go with the song produced by another ECU alumnus, New York artist Jason Mitcham ’02. The video is composed of some 2,600 alterations to a single picture. Shown in strobe-light fashion—you actually see 10 images per second—the video depicts an entire town arising, prospering and then declining to ruins. NPR called the song a “spare but stunning work of art.” You can watch the video at East’s web site, www.ecu.edu/east.

Avett and Mitcham, both art majors, were a few years apart in school here but knew each other and have kept in touch since graduation. While Scott Avett and brother Seth, a UNC Charlotte graduate, were paying their musical dues and gaining a measure of fame, Mitcham opted for grad school at the University of Florida, where he completed a master of fine arts degree in 2005. He currently operates a studio in Long Island City that he shares with his wife, who is also a visual artist.

“My story at ECU is pretty similar to Scott’s, minus the music,” Mitcham tells us, “I studied a lot under Leland Wallin, concentrating on painting the figure. I have the highest regard for all of the professors I worked with there—Leland Wallin, Michael Voors, Paul Hartley and Scott Eagle—among others. There seemed to be an amazing energy going on with the group of students that were there at the time. Both the faculty and body of students set up a really wonderful community that I feel was crucial to my development as an artist.”

Mitcham says the high point of his college experience was a study trip to Italy led by Michael Voors and James McElhinney. “We spent four weeks studying painting and drawing. We based ourselves out of a small town where we could develop an intense studio practice, while also taking trips to view works by Italian painters of the Veneto Region. It was the first time I had seen historical paintings like that in person, and it had a profound, immediate effect on me. Scott was part of this program as well.”

an MFA in painting at the New York Academy of Art. KIMBERLY SCOTT received the Outstanding ECU Volunteer for Pitt County Schools award as coordinator of ECU Reads, a campus-based literacy initiative promoted by the ECU Volunteer and Service Learning Center to increase the reading levels of local children. She is the education curriculum specialist and education workshop facilitator for Academics Plus Education and Assessment Center in Goldsboro. CHRISTOPHER T. WHITE was promoted to director of business development for the building division of Barnhill Contracting Co. in Raleigh. He is on the advisory board for the ECU construction management department. AMANDA “MANDY” WILSON joined Boylan Healthcare at its North Raleigh office, where her interests are preventative care, total healthcare and women’s healthcare. She was a patient care technician at Rex Hospital in Raleigh.
July 31 in a seaside ceremony at the Coral Bay Club in
Atlantic Beach. She teaches special education in Surry
County Schools. ANNA LOUISE WOODRULL ’08
wed SCOTT ANDREW FINSER ’09 on June 19 in
Smithfield. At ECU she was a Kappa Delta, and he was a
Beta Theta Pi.

2007

SHAMMAH BARRETT is the principal of
Falkland Elementary School where she was the
assistant principal. BETH MARIE COREY wed
ANDREW PAUL COOPER on March 6 at Rock
Springs Center in Greenville. He is enrolled at ECU.
SCOTT POAG ’07 ’09 is the existing industries
coordinator for the Pitt County Development
Commission. CHRISTOPHER S. MCDONALD
teaches English and is the golf coach at the Oakwood
School in Greenville. He taught and coached at
Rockingham Middle School in Rockingham.
DARRELL RICHARDSON is the principal of the
Roberson Center for Educational Achievement
in Tarboro. He was assistant principal at SouthWest
Edgecombe High School. LEE SCHWARZ has two
successful healthcare businesses, passed the CPA exam
in Maryland and is engaged to be married. ASHlie
SHEPARD is a business assurance senior associate
at Moore Colson, an accounting firm in Marietta,
Ga. TONY SICELLOF is a senior associate at the
public accounting firm of Goodman & Company,
LLP, at their Danville, Va., office. BETSY ERIN
STAINBACK wed Timothy Dwane Brinson on
May 22 in Raleigh. She is a student at the UNC
Chapel Hill Eshelman School of Pharmacy. ALYSSA
SUGAR joined the clinical staff at the Carolina
Centre in Greenville. She is a licensed clinical addiction
specialist and a licensed professional counselor
specializing in the treatment of adults and teenagers
with addiction disorders.

ROBERT ALTON is a project manager at Carver
Machine Works in Washington, N.C. He was
with BE&K as a project engineer and assistant
superintendent responsible for a $24-million detention
facility expansion. ASHLEY KRISTIN BIGGS
wed Stephen Ward Causey on July 10 in Greenville.
She is employed by Pitt County Schools. JASON
BROWN became a certified zoning official for
the town of Garner. Dr. CHRISTINA DELUCA
joined the Oconee OB/Gyn Associates in Seneca,
S.C. WHITNEY GRAU ’06 ’10 joined Booz Allen
Hamilton in Washington, D.C., in their human
resources department. REbecca BLAKE HARBIN
’06 wed TOM PETTUS HARRIS III ’05 on July
24 in Wilmington. She is in ECU’s master in nursing
program, and he is the owner of Harris Marine, LLC,
in Morehead City. TRACY SANDS is the principal of
Karns High School in Knox County, Tenn. She
was principal at a middle school near Boston, Mass.
DOUGLAS SCHILLER ’06 ’08 won Student of the
Year for the class of 2012 at the Lincoln Memorial

2006

Mark Brunetz ’85 won a daytime Emmy Award in June for his work
as the co-star of Clean House on the Style Network, and now he’s co-
authored a book offering his best tips on how to get rid of clutter around
the home. Take the U Out of Clutter: The Last Clutter Book You’ll Ever
Need is part how-to and part self-help. The objective of the book is to
make readers recognize why they acquire so much stuff in the
first place, and then motivate them to let go of the stories
behind the things they save. Brunetz, who grew up in Raleigh
where his mother still lives, says in the book that a cluttered
home is a reflection of a cluttered mind. We keep objects
not for what they are, he writes, but for the memories we
associate with them. Brunetz, who broke into Hollywood
making exercise videos for Jane Fonda before co-founding
Fortis Films with actress Sandra Bullock (they were friends
in college), became a co-host of Clean House in 2002.

Tommy Spaulding ’92, the former Up with People CEO and
former ECU Leader in Residence, has written what’s being
called the How to Win Friends and Influence People for the
Who You Know promotes the value of building powerful
relationships in business and in life. With a foreword
by Ken Blanchard, management expert and author of
The One Minute Manager, Spaulding’s book takes Dale
Carnegie’s classic philosophy to the next level, showing
how, by developing deeper relationships through giving
to others and putting them first, we benefit as well.

It’s Not Just Who You Know
Broadway Books
320 pages, $23

Clarence E. Willie ’94 ’99 received a 2010 Congressional Black Caucus
Veterans’ Braintrust Award for his book, African American Voices from
Iwo Jima: Personal Accounts of the Battle, and for his other works for
black veterans. “After three years of laboring and toiling...the most
important thing is to get these guys’ story out,” Willie said about
the vets. “Each one of them is so happy to get
their story out there.” The book tells the firsthand
accounts of 11 black soldiers who participated in
the World War II battle of Iwo Jima. The men talk
about their lives during the Great Depression before
they enlisted, their military training, their service
during the war and their homecoming. These are
stories that Willie and the executive coordinator of
the Veterans’ Braintrust, Ron Armstead, were afraid
could one day be lost. The book is “one of those
nuggets, pearls of wisdom, that would have been
lost to the ages,” Armstead said.

