Postcards from abroad

Global grads send word about living and thriving in overseas cultures
FEATURES

POSTCARDS FROM ABROAD
By Spaine Stephens. Many students dream about living and working overseas after graduation. Some who had the pluck and courage to pull up roots and journey far share their experiences. Cover design and illustration by Mike Litwin.

THE FACE OF CHANGE
By Kathryn Kennedy. East Carolina’s first African-American graduate receives a hero’s welcome as she and the campus celebrate a half-century of desegregation.

SUPPORTING EACH OTHER
By Crystal Baity. ECU wins a prestigious national award recognizing its engagement with the community surrounding the campus. The McGrath Award is presented by the Association of Public and Land Grant Universities.

AWAY GAMES
By Steve Tuttle ’09 ’12. There’s one drill that all East Carolina student athletes regardless of sport know by heart. It’s the long bus ride or cramped charter flight to another school hundreds of miles away. Then after the game, another long trip home.

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The more things change at ECU…

There’s a moment toward the end of conversations I have with many readers when they will say something like, “East Carolina was just a small school when I was a student there. But it has grown so much that today it’s….”

Initially I thought it was simple admiration when alumni didn’t finish the comparison by saying what ECU is like today. Like, the change is so vast that words don’t suffice. But now I believe these trailing-off sentences reflect a lack of information. What is ECU like today?

There are many important things about East Carolina that have not changed since you were here.

The mall on main campus, the classroom buildings, fountain and century-old residence halls surrounding it, are pretty much the same as they were 30 years ago. The only big change on the mall in 40 years was expanding Joyner Library and demolishing Old Austin to make way for the Jenkins Fine Arts Building. You probably remember classmates who majored in education and left campus to teach in rural schools. Today, the East Carolina student body, faculty, staff and local community are racially and culturally diverse. Education is still in the business of making dreams come true. It’s an effort that spans generations, and East Carolina is still in the business of making dreams come true, just like it did for you.

I LIKED THE PATCH CLARK STORY

I loved your articles on Patch Clark and Dr. Leslie Smith. Dr. Smith’s life is proof that it isn’t where you have been; it is where you choose to go in your life that matters.

—Caroline M. Hudspeth, Greenville

YOU MADE AN ‘OLD ALUM’ SMILE

The winter 2013 edition of East is outstanding. In every area—content, photography, graphics, and layout—excellence is the standard. This makes an old alum proud.

—F. Barrow Hunter ’67, Washington, N.C.

MY JARVIS HALL MEMORY

While reading the winter 2013 edition of East I read the article about the students housed in Jarvis Residence Hall as a part of the Jarvis Leadership Program. Reading about Jarvis brought back memories of my first night in that dorm in the fall of 1958. At that time freshmen arrived a week earlier than upperclassmen for a week of orientation. I had been awarded a full scholarship rather late and all the freshmen dorms were full so I was assigned to Jarvis, an upperclassmen dorm. I had to spend my first night at college as the only student in Jarvis Hall. Going to the bathroom that night and walking down that darkly lit hall has been forever imprinted in my mind. Even after that first night I liked Jarvis well enough to stay there all four years I was at East Carolina.

—Carolyn Hammond Hewell ’62, Ayden

MY GARTHET HALL MEMORY

I enjoyed the story (on living learning communities) in the last issue of East which described the Wellness Living Learning program housed in Garret Residence Hall. In the fall of 1958 I was a brand new freshman assigned to Garret (but it was not quite ready for occupancy). Those of us assigned to Garret lived temporarily there for a room in other dorms. There was lot of excitement that unseasonably hot Thanksgiving weekend as we moved into the wonderful new Garret. I did enjoy lasting friendships with those two seniors I lived with until Garret opened. It was nice to have upper-class girls help a freshman learn her way around ECC. Thanks for the article and the memories.

—Martha M. (Buz) Smith ’59, Raleigh

A note from Ilmar Kearney

Kearney, 1962 of Newkirk, who, with her twin sister, Wilmar Kearney Plasson ’46 of Angier, were featured in Class Notes last issue. In the story we asked you to guess which twin was May Day Court Queen. “Thank you for the nice write-up about us. It made good, good memories come back to life.”

ARTICLE CASTS SHADOW ON DEGREES

The article on the Program Prioritization Committee’s process and outcomes is certainly something that merits publication in East magazine. However, I am very worried about the consequences resulting from the following paragraphs.

In the end, 48 programs were targeted for reduction or elimination. They stretch across multiple subject areas, including the College of Education, the School of Music, Construction Management, Interior Design and Merchandising, and the Anthropology, Geography, Political Science, and Sociology departments within the Harcourt College of Arts and Sciences. Stating that programs were targeted for reduction or elimination is one thing. Listing them is quite another, as it sends a very misleading message to both parents and alumni. The Geography Department is doing quite well, despite the PPC recommendations, having received approval to replace two faculty positions that have become vacant and growing in terms of majors. The article paints quite a different picture and undermines our efforts to recruit new majors and to increase our advancement efforts. As a parent reading the article, I would suggest my child not consider one of the majors listed and if already in one of them, I would advise changing majors. As an alumna of one of the programs, I would be hesitant to donate, as it is questionable if the department will be around for long. These are real and serious consequences of what was published.

—Barrett Montz, Chair and Professor, Department of Geography

Editor’s note: East did not intend to cast a shadow over the degree programs that were targeted by the Program Prioritization Committee. The story pointed out that all the proceedings of the PPC were open and all its recommendations, including the list of programs identified for reduction or elimination, were posted on the university’s website.

FROM OUR READERS
Professor preserves artifacts

An ECU faculty member has had a once-in-a-lifetime experience—again. Susanne Grieve, director of conservation at ECU, lived and worked in Antarctica for eight months in 2012 through the Antarctic Heritage Trust, a non-profit organization based in New Zealand. The trust is responsible for the preservation of four expedition bases on Antarctica that were funded by the British Antarctic Society.

Grieve first went to Antarctica in 2008 after seeing a posting on a discussion list for conservators. “It changed my life in every way,” she said. That experience, working as a conservator, led to her coming to ECU to teach.

She had to reapply for the 2012 trip. “I think because I had wintered there previously—and I knew a little bit about the living conditions and psychologically what it’s like, they brought me back as a lead conservator,” she said. That experience, working as a conservator, led to her coming to ECU to teach.

During the early 20th century, Scott’s wooden hut, which is at risk from snow build-up and other environmental factors, contains more than 8,000 artifacts, according to Antarctic Heritage Trust. The trust works to preserve the contents of Cape Evans, the hut built and occupied from 1910-13 by the crew of Capt. Robert Falcon Scott, who is most famous for his race to the South Pole. On Jan. 17, 1912, Scott and four of his men reached the South Pole only to find that Roald Amundsen of Norway had beaten them there by four weeks. Scott and his crew began the journey back to their camp; none of them survived. A search party found Scott’s diary and three men’s bodies eight months later after they had died from starvation and exposure.

The base has no interference policy—everything that is brought to the continent is later carried off. Everything is carefully protected, even food and human waste so it doesn’t adversely affect the environment, she said.

The temperature was another hurdle. The average temperature while Grieve was at Antarctica was -35 degrees Celsius or -31 degrees Fahrenheit, ambient. With the wind, it can feel like -100 C or -148 F.

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Grieve’s conservation team focused on treating “iconic artifacts” of the Scott expedition structures, including barracks that the men wore to pull equipment and a pillow that Scott exploration team member Apsley Cherry-Garrard used.

They treated 1,300 artifacts during their seven-month season. “In the United States, that’s unheard of. You might treat an artifact every two weeks. But it has to be done because of the finite resources,” she said.

“While I was down there, it was dark for four months, 24 hours of darkness. No hint of a sunrise or sunset and your body notices that. No flights in or out. No fresh fruits or vegetables. No mail. We did have contact through satellite connections, but you are isolated,” Grieve said.

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Faulkner arrived at East Carolina College for the summer session immediately after graduating high school. She joked that it was a way to avoid having to work on her family’s Martin County tobacco farm. “I wasn’t lazy and I didn’t mind working. It was just there was something else out there and I was anxious to know what it was and experience it,” she said.

“My grandfather was so proud to have a granddaughter in college that he left $1,000 to build a little nest, a place that is familiar and comfortable, and meets the requirements you’re looking for like a quiet place to study or a place to put your feet up while you read. So it has an ambiance that is missing from the strictly academic structures (on campus),” Faulkner said.

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Commemorating the Enterprise

Hundreds of antique printing blocks are stored among vintage printing presses inside a one-story shop in Ayden, where an ECU faculty member applies a 15th century commercial printing process to create works of art.

His most recent project—500 letterpress prints to commemorate the decommission and retirement of the USS Enterprise—was delivered Dec. 18 to U.S. Navy officers, members of the U.S. Congress and President Barack Obama.

Craig Malmrose, a professor in the ECU School of Art and Design, spent two and a half months consumed by the Enterprise project, initiated through a request by a former student who now works for the company that built the ship in 1961. The Enterprise was the world’s first nuclear-powered aircraft carrier.

The print features a drawing of the ship done by Ray Elmore, a friend of Malmrose and a retired faculty member from ECU.

The printing technique Malmrose employed in creating the prints was originally used for 15th century commercial printing. That printing style was replaced by offset printing, which has since gone digital.

“It’s so tactile and hands on,” Malmrose said of his craft. “It’s not digital; you can actually feel the engravings of the print on the paper.”

Elmore’s drawing was based on a small photograph of the ship and was created using small dots in all black ink. “To make it look darker in certain areas, you place the dots closer to each other,” Elmore said. “It’s all about moving your hand a certain way.”

Behind Elmore’s drawing, the print features a yellow E with a pale yellow back shadow, symbolizing the ship’s colloquial name, “The Big E.” Underneath the focal image is “USN Enterprise CVN 65” in the same typeface that is emblazoned on the actual ship.

“We took what is on the side of the ship and downsized it,” Malmrose explained. “If you look closely, it looks like there are small lines cutting through the font because that’s how it looks on the actual ship.”

To create the edition, Malmrose sent the images to a plate maker in Pennsylvania, where the images were replicated on a metal plate, leaving a raised surface to place the ink, much like a modern day stamp. The plates, with the ink on them, were then set up on the printing machine in Malmrose’s shop. He pulled the images by hand, one color at a time, onto acid-free archival paper.

Because each print is done by hand, Malmrose said “no two prints are exactly the same. It is an extremely time consuming lost art and I believe it is my mission to preserve it,” he said.

—Alexa DeCarr

In the place where we met

Tiffany Meadows ’08 thought she and boyfriend Josh Powell ’08 came to Greenville simply to attend a holiday party for work.

Arriving in town early that evening of Dec. 14, they visited some old familiar places, then ended up outside Fletcher Residence Hall, where they met as freshmen in 2004.

Josh suggested they try the door, and much to her surprise, it was unlocked, so they entered. A campus employee inside told them the dorm was closed, but offered them a quick tour of the building and they accepted. He led the couple into a room where a table was set for a meal.

