ECU Board of Trustees Endorses Dental School

East Carolina, responding to a mounting oral health crisis throughout North Carolina, especially in rural areas, is proposing the creation of a school of dentistry at the university.

The ECU Board of Trustees at its Feb. 24 meeting approved the dental school proposal and called on the University of North Carolina Board of Governors to endorse it. If approved by the BOG, the initiative would go to the General Assembly.

Robbie Hill, chair of the Health Sciences Committee of the Board of Trustees, said, “We have an opportunity to create a real legacy with this school.”

Chancellor Steve Ballard, urging approval of the school, said, “We bring this proposal to you because North Carolina faces a crisis in rural oral health care and no institution, no university, is more capable of addressing this problem than ECU. We have the responsibility to move forward, to make a difference.”

Ballard said North Carolina ranks 47th out of 50 states in the ratio of dentists to population. In rural areas, he said, the problem is worse.

Health Communication Master’s Offered in Fall

A master’s degree in health communication will be offered this fall by East Carolina University’s School of Communication.

“For the past two years, ECU has been recruiting experts to teach in health communication and fine-tuning this degree plan,” said Tim Hudson, the school’s director. “So, right from the start, ours will be a very high-quality graduate program.”

Applications are being accepted for the Fall 2006 school year. The curriculum will provide students with an in-depth understanding of theory and application of health and medical issues as they relate to interpersonal, media, organizational and intercultural communication.

Doctor-patient communication and how health care is portrayed in the media are focal points for the program, designed to offer excellent preparation for professional. For example, a nurse could already hold a job as a health care professional. For example, a nurse could register for the program in order to move into an administrative position.

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The program took four years to develop and is representative of the type of expansion underway in the school, Hudson said.

“How soon we will offer additional M.A. emphases for a broader range of graduate study in journalism, media studies, organizational and interpersonal communication,” he said. “We anticipate strong international and intercultural components within these graduate opportunities.”

Application instructions and materials are available at http://www.ecu.edu/cc-cfac/comm/ma/index.cfm.

ECU Celebrates 99 Years

East Carolina University celebrates its 99th birthday this year with the theme “A Legacy of Leadership.”

The official Founders Day is March 8. On this day the university community honors Gov. Thomas Jordan Jarvis, who is known as the father of ECU. Because of his commitment to higher education, the General Assembly on March 8, 1907, chartered East Carolina Teachers Training School, which would eventually become East Carolina University. A memorial service will take place in honor of Gov. Jarvis at 10 a.m. at the Cherry Hill Cemetery in Greenville.

Founders Week runs March 27 to April 1 and includes events for both the university and Greenville community. A complete list of events is available by visiting http://www.ecu.edu foundersday/.

Highlights include:

• Monday, March 27: Community Leaders Breakfast, 7:30 a.m., Jarvis Memorial United Methodist Church; The Chancellor’s Community Advisory Council Issues Forum will hold a forum at 7 p.m. at the Eppes Recreation Center.

• Tuesday, March 28: Victory Bell

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ECU employees successfully completed staff development and training programs offered by the Department of Human Resources during the fall semester.

Twelve participants in the ECU Employee Wellness Institute graduated with new knowledge of wellness, fitness, stress management, nutrition, goal accomplishment and work satisfaction. Offered since Spring 2003, the program provides such benefits as improved health, reduced stress and anxiety, reduced medical costs and improved interpersonal relationships.

An additional 25 employees graduated from the ECU Supervision Institute, a training program designed to help employees develop or strengthen the skills required for effective supervision. Topics include conflict resolution, coaching skills, project management techniques, ECU’s ropes course, ethics, employee morale and goal setting. Available since 1995, this program requires participants to develop and present a project that implements an action plan to improve conditions within their work environment.

Twenty-two graduates of the Administration Certification Program spent the semester studying policies and procedures affecting ECU’s SPA employees. Topics included the performance evaluation system, employee leave, classification and compensation, salary administration, interviewing and hiring, and employee relations. Participants passed an open-book exam for certification. This program has been offered since 1998.

Graduates of these three programs are listed below. For additional information about skill development opportunities, visit http://www.hr.ecu.edu/training.html.

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ECU Institute Publishes Social Justice Journal

The Carolyn Freeze Baynes Institute for Social Justice in the College of Human Ecology has announced the publication of its first peer-reviewed journal, Social Justice in Context 2005, edited by David Harrison (Social Work). Harrison also serves as co-ordinator of the Institute, an international forum for addressing ideas and innovations in pursuit of ethical social relations within and among societies. The journal is intended to stimulate thought, study and practice that advance the cause of social justice both locally and globally. The first issue contains work from nine contributing authors from around the world, including Margaret Arndt-Caldidan (Social Work). Authors approach social justice from varying contexts, such as mental health services, linguistics, class equity, and historical perspectives. ECU faculty, staff and students are encouraged to submit entries. Visit http://www.ecu.edu/che/cfbi/index.htm, or e-mail novotnym@ecu.edu.