African American Voices from Iwo Jima:
Personal Accounts of the Battle
McFarland
260 pages, $38
University-DeBusk College of Osteopathic Medicine in Knoxville, Tenn. **JOSEPH SIANO '06** wed **DANA REED SIANO '07** on Feb. 14, 2009, in Las Vegas, Nev. They have a son, Greyson Mitchell, and live in Chesterfield, Va., where he is a lead estimator at Atlantic Construction Fabrics, and she works for Chesterfield County. **AARON BURT SWINSON** wed Morgan Leigh Hannan on May 22 in Chincapin. He works for Dixie General Contractors Inc. in Wallace. **CINDY TAYLOR**, an occupational therapist at Therapeutic Life Center in Greenville, completed advanced training to become certified in therapeutic listening, used to treat children and adults with sensory processing disorders, poor balance or coordination, ADD/ADHD, autism/PDD or learning disabilities.

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**TRAVIS ALFORD** received the ASCAP Foundation Morton Gould Young Composer Award. He teaches at Gordon College in Wenham, Mass. **ADAM L. BAKER** was sworn in as an attorney at law and practices at Christian E. Dysart Attorney at Law, PLLC, in Raleigh. Air Force Airman **LATORA BURROUGHS** graduated from basic training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. **JOSH CROWELL** is director of the Health and Wellness Center in Warsaw. **KAREN DAMERON** is the interim assistant superintendent of human resource services for the Edgecombe County Public Schools District. **JENNIFER LUPTON DELAMAR** wed Charles Terry Goss Jr. on June 26 in Oriental. She teaches high school art at Harnett Central High School in Angier. **SARA LOUISE EVERETT** wed John Francis Boyle on July 10 in an outside ceremony at The Crest Center in Asheville. She is a massage therapist at the Grove Park Inn Spa in Asheville. **KELLY MICHELLE JOYNER** wed Steven Patrick Jacobs on July 17 at Kingston Plantation Resort in Myrtle Beach. She teaches at Pactolus School in Greenville. Dr. **CHARLES “CHIP” LENNON** graduated from Sherman School of Straight Chiropractic in Spartanburg, S.C. **VATSAL NAIK** opened the Indian restaurant Shalimar Tandoor Grill and Bar in Fayetteville. Before opening Shalimar, he interned at Sanderling Resort in Duck and also worked in Greek and Indian restaurants. **KEVIN DANE PITTMAN** wed Erica Carter Ellis on June 26 at the Winds Resort and Beach Club in Ocean Isle Beach. He teaches at Red Oak Middle School in Battleboro. **CHRISTY NICOLE PRICE** wed Robert Matthew Pannell on May 15 at Chateau De Chef at Ocean Isle Beach. Her wedding party included bridesmaids **Melissa Britt '04** and **Amy Chandler '06**. She works at Pitt Community Hospital in Greenville.

**LISA BARBER** was elected to the Meeting Professionals International-Carolinas Chapter board of directors as the director of fundraising. She is regional director of business development for the Greenville Convention Center. **DANA MICHAEL BLAKE** wed Lacey Lynn Mull in Shelby on July 18. He works at Blake Construction. **SETH BROWN** is the principal of Chocod School. He was principal of Ayden Middle School. **KELLY NEALEY BULLARD**, a third-grade teacher at Tabor City Elementary School, was named Teacher of the Year. **ELIZABETH “BETH” ANSLIE GUNDERSON** wed Alan Michael Roughton on April 24 in New Bern. She is a copyeditor at The Daily Reflector in Greenville. Dr. **HEATHER RIVERA GÜTEKUNST** joined Wake Internal Medicine and Pediatrics in its North Raleigh office treating pediatric and internal medicine patients, and allergy patients. **ROBERT ROSS** is the athletic director at East Duplin High School in Beulaville. He was a physical education teacher and teacher for various online classes and coach at the school for three years. **KORTNEY ROSS WILSON** wed Kelly Denise Brinson on June 12 in the gardens at The Hall and Gardens at Landmark in Garner. He is a licensed financial specialist at Wachovia in Raleigh.

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JIMMY CARPENTER joined Capstone Homes in Delaware as a production manager. ELIZABETH WEEKS HOTT and Justin Thomas Hott had a daughter, Mary McCullen, on April 8. She is a pharmaceutical sales representative with Johnson and Johnson. KEVIN MABE is the principal at Richmond Senior High School in Rockingham where he was the assistant principal. He is pursuing a doctorate in education at NCSU. EMMA MCDONALD exhibited her photographs at Evergreen Studio in Charlotte, a public art show in which she was one of two art directors. DAVID MOODY ’03 ’10 is the principal of Comfort Elementary School in Jones County. In 2008, he began a two-year principal fellowship at ECU, spending the first year in the classroom and the second interning at Jones Senior High School.

JOHN C. BACON is vice president and commercial relationship manager at TrustAtlantic Bank in Greenville. BROOKE BANSON joined semplesolutions, a full-service marketing and public relations firm in Greenville, as vice president and business manager. Previously, she worked in marketing and public relations for Prudential Commercial Real Estate in Wilmington, the East Carolina Bank and The Daily Reflector. AMANDA DAWN EDWARDS wed Brian Matthew McCarty on May 1 on the beach at the Beaches Sandy Bay Resort in Negril, Jamaica. She works at Children's Health Services and The Allergy Relief Center of Greenville. Dr. CHENA FLOOD ’02 ’07 is the director of the N.C. Division of Non-Public Education. She was director of School Partnerships at the N.C. Central University School of Education. LINDSAY ANNELLE “ANNIE” GRIMES wed Mark Sloan Williams on Aug. 14 in an outdoor ceremony at the bride's parents home in Welcome. She owns a custom art jewelry business, CopperTide. HOLLY ANN HALL ’02 ’07 wed EMMETT PAUL STARNES III ’05 on May 15 in Raleigh. She is a family nurse practitioner for Raleigh Neurology, and he is a superintendent for Adams Homes. KATHRYN KEMMER HICKS ’02 wed DANIEL HODGIN SHIELDS ’01 ’03 on Oct. 9. She is in her third year at N.C. Central Law School, and he is branch manager of RBC in Wake Forest. SHAKIRA MARIA LEE earned a JD degree from Florida A&M University College of Law. A member of the Florida bar, she works in the 20th Judicial Circuit Public Defender's Office in Punta Gorda, Fla. CHARLES SHIELDS is head coach of the McMichael High School football team in Mayodan, Va. He was the assistant head football coach at Northern Guilford High School in Greensboro.

JOE HASTINGS is the assistant baseball coach at Notre Dame where he coaches the infield and works with hitters and recruits. He coached with Notre
Pitt county teachers honored

MOLLIE MCKEITHAN ’06 was named Pitt County Teacher of the Year. Teacher of the Year finalists included SUE ANNE BLANK ’00 ’05, LAUREN BOWERS ’03 and RHYS MYRICK POTTS ’05 ’06. Teacher of the Year nominees for middle school included ANN SCARBOROUGH MCCLUNG ’86, SUSAN PEARCE ’84 ’90 and RACHEL LEONARD SERVIA ’03. Teacher of the Year nominees for elementary school included SARAH WILLIAMS ’02, JAMI BENDLE ’98 ’02, CORA GORHAM-WHITE ’92 and DEBBIE HUGGINS ’86. Teacher of the Year nominees for high school included TINA BEACHAM ’92, JULIE BRICKHOUSE ’88, TAMARA CAIN ’05 ’08, YVONNE CARROLL ’04, RUTH COLLINS ’87, LATONJIA MOORE COLUMBUS ’03, DAN CONGLETON ’79 ’86, TARA S. GRENSHAW ’97, JANET DRUESCHLER ’06, JOAN LANSCHE HOWARD ’79 ’85, CHRISTLE DOWDY MCKINNEY ’96 ’99 ’00, KAMARA C. ROACH ’99 ’04 ’09, AMBER SAULS ’05, AMY SHEPPARD ’89 ’90, RENEE SHEPPARD ’96 ’07 and LAURA MANNING WHITEHURST ’88.