“We better get out of there,” Meadows said. “Someone’s about to have dinner.”

Moments later, her boyfriend of nearly eight years knelt before her and extended a ring box. She said yes.

“I never imagined something so elaborate,” Meadows gushed a few days later. “It’s not what I planned, but it’s all about movement. I’m the planner!”

“His interest in coming back to the residence hall they lived and met in as freshmen speaks volumes about the impact that living on campus makes for our students, and in this case our alumni,” McCartney said.

“Our students not only begin their life as a part of the Pirate family in our residence halls but the quality of the friendships and experiences that they make there last a lifetime. We had to help him make their second set of memories about Fletcher Hall as special as the first set so,” McCartney said.

Those memories now include a four-course dinner prepared for the couple by ECU dining and catering staff and a champagne toast.

Powell and Meadows said they appreciate the effort that went into making the night so special. “This just makes me love ECU even more,” Meadows said.

“The couple is considering dates in spring or summer 2014 for the wedding.

—Kathryn Kennedy
Marking 300 years since battle

About 30 miles from East Carolina University’s campus lies farmland that was once the site of Fort Neyuherúke (English spelling, Nooherooka), which 300 years ago was the location of a bloody battle between colonists and the members of the Tuscarora Nation.

When the fighting ended, hundreds of people were dead. The 300th anniversary of that battle will be commemorated March 21-23 through a series of events at the historic site in Greene County and on ECU’s campus.

Not only will historians give accounts of the battle, but members of the Tuscarora Nation will discuss their historic homeland, their language and their culture.

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Distinguished Professor of History at ECU, Larry Tise, the Wilbur and Orville Wright

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“We’ll have experts come in to analyze the map and we’ll form a conservation plan,” Tise said. ECU and the South Carolina Historical Society have both committed funds to support the map’s conservation, he added.

Near the fort site, a commemorative monument, created by ECU sculpture professor Hanna Jubran, will be dedicated.

A full schedule of events can be found at the commemoration website: www.Neyuheruke.org.

—Jeannine Manning Hutson

Terry Holland’s name enshrined

Athletics Director Terry Holland, who has guided East Carolina sports on and off the playing field since 2004, will move into an athletics director emeritus role, upon selection of a successor.

ECU also announced that its Olympic Sports Complex, a four-venue state-of-the-art facility that opened in 2011, will be named the Terry Holland Olympic Sports Complex.

Holland requested the change in his role, according to Chancellor Steve Ballard.

“We had a conference on ‘New Voyages to Carolina’ at ECU last February, which was attended by 11 delegates of the Tuscarora Nation and the owner of the Nooherooka site,” Tise said. “And it was an ah-ha moment that March 2013 is the 300th anniversary of this historic battle.”

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And Tise said he’s happy to report that support has come from across campus.

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Medical students lend guidance

What started as a class project has turned into a mentoring program involving ECU medical students and local high school and college students. Participants of the Brody Ambassadors program help aspiring medical students hone their academics, experience with teleconferencing, integrated seminar rooms in the 31 rooms and clinical spaces at the Brody School of Medicine.

Looking at (medical school) from the outside is a lot different from the inside,” said Tara Parker, Pitt County Health Sciences Academy coordinator, said the Brody Ambassadors program has been “immobile” for mentoring high school students who are interested in a health career as well as helping convince them they can achieve their goals without leaving home.

I really appreciate them taking the time,” Cortez said, adding that they encouraged her and other health sciences academy students to study hard, make good grades and volunteer in their communities.

—Doug Boyd

School gets a hat tip from Apple

The ECU School of Dental Medicine was named an Apple Distinguished Program for the 2012-2013 school year for the innovative implementation of technology in all aspects of its didactic, problem-solving and clinical education programs. The designation is reserved for programs that meet criteria for innovation and demonstrate Apple’s vision of exemplary learning environments. That is demonstrated in the 31 rooms and clinical spaces at the dental school that are connected by teleconferencing, integrated seminar rooms and simulation labs, and community-based clinics in rural parts of North Carolina.

“Within the next two years, we’ll be placing fourth-year students in underserved areas across the state to help improve oral health,” said dental school Dean Greg Chadwick.

This entire concept rests upon connectivity through these technologies.

Trustees recommend increases

The ECU Board of Trustees unanimously recommended tuition increases for undergraduate and graduate students for the 2013-2014 academic year.

The board is requesting:

• A $201 increase for undergraduate in-state students, bringing the total to $3,959;
• A $214 increase for graduate in-state students, to $4,223;
• A $500 increase for undergraduate out-of-state students, to $18,072;
• A $700 increase for graduate out-of-state students, to $16,540.

Tuition for students at the Brody School of Medicine and ECU School of Dental Medicine is also likely to change. The board requested an increase of $899 to medical tuition and $2,087 for dental.

All tuition and fee recommendations must be approved by the UNC Board of Governors. The increases are expected to produce $5.9 million in revenue to pay for classroom instruction and infrastructure and student support operations. Of that sum, $1.2 million will go toward need-based financial aid for undergraduate students, and another $500,000 will pay for merit-based financial aid for both undergraduate and graduate students.

Dr. Rick Nowander, vice chancellor for administration and finance, explained that the cost of education has increased very little over time, but the percentage of that cost paid by state appropriations has continually declined over the last decade. The portion of ECU revenue generated by state funds had decreased by 5 percent over the last five years.

“The state’s budget is always under pressure and higher education has shared in that,” Nowander said. “In order to provide a quality education, we need highly-skilled professors and strong student support systems. And that costs money.”

Nowander said the cost of attending ECU remains competitive despite the increases.

“IT’s still a great deal,” he said.

—Kathryn Kennedy

Was that a kick? Catalina Valencia, a nurse-midwifery graduate student, listens for the movements of Danielle Anspach’s baby during a practical application session of the skills the graduate students had learned in their distance education courses in nurse midwifery. Anspach was 30 weeks pregnant. The colleges of nursing and business have been recognized by U.S. News for excellence in their online programs.
graduates in 2012 chose primary care medicine. Family medicine is defined to include family practice, internal medicine, pediatrics and obstetrics-gynecology. While all medical schools have programs that encourage students to aim for a career in primary care, officials say that cultural trends and Medicare funding problems are making the job more difficult. Primary care doctors usually work longer hours and earn less than doctors who choose a specialty, like surgery. “Students are increasingly gravitating to specialties that allow them to control their hours and have less call on nights and weekends,” the report observed.

Each school continues to focus on the issue is lauded in the Board of Governors report, which concludes that, “With the exception of East Carolina University, the interest in primary care has declined among medical students five years later; only 15 percent of the 108 members of Duke’s Class of 2006 were practicing primary care medicine.” Although it is the youngest and, until a year or two ago, the smallest in enrollment of North Carolina’s four medical schools, Brody graduates now account for 26 percent of all doctors practicing in North Carolina who attended medical school here, up from just 7 percent in 1990. Carolina-trained doctors account for 42 percent of all physicians in the state who trained here. Wake Forest contributes 24 percent and Duke, 8 percent.

However, graduates of North Carolina’s medical schools only account for 25.3 percent of all physicians licensed to practice in the state, according to 2010 data compiled by the Sheds Center for Health Services Research at UNC-Chapel Hill. Doctors who attended medical school in another state or Canada made up 51.6 percent of North Carolina’s doctors. International medical graduates made up 16.7 percent of North Carolina’s doctors, according to the Sheds data. The Board of Governors report goes special attention to access to primary care medicine by those who live in rural areas of the state. Data compiled by the Sheds Center indicate that of the 408 graduates of the state’s four medical schools in 2005, only 10 were practicing medicine in a rural North Carolina county in 2011. Of those 10, four are Brody graduates, four are Carolina graduates and two are Wake Forest graduates.

North Carolina’s rural residents have a slightly better chance of seeing a doctor than rural residents in other states. Here, there are 12.0 doctors per 10,000 rural residents, which compares to the national average of 11.4 doctors per 10,000 rural residents, according to AHEC data. Bacon cited that statistic as proof that North Carolina’s legislated interest in producing more primary care doctors is paying off.

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Sources: NC Health Professions Data System and NC AHEC with data derived from Duke, UNC-Ch, ECU, Wake Forest, NC Medical Board, and AAMC.

Note: Primary Care = Family Medicine, General Pediatrics, General Internal Medicine, Internal Medicine/Pediatrics, and Obstetrics/Gynecology.

The NC Medical Board changed the way they collect specialties, and these specialty data are used for physicians practicing within the state. This may partially explain the drop in primary care.

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### Percentage of North Carolina Medical Graduates (Classes 1990-2006) Practicing in Primary Care Five Years After Graduation

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### Notes:

- The numbers for Brody in these reports is the Career services Center.
- The Board of Governors report tracks two things: the type medicine they are practicing. Of all four medical schools are five years after graduation and the type medicine they are practicing. Of the 67 BSOM graduates in 2006, 35 were practicing primary medicine, either in North Carolina or another state. In 2011, ECU’s 52 percent primary care retention rate compares to 33 percent of UNC-CH’s 141 graduates in 2006. Of Wake Forest’s 97 graduates in 2006, 32 percent were practicing primary care five years after; only 15 percent

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Holland goes undefeated
In what sports writers later describe as the “best and fastest game ever witnessed on the local diamond,” junior pitcher Sherry Dutch Holland ’39 takes the mound on April 12, 1938, exhibition game against the minor league New Bern Bears of the Coastal Plain League. It’s High School Day on campus and a crowd of 2,000 watches the college boys take on the professional team. The game goes 11 innings and Holland baffles the Bears, limiting them to two hits. Holland produces a peak of 30 strikeouts in 1938. She signs with the Washington Senators but stays in the minor leagues just one season. He was inducted into the ECC Sports Hall of Fame in 1970; he died in 1997 after running Smith Hardware in Goldsboro for many years.

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Steve Tuttle
Coastal Studies Institute opens

A center for research in coastal development and natural resources was dedicated and officially opened Jan. 15, kicking off a series of community outreach events continuing through the spring.

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ECU Chancellor Steve Ballard, members of the ECU Board of Trustees, local dignitaries and community members gathered for the ceremony and toured the institute’s new home on Roanoke Island. The 63,791-square-foot, environmentally sustainable facility was built over two years on land surrounding about 240 acres of marsh.

The project cost $32.6 million and was paid for by state appropriations. ECU was responsible for design and construction oversight and will continue to provide maintenance at the facility, said Bill Bagnell, associate vice chancellor for campus operations.

“Now that you have given us the tools that we need, we will make you proud,” promised Institute Director Dr. Nancy White, also an associate professor of biology at ECU. “Education not only creates jobs, it transforms lives.”

Research under way at the institute ranges from efforts to restore oyster reefs to studying the ecological effects of stormwater runoff to developing sustainable designs for coastal communities.