ECU Helps Minority Contractors Learn Vital Skills

ECU will help minority contractors learn vital skills by hosting a Historically Underutilized Businesses Contractors Business Academy. The HUB Academy begins Monday, March 14 and will run every Tuesday for 16 weeks. Each session will be held at the Greenville Center from 5:30 to 9 p.m. According to Donna Mayo, HUB coordinator at ECU, the academy will provide valuable information for minority contractors and their businesses. “The various classes will teach essential business skills for managing a competitive construction business. Experts in accounting, cash flow management, employee relations, laws and regulations, and project scheduling will instruct the classes,” said Mayo. For information, contact Mayo at 252-328-6585 or LewisD@ecu.edu.

Hamstring Hustle to benefit the Pediatric Weight Center

The 12th annual Hamstring Hustle 5K Run/Walk will be held in downtown Greenville April 2 at 2 p.m. A portion of the proceeds will benefit the Pediatric Healthy Weight Research and Treatment Center, a non-profit organization dedicated to supporting people/children living with obesity, weight problems and poor nutrition. The race is presented by the Medical Student Council of ECU’s Brody School of Medicine. Awards will be presented to overall male and female winners and to the top three males and females in each age group. For additional information, contact Bruce S. Henry Jr, at (336) 462-0952 or e-mail bsh0909d@mail.ecu.edu.

Japan Center East Hosts ‘Trip to Japan’

ECU’s Japan Center East hosted “Experience Japan,” on March 1, including a slide presentation on Japan offered by ECU professors Dr. Beverly Harju and Dr. Linda Wolfe. Wolfe, department chair of anthropology, discussed Kyoto, the ancient capital of Japan. Wolfe’s presentation covered the history and culture of traditional and contemporary aspects of Kyoto, including the famous Zen temple, Tenryuji. Harju, executive dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, spoke about the current and former students of ECU who have studied the country from July until December 2004.

Session Highlights Bioprocess Manufacturing Study

In February, ECU and the BioNetwork Bioprocessing Center held an information session covering the newly established bioprocess manufacturing concentration in ECU’s industrial technology degree. Attending were more than 40 representatives from the colleges across North Carolina, the central office of the State University System of ECU/Technology System already had two agreements with Pitt and Fayetteville Technical Community College but with the success of this session, numerous other agreements are in the works to be completed by end of the spring semester. This newly formed concentration gives biotechnology-related graduates from the N.C. Community College System an educational pathway to their four-year degree. ECU offers 37 technical credits and up to 26 more for general education requirements allowing community college graduates to transfer as juniors. This degree is offered face-to-face and online, giving working professionals the opportunity to advance their careers from anywhere in the state. There are currently more than 800 students in a bio-related degree program in the N.C. Community College System and over a dozen already planning to apply to this program in the fall.

RACE Aims to Save Lives

By Doug Boyd

With an eye toward saving time and saving lives, East Carolina University physicians and others are participating in a statewide project aimed at streamlining the care heart attack patients receive.

With organization and support from Pitt County Memorial Hospital, cardiologists and emergency physicians at the Brody School of Medicine, local private-practice cardiologists, and doctors and hospitals across eastern North Carolina are working together as part of a statewide consortium of health care providers and Blue Cross and Blue Shield of North Carolina. The consortium calls its project RACE, short for Reperfusion of Acute M.I. in Carolina Emergency departments.

“We know from multiple sources that patients in North Carolina are not getting potentially life saving therapy often enough or soon enough,” said Dr. Joseph Babb, a professor and cardiologist at the Brody School of Medicine and director of the cardiac catheterization laboratories at PCMH. With the knowledge and practice gained in the RACE project, he added, patients benefit by receiving appropriate therapy more rapidly and, if hospital transfer is needed, realizing said transfer in a more expedited fashion.”

The issue is especially important in North Carolina, RACE team members said, since national registries have shown that only about 60 percent of North Carolinians who come to an emergency room with symptoms of a myocardial infarction or heart attack receive the life-saving reperfusion therapies to open their clogged arteries, compared to the national average of at least 70 percent. National benchmarks are for patients to receive drugs within a half-hour and angioplasty, if needed, within 90 minutes. Angioplasty is the use of a balloon thread through the arteries to the blockage and then inflated to reopen the artery, restore blood flow and spare damage to heart muscle due to a lack of oxygen. If successful, RACE could serve as a national model for collaborative efforts to improve delivery of emergency care.

The RACE consortium comprises five regions centered in Greenville, Durham/Chapel Hill/Greensboro, Winston-Salem, Charlotte and Asheville. Other partners in the project include the Duke

Kragel Named to Board

By Doug Boyd

Dr. Peter Kragel, interim director of ECU’s Center for Health Sciences Communication, has been appointed to a three-year term on the board of the Universal Services Administrative Co. USAC administers the Universal Services Fund, the fund mandated by the Telecommunications Act of 1996 to promote availability of services at affordable rates, increase access to advanced telecommunications services nationally, and advance availability of services to consumers including those in low-income, rural and high-cost areas.