LANE FREEMAN ’00 ’01 and ANGELA K. FREEMAN ’00 ’05 had a son, Parker Timothy, on April 27, who joins brother William Lane, born in 2008. Both teach in Edgecombe County Schools.

KEVIN KELLEY is the head men’s and women’s cross country coach at Coker College in Hartsville, S.C. He is pursuing a master’s in curriculum and instruction with a physical education minor from Salem International University and continues to teach physical education at St. John’s Elementary School in Darlington, S.C. PETER MCCRACKEN was appointed to the Tompkins County, N.Y., Public Library’s Board of Trustees. He is cofounder and director of content and business development for ShipIndex.org. KEITH MCKENZIE is the principal of East Rockingham Elementary School in Virginia. He was principal of Fairview Heights Elementary School in Virginia. LAURA SUSANNE SUTTON ’99 ’01 wed Christopher Scott Young on July 17 in New Bern. She works for the Pitt County Schools and owns Laura Sutton Jewelry Designs. BETTY TOLAR is principal of Pactolus School in Pitt County. She was principal of Bethel School in Pitt County.

KEVIN KLUEG is the head men’s and women’s cross country coach at Coker College in Hartsville, S.C. He is pursuing a master’s in curriculum and instruction with a physical education minor from Salem International University and continues to teach physical education at St. John’s Elementary School in Darlington, S.C. PETER MCCRACKEN was appointed to the Tompkins County, N.Y., Public Library’s Board of Trustees. He is cofounder and director of content and business development for ShipIndex.org. KEITH MCKENZIE is the principal of East Rockingham Elementary School in Virginia. He was principal of Fairview Heights Elementary School in Virginia. LAURA SUSANNE SUTTON ’99 ’01 wed Christopher Scott Young on July 17 in New Bern. She works for the Pitt County Schools and owns Laura Sutton Jewelry Designs. BETTY TOLAR is principal of Pactolus School in Pitt County. She was principal of Bethel School in Pitt County.

KAREN STEVENS ’98 ’01 joined Therapeutic Life Center in Greenville. ERIC L. JOHNSON opened his own law office in Fayetteville.
Army Maj. SCOTT COFFEY graduated from the intermediate-level education course at the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, Ft. Leavenworth, Leavenworth, Kan. RICK CROOK is director of operations for Pioneer Frozen Foods in Prosperity, S.C. He joined the company in 2009 as manufacturing manager. GORDON RAWLS and wife, Amy, adopted Emma Nicole Rawls, born May 4, 2010. CAREY MEADOWS RIVERS and husband, Michael, had a third child, Presley Girace, on April 19 in Raleigh. CORY ROUTH published the second edition of his book, Kayak Fishing: The Complete Guide. TRAVIS SMITH of Lumberton is assistant vice president and business development officer at the St. Pauls branch of First Bank. JEFF THEUS ’97 ’04 is principal of Ayden Middle School in Pitt County. He was principal of Wellcome Middle School in Pitt County. WILLIAM WATSON is vice president at Grandbridge Real Estate Capital LLC in its Norfolk, Va., office where he works as a real estate analyst.

KIM HARRIS ’96 ’05 joined Greenville Counselors where she specializes in counseling those with substance abuse and dependence related issues in addition to working with clients on a variety of disorders. MIKE HUMENIK is director of technical sales-industrial products for Herkules Equipment Corp, which makes material handling lifting systems and paint gun washers. KIM CRICKMORE OSBORNE received a PhD in nursing from ECU. She is the administrator of operations at Pitt County Memorial Hospital in Greenville. WILL PIERCE ’96 ’00 CPA is the controller in the Tarboro office of Barnhill Contracting Co. 

GENEA KORNEGAY ’95 ’06 is principal of Sadie Saulter Elementary School in Greenville. She was assistant principal at W. H. Robinson Elementary School in Greenville. JOHN PRESCOTT SABISTON wed Shannon Montgomery MacFadyen on July 31 in Raleigh where he works for Sears Holdings. Dr. CHRISTOPHER SKINNER is an assistant professor of religion at Mount Olive College in Mount Olive. He was an instructor of Biblical studies at St. Mary’s Seminary and University in Maryland. LARANDA LEWIS TAYLOR, technology facilitator at Harkers Island Elementary School, was named the Certified Employee of the Year in Carteret County.

Dr. JANET FUNDERBURK ALBERS ’94 ’00 is an assistant professor of recreation and leisure studies at Mount Olive College in Mount Olive. She was an assistant professor of recreational therapy at ECU. ERNIE GENE ASTON wed Amanda Susan Hudson on May 22 in a garden at Flair By Sharon in Washington. He is an environmental consultant.

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

It’s the most common family name in Vietnam, so it’s not surprising that few of the more than 30 Nguyens who have graduated from ECU since 1992 are closely related. But it does seem unusual that two of them are world-class chefs. Duc Nguyen ’00 says that only one of the other ECU Nguyens is a relative—an aunt, Phuong Nguyen ’05. But he doesn’t have much time to talk because the lunch rush is about to start at his latest restaurant, Sanuki Japanese Steak and Seafood on Neuse Boulevard in New Bern. It joins the family’s two other restaurants, Musashi Japanese Steak & Seafood Restaurant on Glenburnie Road in New Bern, and another by the same name on Arendell Street in Morehead City. A fourth was expected to open in Havelock late this year or early next. Duc Nguyen, 32, is president of the family business that owns them all.

Meanwhile, food critics are raving about Wasabi 88, the trendy Asian bistro and sushi bar that Dai Nguyen ’01 opened in Greenville. Our State magazine recently named it one of the 100 Must-Places to eat in North Carolina. Dai learned to cook from his mom at an early age and turned his passion for food into a business. He describes Wasabi 88’s menu as a blend of Asian cultures fused with American.

Born in Vietnam, Duc Nguyen and a younger sister emigrated with their father in a wooden boat. After two years in refugee camps in Hong Kong and the Philippines, the family came to America with the help of a Catholic priest, the Rev. Donald Staib of Apex, and the family settled in the Triangle. While in high school in Durham, Nguyen worked in local restaurants to help support his family. A chemistry major at ECU, he didn’t plan to go into the restaurant business. He opened the first Musashi restaurant in New Bern about nine years ago. The family opened the Morehead City location six years ago.

Staib said he first met Duc Nguyen and his family while they were in a camp in the Philippines, and he helped to resettle them. “After they got jobs and things, they were on their own,” Staib says. “As you can probably tell, this family has done extremely well.”
As a teenager, **Michelle Congleton '95 '97** considered being a model, but the Raleigh-born daughter of a Wake County magistrate and a city councilman had other dreams, too. After completing a bachelor’s and a master’s here, she graduated from N.C. Central University School of Law and opened her own law firm, Congleton Law PC, in Raleigh. While being photographed for her firm’s website, the photographer told her that local retailers like hiring models in their mid-30s because it adds a layer of authenticity. “I thought it could be a fun hobby,” Congleton says, “but I wondered how I could turn it into something more meaningful.”