Local communities will be regularly involved. The institute grew out of the Dare County Task Force on Higher Education, formed in the mid-’90s. It was preceded by other state-university-community partnerships, such as those that founded the North Carolina aquariums in the 1980s. —Kathryn Kennedy

Navy reservist called up

U.S. Navy reservist Pat Frede is taking the skills he’s learned as a fundraiser for ECU’s College of Allied Health Sciences to the horn of Africa.

Frede has been called to active duty for the second time in three years, this time as part of the Maritime Civil Affairs reserve unit for the Navy Expeditionary Combat Command. She will help lead several five-person teams with a mix of skills: health care, construction, communications and boat operations.

The unit will establish relationships among military forces, governmental and nongovernmental organizations and civilians. It will assist local populations with needs which could range from community watch programs to teaching villagers about protection of natural resources.

“It’s not doing things for them, but teaching them to do for themselves,” Frede said.

She will be in an area that is a major shipping route for commerce on the east coast of Africa, the Gulf of Aden and the Red Sea.

Packed in Frede’s sea bag will be the ECU Jolly Roger Flag, the same flag she took to Afghanistan in 2009-2010 where she served in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

As part of that mission, Frede was embedded with the U.S. Marine Corps Female Engagement Team, who worked to develop trust with Afghan women, who generally aren’t allowed to have contact with men outside their families.

Frede’s work in Helmand Province with the female engagement teams melded in a presidential unit citation. “I had never worked with people so closely of another culture,” she said, “I will be doing more of that (in Africa).” During her deployment, Frede plans to post regularly to a Facebook site: Skully ThePirate.

—Crystal Baiter

Freshmen post good grades

Of all first-time freshmen and transfers students enrolled at ECU during fall semester, 2.209, or 41 percent, earned grade point averages of 3.0 or higher, meaning they qualified for honor roll, dean’s list or chancellor’s list. According to Stephanie Bailey, an academic advisor and coordinator of the EXCELS program, the average GPA of these students was a 3.5 out of a possible 4.0. This is the fourth year the program has acknowledged the academic achievement of first-time students. However, this year, the parents and families of students were invited to attend the EXCELS recognition ceremony in early February. “It will allow both students and their families to make connections early on with the students’ department, instructors and student organizations,” Bailey said.

State legislators and officials from ECU, Jackson County, Western Carolina University and Southeastern Community College gathered on a scenic mountainside in December to break ground for an ECU School of Dental Medicine Community Service Learning Center. The $3 million, 7,700-square-foot center is being built in the Jackson County services complex and is expected to be completed by the fall of 2012. The center opened in Ashville in June, and the second will open in Elizabeth City in January. Each center contains 16 dental chairs and state-of-the-art dental hygiene facilities.

“I took him (the flag) last time just to take a piece of home and he really enjoyed it, especially meeting Gen. McChrystal, whose wife is our alumna,” said Frede, speaking of Stanley McChrystal, former commander of U.S. Forces in Afghanistan.

—Crystal Baiter

Pat Frede
Buses get tech upgrade

Whether they’re taking a road less traveled or simply running late for class, students at ECU now have an easier way to answer an important question: “When is the next bus coming?”

ECU Transit recently launched Transit Tracker, a passenger information service. Hosted through NextBus, a transit management software company, Transit Tracker allows passengers to use their cell phones to learn what time a bus will arrive at any stop on the system. “(Students) know the buses that they ride all the time, but (if they) take an exam or class gets out early—this is not the time they typically ride,” explained Wood Davidson, director of ECU Transit. “It’s a system that helps a student who’s on the curb or walking out of class—using whatever technology is available to them—to find out when the next bus is coming.”

Davidson said any cell phone is compatible with the service, not just smart phones. Transit Tracker can be accessed on a computer via the NextBus web site, by phone call or text, or through ECU’s mobile app.

The technology also enables users to set alarms for regular bus times and receive alerts if a route is delayed or cancelled. One-time, online registration is required to access those services.

Davidson said a couple hundred people are already using the service following a “soft opening” in the fall. More marketing and educational initiatives for students will get under way this semester.

NextBus serves more than 100 university and municipal transit systems including Chapel Hill Transit, the University of Maryland, and both the University of California at Los Angeles and Los Angeles Metro. “If you’re using NextBus here at ECU, you’re also ready if you travel to Chapel Hill or Washington, D.C.,” Davidson said. “It’s not just a continued, ECU-only application.”

—Kathryn Kennedy

U N I V E R S I T Y L I F E

Donna Goodson Payne was named university counsel and vice chancellor for legal affairs. Payne has served as university attorney since July 2008. She is responsible for providing comprehensive legal counsel to ECU by advising the chancellor, board of trustees, senior administrators and, through them, faculty and staff. She leads a team of six attorneys and four support staff. “Donna Payne has excelled as a lawyer, policy advisor and university leader,” said Ballard. “This title change recognizes the quality of her performance and will help us keep a great leader at ECU.” A native of Bladen County, Payne is a graduate of UNC-Chapel Hill, where she was a Morehead Scholar. She holds a law degree from the University of Texas at Austin. Before joining ECU, Payne was university counsel for UNC-Pembroke.

Mary Raad, a founding faculty member of the oncology section of the Brody School of Medicine, received the Greater Greenville Community Foundation’s 2012 Legacy Award recognizing her contributions to the region. Raad, a cancer survivor, also worked to help establish the Leo W. Jenkins Cancer Center in Greenville and has traveled to treat cancer patients throughout eastern North Carolina. She has served as chief of medical staff, assistant director of admissions at the medical school, and medical director of hematology and oncology clinical services at the medical school, and works with ECU Physicians.

Greg Chadwick, dean of the ECU School of Dental Medicine, was named International Dentist of the Year by the Academy of Dentistry International. ADI is a global honor society for dentists dedicated to improving the quality of life of people throughout the world. Chadwick is a former president of numerous dental organizations including the American Dental Association, the North Carolina Dental Society, the Second District Dental Society and the Southern Endodontic Study Group. In addition, he is a fellow of the American and International Colleges of Dentists. Following his presidency of the American Dental Association in 2001-2002, Chadwick became a world figure within the profession by being elected in 2006 to the position of speaker for the Federation Dentaire International World Dental Federation, a position that he held until 2011, presiding over all sessions of the general assembly of the World Dental Parliament. A native of Charlotte, Chadwick received a bachelor’s degree in business administration from UNC-Chapel Hill and served in the U.S. Naval Supply Corps for four years before entering dental school at Carolina. He earned a master’s degree in endodontics there in 1976 and practiced in Charlotte for 30 years.

Glen Gilbert, dean of the College of Health and Human Performance since 1999, was appointed by Chancellor Steve Ballard as interim vice chancellor for advancement. He fills the vacancy created by the resignation of Mickey Dowdy. He accepted a position as chief development officer and vice president at the University of Maryland, Baltimore. Dowdy had led ECU’s advancement division since 2006. He played a key role in ECU’s Second Century Campaign, the largest fundraising effort in the university’s history. Gilbert will continue to serve as dean of Health and Human Performance. An interim vice chancellor, he will have responsibility for the overall operations of the division of university advancement.

Heather Littleton, associate professor in the Department of Psychology, was named a fellow of the American Psychological Association. Fellow status is an honor bestowed upon APA members who have shown evidence of unusual and outstanding contributions or performance in the field of psychology that has had a national impact on the field.

Melanie Sartore-Baldwin, an assistant professor in the Department of Kinesiology since 2007, was named a fellow of the North American Society for Sport Management. She is one of five scholars who received this honor at the 2012 NASSM conference in Seattle.

NOTE TO READERS: To save money, the summer issue of East will not be printed but will be available online as usual. The summer issue will be posted at the ECU web site around May 15. At that time we will send a reminder email about this to all readers that we have email addresses for. If your email address has changed recently, please let us know soon so that you will get the reminder email. Please send that information to Lilia Gurkin at gurkinl@ecu.edu.
Who’s in town?

Stage Productions
Winner of the 2008 Tony Award for Best Original Score, The Drowsy Chaperone, will stage the musical on March 28-30 in ECU’s Rehearsal Hall. Presented by the ECU/LaSassi Playhouse, the story begins when a musical theater fan’s favorite cast album bursts into life, telling the tumultuous tale of a Broadway Broadway star trying to find, and keep, her true love. Tickets are $15 for the public and $10 for students.

Bobby McFerrin rose to the top of the charts in 1988 with “Don’t Worry Be Happy.” If you only know him for that song you’ve missed out on the unparalleled interpretations of songs from the Beatles, and his condensed version of The Bodyguard. His band and his work songs from his upcoming album ‘Spirit You All’ and his band will play in Wright Auditorium on April 9. Tickets for this concert are $15 for adults and $10 for students/youth. Call the McGurie Theatre Box Office at 252-328-6829 or 1-800-ECU-ARTS for tickets to other LaSassi Playhouse productions.

Performing Arts
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The Four Seasons Chamber Music Festival presents a concert with violinist Hagai Shaham on Feb. 21 in A.J. Fletcher Recital Hall. The festival’s Greemese season finale residency is May 2 and 3, featuring Adam Neiman, pianist; Avi Avital, violin; Ara Gregorian, violin; Maria Lambros, viola; and Ari Aznavoorian, cello, in A.J. Fletcher Recital Hall.

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Museum Exhibitions
The Lone Ranger and Tonto Fistfight in the Pines—Dance Through History, a free screening at 7 p.m. Feb. 21 at Wellington B. Gray Gallery. The exhibition will have its opening reception April 19 and will close May 17. More information will be available online at www.ecu.edu/familyfare.

Ralph and Jeanne Dozier Performing Arts Series concert is $55, $10 for students/youth. More information is available online at www.ecuarts.com for more information.

Cinema
The Absolutely True Diary of a Muerto graphs and whiskers as a young man, a mother, and Dr. Charles Lee, a former Communist Party member, and Dr. Charles Lee, a Chinese-American businessman, to maintain their sanity during a gym located in an industrial park in northern New Jersey. Although the men come from different walks of life, they all share one common bond—unbelievable strength. The film is at 7 p.m. April 25.

Sherman Alexie
Award for War Dances
The Voyages of Discovery Lecture Series will present two lectures this spring. On March 17, the Jarvis Lecture on Christianity and Culture will feature Dr. Amy-Jill Levin from Vanderbilt University discussing “Strange Bedfellows: The Bible, American Politics and Homosexuality.” This is a free lecture, beginning at 7 p.m. in Wright Auditorium. And on March 20, Dr. Daniel K. Richter of the University of Pennsylvania will present the Thomas Harriot Lecture/Lawrence F. Breyer Lecture in History. Richter will speak on “Native Nations and the Battle of Nosharaok” at 7 p.m. in Hendrix Theatre. Tickets for the general public are $10. Visit www.ecu.edu/voysa for more information on either lecture.

Family Fare
The River North Chicago Dance Company, led by artistic director Frank Chaves, will dance their way in to the Roaring ’20s through the Hip Hop Hop’pin ’90s in Street Beat—Dance Through the Decades March 1 in Wright Auditorium. Tickets are $10 for adults and $7 for students/youth. Visit www.ecu.edu/familyfaire for more information.

