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Doris Jenkins Keel

Doris Jenkins Keel, 89, died on Friday, Dec. 30, 2005, surrounded by family and friends. She was born April 24, 1916, in Robersonville, N.C., to the late Richard and Robena Jenkins and was the youngest of three daughters. She was predeceased by her sisters Frances Jenkins and Pauline Jenkins Allsbrook. She married the late James Philip Keel on July 7, 1940, and enjoyed 52 wonderful years of marriage. She is survived by her sons, Richard Keel and wife, Linda, of Winston Salem, N.C.; Phil Keel and wife, Emily, of Washington, N.C.; and Walter Keel and wife, Sandi, of Atlanta Ga. She is also survived by her granddaughters Melanie Keel of Charleston, S.C.; Richele Taylor and husband, Stacy, of Columbia, S.C.; Catherine Beck and husband Roger of Huntsville, Ala.; and Lauren Shinn and husband, Jason, of Greensboro, N.C.

After graduating from East Carolina Teachers College, Doris taught elementary school in Bear Grass, N.C. She was a lifelong member of the Robersonville United Methodist Church and touched many lives through her involvement in the church. She served for many years as the superintendent of the children's Sunday school and loved singing in the church choir. She was active in the United Methodist Women for more than 30 years and she served as den mother for the Cub Scouts. Doris was known for her kind spirit and her love and acceptance of everyone she met. Her life was centered around her devotion to her church and to all children.

The funeral service was held Sunday, Jan. 1, 2006 at Robersonville United Methodist Church and was conducted by Rev. Mary Ellen Bender. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Robersonville United Methodist Church at P.O. Box 397, Robersonville, NC 27871.
Bowles ready to bring business, political skills to UNC

The Associated Press

RALEIGH — North Carolina's university system is getting both sides of Erskine Bowles, who takes over this week as the 16-campus system's new president.

There's the political Bowles, a former Clinton White House chief of staff and two-time failed candidate for the U.S. Senate.

There's also businessman Bowles, who brokered deals on Wall Street and sits on four corporate boards.

Both sides have been in full swing recently, with businessman Bowles giving UNC staff homework just before Christmas and political Bowles preparing this week to entertain diverse legislators at a Tar Heel basketball game.

Though Bowles, 60, officially succeeds retiring UNC President Molly Broad Sunday, he hasn't been sitting around waiting for the new year to get to work.

Bowles has already toured the 16 campuses and met one on one with chancellors, UNC board members and legislators. He has talked with professors, students and university workers. And he has picked the brains of other university presidents in the United States and abroad.

"I tried to do everything I can to really hit the ground running," he said.

Changes already are evident at the 125-employee UNC headquarters in Chapel Hill. Two vice presidents will leave their posts for jobs on UNC campuses by March, and the senior academic vice president, Gretchen Bataille, is now interim chancellor at the N.C. School of the Arts.

Bowles said he did not initiate the changes, which he called part of a natural transition.

Bowles is moving away from the more reverent academia lingo of the past administration. This includes calling the UNC system staff "general administration," a term Broad had dropped in favor of the more reverential office of the president.

In a December memo to top staff, he suggested ditching his

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inauguration planned for the spring.

"Can I not have one and instead make an address to the legislature and use the funds we would have spent on the celebration on need-based scholarships?" he wrote. "If we must have one," he added, "would anyone be offended if we kept the cost very low?"

UNC vice presidents recommended that he at least have a modest celebration, one Bowles insists will be paid for with private donations.

"I want to do everything I can to let people know I get it, that we live in a time of limited resources," Bowles said.

He's instructed administrators to give him their top five or six goals for 2006, along with quantifiable measures of accountability, cost, timelines and funding sources.

He asked for status reports on more than 30 university issues, including UNC's relationship with public schools and community colleges, online education, privately developed dormitories and campus safety.

He also wants details on various academic programs.

Bowles' initial work has left some observers surprised at how much he has already done.