Telecommunications carriers put money into the fund, which in 2005 provided an estimated $7.1 billion to support access and affordable rates to four targets: high-cost areas, schools and libraries, low-income consumers and rural health care providers.

A 19-member board manages the business affairs of USAC. Kragel has been appointed to the board by Kevin Martin, chairman of the Federal Communications Commission, as one of two representatives of rural health care organizations eligible to receive discounts.

Kragel is also professor and chairman of the Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine at the Brody School of Medicine and associate vice chancellor for planning and program development for the ECU Health Sciences Division.

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ECU Ceremony Honors Legacy of Coretta Scott King

By Erica Plouffe Lazure

The ECU community gathered last month to mourn the loss of the first lady of the Civil Rights movement, Coretta Scott King. The widow of Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., died Jan. 30 at the age of 78.

Campus and civic leaders spoke of her lifelong commitment to the civil rights movement and her selfless effort to continue her husband’s mission by founding the King Center for Non-Violent Social Change. “Coretta Scott King worked passionately alongside her husband, who led a revolution,” Talfye Benson Clayton, of ECU’s Office of Diversity and Equity, said. “Together they stood courageously leading a movement that made it possible for us to sit together in this room in mutual respect and peace.”

Regina Twine, president of ECU’s Black Student Union, said her generation should continue, as Mrs. King had, to work for peace, justice and equality.

“Can you imagine the courage it took to march in Alabama?” he said. “Can you imagine the courage it took to watch your husband be the object of such hatred? Can you imagine?”

Glen Gilbert, dean of the College of Health and Human Performance, said he marched for civil rights as a student in Oregon, but noted that the political climate of a college in the Northwest didn’t take much courage to do so.

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Gilbert said that leaders at ECU continue to the legacy of the Civil Rights movement, particularly through education.

“Coretta Scott King always spoke of a need for justice and opportunity and she knew the key to opportunity is education,” he said. “I know Martin Luther King, Rosa Parks and Coretta Scott King are looking down to see what we do with this opportunity. It is up to the ECU community to make them proud.”

Banner Success

Banner Project Director Don Sweet noted that the February “go live” implementation of Banner and PORT Finance was smooth and successful.

Sweet solicited feedback from administrators to help him gauge how well the transition was made. That feedback was positive. “I was exceptionally pleased with how well the first day rolled out. No catastrophes...no meltdowns...a very good day,” one manager said. “All things went well...” said another.

The “go live” date for Banner Cashiering was Feb. 1, followed by Banner Finance and PORT on Feb. 9. The software will ensure that ECU is compliant with a new law enacted to protect against identity theft. The law restricts the use of social security numbers and other identifying information in software applications. With the new program, applications will rely on a new Banner ID number for faculty, staff and students.

Most users of the new software pointed to on-campus training as the key to their successful transition. Nine trainers and 46 facilitators helped provide training for the Finance project. In addition, teams led by Nancy Phelps and Patricia Peebles ensured the successful implementation of the project.

Technical issues were handled by Donnie Tenny, supported by staff in ITCS Database Administration, Production Control, and UNIX Systems Administrators. The ITCS New Technologies Development Group prepared for training and the ProCard implementation. A Banner Appreciation luncheon was held early March 8 to recognize those who made the project a success.

University Hosts Group of ACE Fellows

Five fellows from the American Council on Education visited East Carolina University campus on Jan. 30. Karla Hughes, dean of the College of Human Ecology, who is also a fellow this year, hosted the group.

Established in 1965, the ACE Fellows program is one of the longest running leadership development programs in the country and focuses on identifying and preparing senior leadership for the nation’s colleges and universities.

An important part of the ACE program is the opportunity for fellows to visit a variety of large and small institutions and learn about outstanding programs. Fellows meet with top campus administrators to ask questions and benefit from the shared knowledge of university deans, chancellors and presidents.

Hughes led the fellows on a tour of campus facilities where they met administrators representing arts and science, athletics, humanities and medicine. Stops included breakfast in the West End Dining Hall with former ECU ACE fellows, the Global Classroom, the Ward Sports Medicine Building, the Warren Life Science Building Cardiovascular Center and the Brody School of Medicine.

The fellows raised questions for Chancellor Steve Ballard and Provost Jim Smith at lunch about the challenges of shepherding a large university. Other leaders who shared their expertise during the day were Jeffrey Etwell, dean of the College of Fine Arts and Communications; Ralph Rogers, dean of the College of Technology and Computer Science; Elmer Poe, associate vice chancellor for Academic Outreach; Rosina Chia, assistant vice chancellor for Academic Outreach; Glen Gilbert, dean of the College of Health and Human Performance; Nick Floyd, assistant athletic director; Michael Lewis, vice chancellor for Health Sciences; Cynda Johnson, dean of the School of Medicine; Phyllis Horns, dean of the School of Nursing; and Stephen Thomas, dean of the School of Allied Health Sciences.

The tour concluded with presentations by faculty in the College of Human Ecology on the college’s partnerships and projects associated with the revitalization of west Greenville.