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Postcards from abroad

Many students dream about living and working overseas after graduation. We talk to some who had the pluck and courage to make that dream a reality.
Dudley runs a small citrus farm in Aguirre, a small town about 150 miles west of Caracas, the capital. She is among many ECU alumni who share a unique distinction: they live and work in other countries. Not only do many ECU alumni work abroad, but many of them practice professions with a worldwide impact—including sustainability practices, technology innovation, business ventures and environmental and peace projects.

When these graduates packed up their lives and headed overseas, they say they took along lessons from ECU that break down borders every day. Their lives and careers exemplify the university’s mission to provide an education that prepares graduates to be competitive in their respective fields but also to be open, tolerant and ready to embrace customs in other countries. “It provided me with a foundation to cross cultural borders, critically analyze and adapt to life abroad,” says Dudley of her degree.

After she earned a master of arts in international studies, Dudley worked in the student exchange program in ECU’s Office of International Affairs. In 2010 she received a Rotary International Cultural Ambassadorial Scholarship to study Spanish in Venezuela and decided to make the move permanent, confident that her experience at ECU had adequately prepared her.

“The MA in international studies gave me the tools I needed to succeed living outside the United States,” Dudley says. While her focus is to revitalize the abandoned farm—raising chickens and growing citrus fruits, plantains, bananas, coffee and avocados—the courses she took at ECU in conservation and rural development prepared the Aberdeen, N.C., native to improve her new homeland in other ways.

She works with a Venezuelan university to reforest a mountain close to the farm and protect the area’s water source. “It’s a project that is going to involve the entire community from planning to planting and caring for the trees,” she says. “Without everyone’s support, the project would ultimately fail after the first drought or fire that strikes the mountain.” From sustainability efforts to the sale of fresh produce, Dudley is creating solutions—mentally and physically—that have a positive bearing on her community.

As Brandi Dudley ’05 hacks a bunch of bananas from its lush stalk on a farm in central Venezuela, she pauses under the weight of the fruit while a coworker snaps a photo. It’s a rare moment of relaxation for them on a normally bustling day.

Driven to help Haiti
Like Dudley, Jeff Kaufman ’88 was called abroad by a spirit of service, a hunger for travel and a craving for new experiences. Kaufman is a foreign service officer with the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID). The construction management graduate lives in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, one of USAID’s high priority areas for providing assistance in the developing world.

Kaufman’s yearning to see the world was sparked when he was in Army ROTC during his ECU days. He joined the military after graduation and served in Germany, where he witnessed the fall of the Berlin Wall.

Over the past 10 years, he has worked for USAID in Israel, Iraq, where he embedded with the military as part of a combined
mission during the 2007 surge; and Afghanistan, where he supported Marines’ efforts to re-establish Afghan governance. He also helped establish an organization designed to support USAID workers in more than 30 field locations. Between those duties, he returned to Washington, D.C. to serve as financial controller for the agency’s Asia Near East Bureau and in the Iraq Support Office.

The variety of experiences shaped his sensitivity to other cultures and perspectives. “You try to gain perspective from the culture you are operating in and figure out how best you can support efforts there,” Kaufman says. “In Afghanistan and Iraq, we had to work hard not to try and develop an American solution but one that had the support and will of the host country government and its people.”

That adaptation and consideration were fostered in Kaufman at East Carolina. “The major takeaways were that I didn’t stop learning once I stopped college. I should take calculated risks and adapt to my environment to achieve success,” he says. “I use those same concepts today.” Kaufman, who lived in Elizabeth City before enrolling at ECU, credits “an incredible college experience” for preparing him for life in general and submersion in cultures whose social norms he did not always agree with. Even then, he recognized himself as a guest in another country.

Living abroad has changed Kaufman in other ways. He has found himself in two war zones, a high-pressure environment in Israel and Hurricane Isaac in Haiti. He witnessed history and built memories with his wife and two children. He saw his daughter confirmed at the Upper Room in Jerusalem, rode horses at the Sea of Galilee, stood in Saddam Hussein’s reserved spot in a Baghdad stadium and walked through Checkpoint Charlie in Berlin.

Still, he relishes the times when he reports back to Washington, D.C. “As a career officer, you go back and forth from D.C., for both visits and assignments there between assignments abroad,” he says. “I think it is important to come back to your roots periodically.” He made a point to return to the United States to vote in the presidential election.

With patriotic ties to his home country still strong, Kaufman is tackling projects that will improve the quality of life for Haitians. He is helping rehabilitate rural roads and addressing erosion and deforestation. It’s one way he can continue to learn and grow. “I think it’s important for people to gain a perspective of our global neighbors,” he says. “It will help in the business world, socially and in travel.”

Who: Bryn Jones ’06
International Business
Lives in: London, United Kingdom
Job: European Sales Director for Data Centers, CommScope
On living overseas: “I have had so many fantastic experiences traveling the world, and this has made me who I am.”

‘My time at ECU prepared me’

For one international business graduate, that global view circles right back to North Carolina. Bryn Jones ’06 grew up in the United Kingdom and returned to London, where he works for CommScope, a company headquartered in Hickory, N.C. As European sales director for data centers, Jones collaborates with 25 percent of the Fortune 500 companies and conducts business in cities like Amsterdam, Istanbul and Moscow.

“It feels really good to know that I am working for a company headquartered in North Carolina,” Jones says. As a student, he studied abroad at the University of Derby in the United Kingdom and at the Universidad de Castabria in Spain. Employers appreciated that he was well traveled and had matured in international business, and he found himself returning to the United Kingdom with growing professional responsibilities. “My time at ECU prepared me for my career as I learned how to deliver presentations, create case studies and apply business management processes,” he says. “It also helped me broaden my knowledge and skill set for the real world.”

Stories like Jones’ are what College of Business administrators and professors expect for their graduates. The college—as do many other ECU colleges and schools—places heavy emphasis on international study and an understanding of a global economy. Courses integrate a global view of class topics, and the college offers an international business concentration, a summer study-abroad program each year and a global understanding course in business.

Appreciating new cultures

Dana Craig ’90 built on years of innovation and new ideas, prompting her to create Quickstone Software, LLC. Craig earned a bachelor’s degree in mathematics at ECU, is founder and partner of the business that provides clients software solutions that pair technological expertise with real-world expertise.

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Sammie Walden ’05 and Keoshia Walden ’03 prospered as part of the ECU family as well. The couple, who have lived in Vaterstetten, Germany—a suburb of Munich—for the last year, met at ECU. Sammie, who spent most of his formative years in Germany, fulfilled his dream of playing American football when he walked on ECU’s team, and Keoshia competed on the Pirates’ women’s track team. Sammie earned degrees in German and chemistry while Keoshia received her BA in communication with a concentration in public relations. They both work for major companies and are raising a son and daughter. “It is extremely hard and overwhelming to pack up and ship your entire life to another country on a moment’s notice,” says Keoshia Walden, “but it was the best decision of our careers and lives.”

Living and working overseas has magnified both their outlooks on a global village. “On any given day, I can give a training session with an internal Cisco team in Bangkok or Beijing, then 30 minutes later hop on a tele-presence meeting with a company in South Africa that is being hosted by a director in Australia,” Keoshia Waldens says. “The company that I work for is the very definition of inclusion and diversity. It has allowed me to become someone that I never envisioned myself as.”

That’s not unlike her experience at ECU, she says. “(ECU) has students that represent so many different nations,” Walden says. “During your time on campus, you will have gone to class with, studied with or befriended students in many different countries, placing faces and voices with customs and beliefs different from students’ own. The concept of a course for global understanding was first explored in 2003 by Dr. Rosina Chia, assistant vice chancellor for international affairs. “Everyone in this global world, and I have been seeking the experience and exposure is invaluable.”

The experience and exposure is invaluable,” she says. “I appreciate that ECU is doing so much to foster and provide opportunities for students to live and study in other countries, and to expose them to different cultures and people from all over the world. They are making a difference through business, technology, teaching, farming, military, service and new and emerging industries. Regardless of profession, these graduates can claim East Carolina roots that helped foster open minds and global possibilities. “ECU taught me how to relate to people with respect and unity,” Day says, “and that is something that’s understood internationally.”

Relating to people with respect

Kimberly Stein ’11 and Kristin Day ’06 moved to South Korea to have a similar impact on children’s minds and language capabilities. Both decided to teach English in private schools known as hagwons.

Stein, a Wake Forest native who earned a BA in English, decided to move abroad because of little job prospects in the US. She has lived in Gumi for more than a year, teaching English and providing students with games and other learning activities that cross cultural lines. Stein says her eyes have been opened to new customs—taking off your shoes before entering buildings, getting used to new bathroom styles, bowing to greet others, and almost always being in close proximity to people.

She learned to be flexible and open to different ways of doing things. “I feel like I am capable of doing anything back in the States now,” she says. “I have been exposed to cultures and people from all over the world. The experience and exposure is invaluable,” Day, a native of Sunset Beach who graduated with a BA in communication, worked at The Daily Reflector in Greenville for five years, but felt compelled to explore a new career path. When the search for a new beginning grew frustrating, Day decided to pursue life abroad. A friend, also an ECU graduate, already lived in South Korea, and Day felt more comfortable living close to someone she knew. She lived in Bundang, a suburb of Seoul, for a year, where she taught English, music and also studied math and logistics.

Growing accustomed to changes and challenges in the workplace and beyond, Day realized that while she had been well educated and sensitive to other cultures before her journey overseas, there was so much more beyond the surface. “Now that I have been elsewhere, I feel like I know absolutely nothing, before,” she says. East Carolina, however, did prepare her for the experience. “I appreciate that ECU is doing so much to get students out into the world,” she says. “I now realize how much being submerged in another culture can change your life.”

Traces of purple and gold still managed to catch her eye in a faraway land. At dinner one night, she spotted a familiar reminder of home. “There was one night I saw a guy walk by the restaurant I was wearing a wearing a familiar McDonald’s sign,” she says. “If I wasn’t stuck behind the table, I would’ve run after him.” From spotting fellow Pirates to learning new languages, exploring new religions and balancing career and family.

Who: Kimberly Stein ’11, English
From: Vaterstetten, South Korea
Job: English teacher
On living overseas: “I got hired right away to teach and I have always wanted to travel, so I signed the contract and away I went!”

Who: Sammie Walden ’05, German and Chemistry
Who: Keoshia Walden ’03, Communication
Live in: Vaterstetten, Germany
Jobs: He is a global account manager for Oracle Corp., she is a program manager for Cisco Systems.
On living overseas: Sammie: “My coming to ECU was, in a way, the pursuit of studying abroad.” Keoshia: “It is extremely hard and overwhelming to pack up, up... on a moment’s notice, but it was the best decision of our careers and lives.”
East Carolina’s first African-American graduate receives a hero’s welcome as she and the campus celebrate a half century of desegregation.