So began Models for Charity, a group of professional men and women who raise money for Triangle charities through modeling. When they get paid work, a minimum of 25 percent of their wages goes to a local charity, with the tax benefit going to the employer who gave them the work. Models for Charity participated in about 20 fundraising events in the Triangle in 2010, including WakeMed Hospital’s successful Just for Kids campaign.

There are more than 30 members of Models for Charity, working in real estate, restaurant management, computer programming, law and other professions. Not all members walk the runway, but all are focused on benefiting the Triangle community. “I am so proud of our organization and all we have been able to do in such a short time for our community,” Congleton says. “The members of Models for Charity are some of the most fabulous people I know and I feel extremely lucky to be part of this group.”

Congleton is a third-generation Pirate. Her father is former Raleigh City Council member **Mort Congleton ’70** of Raleigh; her grandmother is **Alice Pelletier Tetterton ’33**.

—The Raleigh News & Observer contributed to this report

**REBECCA BEAULIEU ’94 ’97 ’00** is principal of C.M. Eppes Middle School where she was assistant principal. **LOU ANNE COLLIE** wed Darryl Leon Black on April 24 in Wrightsville Beach. She is an occupational therapist with Legacy Healthcare.

**MARCELLUS GAINEY ’94 ’98** and Shannon Gainey had twins, Avery Anne and John William, on Aug. 2. **GEORGE ELTON HENDRICKS ’94 ’00** received his PhD in human services from Walden University. He is chair of the Department of Social Work at Methodist University in Fayetteville. He is married to **KELLY HENDRICKS ’93**, a school nurse with the Cumberland County Health Department, and they have two boys, ages 14 and 9.

**STEPHEN TODD HOLLOWAY** was selected to join the USA Eagles Football Club, also known as Team USA, to play American football against the national teams of European countries, Mexico and Canada. An offensive lineman, he was signed as a free agent with the Rostock Griffins in Rostock, Germany, as a player/coach for the offensive line and is also an All-Star center with the Georgia X-Treme Semi-Pro football team in Marietta, Ga., of the United South Football League.

**BOBBI MICHELLE WILSON LEMANSKI** wed Frank Robert Lemanski in Raleigh on Oct. 25, 2009. She is a tax manager with Ernst & Young LLP in Raleigh.

**JULIE BELL PETRAK** wed Christopher Petrak on Sept. 11. She owns a personal training business and acts locally in Connecticut films and theatre with her most recent appearance as Shelby in Steel Magnolias.

**Teresa Webster** is assistant principal at South Edgecombe Middle School. She was assistant principal at Princeville Montessori School. **Thomas Wilson ’94 ’09** is principal at Knotts Island Elementary School in Currituck County. He was director of the alternative learning program for Pamlico County Schools.

**Cheryl Raye Smith Heath** received her master of library science degree from ECU in May. **Ben Owen III** had an exhibit, “Ben Owen III: Earth, Water and Fire: Works in Clay,” at the N.C. Museum of Natural Sciences Nature Art Gallery in Raleigh. **Neil Gardner Rains ’93** wed **JULIE ANNE AVERY ’98** on May 15 in Asheboro. He is a financial crimes detective with the High Point police department, and she is a victim advocacy program coordinator with Family Service of the Piedmont Inc. in Greensboro.

**Marty Baker ’92 ’03** is principal of Ayden-Griffin High School in Pitt County. He was principal at North Pitt High School. **Vann Pennell** is principal of St. James High School in Conway, S.C. He was principal at South Brunswick High School in Southport. In 2009 he was selected as the Southeastern Regional Principal of the Year, and in spring 2009, he was awarded the “Razor Walker Award” for educators by the Watson School of Education at UNCW.
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quality at PCMH. Capt. MICHAEL F. WHITE JR., assumed command of Coast Guard Sector Charleston and duties as captain of the ports of Charleston and Savannah. He is responsible for all Coast Guard missions throughout South Carolina and Georgia.

D. SCOTT MCANDREW was transferred from Raleigh to Greenville as the executive sales consultant with Novartis Pharmaceuticals. He has been in pharmaceuticals since 1999. Dr. STEPHEN MESSER was appointed to the faculty of the Center for Psychological Studies at Nova Southeastern University in Fort Lauderdale-Davie, Fla. He was on the faculty at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences, Bethesda, Md. JOHN MINGES III was appointed by the Greenville City Council to be the Greenville Utilities Commission board of commissioners for a three-year term. He is president and founding partner of Minges Associates LLC, serving as a management consultant for 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations. SANDRA “DEEDEE” PHILLIPS ’86 ’90 ’08, assistant principal of Beaufort Elementary School, was named Assistant Principal of the Year in Carteret County. JOHNNIE SNOWDEN III joined the Center for Information Technology/Office of Web Services at Hampton University in Hampton, Va., as a web database administrator and senior IT analyst. He was the publisher and editor of The Independent newspaper in Currituck. MICHELE WOODSON 2005 ’83 ’08 is principal at Pleasant Grove Elementary School in Alamance County. She was assistant principal at Altamaha-Ossipee Elementary School.

1985

Dr. STEPHANIE GRIFFIN ’85 ’09 joined the Urgent Care office of Physicians East, P.A., in Greenville. She was in private practice in Wilson.

1984

TERESA “TERRIE” LONG BEESEN, principal of Bogue Sound Elementary School, was named the 2010-2011 Wachovia Principal of the Year in Carteret County. ELEANOR SPRAGUE GRADY moved to Asheville from Westport, Conn., where she was affiliated with the brokerage firm Smith-Barney. She would like to get in touch with classmates, particularly her Chi Omega sorority sisters.

1983

SUSAN FECHO ’83 ’84 ’88 exhibited her work at the Greene County Museum. She is chair of the Department of Art and Design at Barton College in Wilson. DOUGLAS WADE HUGGINS ’83 ’93 of Hopewell, Va., retired as a chief warrant officer after a 40-year career covering the U.S. Navy, U.S. Army and U.S. Army Reserves. He is the senior information assurance officer at the Defense Commissary Agency and holds several information systems security certifications. CASSINA HUNT was inducted as a member of the executive board of the N.C. Health Information Management Association. She is a past president of the association and was the 2005 recipient of the association’s Distinguished Member Award. She is the chief privacy officer/director health information management for FirstHealth of the Carolinas/Moore Regional Hospital in Pinehurst. BONNIE WEST is director of the Kannapolis City Schools Exceptional Children’s Program. She was the system support specialist in the department. During her 26-year career, she was an exceptional children’s resource teacher at Forest Park Elementary, where she was named the school’s Teacher of the Year, and she was a finalist for systemwide Teacher of the Year honors.

1982

FRANK M. MAIORANO is president and CEO of Trust Company of America in Centennial, Colo., and was elected a director of the Association of Colorado Trust Companies. In October, he wed Katherine Holbrook, and they live in Denver, Colo. DENNIS TEEL 1981 ’83 ’90 became the first director of teacher induction and principal development for Pitt County Schools. He was principal of Falkland Elementary School.