By Peggy Novotny

Pictured are current fellows and former ECU ACE fellows. Front row, from left, Roseanne Mandziuk, Texas State University-San Marcos; Priscilla Elias, Clark University, Mass.; Deryl Fulmer, Milwaukee Area Technical College; Ron Nowaczyk, ECU former fellow and associate vice chancellor for research, development and community engagement; Dana Dawes, ARAMARK senior food service director. Second row, Susan Carvalho, University of Kentucky; Karla Hughes, dean of ECU's College of Human Ecology; Jenny Wagner, University of Massachusetts-Boston. Third row, from left, former ECU fellows Michael Brown, associate dean and director of school psychology program; Rosina Chia, assistant vice chancellor for Academic Outreach; and Richard Tichich, director of the School of Art and Design.

East Carolina University
Elected to Leadership Post

Dr. W. Randolph Chitwood Jr., was elected second vice president of the Society of Thoracic Surgeons by the group’s membership during their 42nd annual meeting Jan. 30 through Feb. 1 in Chicago.

His election means Chitwood will be in line to become president of the organization in 2008.

Chitwood is senior associate vice chancellor for health sciences at East Carolina University and chief of cardiothoracic and vascular surgery in the Department of Surgery at the Brody School of Medicine at ECU. He is also director of the East Carolina Heart Institute.

As second vice president during the coming year, Chitwood will sit on the board of the Society of Thoracic Surgeons and its executive committee. He will also serve as the executive committee liaison to the STS Council of Quality, Research and Patient Safety.

“Dr. Chitwood has led the society in a number of important capacities over the years, including prior service on our board of directors, and is highly respected by his peers,” said Robert A. Wynbrandt, STS executive director and general counsel.

“He will be an extremely valuable addition to the society’s senior leadership.”

The Society of Thoracic Surgeons is a non-profit organization representing more than 5,000 surgeons worldwide who provide heart, lung, esophageal and other surgical procedures of the chest. Its mission is to help cardiothoracic surgeons serve patients better.

Awards Total $555,000 From Golden LEAF

By Doug Boyd

Three projects involving East Carolina University have received a total of $555,000 in grants from the Golden LEAF Foundation.

The grants will help fund a math and sciences education project, a health workforce development project and an expansion of ECU’s telemedicine network.

Following are brief summaries of the grants:

• Rural Eastern North Carolina Telehealth Network, $350,000.
• This grant will help add four telemedicine sites in the medically underserved rural communities of Faison in Duplin County, Belhaven in Beaufort County, Tillery in Halifax County and Hatteras in Dare County. The project will increase access to specialty care, improve the continuity of care and improve the retention and recruitment of health professionals in these communities by reducing professional isolation. The project will also study telemedicine’s impact on health and the community.
• Dr. Peter Kragel, interim director of the ECU Center for Health Sciences Communication and professor and chairman of the ECU Department of Pathology; and Scott Simmons, assistant director of the ECU Telemedicine Center within CHSC; are leading the project.
• Rural Health Scholars Internship and Workforce Development, $175,000.
• This grant will help expand the Minority Rural Health Summer Scholars Internship program into Bertie, Gates, Chowan, Perquimans and Pasquotank counties. Each year, the program will target at least 20 minority- or disadvantaged students enrolled in health-care related courses who want to complete a senior clinical practicum and obtain certification as a nursing assistant. Students will be assigned a mentor and must complete an internship during the summer between their junior and senior year of high school. After completing their senior year and passing the certified nursing assistant exam, participants will be offered employment by health care agencies in their communities after successful application and acceptance into a health-care career program at a community college, ECU or other institution.
• Deborah Ramey, director of allied health, public health, dental health, health careers and workforce diversity for the Eastern Area Health Education Center, and Tashara James, assistant director, will lead the project.
• Summer Science Camp, $30,000.
• This project will provide a science camp experience at ECU for at least 100 children ranging from kindergartners to sixth graders from tobacco-dependent or economically distressed families in Pitt, Craven, Lenoir, Greene, Beaufort, Wilson and Martin counties. Golden LEAF funds will be used for scholarships, counselors and transportation.
• Dr. John Meredith, clinical assistant professor of emergency medicine at the Brody School of Medicine; and Shawn Laatch, a visiting instructor in the Department of Math and Science Education, will lead the project.
• The Morehead Planetarium at UNC - Chapel Hill is a partner in the project.
• The Foundation also awarded $350,000 for the James T. Bernstein Community Health Center in north Greenville.

That's because, despite what film or literature might imply, pirate ships in their heyday and in their present underwater graves look like every other ship, according to East Carolina University anthropology professor Charles Ewen, co-editor of a new book on the archaeology of piracy.

“You're not going to find barrels of hooks or eye patches,” he said. “That's where archaeology can help.”

“Having it be popular taints it a bit,” Ewen admitted in reference to the study of pirate shipwrecks. “But I like making this popular. The general public deserves to see this.”