She’s been called a hero, a role model, and is lauded for her groundbreaking achievement. But Laura Marie Leary Elliott, ’66, doesn’t see herself that way.

“I was a 17-year-old kid,” she says. “I wanted to make my parents proud.”
Humility aside, Elliott’s arrival at East Carolina College in 1962 changed the campus forever, and forged a path for the thousands of African-American students attending ECU today.

Elliott wasn’t privy to the details of how she was identified as the student to desegregate ECU. She certainly planned to go to college, and was valedictorian of her class at Pitt County Training School in Calico, a small community between Greenville and Vanceboro.

“Who’s volunteering me for this?” she remembers thinking. “Everything was so hush-hush. I didn’t even know what was going on. It was just one day I was packing my bags.”

She recalls the decision being made for her by her parents very shortly before her freshman year was set to begin. The family worked with African-American physician and Greenville community leader Dr. Andrew Best to gain her admittance. Best came to know Elliott when he visited her high school to lecture on health issues.

The couple would go on to raise two children, a daughter and a son, Regina and Allen Elliott and V Vanceboro.

“Me?” she says, and chuckles. “I was the one who made it. I was like “a mother hen” to those who followed. She found companionship as a small stream of African-American students trickled onto campus in her wake. Several of them have told her she was like “a mother hen” to those who followed.

“Mom was always hugging me and saying it was going to be OK.” Elliott says of the days before her departure from home. “I believed her.”

‘Lonely and scary’

As an African-American student at ECU, Elliott was rarely taunted or insulted outright, she explains. She suffered instead from isolation. “Lonely and scary”

It was an especially drastic change in environment for a young woman who grew up with 12 siblings. “I used to cry every year that I didn’t want to go back,” Elliott says. “And one of my sisters, she’d tell me that I had to. That mom and dad were counting on me.”

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The years did pass, and each one got a little easier. Still, Elliott was not eager to be an example.

“The experience wasn’t what I wanted but it didn’t break me,” she says. “It made me a stronger person. I’ve had a lot of challenges through my life and this…helped.”

In considering the decision her parents made to send her to an all-white college, Elliott stresses today that her parents were not “freedom fighters.” And neither, she says, was she making “a bold protest.”

“They were just wanting things a little bit better for their children,” she says.

Elliott believes her parents were proud of what she accomplished, though they were never able to fully express that pride.

“They didn’t want to make a fuss,” she says. “Didn’t want to stir up any resentment.”

Elliott also never met the man who agreed to receive her at ECU in 1962—former chancellor Dr. Leo Jenkins. However, at halftime during ECU’s homecoming football game Oct. 13, she was recognized by Chancellor Steve Ballard and ECU Board of Trustees Chairman Bob Lucas (“painted at right”). During her visit, Elliott spoke with other African-American alumni in the Ledonia Wright Cultural Center, and participated in the annual Homecoming Parade.

The events were organized in part by Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs Virginia Hardy (“88 ‘93”), and her committee charged with commemorating the 50th anniversary of desegregation. Hardy says Elliott is an important part of ECU’s history, and the impact of her actions cannot be ignored.

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“Everyone who knows me knows I have to do the right thing,” she said.

“East Carolina meant the world to me. I look at all the things that have happened since then and I think, ‘I’m so grateful I made the decision to go there.’”

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Supporting each other

ECU wins national award recognizing its engagement with the community surrounding the campus
Community Engagement Award (had won the C. Peter Magrath University/Harrington told the children that ECU acknowledge you,” she said. And then something great and people want to prize, achievement, awards day. Some raised their hands with answers: a asked the third- and fourth-grade students. to mind when you hear the word ‘award?’” she asked. “What is the first thing that comes awards. “What is the first thing that comes teaching moment during her afterschool class at the Lucille W. Gorham Intergenerational Community Center to deliver a lesson on teaching, told the children that ECU had won the C. Peter Magrath University/Community Engagement Award (right) for its establishment and support of the program they are attending in an underserved West Greenville community. The community center is a partnership among ECU, the city of Greenville and Pitt Community College. The award comes with $20,000 stipend. The competitive national award is presented annually by the Association of Public and Land-grant Universities, and ECU was one of four finalists from a field of thousands. The award recognizes ECU’s approach to teaching and learning: It should go on everywhere, not just in the classroom, and it must include the communities around the university. The kids were excited, especially to hear the size of the stipend, and made congratulatory posters for staff who were returning home with the award from a national conference. “We won based on what we do every day,” Harrington said. Then Harrington told the children that ECU had won the C. Peter Magrath University/Community Engagement Award (right) for its establishment and support of the program they are attending in an underserved West Greenville community. At the Lucille W. Gorham Intergenerational Community Center, the community is in the lead, said Harrington. The center’s motto, “We get it done,” is realized in the success of 14 programs planned and implemented since its founding in 2007 and its relationship with community non-profit agencies. The center’s motto, “We get it done,” is realized in the success of 14 programs planned and implemented since its founding in 2007 and its relationship with community non-profit agencies. Two of those programs were specifically recognized in the national award citation: The Youth Apprentice Program, which prepares juvenile offenders or at-risk youths to continue their secondary education. So far it has seen 33 participants either return to high school or earn a GED. Six are enrolled in college now. The program teaches life skills, professional business practices and vocational skills through apprentice placement with mentors at local businesses. The YES! 21st Century project, a summer program designed to improve math and reading skills of third through fifth graders. In 2011 it helped 97 percent of participants improve their math skills, and 20 percent improved their reading skills. More than 150 youth have been served. “Everybody is elated,” said Sutton. “It shows the hard work of ECU, the center, the community. All the hard work came together.” The staff at the center learned about the award from a text message sent by one of the center’s founders and directors, Deborah Moody. She, executive director Kerry Littlewood and others were in Denver on Nov. 12 to accept the award. Back home, cheers erupted as Sutton gathered everyone with the news. “There were a lot of high-fives,” Sutton said. “It just amplifies what we’re doing. We’re so happy, so proud of the accomplishment.” Nate Talbert, who teaches afterschool students problem-solving and critical thinking with games and chess, community members know they can come to the center for information and guidance on a range of issues, from health to finances. “If we can help you, we try to get our partners involved too. If we can’t get it for you, we can try to find someone who can,” he said. “The center was chosen because it embodies the tenants of community engagement: reciprocity, mutual benefit, equal power and responsibility,” Velde said. “It grew out of the belief that communities and ECU can transform communities and address complex issues when we work together.” The idea for the Gorham Community Center was conceived by a faculty member in the ECU School of Social Work, the late Dr. Lottie Bass, and implemented by Bass and her colleague Moody. “The secret is the community is in the lead,” said Irons, associate vice chancellor for health sciences and professor of pediatrics in the Brody School of Medicine. “It’s a constant ongoing communication. The university has learned to let the community lead and let the community engage in a meaningful way that is productive for both.” Irons congratulated Vines, Moody, Littlewood, Ruby Taylor, who is president of the center’s quilters group, Human Ecology Dean Judy Siguenza, and ECU Chancellor Steve Ballard. “It’s all these people who made it happen,” Irons said. “It speaks to the real...
Ballard said the award is significant because it is national recognition for the university’s mission and commitment to service. “Service and engagement are in our DNA at East Carolina University,” he said.

Littlewood estimated about 75 ECU faculty members and 300 ECU students work and volunteer at the center each year. “The center has many important relationships with just about every college on campus,” said Littlewood, who is assistant professor of social work in the College of Human Ecology.

Her undergraduate and graduate students in social work engage community members to design programs and write grants to meet community needs. The grant proposals are presented in an annual Community Program Showcase event, where community members and partners vote for a student team that designs a program to best meet community needs.

Students in elementary art education in the College of Fine Arts and Communication work on art projects with youth. The Brody School of Medicine is involved in a study of African-American women with Type 2 diabetes and the center is an enrollment and screening site for the study.

“Having the center here allows the community to come together and learn from one another, build a relationship with each other and provide security and support for each other,” said Sutton, who directs the health and wellness program. “I live and work in this community so I know the positive impact it has on the community.”

Seniors and youth support each other, for example, in the center’s community garden, or with computer training. “It’s amazing the connection. It’s truly intergenerational,” Sutton said. “When people speak of the community and programs, they are proud to say ‘I’m a part of that.’”

One of the newest programs, IGCC Fit, is funded by Kate B. Reynolds Foundation for youth, adults and seniors. Sharon Mallette, clinical associate professor in the ECU College of Nursing, is at the center each Tuesday to provide health screenings or answer health-related questions from community members.

At the beginning of the fall semester, Mallette’s community health nursing students helped with initial health screenings to collect information on people with risk factors so they can be monitored throughout the year. The program complements other health care services that clients already receive.

As a community health nurse and educator, partnerships are vital, just as they are at the center. “Being here provides us an opportunity to get to know members of the community, and for them to see ECU as a friend to the community and to help the community,” Mallette said. “It’s not just an ivory tower that sits to the east and west of the center. We want to be integrated in their daily lives.”

Shawna Sutton
Every sports team practices certain plays over and over until they can execute them under pressure. But there's one drill that all East Carolina student athletes know by heart. It's the ritual of the away game—the long bus ride or cramped charter flight to another school hundreds of miles away. Then after the game, another long trip home.
Many Pirate fans applauded East Carolina University’s move to the Big East Conference because they believe it offers national exposure for ECU’s football program. But in frequent flyer miles at least, the Pirates have competed on a national stage for years as a member of Conference USA, whose name accurately describes its geographic footprint.

As a member of C-USA since 1997, ECU has regularly competed against four schools in Texas, one in Oklahoma and three others on or near the Mississippi River. Only two other conference schools—the University of Central Florida in Orlando, 645 miles away, and Marshall University in West Virginia, 456 miles away—are in the same time zone as East Carolina.

ECU’s current travel schedule, in fact, has earned it a spot in the college sports record books. According to C-USA officials, the second-longest distance that any two NCAA Division I colleges travel to play a conference football game is when East Carolina takes the field against the University of Texas-El Paso. It’s 1,686 miles from Greenville to El Paso, or 3,372 miles round trip for the visiting team, as when the Miners flew into Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium for a 28-18 loss in September.

Given the fluid nature of conference affiliations, it’s not clear which schools ECU will compete against when it and five other current C-USA teams begin playing football in the Big East in 2014. It also remained undecided which ECU’s 18 other sports teams would join. Athletics Director Terry Holland says he hopes all ECU teams will wind up in a new East Coast division of the Big East Conference. While he remains undecided which conference ECU’s 18 other sports teams would join, Athletics Director Terry Holland says he hopes all ECU teams will wind up in a new East Coast division of the Big East Conference. While he remains undecided which conference ECU’s 18 other sports teams would join, Athletics Director Terry Holland says he hopes all ECU teams will wind up in a new East Coast division of the Big East Conference.