1981

JERRY BAILEY was chosen for the Alamanac Community College Board of Trustees. He is market president for Wachovia Bank in Alamanac and Rockingham counties. He has worked for Wachovia for 29 years. LYNNE BALL CHAMBLEE and husband, David, operate a commercial landscaping and lawn maintenance business in Garner; are co-owners of Locked & Loaded Grill in Garner and operate a fishing charter business out of Cedar Point. DEBBIE PACE is interim director of exceptional children programs for the Edgecombe County Public Schools District. She was director of preschool programs there.

1980

GLENN JOYNER is on-site administrator for Greenville’s new Pope John Paul II Catholic High School after retiring as principal of Chicod School in Pitt County. ROBIN LOY is an authorized distributor in Greenville of the Michie Bag, a designer handbag that can be customized to complement most any outfit. She is a music teacher in Pitt County Schools. JOSEPH NELSON 1980 ’83 is principal of St. Peter’s Catholic grade school in Greenville after retiring as principal of Pactolus School in Pitt County. EDDIE RHOADES, baseball coach at Farmville Central High School, was named The Daily Reflector’s baseball Coach of the Year after his team won the 2-A sectional championship, and Farmville Central made its first appearance in the Eastern Regional finals since 2005. LARRY STEELMAN is vice president, sales channels and programs, at Cox Business in Atlanta. He was vice president and had general management roles in Barco’s Out of Home Media and Security and Monitoring divisions.

1978

BILL FRAZIER ’78 ’93 retired as principal of Ayden-Griffin High School in Pitt County in December 2009. JAMES JAY JESTER ’78 ’81 is principal of Bethel School in Pitt County. He was interim principal of Ayden-Griffin High School in Pitt County.

RANDY SMITH and DEBBIE LYNN AVERY SMITH retired from Pitt County Schools after 30 years of service. She is director of the Winterville Chamber of Commerce, and he is an associate with A-1 Promotions. JAMES WALKER JR. is chair of the Carteret Community College Board of Trustees, becoming the first African American elected to that post. In 2003, he retired after 36 years as a teacher, principal and administrator with Carteret County Schools. BARBARA “BEE” SLATE WRIGHT retired after 32 years teaching in the home economic/ FACS department at Scotland High School in Laurinburg.

1977

GARY STEVEN BICKLEY, professor of art in the School of Visual Arts in the College of Architecture and Urban Studies at Virginia Tech, was conferred the “professor emeritus” title by the Virginia Tech Board of Visitors. On the faculty since 1978, he was responsible for installing permanent works of art throughout the campus landscape and interior structures. He created the university Millennium Mace, displayed at each commencement ceremony since 2000. As a professional artist, he participated in more than 180 exhibitions at art museums, galleries and art centers.

1976

LYNN F. H. CLINE, deputy associate administrator for space operations at NASA, was the keynote speaker at “Where Are the Girls: STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) Education and Careers,” a summit in Terre Haute, Ind., aimed at attracting more young women to these fields.

WILLIAM “BILL” H. SHREVE of Wilson was recognized by the Society of Certified Insurance Counselors (CIC) for 30 years of faithful participation.
in advanced education. He is among the first group to attain this milestone, which he earned through a series of exams and annual attendance at an approved CIC continuing education program.

1975

DAN KENNEY ’75 ’77, UNC Pembroke director of athletics, received the UNCP “Spirit of Unity Award” at the 14th Annual UNC Pembroke Business Vision Dinner. In 2007 he launched the UNCP football program and in the community helped launch two major road races and festivals.

1974

RICK ATKINSON won the 2010 Pritzker Military Library Literature Award for Lifetime Achievement in Military Writing. He is the author of several books on military history, including *The Long Gray Line*, a history of the West Point class of 1966. A two-time Pulitzer Prize winner, he has worked as a reporter, foreign correspondent and editor at *The Washington Post* since 1983. JAMES “JIM” F. BUCKMAN IV of Washington, retired from banking after 35 years, 22 with Bank of America and 13 with FirstSouth Bank. In 2009 he opened Buckman Investments LLC, an independent financial services business specializing in retirement services, investments and insurance offered through Geneos Wealth Management, Inc.

1973

BOB GRECZYN, retired CEO of Blue Cross and Blue Shield of N.C., was named to the board of directors of Raleigh-based TrustAtlantic Bank and to the board of its wholly-owned subsidiary, TrustAtlantic Bank. He is on the ECU board of trustees and its immediate past chair.

1972

ROBERT ALLEN and wife, CHERYL WRENN ALLEN, moved to Roxboro from Virginia Beach, Va. In 2010, he retired after 35 years of federal civil service with the Department of Defense and the U.S. Army, and in 2008, she retired after teaching more than 20 years in public schools in Virginia and North Carolina. Their son, Christopher ’06, is a marketing director in Newport News, Va., and daughter, Amanda, is a PhD candidate at Louisiana State University.

1970

JOHN R. DIXON was inducted in the U.S. Army Infantry Hall of Fame at Ft. Benning, Ga. In 1999, he retired from the Army as a colonel in the Special Forces and worked as an executive with Merrill Lynch and served as an adjunct professor of political science at Peace College in Raleigh. He lives in Mebane. BURNEY WARREN, former head of mergers and acquisitions for BB&T, joined SCBT Financial Corp. in Columbia, S.C., where he will advise the parent of SCBT on growth strategies. He was chief executive of First Federal Savings Bank in Greenville, N.C., until it was sold to BB&T in 1990. He worked at BB&T

1975

It’s usually bad news when Robert Benzon ’71 gets a phone call. Often, it’s news that an airliner with dozens, perhaps even hundreds, of passengers has fallen out of the sky. Most are dead; everyone wants to know why it happened. That’s his job, determining what went wrong and how to fix it. As the senior air safety investigator for the National Transportation Safety Board, it’s a job he’s performed nearly 100 times over the past 26 years. Sometimes, a tense nation watches intently as he works, as in November 2001—just two months after 9/11—when an American Airlines flight with 260 passengers flamed out of the sky over New York and crashed into the water off Queens, killing everyone aboard. Terrorism was suspected; Benzon concluded the crash was caused by the pilot’s excessive force on a vertical stabilizer bar. His best day on the job? That probably would be Jan. 15, 2009, after a flock of geese crippled both engines on a US Airways flight just after take-off, and the pilot managed to glide the plane to a safe landing in what’s now known as the Miracle on the Hudson. The crew and all 155 passengers walked away unharmed. Amid the rejoicing, Benzon went about his work as always. He still had to find out what went wrong and how to prevent it from happening again. His steady focus on improving airline safety was recognized this year when he was a finalist for the 2010 Service to America medal awarded by the Partnership for Public Service to honor the commitment and innovations of federal workers.

Jim Cross

‘64 ’65

roamed the world during a 23-year Air Force career but he always knew he would retire to Hubert, near Camp Lejeune, because that’s where his cars were. Over the years he bought several classics like this 1955 Thunderbird and stored them in a garage in Hubert. He’s had ample time to get reacquainted with his collection since his retirement in 1993. With the addition of a 1963 Chevy Impala Super Sport and three classic motorcycles, that garage is getting pretty crowded.
MICHAEL WINSLOW joined Craig Jackson Partners in a senior creative and management role. He worked at Rockett, Burkhead & Winslow until that firm declared bankruptcy in 2009.