In February, the public had that chance with a book Ewen co-edited with his best friend and colleague, Russell Skowronek. The book, “X Marks the Spot: The Archaeology of Piracy” (University Press of Florida, 2006) attempts to bridge academia with the public's pirate curiosity. Ewen said the book is scholarly, but accessible. “X Marks the Spot” describes all...
Redding at Home with Hammer, Guitar, Stethoscope

In coordination with the Recognition and Rewards Committee of the ECU Staff Senate, the Pieces of Eight series honoring exceptional ECU staff members recognizes Bill Redding.

By Judy Currin

ill Redding is as skillful examining a builder’s blueprint as he is a patient’s medical chart.

A family nurse practitioner for 26 years, Redding spends his weekdays attending patients at the Brody School of Medicine. He sees patients of every age and walk of life.

“It’s nice,” Redding said. “I never know what’s coming through the door.”

On Saturday mornings he never knows what task awaits him either. Those days, he heads out to Pitt County’s Habitat for Humanity’s latest building project.

He has been involved with the organization since 1990. Since then, the non-profit organization has built 42 homes to shelter low-income families in Pitt County.

Redding’s first contact with Habitat for Humanity was pure happenstance.

“I was building stage sets for the N.C. Theatre organization,” he said. “A volunteer friend told me about the Habitat. I saw the house being built, so I wanted to be involved.”

He served as a volunteer, or “builder,” on the committee.

In the past 32 years, Redding has donated his labor, material, and the use of his garage workshop.

“The warehouse where he was working was across from Pitt Street, the site of Greenville’s first Habitat House.

“I saw the house being built, so I walked over to talk with the group of volunteers,” he said. “It’s a good program I wanted to be involved with.”

He served on Habitat’s board for five years and is now a member of the building committee.

Redding said it’s important for him to give back something to the community.

“It’s ideal if the service is in an area you have an interest.”

An accomplished carpenter, Redding honed his skills in his father’s basement workshop. He was raised in Clarence, a small town in New York State just outside of Buffalo. Redding’s father and his nine siblings helped each other build homes on one-acre lots fronting the family home place and adjoining farm.

While Redding did not build the house he shares with wife, Susan, he crafted tables, desks and cabinets for their home from his own garage workshop. He and Susan, a nurse practitioner at PCMH, have two daughters who would rather design than build. Genevieve is a fashion designer in New York and Caroline designs furniture in Raleigh.

There’s another side of Bill that gets lots of exposure this time of year.

Redding grew up listening and learning traditional Irish tunes from his father who played the banjo.

Now a veteran guitar player, Redding’s hobby landed him two gigs, at the Hilton and Christie’s Euro Pub on St. Patrick’s Day.

He will perform with Mike Hamer (English) from 7 to 10 p.m. at Glemon’s at the Hilton and 11 p.m. to 2 a.m. Christie’s Euro Pub on Jarvis Street. The duo will perform 40 to 50 traditional Celtic and Irish songs, including “Nancy Whiskey,” “Finnegan’s Wake” and “The Rising of the Moon.”

“Danny Boy,” the love song written by Frederick Weatherly, will be a part of the musical line-up as well.

“We’ll do that too, just because it’s so popular,” Redding said. “‘Danny Boy’ is the “Brown-eyed Girl” of Irish music, you got to do Danny Boy.”

Research Bridges Acoustics, Drumsticks and Violins

By Erica Plouffe Lazure

To talk drumsticks with George Bissinger requires a conversation about violins. And to talk violins will undoubtedly lead to a discussion about acoustics and vibration.

In the world of this ECU physics professor, all of these topics are interrelated and are at the heart of his research of the past 32 years.

“The drumstick research is very similar to what I do with the violins. A drumstick is like a one-dimensional violin, without the harmonics,” he said.

A trained violinist, Bissinger said he never really thought about drumsticks until 2004, when he got a call from the Texas-based Pro-Mark drumstick factory.

“The company needed to know what’s coming through the door.”

Bissinger requires a conversation with each student instrument.

“You can’t have someone sit there and listen to each drumstick.”

Pro-Mark asked Bissinger to apply his work with violin acoustics to testing drumsticks. Bissinger’s work with violins is world-renown, and in 1999 he was awarded a National Science Foundation grant to further his work.

The drumstick company mailed Bissinger a box of 100 hickory drumsticks and he set to the task of developing a device using real-time modal analysis that would catch the pitch frequency, or unique vibration, emitted from each drumstick.

“I had come to understand drumsticks pretty well,” he said. “It turns out the drumsticks tend to be about the same, as far as length and weight.”

After putting several drumsticks through a CAT scan, Bissinger found the density and grain of the wood drove the main difference in pitch.

He then adapted a device that gauges the pitch of violins to one suitable for a drumstick. Secured only by a pair of rubber bands, and surrounded by tiny microphones, the drumsticks are strung on the tip with a small hammer. The vibrations of the drumstick are then captured by a computer and organized according to their frequency.

“The company needed to know what the range of frequency is,” he said.

“The sticks are then put into bins, the range high on the right.”

The sorted drumsticks are paired off and sold to the public as “pitch-tested.”

It is important to professional drummers, Bissinger said, that the drumsticks are matched, so the sound made when struck is the same. Even holding a drumstick changes its properties, but the pressure applied by each hand is usually similar.