Nick Floyd, executive associate athletics director, says it requires detailed planning and a rugged transportation process to safely move groups of student athletes across such long distances. One or another team seems to be forever departing or returning (see sidebar, pages 42-43), accompanied by mounds of equipment and luggage. The Athletics Department is budgeted to spend $2.5 million this year on away-game travel, lodging and meals, according to Director of Athletic Business Barry Bruckman. He says that’s up 36 percent from six years ago. This year’s budget included $427,000 earmarked for travel to a post-season bowl game.

Managing away-game travel is so complex that ECU recently contracted out that function to Anthony Travel of Dallas. The agency, which specializes in serving university sports teams, represents more than 50 colleges, including Duke University and UNC-Chapel Hill. An Anthony Travel employee now is housed within the Athletics Department and works directly with coaches and staff to arrange commercial and charter flights, book hotel rooms and plan meals. Bruckman says he believes Anthony Travel’s block-booking power and connections within the travel industry will result in some cost savings.

On one of the shortest road trips the team would have all season, basketball forward Whitny Edwards still faced one of the toughest challenges confronted by student athletes: how to maintain her shooting touch and her GPA.

“The traveling, while it can be very exciting, is also very draining,” she says after the early-season game at the College of William & Mary in Williamsburg, Va. Edwards, a graduate student who previously played three seasons for the University of

The women’s basketball team’s Nov. 9 game at the College of William & Mary in Williamsburg, Va., was one of the shortest distances the team traveled for an away game this season. Even that quick trip required detailed planning. Here’s the travel schedule:

THURSDAY, NOV. 8
3 p.m. Bus arrives at back entrance of Ward Sports Medicine Building
3:45 p.m. Load bus
4 p.m. Depart for Williamsburg
7:30 p.m. Arrive Outback Steakhouse in Williamsburg for team meal, which had been ordered in advance
8:30 p.m. Depart restaurant for hotel
8:40 p.m. Arrive at Embassy Suites Hotel, Williamsburg. Hotel keys distributed on bus
FRIDAY, NOV. 9
8 a.m. Team breakfast
9 a.m. Study hall
10:40 a.m. Leave hotel for Kaplan Arena at W&M for shoot around
11 a.m. Depart Kaplan Arena for lunch at hotel
1 p.m. Time to relax, study or do chores, like laundry
3:20 p.m. Leave hotel
3:30 p.m. Arrive Kaplan Arena, W&M
7:30 p.m. Depart Kaplan Arena for trip home
11 p.m. Arrive in Greenville

Every away game is a journey.
Virginia, says the hardest part is the trip home. “When you’re leaving (campus) you have the excitement of the upcoming game on your mind so you tolerate the long trip. When returning from the game, you are tired and ready to go to sleep and it can, at times, be uncomfortable.”

Ahead on the women’s basketball schedule for January were away games at Texas-El Paso, at Rice University in Houston, at Tulane University in New Orleans, back to Texas for a game with the University of Houston, and finally at Alabama-Birmingham. The team would travel 11,626 miles to play those five games. “Long road trips mean you have to really take care of your body in terms of getting adequate sleep and making sure to stay on top of your academic work as well,” Edwards cautions.

East Carolina offers extensive academic support services for student athletes and sends tutors along if a team will be gone more than one day, which is typical. “Men’s and women’s basketball is a prime example,” says J.J. McLamb, assistant athletic director for administrative affairs. “If they’re going to T exas or New Orleans?”

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McLamb says ECU teams get no breaks on mandatory bed checks and time reserved all away games are well chaperoned, with passenger jets that charter. With longerer runs than Pitt-Greenville Airport, the Kinston facility can accommodate the full-size passenger jets that the football team charters.

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One way to gauge the distance East Carolina travels for away games is to pick a weekend at random on the Athletic Department’s long-range calendar and see where the Pirates will be playing then. For that exercise we picked March 2013, a month that straddles the winter and spring seasons. Here is a look at events scheduled for Friday and Saturday, the 8th and 9th.

The baseball team will be home for a three-day tournament before heading off later in the month for Charleston, S.C., and in Charlotte, N.C.)

The track team, coming off a meet in South Bend, Ind., the previous weekend, will be in Fayetteville, Ark., for two-day tournaments.

The men’s basketball team wraps up its season at home against Marshall University, likely with some final tests after a series of games on the road in Tulsa, Dallas, and Hattiesburg, Miss.

Football’s long bomb

Managing travel is difficult for all sports teams but officials say the fewer numbers of games involved with football—147 players require highly coordinated travel plans and adhering to a rigid time schedule. The departure process for a noon Saturday away game actually begins at 2 p.m. on Wednesday. That’s when a 53-foot-long Old Dominion Freight Lines tractor-trailer departs from the Ward Sports Medicine building fully loaded with equipment.

At 2 p.m. on Friday, the football players, coaches, staff and tutors assemble at Ward to board buses for the short trip to Kinston Regional Jetport. With longer runs than Pitt-Greenville Airport, the Kinston facility can accommodate the full-size passenger jets that the football team charters.

McLamb says ECU teams get no breaks from airport security. “It’s just like you’re flying a normal flight. Every passenger is screened, every bag checked. Even as well organized as we are, it takes us about 45 minutes just to get through security.”

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No bull, they’re Durham’s favorite artists

If you’ve been to Durham recently to dine at the American Tobacco Historic District or catch a concert at the Durham Performing Arts Center, you may have walked by or even stopped on a week of art by the husband and wife team of Michael Waller ’97 and Leah Foushee ’02.

The city and some civic groups have commissioned about a dozen pieces of their art since 2005. Their first was Major, the bronze bull in CCB Plaza that’s become an iconic image of the Bull City. They created the Parrish Street Historic Marker Series for their area, and added a giant red cardinal, a turtle called Mr. Pickles and a couple of N.C. Central’s law school lobby, the centennial crest adopted by N.C. Central’s Gentleman, the Parrish Street Historic Marker Series for their area, and added a giant red cardinal, a turtle called Mr. Pickles and a couple of N.C. Central’s law school lobby, the centennial crest adopted by N.C. Central’s law school lobby, the centennial crest adopted by N.C. Central’s law school, the center for the century-old Washington Duke Mausoleum in historic Maplewood Cemetery, which had been vandalized. Waller forged new iron gates to replace two that had been stolen.

“We were fortunate that when we created the bull downtown, it just started things rolling,” Waller says. “The American Tobacco District was just starting up, and we were involved in that and other civic things, so it seemed that one thing just led to another.”

Waller is from Kinston and Foushee’s father is from an old Durham family. In addition to her work with Waller, Foushee also teaches art at a middle school in Carrboro.

Waller and Foushee work out of studios in downtown Hillsborough and through Liberty Arts, a collaborative sculpture studio and foundry in Durham’s Golden Belt complex that serves as an incubator for young artists. They also are collaborating with an old college friend, Kirk Davis ’97 of Morehead City, in a business called Carolina Shuckers (www.carolinashuckers.com), which produces and sells hand forged custom oyster knives and other kitchen gadgets.

Steve Tuttle

Pirate Voyages 2013

Enjoying the camaraderie of friends connected by ECU is a great way to travel. This year, the Alumni Association is inviting friends to join us for trips to London, Paris and the American Southwest. From Aug. 24-31, we will explore the theaters, restaurants and museums of Europe’s grandest cities over three nights each in London and Paris, with customizable excursions. See the Grand Canyon, tour Monument Valley with a Navajo guide and raft down the Colorado River on the 10-night Southwest National Parks trip from Sept. 22 to Oct. 2. Sponsored by Orbridge destination specialists, all alumni and friends of East Carolina are welcome on these Pirate Voyages. Call 866-639-0079.

April is Service Month

The Alumni Association invites you to join in celebrating the university’s motto “Service” meaning To Serve, this coming April. Hundreds of Pirates and friends will participate in community service projects across the Pirate Nation in a coordinated month-long effort. Regional volunteers will be planning service projects for alumni in their areas, but individuals are encouraged to lend a hand wherever help is needed. If you are interested in volunteering or planning a service project for your area, contact Assistant Director for Alumni Programs Shawn Moore ’91, ’98 at 252-328-5775 or Shawn.Moore@PirateAlumni.com. More information can be found at PirateAlumni.com/ServiceMonth.

Pirate Contacts needed

Regional contacts are important volunteers for the Alumni Association. These Pirate Contacts coordinate with Alumni Association staff to provide events and activities of interest to alumni and friends in their region. For example, many regional contacts coordinate Service Month projects in April, football viewing parties during the fall, and other networking or social events throughout the year. A leadership and network training seminar will be offered in the spring to all interested Pirate Contacts. This seminar will include information on how to plan events, communicate with alumni, and also brainstorm future ways to stay involved with East Carolina. Without the help of our volunteers, the Alumni Association would not be able to fulfill our mission to inform, involve and serve members of the ECU family throughout their lifetime relationship with the university. If you would like to find out more about being a Pirate Contact or volunteering with the Alumni Association, contact Shawn Moore ’91, ’98 at 252-328-5775 or Shawn.Moore@PirateAlumni.com.
2012

ABBY FORMAN is an account coordinator with Vidant Public Relations, Bridgewater, N.J. EMILY FRANCINE GOSCHWIND and MICHAEL BROCK MORRIS were married on July 22 at Saint Anne’s Baptist Church, Rocky Mount. She works for Vidant Medical Center and he works for Pitt County Schools.

2011

KATHRYN LOUISE SEBASTIAN and GREGORY SCOTT FADER were married on Aug. 25 at White Memorial Presbyterian Church, Raleigh. The wedding party included Megan Hanscho Fader ’02 ’07, Casey Patrick Fader ’00, Patrick Dillon Sebastian ’08, Evan Hunsucker Fader ’02, Timothy Jason Morgan ’05 and Justin Edward Tart ’03. She works at ECU and he is a mortgage banker at US Bank, Greenville. BRANDON CARL SMITH and Courtney Nicole Martin were married on Sept. 21 at First Baptist Church, Pilot Mountain. He is a PC/LAN engineer at Northern Hospital of Surry County. JESSICA SWANSON is a kitchen and bath designer at Home Builders Supply Co., Greenville. SARAH WEST scored a 2012-2013 N.C. Arts Council Artist Fellowship Award to support creation of new work. Her work resides at the intersection of jewelry and sculpture. In 2012, she exhibited in Public Record, a solo exhibition at Artspace, Raleigh, and in the Penland Artists Summer Show and Shoe, both invitational shows at Light Art and Design, Chapel Hill.