BILL PRINCE is assistant football coach at First Flight High School in Kill Devil Hills where his younger brother is the head football coach. He was head football coach at Arcadia High School in Oak Hall, Va. At ECU, he was an offensive lineman for four years. WILLIAM JOSHUA “BILL” ROWE was inducted into the Kinston/Lenoir County Sports Hall of Fame. In 2009 he retired from Arendell Parrott Academy in Kinston as the winningest and longest-tenured prep football coach in Lenoir County history.

ROBERT D. UPCHURCH began his third year of service as the conference lay leader for the Western North Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church to which he was elected in June 2008.

LINWOOD HARTSELL was inducted into the Kinston/Lenoir County Sports Hall of Fame. He coached football, girls’ basketball and track over a 30-plus year career in Deep Run. CHARLIE LEWIS was inducted into the Kinston/Lenoir County Sports Hall of Fame. He was a three-sport star at Grainer High School, who scored 50 points in a basketball game for the 1958 Red Devils. At ECU he played basketball and was named all conference his senior year.

JEAN WOOLARD ‘62 ’64 of Plymouth was appointed to the State Board of Education by Gov. Bev Perdue to fill the unexpired term of Kathy Taft ’81, who was killed in a Raleigh home in March 2010. A former teacher at Plymouth High School, Woolard is a lifetime member of the National Education Association, a member of the N.C. Association of Educators, the Association of Classroom Teachers and a director of the N.C. Association of Educators.

GERALD T. LARSON ’63 ’64, a member of 1962 ECU golf team, received a U.S. patent on an unconventional type of golf course called the SelectPace Golf Course, which allows golfers to play at their own pace. A retired computer software developer, who worked at IBM, Eastern Airlines and EDS, he is a Vietnam veteran. He works part-time as a starter at the Doral Golf Resort and Spa in Miami, Fla.

CHARLIE ADAMS ’59 ’62 was recognized by the naming of the Cary High School Gym in his honor. For 42 years he served in the North Carolina High School Athletic Association, including 25 years as executive director, from which he retired in
2009. Among his honors, he is a member of the ECU Sports Hall of Fame, the North Carolina Athletic Directors Hall of Fame, the National High School Sports Hall of Fame and a charter member of the Cary High School Athletic Hall of Fame.

Dr. R. HARDEE RIVES ’52 ’53, an ECU professor emeritus of English, was the facilitator and speaker on April 12 at the spring meeting of the Senior Lawyers Division of the N.C. Bar Association in Halifax where he spoke about the Halifax Resolves, the precursor to the Declaration of Independence. Other speakers were MAXVILLE BURT WILLIAMS ’59 ’65, CARL BURKE ’98 and Guy A. Asterius of Greenville. In November 2009, Rives, who taught at ECU from 1962 to 1992, established the Hardee-Rives Award for Dramatic Arts in honor of his father, mother and grandmother, to be awarded annually to the person or institution best contributing to the promotion of drama in North Carolina.

JAMES and HELEN WATSON KLEINERT of Greenville celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on Aug. 21. They met and fell in love as ECTC students. After graduation, he worked for Dupont in Kinston as a senior technical assistant and taught math for the ECU Continuing Education Program. She raised four children and taught preschool at St. James Methodist Church for 18 years.

DOROTHY MARIE BENNETT BONNER celebrated her 60th wedding anniversary with husband, William Russell “Billy” Bonner, in May. A retired public school teacher, she taught one year in Forsyth County and 30 years in Beaufort County.

Scott Avett ’99 ’00 earned degrees in communication and art at East Carolina while also charting a musical path that led to the creation of folk-rock band the Avett Brothers. Tireless performers and prolific songwriters, the Avetts capture the energy of their concerts on Live, Volume 3, released in October on mega-producer Rick Rubin’s American Recordings label. The album was recorded in August 2009 at Bojangles’ Coliseum in Charlotte, just down the road from Scott and brother/band cofounder Seth’s hometown of Concord.
1930s

LOUISE EVELYN MARTIN CARROLL ’38 of Mullins, S.C., died Aug. 18 at 91. She worked with young children with special needs in Honolulu, Hawaii, and in Jacksonville. Upon retirement, she and her husband served the Churches of Christ in Jacksonville, N.C., Jacksonville, Fla., St. Petersburg, Fla., and in Myrtle Beach, S.C. MARY CARSON CARTER ’38 of Hickory died May 29 at 92. KATIE ELIZABETH “LIB” JAMES CRAWFORD ’39 of Bethel died July 31. For more than 40 years, she taught in the Rocky Mount School System. FRANCES S. GOLD ’37 ’53 ’58 of Greenville died June 16 at 91. For many years, she taught in Bethel, Ayden and Everettes schools. MARTHA DEANS ROGERS TAYLOR, “G.G.,” ’37 of Snow Hill died June 27 at 93. She taught for 37 years, 18 at Deep Run High School (now South Lenoir) and 19 at Greene Central. Her volunteer activities led the Greene County Commissioners to declare Oct. 15, 2004, as “Martha Taylor Day” to honor her service to senior citizens, and her 90th birthday was declared as “Martha Taylor Day” by the mayor of Snow Hill.

1940s

CLARINE J. PICKENS ’45 of Richmond, Va., died May 24. She spent 49 years as a pastor’s wife, mother, teacher and sometimes choir director. KATRINE COLLIE PARKER ’40 of Virginia Beach, Va., died Sept. 4 at 91. For 29 years, she taught in Northampton County public schools and lived most of her adult life in Rich Square. HERBERT MOSELEY WILKERS c II ’40 of Greenville died Aug. 9. At ECTC he helped organize the first tennis team and boxed. A WWII veteran, he owned and operated Globe Hardware in Greenville for 40 years. CHARLES RANDOL WILLIAMS ’49 of Bunnlevel died June 29. A WWII veteran, former teacher and a retired attorney, he lived in Virginia and worked for the Army, the Navy and the Army Reserve and traveled the world.

1950s

WILLIAM “BILL” CLEAVER III ’58 of Winston-Salem died May 28. He taught and coached in North Carolina high schools for many years. In 1989, he retired from Miles Diagnostics. SUE HENDERSON COWEN ’50 of Wilmington died Aug. 10. For many years, she taught special education in the Martin County School System and was instrumental in bringing the Special Olympics to her students. LEON EARL DAVENPORT ’53 of Goldsboro died July 27. He was assistant superintendent of Goldsboro Public Schools for many years; an agriculture extension agent, focusing on the Wayne County 4-H program and finally a staff development specialist at Cherry Hospital. WILLIAM “BILL” KITTRELL ’51 of Henry, Va., died June 15. A WWII Navy veteran, he was a teacher and coach for 47 years. After retiring from Morehead High School, he went on to own and operate Eden Draying School. DAVID LEE ’57 ’62 of Beaufort died July 31. He lettered in football at ECU. He was a teacher and coach for nearly 56 years in Carteret County with 38 years at West Carteret High School where he was principal for 16 years before retiring in 2007. THOMAS JASPER “COACH” OWEN JR. ’53, formerly of Fayetteville and Elizabethtown, died June 30. A basketball player at ECU, he taught and coached high school football in Sampson County at Roseboro and Salemburg High Schools. He also taught and coached football, basketball and baseball in Robinson County at Fairmont High School. In 1965 he was named head coach at Pine Forest High School where he remained until retirement. ELBERT Pritchard ’58 ’61 of Burlington died Aug. 21. He was a personnel manager with Burlington Industries Print Shop, worked at Elon University and retired from Belk’s Department Store. CAROLYN SHARBER ’56 of Houston, Texas, died June 17. After teaching physical education for 39 years in New Orleans and Houston, she had a second career of volunteerism, working every day to help some organization. IVA CORNELIA JOHNSON SLOAN ’53 of Raleigh died June 21 at 98. She served Harnett County as assistant county auditor, tax supervisor, assistant tax collector, tax collector and deputy clerk of Superior Court. She was an elementary teacher of K-Fourth grades at Kipling’s Lafayette School for 22 years. RICHARD THORP SMITH JR. ’51 of Morehead City and Wilson died Aug. 30. He worked in his family’s tobacco warehouse and farming business and later, with his brother, formed Smith and Smith Insurance Services and Real Estate. He entered the building and land development business and served as president of the Tobacco Warehouse Association, the Wilson Board of Realtors and the Home Builders Association and was elected to three terms on the Wilson City Council. ALENE W. WALKER ’59 of Myrtle Beach, S.C., July 28. She taught high school English in North Carolina, South Carolina and Virginia. DELANO R. WILSON ’59 ’61 of Winterville died June 26. During his 34-year career, he taught in Craven County Schools, Pitt County Schools and for ECU. He was named Teacher of the Year six times and received an Outstanding Educator Award for 33 years of service. He served a term on the Pitt County Board of Education and was a certified master gardener. HOBART C. “WOODY” WILSON ’50 of Roanoke Rapids died May 12. During WWII, he served in the U.S. Army in the Rangers Division and was awarded two Purple Hearts. He taught and coached in Davidson County for eight years, at Chadbourne High School in Columbus County for four years and at Roanoke Rapids High School from 1965 until 1980, where his team won the conference football championship in 1968, going undefeated for the season. After his retirement from RRRHS, he was headmaster of Northeast Academy in Laster for four years.