While drummers typically need two sticks that emit similar frequencies when struck, the needs of a violinist are far more complex, Bissinger said.

“The frequency of a violin is key because it enables a hearer to determine its quality of tone,” he said. “I can tell a maker that if they trim a bridge, it will affect the tone. We found that shaving four-hundredths of a gram of wood turned a violin from a very good instrument into one that’s “Brown-eyed Girl.”

Bissinger noted that, with violins, what determines a “good” tone is highly subjective. Soloists are looking for different sounding violins than ensemble violinists.

“It is a complex instrument and it doesn’t radiate in ways people traditionally look at an instrument,” he said.

The sound a violin makes when its bridge is struck affects internal and external sounds and it is the combination of these sounds resonating that produces the difference in tone, he said.

“It’s part of why the violin sound is so complex,” he said.

Bissinger said the acoustical research could have many implications beyond the demands for fine instruments. He noted that the air and submarine industries are interested in the effect of vibration and he believes the violin could provide a viable “vessel” for applying a theoretical model.

As a musician, however, Bissinger noted that it would be great to produce a chart or matrix that could gauge acoustical elements of fine instruments.

“It may be a nice to develop an acoustic envelope in which all good instruments occur,” he said. “If there are enough modest changes, you could get rid of all the bad violins.”

ECU physics professor George Bissinger is known worldwide for his research in violin acoustics and pitch-matching drumsticks. (Photo by Marc J. Kawanishi)
Eribo Studies Media Focus on Corruption in Nigeria

By Nancy McGillicuddy

Festus Eribo published his first newspaper, “The Torch,” when he was 17-years old and “The Sword,” magazine at age 19 in high school in Benin City, Nigeria.

“We didn’t have any publications for the students — nobody knew what was going on,” said Eribo, a professor of communications at East Carolina University. “So I gatecrashed into writing and editing. I still have a copy of my 1969 magazine here in Greenville.”

Over the years, Eribo’s passion to write, research, teach, and communicate has brought him many honors, most recently ECU’s 2005 Five-Year Creative Activity and Research Award.

“Festus has made immense contributions to the field of communication,” wrote colleague Bill Jong-Ebot with Florida Memorial College, in one of many nominations Eribo received for the award.

“His work has been original and enriching to communication practitioners and scholars worldwide. He has traveled extensively and has witnessed firsthand the media systems he has written about.”

Eribo, who studies issues of press freedom and the use of communication for sustainable development and social change in Africa, has taught at ECU since 1989 and is a founding member of the School of Communication. He serves on the editorial board of two journals and has published five books and more than 30 articles or book chapters in the past 16 years.

Eribo started his communications career after earning a bachelor’s and master’s degree in journalism in 1979 from St. Petersburg State University in Russia and a principal information officer at the Governor’s Office in Bendel State, Nigeria. Eribo had a choice to make: stay in Nigeria or continue his education. His decision was based on corruption — avoiding it.

Eribo won a government scholarship to study anywhere in the world and he chose the University of Wisconsin-Madison out of three American universities which offered him admission to graduate school. Now as a professor in ECU’s School of Communication, Eribo has made a career out of studying press freedom, development, corruption and communication. The classes he teaches at ECU include mass media ethics, international news communication and international public relations.

His publications range in topics from the use of the Internet in Nigeria to freedom of the press in Africa. An oil-producing country in western Africa, Nigeria’s national newspapers often headline the latest government corruption. Eribo’s latest research compares how the media in Nigeria report on government corruption versus HIV and AIDS.

Eribo said there is an indirect correlation between them. With HIV/AIDS infection rates in Nigeria about one percent of the population, according to the CIA World Fact Book, Eribo wants to see more reporting on the true epidemic nature of the disease and the search for a cure.

“The main focus of the media is corruption. There is a lot written about corruption and very little written about AIDS,” Eribo said. “They should do a better job about bringing an awareness to AIDS.”

Eribo will interview Nigerian reporters and collect data based on the nation’s newspaper articles. His seminal paper on corruption in Nigeria will be presented to the World Bank Congress on Development Communication in Rome this year. He will conduct a quantitative analysis comparing the number of stories that focus on corruption to the number of stories that focus on HIV/AIDS.

Eribo hopes the outcome of his latest research will not only shed light on corruption and the growing public health concern, but will also spark new trends in training and preparing journalists to report on emerging and relevant issues.

“I want them to do more investigative reporting,” he said. “Africa needs a free, dynamic, committed, and vibrant press to create awareness and diffuse innovations in every community.”

Eribo will discuss his research at noon on March 30 in Bate 1500. Fellow award-winners will also present: Frank Yang will speak at noon on April 6, and Lynis G. Dohm on April 20 (both in Bate 1500). Joseph Chalovich presented his research on March 9. Yang’s research is described below. Future issues of Pieces of Eight will detail Chalovich and Dohm’s research agendas.

Research Fueled by High Temps, High Pressure

By Erica Plouffe Lazure

Yu “Frank” Yang is not afraid of high pressure.