"I started as a skeptic, and yet he has already impressed me with his diligence and hard work even before he officially assumes the responsibilities of the office," said Brent Barringer, a UNC Board of Governors member from Cary.
Recreation professional recognized for achievement in her field

The Outstanding Alumnus Award recognizes alumni that have distinguished themselves in the field of recreation, has provided guidance and support for students and young professionals, and has continued to support the Recreation and Leisure Studies Department.

Roy was presented with the award for his dedication to the field of recreation and his contributions to the community. He has been an active member of the Recreation and Leisure Studies Association and has served on various committees. His dedication to the field has earned him the recognition of his peers and the community he serves.

She developed a youth sports program early in her career that embraced what were then, new and dynamic policies. She developed training and material guidelines for coaches, job descriptions, code of ethics for volunteer coaches and minimal participation policies for participants. Her dedication is exemplified by the countless hours volunteering she has given to programs, he said.

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Researcher awarded grant

An East Carolina University associate professor has been awarded a five-year, $1.4 million research grant from the National Institutes of Health to continue her study into the role genes may play in dizziness and imbalance, known as vestibular disorders. Sherri Jones, associate professor in the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders in the School of Allied Health Sciences, is principal investigator of the project. It is an extension of an NIH grant that Jones brought to ECU when she joined the faculty in July 2003. Her research has focused on vestibular disorders in mice, whose genes and inner ear are very similar to humans.

The NIH grant from the National Institute of Deafness and Other Communication Disorders will expand Jones’ research by studying additional mouse strains and by adding anatomy and genetic components to her work.

The first grant enabled Jones and co-investigators around the country to screen various mice functions such as behavior, hearing, brain wave activity and vestibular function. Researchers identified specific mouse strains that showed deficits.

The current grant will allow Jones and her collaborators to look specifically at the strains that they identified with the first study and to characterize the dysfunction in detail, Jones said.

Of particular interest is identifying mouse strains that have imbalance but normal hearing and identifying those that don’t have imbalance but poor hearing to profound deafness.

“The results of the study are potentially applicable to the entire life-span of an individual, because imbalance and dizziness can afflict both young and old, Jones said. Mice are excellent models for the study of human disease because of their similar gene makeup and short life-span. Mice live about two years, allowing scientists to collect a lot of data from birth to death in a short amount of time.”

“I believe my research could lead to important diagnostic and potential treatments for balance dysfunction,” said Jones, a licensed audiologist. “We need more basic research that can lead to more clinical research and a better understanding of the causes of the disorder, which can lead to eventual treatment.”
Pierce, Crowl join medical school staff

Dr. Jeffrey Pierce and Dr. George Crowl have joined the Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation at the Brody School of Medicine at East Carolina University. They joined the department this fall as clinical assistant professors.

Pierce came to ECU from Coastal Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation in New Bern. He also has worked as a physician in Tennessee and Florida and was a physician assistant at Pitt County Memorial Hospital from 1979-87.

Pierce has a bachelor’s degree from Greensboro College and a medical degree from Vanderbilt University School of Medicine in Nashville, Tenn. He completed an internship and residency at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston.

Pierce also is a medical acupuncturist. He is board-certified in physical medicine and rehabilitation and in medical acupuncture.

Crowl, who specializes in pediatric rehabilitation, comes to ECU from Sunnyview Regional Hospital in Schenectady, N.Y. He also has worked in Hawaii and California.

Crowl has a bachelor’s degree from the University of Hawaii and a medical degree from the Albert Einstein College of Medicine at Yeshiva University in Bronx, N.Y. Crowl is certified by the American Board of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation and the American Board of Pediatrics and has subspecialty certification in pediatric rehabilitation. He is a fellow of the American Academy of Pediatrics, the American Academy of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation and the American Academy of Cerebral Palsy and Developmental Medicine.

Crowl will see patients on the inpatient pediatric rehabilitation unit in the Regional Rehabilitation Center at Pitt County Memorial Hospital and the Rehabilitation Physicians Clinic under the auspices of ECU Physicians, the group practice of the medical school.

Pierce will see patients in the University Health Systems of Eastern Carolina Pain Management Center, the Rehabilitation Physicians Clinic and at Pitt County Memorial Hospital under the auspices of ECU Physicians.