1960s

CHARLES “CAREY” ANDERSON ’69 ’70 of Belmont died June 9. At ECU, he was an outstanding baseball player before joining the U.S. Air Force during the Vietnam War. He worked in the insurance field for many years. In 2008, he was inducted into the Belmont Sports Hall of Fame. JANE HARRIS BRANSON ’63 of Eagle Springs died June 7. In 1994 she retired after 30 years as a social worker at the Sammack Manor Correction School in Eagle Springs. ALBERT LAMM DAVIS ’61 of Little River, S.C., died Aug. 19. He was a teacher, coach and personnel director for Maxway Stores in Sandford. DR. HARTWELL FULLER of Pinetops died June 11. In 2004 he retired as the president of Edgecombe Community College, where under his leadership enrollment increased by almost 50 percent, the number of courses increased, the Rocky Mount campus expanded and an on-campus JobLink Center was created. ECC was one of the first community colleges in Eastern North Carolina to use the information highway and distance learning capabilities. ELIZABETH HANSEN ’66 of Rochester, N.Y., died June 8. She worked in research and administrative positions at the Center for Governmental Research (Rochester), Eastman School of Music, The Ohio State College of the Arts and the University of Rochester. She owned her own publishing company and worked as a realtor. HARRIET ZELOTA HARRINGTON of Bath died Aug. 13 at 95. She retired as a librarian at South Lenoir High School. GALE “MARGIE” WHITE LUCAS ’61 of Hendersonville died July 28. She taught English and history for 11 years before being hired as the general supervisor of Washington County Schools, which she did for 26 years. DOUGLAS MCDOWELL MORGAN ’61 of Winterville died June 22. A U.S. Army veteran, he was a member of Sigma Nu Fraternity at ECU. He worked in sales for Carolina Telephone, was the first registrar at Pitt Community College, was a Pitt County magistrate, was self-employed in the building industry and was one of the former owners of Century 21 Realty Group. MONROE D. MUSTIAN ’66 of Wilson died Aug. 11. He worked for Kraft-General Foods in Wilson for 30 years retiring as a district sales manager. PERRY WILDER NORRIS ’67 of Durham died May 17. For 31 years, he taught music education in schools in Rocky Mount and Durham, and in Bryan, Texas, where he was recognized twice (1991-92 and 1996-
97) as teacher of the year. He was an interim minister of music at churches in North Carolina and Texas.

CHARLES G. PEARCE '63 of Franklin, Va., died July 6. He was a retired principal and teacher. ARTURO DOUGLASS ROYAL JR. '69 of Goldsboro died June 19. He was the chair of the science department at Wayne Community College where he taught biology and microbiology for 37 years. SARA LEWIS SCHULT '67 of Raleigh died June 6. She was retired after 20 years of teaching elementary gifted and talented students. ALVIN SUGGS '66 of La Grange died April 29. A lifelong resident of La Grange, he was a WWII Army veteran and a retired history teacher with Lenior County Schools. Dr. AGNES JEAN POTHRESS WALSTON JONES WELLS '63 of Stanstonburg died May 18. She was a teacher, counselor, principal and college professor. The recipient of many academic scholarships and research awards, she was honored by the N.C. Youth Development Commission for helping institutionalized juveniles adapt upon returning to society. KENNETH C. WILKINSON JR. '65 '67 of Fairfax Station, Va., died Aug. 7. He was executive vice president of Dewberry, an engineering firm in Fairfax, Va. REBECCA N. WOOD '64 of Oak Hill, W.Va., died June 28. She was a teacher for 32 years.

1970s

RICHARD DEROO BRUNSON '75 of Provincetown, Mass., died April 14. He and his spouse, Timothy Richmond, owned and ran the John Randall Guest House in Provincetown. SUSAN LEIGH BURNS '79 of Lumberton died June 19. She was principal of Stoney Point Elementary School in Cumberland County after serving many years with Robeson County schools. MICHAEL H. COBB '77 of Astoria, Mass., died May 17. He was an electrical engineer for the Raytheon Co. in Andover for 30 years. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps. JENNY “JINK” PARKER DEAN '75 of Fort Mill, S.C., died July 7. She was an interior designer. CLARENCE THOMAS HANCOCK '75 of Richmond, Va., died Aug. 5. A member of Kappa Sigma fraternity at ECU, he served two tours of duty in the U.S. Army in Vietnam and in Ethiopia. He worked for Wood Equipment Co. in sales for eight years prior to opening Springfield Golf Co. in Carytown, Va. MARGARET “PEGGY” NEWTON INGLE of Wagram died July 26. She was married to Bill Ingle '70 and had retired from Cumberland County Schools in 2009. JILL IREY '70 of Rockville and Shady Side, Md., died July 26. She was a faculty and administrator member at Montgomery College. JOHN J. “JACK” KELLY '79 of Ken Caryl Valley, Colo., died April 7. A soccer player at ECU, he owned Transitional Consulting Firm in Littleton, Colo. GARY KENT KRAUSE '75 of Newport News, Va., died June 19. He was a quality control manager with International Communications Group. During the Vietnam War, he was a captain in the U.S. Marine Corps. CLAUDIA G. MEADOWS of Roxboro died July 24. A teacher for more than 37 years, she began in Halifax County, Va., and later taught in Myrtle Beach, S.C. For the last 29 years of her career, she taught in Department of Defense Schools in the Philippines, Cuba and Germany. MARY IRMA RIVES MOORE '71 died Aug. 4 in Farmville at 90. For 31 years, she taught in Harnett County, Greene County and Farmville schools. CAROLYN MYERS CRIGLER NICHOLS '71 died July 13 in Lexington, Tenn. She had a long nursing career before entering nursing education and administration, retiring as director of infection control at Charlotte Orthopedic Hospital. MARGARET CHAPLIN TROY '71 of Asheville died Aug. 17. In 2003, she retired as director of child nutrition for Buncombe County Schools and then worked as a consultant for the State of North Carolina. KATHRINE MALINDA “LINDA” WATKINS ‘72 died July 21. The first African American to graduate from ECU’s nursing program, she was a major in the U.S. Air Force from which she retired after 20 years. She became a nurse practitioner in the Guilford County Health Department and with Wendover Obstetrical and Gynecology, and was Bennett College’s health director. PATSY LEE RAY WHITBY ‘76 of New Bern died Aug. 29. For 24 years, she taught at Newport Elementary School in Carteret County. A member of Temple Baptist Church, she served closely with her husband who is pastor of senior adults. MELINDA “LINDY” McCOMBS WILLIAMS ‘76 of Greenville died June 14. In 2006 she retired from Ayden Elementary School after teaching for more than 30 years in the Pitt County Schools.