In fact, this professor of chemistry thrives on it.

He has built a career on it. And this year, as recipient of ECU’s 2005 Five-Year Creative Activity and Research Award, he has been rewarded for it. He will speak at noon on April 6 at the Bate Building, Room 1500.

“One of the activities in this lab is using water as a solvent to clean hazardous chemicals and contaminants from environmental solids,” Yang said. “We are using high-pressure, high-temperature water.”

Ever since he arrived at ECU, in 1997, Yang has been researching practical applications of “subcritical” water. Yang found that water in a state of high pressure and high temperature is able to isolate and separate PCBs and other toxic chemicals from soil samples. Yang, who has received more than $300,000 in grants and has published more than 40 research articles in the past 20 years, is optimistic that this method, known as “Green Chemistry,” could be a viable alternative to chemical solvents.

“By keeping high-temperature water in a liquid state, it behaves like organic solvents and is able to separate the contaminants from the soil,” Yang said.

Traditionally, organic solvents are used to extract pollutants from soil and sediments. The problem with organic solvents is that they are expensive and also hazardous to the environment. Yang is optimistic subcritical water would provide a relatively inexpensive and non-toxic solution to clean up areas.
Appointments/Elections

Mel Markowski (Human Ecology) was named president-elect of the North American Society of Adlerian Psychology. He will serve on the board of directors until he takes office at association’s next annual conference.

Bruce Early (Human Ecology) was elected president of the N.C. Foundation for Alcohol and Drug Studies.

Bruce Flye (Institutional Planning, Research and Effectiveness) was selected to join the faculty of the Planning Institute for the Society for College and University Planning (http://www.scup.org/prod/evps/j/). Flye, who is also a member of the society’s Professional Development Committee, will conduct a three-day workshop, “Strategic Application of Integrated Planning Processes,” beginning in January 2007.

NewsMakers

Linda Steele (Nursing) was featured on the cover of NEWS-Line for Nurse Practitioners, in an article called, “Sign of the Times: One NP’s Rewarding Journey,” Jan. 24.


William Hill (Health Education) on WCHI-TV on rating the cleanliness of a home kitchen, Feb. 5.

M.H. Tobarz (Technology and Computer Science) and Mary Farwell (Biology) were featured on a “NC Now” presentation on UNC-TV, demonstrating Tobarz’s software for a virtual classroom environment, Feb. 9.

Michael Cotter (Medicine) on WCHI-TV and on WITN-TV, on his experiences as an Army surgeon in Iraq and Afghanistan, Feb. 9 and March 2.

Peter L. Franceschi (Political Science), was interviewed and quoted by the Cox News Service, in an article about organized labor and its position on an N.C. House bill on March 7.


Service, Honors and Professional Activities

The Albemarle Literary Council honored Bruce Southard (English) with the La Rochefoucauld Award, for his longterm contributions to the Mental Measurements Yearbook series.

ECU Business Services Quest for Excellence award winners were Lucretia Davis (Central Stores and Receiving), Harrison Metcalff (Materials Management), Clinton Elbert (Mail Services), Garthom Clark (ECU 1 Card) and Doug Hill (Rapid Copy).

Rachel L. Roper (Medicine) is serving as grant reviewer for the National Institutes of Health, Infectious Diseases and Microbiology Review Group, Virology Study Section, and for the BioDefense and Emerging Infectious Disease Research Opportunities Program in Arlington, Va.

Sylvia Brown (Nursing) received certification as a certified nurse educator through the National League for Nursing Academic Nurse Educator Certification Program. Brown and Martha Engelke (Nursing) were selected as reviewers for the Graduate Assistance in Areas of National Need Program through the U.S. Department of Education.

Harold Griffin (Education) is receiving the Felix S. Barker Award at the North Carolina Council for Exceptional Children Conference in March 2006, for contributions to special education.

Mel Markowski (Human Ecology) received the Arlis Epps Social Interest Award from the South Carolina Society of Adlerian Psychology, in recognition of his contributions to the field.

Jane C. Manner (Education) received the Teacher Educator Standards Commission Award from the Association of Teacher Educators 2006 Annual Meeting in Atlanta, Ga.

Gene Dixon (Computer Science and Technology) was part of a two-person panel opening the 16th Annual Kravis-DeRoulet Leadership Conference at Claremont McKenna College in Claremont, Calif. Serving with Dixon on the panel was Ira Chaleff, award winning author of The Courageous Follower.

The Department of University Publications received a number of awards from the 21st annual admissions advertising competition sponsored by the Admissions Marketing Report. The department received the Gold Award in the Magazine Advertising Series for Schools with 20,000 or more students, for four image ads that appeared in various state and national magazines. Project staff were Jimmy Rostar (writer, editor), Amanda Shaver (graphic designer) and Forrest Croce (photographer). The Merit Award for External Publications for Schools with 20,000 or more students went to the Ph.D in Coastal Resources Management booklet, staffed by Spaine Stephens (writer, editor), Brent Burch (art director, graphic designer) and Croce (photographer). Rostar (writer, editor) and Burch (art director, graphic designer) staffed the MBA Billboard Project, which won the Bronze Award in Outdoor Billboards for Graduate Schools. A Bronze Award for Student Viewbooks for Art/Design Schools went to the School of Art and Design Viewbook. Project staff were Stephens (editor) and Croce (photographer) with Catherine Kehoe (art director, graphic designer) and Michael Crane (writer, project manager).