2010

JENNA ANN BOYD and JOSHUA JOHN STAUL ’09 were married on June 16 at Black Jack Original Free Will Baptist Church, Greenville. The wedding party included Emily Anne Hancock ’12, David Andrew Stahl ’09, Adam Ray Butler and Dennis Matthew Butler ’07. She works at Eastern Carolina ENT and he works at Coastal Beverage Co. LAKETHA MONEQUE BROWN is a registered nurse at Moses H. Cone Women’s Hospital, Greensboro. She was an RN at Vidant Medical Center, Greenville. JENNIFER LYNN DASH and JUSTIN ALAN JOHNSON were married on June 9 on the beach at the Club at Wrightsville Beach. The wedding party included Kristen Jones ’08, Amber Parke and Phil Solfin ’06. She teaches at Pitt Community College, CLARA NICOLE GAREEN and JOSHUA BRYANT VINSON ’09 were married on Aug. 11 at the Washington Duke Inn & Golf Club. The wedding party included Dan Crowder ’09, Hayley Grady ’09, Allison Frazier, Riley Potts ’08 ’06 and Tanya Stango. She is a special education teacher with Pitt County Schools, and he is a certified technician with Universal Leaf Tobacco Co. Wilson. NIKEI GRABILL, married third grade at the Chadbourn School, Greenville. SEPTMBER KREUGER and husband, Curtis, had a year exhibit at the Columbus County Arts Center called “Rocks of a
study in Wales at Cardiff University’s international Academy of Voice. She won the Australian International Opera Award, which provided a scholarship to attend the National Opera Academy in London. She came to East Carolina after attending the N.C. School of the Arts. It was there she was introduced to the world of opera. She made her operatic debut in 2009 season while still studying in Wales. She is the Daughter of ECU associate professor of accounting Brian O’Doherty, holds U.S., Greek and Australian citizenship. She is now married to a fellow opera singer, who is the daughter of ECU associate professor of accounting Brian O’Doherty, holds U.S., Greek and Australian citizenship. She is now married to a fellow opera singer.

Pat and Ann McCrory, and 1,500 of the state’s social and political leaders attended the gala held at the Raleigh Convention Center for North Carolina’s new first couple, Gov. Bev Perdue and her husband, Rock. The wedding party included a number of other notable guests, including former Gov. Jim Hunt, who performed a surprise concert performance in which she sang with the Australian Opera and Ballet Orchestra.

ASHEVILLE, N.C. — Jennifer Blaine ’08, the結婚 of Jamie Young Parisher ’09, Valerie Flowers Sheldon ’00, and Benjina Keith ’09 was one of seven hours of furious activity to install scenery changes and large iconic images to create these different scenes and music, then descend to the Piedmont, where she was a critical access behavioral health agency. Megan Hathaway Handy and husband, Sam, had their third child, a daughter. Duane Thomas Holder is the North Carolina deputy county manager and finance director. He was the CFO for POET Human Services. Ashley Walters is a staff accountant with the LBA Group Inc., Greenville. She was senior teller and financial services officer at the State Employees’ Credit Union.

JONATHAN BARTLETT ’05 and Katherine Wilson ’08 on Oct. 7, 2011, by the beach on the Outer Banks. The wedding party included Matt Weakley ’09. He is a member of Alpha Phi Sorority and teaches third grade at Central Elementary School, Hillsborough. He is a member of Sigma Alpha Epilson Finer and is director of business development for Parent Pay, Durham. Alexander Knox ’07 is an instructor of art at East Carolina University, and Melissa Townsend ’07 is director of development at the Kellins Mobile at John R.L. wall. She was assistant superintendent for programs. Vivian Brake ’05 is superintendent of Pitt County Schools, and she is an educational technology consultant at the Brody School of Medicine. Krystina WOODY is in the parks and recreation director for Southampton. She was a registered nurse at Onslow County Parks and Recreation.

BLAKE LAKER SMITH with EMEY LAUREN HURGEN, a student at ECU, is Sept. 22, on the South Lawn of Tryon Palace, New Bern. The wedding party included Meghna Rhode, Jordan Thomas Bass ’08 on June 16 at Monroy Baptist Church, Rocky Mount. The wedding party included Leigh Ann Tevis ’08 and Shakerah Adams ’08. They both work in the Nash-Rocky Mount Schools. Dance major and is employed at ECU’s Child Development Lab.

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JAMES KLEINGEMISCH, Topol Middle School principal, is the Pender County principal of the year.

MELISSA LYNCH is the Lenoir County Schools’ 2012-13 Teacher of the Year. In spring 2012, she was chosen Teacher of the Year at Moss Hill Elementary School, Kinston, where she teaches first grade.

CATHERINE “KATE” TILLMAN BROWN and husband, Aiden, had a son. She works in commercial real estate in Raleigh, and he is pursuing a construction management degree at ECU. LINDA KING IV ’10 is a nurse practitioner at the Atlantic Gastroenterology practice, Greenville, where she directs the colon cancer screening, diagnosis and infusion therapy services.

JOE HASTINGS is assistant baseball coach and recruiting coordinator for Coastal Carolina University, Conway, S.C. He was a recruiter and hitting and infield coach for the Notre Dame baseball team. He had a four-year career as a first baseman at ECU. Drafted in the 24th round of the 2001 Major League Baseball Draft, he played from 2001 to 2004 in the San Diego Padres’ organization.

PEGGY KELLEY, a nurse practitioner, joined Carolina Neurosurgery & Spine Associates in 2003. She was promoted to counsel with the senior staff representative to the SGA, president of Phi Epilon and a member of Delta Omicron Sigma and the Beta Society. After graduation she taught home economics and science at Maury School near Wilson and later in Greenville, Wayne and Craven counties. She retired in 1997 after 32 years in the classroom. About 120 people from the Kinston and Craven County areas came to her 100th birthday party in 2009.

Dr. ALDON BOONE opened a dental practice in Elizabeth City. She was practicing in Kitty Hawk. Dr. MARTHA CHESNUTT, a physician specializing in internal medicine at Joyce-Willis Clinic, Rocky Mount, was named to the North Carolina State Board of Commissioners for a three-year term. STEPHANIE COLLINS is director of volunteer services at Nash Health Care, Rocky Mount. SHANNON SPEECE ’00 ’04, a nurse practitioner, opened Vindy Health and Wellness in Goldsboro. KRISTEN TEDFORD, a fourth-grade teacher at Englewood Elementary School, was recognized as the 2012-2013 Nash-Rocky Mount Schools Teacher of the Year. She is a National Board Certified teacher and is pursuing a certificate in school administration at ECU.

JONATHAN ALLEN is a director of parks and recreation in Clayton. He was athletic program supervisor for Clayton for the past 11 years.

CHRIS BULLARD, a nurse practitioner, joined the staff of Southeastern Medical Clinic Gray’s Creek, Hope Mills.

JANINE BRETT is director of Behavioral Health for Southeastern Regional Medical Center, Lumberton. She is a licensed clinical social worker, employed by Southeastern Regional Mental Health.

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60th anniversary and the opening of its new corporate headquarters in 2012 in Dallas, Texas. Althea Reddick is coordinator of program and course development supervising the library and main campus program and teaching a freshman seminar course at Elizabeth City State University. 1995

Jeanette Baur Painter teaches physical education at the Old School, Greenville. She was the kindergarten teaching assistant there.

Dr. Virginia Hardie, ECU's university dean for student affairs, is chair of the Greenville Unlions Club of Commissioners. She was very active in 2011-12 and has been a board member since 2009. 1994

CECELIA “SEKKY” WILKINS GREGORY was honored as a distinguished alumnus by Campbell University. She is human resources director for the Hartford County School System. She was honored twice at Hartford County Educational Office Personnel Administrator of the Year and at Hartford County Schools’ 2008 Employee of the Year. 2012

ALEXANDER SILVER was the kindergarten teaching assistant there. Dr. William Miller Johnstone Jr., an obstetrician-gynecologist, joined the Rode School of Medicine and its group medical practice, ECU Physicians. He was in private practice in Pinehurst.

A Light in the Storm, an album by Lorrie Jordan, reached No. 1 on Billboards Top Bluegrass albums chart for two months. The band’s 2010 album, Carolina, remained at No. 7 on Billboard’s Top Bluegrass albums chart for two months. The band’s 2010 album, Carolina, remained on the charts for two months. The band’s 2010 album, Carolina, remained on the charts for two months.

Lorrie Jordan is the lead singer and mandolin player for the band. She also has a day job as owner and operator of one of the largest driver education companies in the state, JDS Driver Education of the Carolinas. The company has 150 instructors, 87 vehicles, and serves 50 county school systems from offices in Vanceboro and Rocky Mount. The Jordans are a big ECU family; husband and band member, Eddie Jordan, Jr. ’81, is a former teacher at West Craven High School. His two daughters also came to school here—Hayden Jordan, Jr. ’78 of Vanceboro, who recently retired as head football coach at West Craven High School and now is offensive coordinator at New Bern High School, and Eddie Jordan Jr. ’12 of Newport, who is an instructor of accounting at the community college. The Jordans followed their father to East Carolina University and are Albertans.

1991

KECIA DENN 1974-96 is the Lower County Schools 2013 Principal of the Year. She is principal at Northlakes Elementary School, Kinston. JOHN W. MONSON III, a deputy mayor and planner of the N.C. Underwater Archaeological Board at Kerr Bight.

1990

Gary Gore was named president of Bank of America’s Virginia operations in addition to his role as the bank’s Richmond market president. He continues in managing director and head of retail operations for the bank’s U.S. Trust private wealth management division, overseeing trust offices in Virginia, Washington, Baltimore and Chevy Chase, Md. ANDREW D. SCHMIDT ’90 ’97, sales and marketing manager for the Greenville-Pawley Communities and Ventures Bureau, was elected to the board of directors of the N.C. Sports Association.

1989

KIMBERLY B. ROYETTE is the Raleigh market executive and commercial leader for New Century Bank. She is the president of Calloway (N.C.) Community Bank’s U.S. Trust private wealth management division, overseeing trust offices in the Carolinas.

1987

JAMES “JAY” TYSION purchased the AAMCO franchise in Greenville. He and his wife, MARY, also own Americas Auto Sales, Farmville, and Auto Store, Greenville.

1985

JOHN MINIERS is a secretary of the Greenville Utilities Board of Commissioners on which he has served since 2010. He is president and founding partner of Miniers & Associates LLC, Greenville. JOHN H. SNOWDEN III is a database developer with the business and financial information system at Eastern Virginia Medical School, Norfolk, Va. He was a web database administrator and senior IT analyst with the Center for Information Technology/Office of Web Services at Hampton University, Hampton, Va. MATHILDA ALBERTS WEST, director of Christian life at Augsburg Hills United Methodist Church, Maplewood, Minn., received an MA in theology from the University of St. Catherine, St. Paul, Minn., in 2011 and a certificate in spiritual direction from the university in 2012.

1984

2012

Back to My Roots, the second album by Carolina Road, the traditional Bluegrass band fronted by Lorrie Jordan, ’79 of Garner, received widespread acclaim when a single from the record, ‘A Light in the Storm,” reached No. 1 on Billboards Top Bluegrass albums chart for two months. The band’s 2010 album, Carolina, reached No. 7 on Billboards Top Bluegrass albums chart for two months. The band’s 2010 album, Carolina, remained on the charts for two months.

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HORST’s 1993-96 10-minute play,was performed from Sep. 7-17 at the Napa Valley Playhouse in Napa, Calif. He teaches composition and business writing in ECU’s English department.