1980s

TANYA DENENE ARRINGTON ’87 of High Point died June 5. She was a senior manager with City Cards in McLeansville. WILLIAM FOUNTAIN AVERA ‘82 of Summerville died Aug. 5. A member of Pi Kappa Pi at ECU, he was president of Crown Automobile in Greensboro, and later Coastal Carolina Auto in New Bern. DONNA JEAN FRANCIS BRISTOL ‘84 of Charlotte died Aug. 20. She taught in Mecklenburg County, Okinawa and Arizona public school systems. EVELYN LINTON ENGLISH ’84 of New Bern died May 30. For more than 23 years, she taught sixth grade at West Craven Middle School. For more than 40 years, she served in the ministry with her husband at Antioch Free Will Baptist Church. MARTHA “MARTY” WARD WOODHOUSE BLEE HOLLAND ’80 of Southport died July 31. She worked at UNC Public Television and in the agriculture department of NCSU. SARAH SIMPSON ISLEY ’81 of Apex died June 9. In 2007, she retired as an information technology manager from Glaxo-SmithKline in RTP.

TINA HARRIS JACOBS ’87 of Maxton died Feb. 13. She was a recovery nurse at Southeastern Regional Medical Center. TERESA JOYCE LUNDBH ’81 of Lake Monticello, Va., died June 10. She was a school psychologist in North Carolina, California, and for the past 10 years, with Hollymead and Sutherland Schools in Albemarle County, Va. PEGGY JEAN WIGGINS MCINTYRE ’88 of Winston-Salem died June 15. She was a nutritionist at Arbor Acres United Methodist Retirement Community.

1990s

LEMUEL WAYNE CAMPBELL ‘92 of Raleigh died Aug. 24. He was a member of Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity at ECU. He was the executive vice president of Credit Financial Services. EDWIN “EDDY” HOLT DAVIS JR. ‘91 of Greenville died June 4. He was director of planning, community services and economic development for the Mid-East Commission in Washington, N.C. CHERRY DAVE LOCKAMY NIXON ’98 of Fairfield died May 28. She taught at Columbia Middle School and Columbia High School, where she also served as librarian for one year.

2000s

TOMMY C. FALCONE of Red Bank, N.J., died Aug. 9. A biology major, he loved working out and enjoyed snow boarding, Play Station and Xbox.

CHRISTOPHER WORTH HEATH '03 of Kinston died Aug. 20. He worked for the town of La Grange Wastewater Department. AMANDA RACHAEL WALL '06 of Raleigh died April 15. She worked for Faulconer Construction in Raleigh. KELVIN NORVEL “BOWIE” WARREN ’02 '07 of Seymour, Ind., died June 2. He was retired from the U.S. Air Force.

FACULTY

Dr. ENNIS L. CHERSTANG of Jamestown, Surf City and Greenville died July 31. In 1996 he retired from ECU as professor emeritus of geography after 31 years of teaching.

Dr. WILLIAM HENRY COBB of Greenville died Aug. 1. He retired as professor emeritus of French history at ECU where he taught from 1969 until 2004, specializing in 17th-century French diplomatic relations.

Dr. LYNN H. ORR of Greenville died Aug. 17. In 1979 he joined the Brody School of Medicine as an assistant professor of cardiology. Later he was in private practice before returning to the medical school as a clinical professor in the cardiovascular science department.

Dr. JEAN “OPAL” HOOD DAECHNER of Greenville died Aug. 8. In 2007 she was an associate professor in the pediatrics department at the Brody School of Medicine. She was the wife of Dr. Charles Daechner in the pediatrics department.
“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

Poppies already were blowing between the rows of crosses in Flanders fields when President Robert Wright rose to deliver his Founders Day address in 1917. Looking out over the 325 women students, he began with somber news. “I make no apology for talking about the war. Many of you are already personally interested now, and before long you will have brothers in France. I have been wondering if you know how big this war is.”

Sitting in the audience, Nannie Jeter likely had a more immediate concern in mind, worrying if there was enough food in the dining hall to satisfy this big crowd.

The Great War was first felt on campus in food rationing imposed that fall of 1917 by the Food Administration Board under the direction of Herbert Hoover. Staples like flour, eggs and lard were reserved for the troops. The supply of beef to the dining hall was cut three-quarters. Bacon and ham became treats served every two weeks. Food was so precious that little could be spared for training purposes in the Domestic Science classes, prompting teacher Martha Armstrong to observe that, “the course in elementary cookery seems in danger of developing into experimental cookery.”

To feed a growing campus with shrinking supplies, Jeter increasingly relied on vegetables from the college farm, hogs raised on a lot where Christenbury now stands, as well as local produce and seafood. She learned to scrounge, scrimp and never waste a crumb, an effort the dining hall manager recounted for a story in the spring 1918 Training School Quarterly excerpted below:

“The garbage can requires the closest attention, and is inspected daily. Nothing goes into it except eggshells, potato skins, bones, coffee grounds, tea leaves…and the roots and outside leaves of cabbage and collards. The waste from a meal (for about 400 people) will scarcely fill a quart cup.

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“Every ounce of fat is saved, rendered, and mixed with other lard, and used as shortening for biscuits. After boiling the bony pieces of meat, from which we make stews and baked dishes, we take the stock and with the addition of a few vegetables make the soup which forms the main dish for our Monday’s lunch.

“On Sunday morning the hearts of the girls have always been gladdened by the sight of ‘Sally Lunn’ muffins. When eggs were scarce we had to disappoint them, and when I crossed the campus I was greeted with, ‘Oh! Mrs. Jeter, when are we to have some more muffins?’

“At last a crate of eggs came, and I was afraid to use them as freely as formerly, and, calling my ally, the bread cook, we made the same quantity of bread, using half of the eggs formerly used, and everybody was pleased.

“Some skeptical person might ask if the girls are getting enough to eat. I defy any school to show a healthier, handsomer, or better-fed crowd of girls. With all of these changes in our manner of living, I am pleased to say that I have not heard a complaint, from president’s office to kitchen help.”

Her battle to fill students’ stomachs

A joke from the 1918 Training School Quarterly: There were visitors in the dining room of the college, and one of the new girls felt that she should contribute something to the conversation. “We’ve had chicken two times this week,” she said, politely. “Chicken, twice? What luxury!” one of the visitors exclaimed. “Oh, no,” the girl replied. “It was the same chicken—hash first and then soup.”
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The Homecoming football crowd is reflected in the ECU Marching Pirates’ sousaphone.

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