1980

DAVID BAIRD is the director of the Center for Sustenance Studies, Greenville, where he is director of communications for the County of San Bernardino’s (Calif.) Second Tax District Supervisor. JOHN FECHEMONE and NATALE VOLK YCHINE ‘90 and her son re-located from Philadelphia, Pa., to Wappinger Falls, NY, where she is the director of mobile products for Food Network, Cooking Channel and Food.com in NYC, and he is a nurse therapist and Music Together (R) teacher for Mid Hudson Music Together in the greater Hudson Valley.

1979

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Great Names honored
Among those named to the 2012 class of the Great 100 Nurses of N.C. were
JENNIE DEMETRIANIS, ‘96, '86, '95, '90, a registered nurse
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and of the American Nurses’ Association in 1954.

LINDA JENKINS, ‘97 and of the American Nurses’ Association in 1954.

SUSAN COOK, ‘96, a registered nurse
who was president of the N.C. Nurses Association in 1952
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TRAVIS LYNNE SUGI, ‘86, a registered nurse
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CATHERINE WALKER-BRANK, ‘93, a registered nurse
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IRA VARNER, ‘90, a registered nurse
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JENNIFER COLLINS, ‘97, a registered nurse
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PATTI BURKE, ‘90, a registered nurse
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COURTNEY PARCELL BROWN, ‘00, ‘01, a registered nurse
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WILLIAM “BOE” ETHERIDGE, ‘76, ‘09, a registered nurse
who was director of middle grades curriculum and midfielder support services for Edgecombe County Public Schools after a 34-year career in public schools.

RICK WRIGHT, ‘62, a registered nurse
who was a visiting instructor at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

JAY KOLCZYNSKI, ‘94, ‘95, a registered nurse
who was a reading instructor at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

JERREY MARION JR., ‘75, a registered nurse
who was athletic director, head football and baseball coach, and regional president for BB&T Bank, Whiteville. He was
called the southeastern athletic director since 1998 and was appointed as the Fifth District representative on the Federal Advisory Board for the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

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Christa Blanton Bass ’95 and a 30-
year varsity swimming record is 133-51-2. He now teaches algebra
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Ronnie James ’80 is the U.S. Cellular
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**Sara westray brun**

36 of Elizabeth City died Sept. 21 at the age of 97. She lived most of her life on a farm from East Carolina she studied nursing at the Bellevue Hospital School of nursing in New York City. Completing the three-year degree in two years, she joined the Army Nurse Corps at March 1941. Trained as a psychiatric nurse, she treated shell-shocked pilots while stationed on the Central Pacific island of Truk in 1945. During the Korean War she worked as the head nurse of a medical detachment stationed in Japan. After one last deployment to Germany, Bunn retired as a major in 1963 after 28 years of service. In retirement she volunteered with the Church Episcopal Church Guild and the Red Cross.

**Grace willford daughtridge**

12 (59) of Tarboro died Sept. 28 at 101. She taught elementary school in Sampson and Nash counties and started girls high school basketball early in her career. Dr. Louise hussey farrar

36 of Burlington died Oct. 3 at 95. As an ordained minister, she had a long career teaching and serving various parishes both nationally and internationally. In 2001, she retired as pastor associate at First Presbyterian Church, Burlington.

**Margaret Louise Martin Womble**

96 of Durham died Nov. 4 at 97. A Navy WAVE during World War II, she was assigned to the naval communications station at Minneapolis, Minn., achieving the rank of Telegrapher Second Class. She was one of the oldest female veterans in North Carolina. She was a charter member of the Women in Military Service for America Memorial at Arlington, Va. She taught at Conley High School, Plymouth High School, Rich Square School and Northeast Academy in Lasker, where she retired in 1975 from teaching third grade.

**Margaret Carol Banks**

46 of Tifton died Sept. 11. She taught in Nash and Leon counties. Ruth carroll

48 of Raleigh died Sept. 3. For 35 years she taught at Fayette-Vance High School. After retiring from teaching, she worked at Knoll Furniture, Cameron Village, Raleigh. Jean Wendt polk 42 of Matthews died Sept. 7 at 90. She taught elementary school for many years in Jacksonville, Wilmington, Karlsruhe, Germany and Mattituck, N.Y. Her husband was a charter member of the Blanche Grady Elementary School. Her devotion to community service included being a charter member of the Women in Military Service for America Memorial at Arlington, Va. She taught at Conley High School, Plymouth High School, Rich Square School and Northeast Academy in Lasker, where she retired in 1975 from teaching third grade.

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**Ernestine dail hayes**

49 of Rockwell, Ga., died Sept. 7. She retired from the Small Business Administration.

**Susan Ann brinnon howard**

49 of New Bern died Aug. 7. She was a two-time All American in swimming and a two-time All American in track and field from N.C. State, North Carolina State University and the U.S. Olympic Training Center. In 1962, MARY everett stewart 37 of Benson died Oct. 22 at 98. She taught school for 30 years in North Carolina. She is the last 20 of which were in the Conaway School, Hanover County, N.C. While teaching, she ran the library at Norfolk State University. She then was assistant principal there. She retired from the small business administration.

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**Charles freddick turnbull**

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MARTHA BENTON MOYE '51 '55 of Greenville died Sept. 12. She was a dental assistant in Williamsburg, Va., before moving to Morehead City. Formerly buried in Greenville, she was reinterred in Memorial Park Friedhof, Williamsburg, Va.

JOHN SAMUEL BARwick '84 of Atlanta died Oct. 10. At 28 years old, he worked in financial services before founding eBridge, a consultancy firm that worked with Thompson Reuters in international finance. He was a member of Sigma Nu fraternity at ECU. C. BRAD BRADSHAW '84 of Atlanta died Aug. 6. A 20-year Army veteran, he taught at Cawood Center and Word of Life Christian Center. A master craftsman, he designed and built specialized equipment for the Army Air and Air Force and America for its special needs educational system. Prior to his death, he was a resident of Lake City, Ga.

JAMES ROBERT II of Morehead City died Aug. 26. She taught at North Pitt High School before serving as a youth counselor with the N.C. Division of Services for the Blind and evaluating prisoner abuse shortly after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

RICHARD ALLAN of Morehead City died Sept. 12. He was a former social worker who taught in the ECU School of Medicine. After retirement, he was a medical missionary in Bosnia, helping identify the unknown dead. As a retired nurse practitioner with the N.C. Division of Services for the Blind and evaluating prisoner abuse shortly after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

DENNETT “DIXIE” HAWKINd DRossER '76 - 91 of Greenville Sept. 29. He was a 27-year veteran in the newspaper industry as a reporter, advertising, editing and publishing manager across the country. He was a member of Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity and served in the New Jersey National Guard. where he was assigned to the Vietnam Air Transporter, where he was awarded the Vietnam Service Medal with two bronze stars. In the Associated Press, after completing an 8-3 record against the nation’s top teams.

JIMMIE E. PRATT JR. '73 '74 of Cary died Aug. 26. She taught at Woman’s College of Wake Forest University. She was a member of a section of the Department of Government and Political Science and a clinical professor of political science at the University of North Carolina at Wilmington. She was a member of the Military Care for Underprivileged Children, Richard Allan "Buck" Walters '91 '44 of Greenville died Nov. 1. He was a nurse practitioner with the N.C. Department of Corrections.

JOSEPH ALEXANDER CHAMIS '93 of Swansboro died Sept. 20. A retired Marine Corps sergeant, he was a member of the Civil War era submarine, the Bat, and was a member of the ECU Educational Foundation and lifetime member of the Pirates Club. As ECU, he played basketball and was captain of the tennis team.

JAMES HARRIS of Washington, D.C. died Aug. 16. He was a World War II B-29 fighter pilot, he fought in Omaha Beach during D-Day and for 31 years retiring in 1987 with various rank.

DAVID E. DEAN '79 of Wilson died Nov. 4. A World War II veteran, he taught for 31 years retiring in 1987 with various rank.

William E. “Bill” Stenstrom of Cary died Aug. 16, 1970 to establish a film studies program at the ECU English department, emphasizing the literary nature and critical principles of film. He retired as professor emeritus in 1991. He was a member of the Pirates Club. As ECU, he played basketball and was captain of the tennis team.

BARNET D. EVANS '56 '70 of Greenville died Sept. 12. She worked as a dental assistant in the Greenville area for 35 years. She was a member of the ECU English department, emphasizing the literary nature and critical principles of film. He retired as professor emeritus in 1991. He was a member of the Pirates Club. As ECU, he played basketball and was captain of the tennis team.

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“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.

Editor’s note: The campus quarantine imposed during the Spanish influenza pandemic of 1918-19 is a well-known part of school history. Less well-known, however, is the flu epidemic that struck campus early in 1922. It sickened more students and lasted longer. School physician Dr. Charles Laughinghouse, who had dealt with the 1918 epidemic, again quarantined campus and cancelled most activities. When the epidemic was over, senior Attie Bray ’22 (right) wrote a recollection for the spring 1922 issue of the Teachers College Quarterly condensed below:

“One day someone opened the window at the Teachers College and a little bird flew in. (Science teacher Miss Alice) Wilson was sent for at once to identify the little creature, and to the surprise of everyone she said his name was ‘Flu.’

“A great confusion was caused among the students…because several years ago this creature was here in school and everyone had heard what a terrible time they had as a result of his visit. So Doctor Laughinghouse at once shut us up in quarantine and we were very fortunate not to have a case of the disease. We paid dearly for it. We were shut in for nine weeks.

“At first there were many discouraging letters written home which stirred up the home folks. Letters and telegrams poured into Mr. Wright’s office like showers of rain.

“The girls would be going around carrying on their work as usual and the first thing you would hear (would be) “another had tumbled in bed.” They tumbled in, two and three at a time, until the infirmary was filled. (Lady Principal Kate) Beckwith at once had the girls down on the first floor in the east wing of (Wilson Residence Hall) to move and those rooms were also occupied by the sick girls.

“When one was caught sneezing, she was snatched up whether she wanted to go or not, and given a big dose of salts or something worse. After meal times we well ones would slip around to the windows to have a little chat with the girls. The girls would tell us what a good time they were having, eating everything good and sleeping all they pleased. This news made some girls sick so they tumbled in with the sympathetic flu, thinking they would have a big time, but the joke was played on them because they were given big doses of medicine.”

End note: While Dr. Laughinghouse received the credit for saving lives during the epidemics, it was Mitte Beaman, the supervisor of the infirmary from 1910 until her death in 1926, who steadfastly cared for students and faculty through both crises. The stone gateway on Fifth Street by Garrett Residence was built and dedicated to her memory by the Class of 1927.
Confetti rained down and shouts of joy filled Williams Arena in Minges Coliseum on Dec. 14 during winter graduation exercises. More than 2,190 students received their degrees, including about 1,600 receiving bachelor degrees and 591 receiving graduate degrees.  

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