Belvoir Elementary School students joined in educational activities at the Joyner Library media center during the Campus Day Extravaganza. (Contributed photo)

Scholars Host Extravaganza

By Vickie Luttrell

EC Scholars provided 30 Belvoir Elementary School students with an enriching day on East Carolina University’s campus in January.

The day was coined “Campus Day Extravaganza” and was hosted by the 2005 EC Scholars and the Office of the EC Scholars and Honors Programs. Activities included a tour of ECU’s campus; a Storybook Theater, put on by Professor Patricia Clark and students from the School of Theater and Dance; a trip to Joyner Library’s media center; and lunch, featuring a special guest appearance by Nancy Ballard, wife of ECU Chancellor Steve Ballard.

Armstrong Study Featured

A physiologist who has studied world renown cyclist Lance Armstrong will visit East Carolina University March 23.

Edward F. Coyle, a professor of kinesiology at the University of Texas at Austin will present “Lance Armstrong’s Physiological Maturation: Sport Reflects Life” at 7 p.m. in the auditorium of the Brody Medical Sciences Building at the Brody School of Medicine.

ECU’s Walker Center offers similar analyses to Olympic, college and high school-level athletes, said Peter Farrell, chair of ECU’s Department of Exercise and Sport Science.

“We have quite a few students enrolled at ECU who would benefit from Dr. Coyle’s presentation,” Farrell said. “It’s not every day that an athlete of Armstrong’s caliber offers himself for study.”

The lecture is free, but donation opportunities for cancer research will be available. Armstrong overcame testicular cancer in the late 1990s. All proceeds will go to the Leo W. Jenkins Cancer Center in Greenville.

The lecture is sponsored by the Department of Exercise and Sport Science and the Walker Center in the College of Health and Human Performance and the Leo W. Jenkins Cancer Center, a joint venture of East Carolina University and University Health Systems of Eastern Carolina.

For additional information, contact Peter Farrell, chair of exercise and sport science, at (252) 328-4635 or Farrellp@ecu.edu.
Treasured Pirates Selected

ECU Celebrates 99 Years

Research Award Presented

RACE Aims to Save Lives

Simpson Shows Regional Poverty for BBC News

An Old Favorite Returns

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Research Award Presented

Martha Raile Alligood, professor and director of the doctoral program in the East Carolina University School of Nursing, recently received the Leadership in Nursing Research Award from the Southern Nursing Research Society. The award was presented during the society’s 20th anniversary conference in Memphis, Tenn., on Feb. 3. Alligood’s research has focused on theories of adult human development and nursing empathy. Her work has been published in more than eight professional nursing journals and book chapters. In addition to her own research, Alligood has supervised 12 dissertations and served on dissertation committees in nursing and related disciplines and has had eight refereed publications with graduate students. She also has co-edited two nursing theory textbooks.

Alligood earned her nursing diploma from the Good Samaritan School of Nursing in Zanesville, Ohio, a bachelor’s degree in nursing from the University of Virginia, a master’s degree in nursing from Ohio State University and her doctorate from New York University. She joined the ECU School of Nursing in August 2004.

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Service, 10 a.m., Victory Bell adjacent to Christenbury Memorial Gymnasium • Wednesday, March 29: Ground-breaking for North Recreational Complex, 1 p.m., near the intersection of US 264 East/US 264 Alternate; Student Leadership: The Elite Pirate Program, 3 p.m., Hendrix Theatre; Birthday Party for Students, 4 p.m., the Mall • Thursday, March 30: Chancellor’s Forum on Leadership, 10 a.m., Hendrix Theatre; Luncheon on the Mall, Noon (ticket required); A Dialogue among 99 Leaders, 2 p.m., MSC; “Thomas Harriott Voyages of Discovery” lecture, 7:30 p.m., Hendrix Theatre. • Friday, March 31: Founders Award Luncheon, Noon, Murphy Center – ticket required; Groundbreaking for East Carolina Heart Institute, 3 p.m., Lot G, Emergency Drive • Saturday, April 1: Youth Arts Festival, Mall of ECU, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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Clinical Research Institute of Duke University Medical Center and the North Carolina chapter of the American College of Cardiology, Blue Cross Blue Shield of North Carolina is supporting the project with a $1 million grant.

Through the two-year project, RACE researchers will collect data on heart attack patients who receive treatment as well as those who would have been candidates for reperfusion therapy but did not receive it. The goal is to streamline patient evaluation and treatment. Reperfusion therapies involve using either a clot-dissolving drug or angioplasty. Clot-dissolving drugs are available at most hospitals, but angioplasty is not as widely available.

“We have looked at the entire sequence of events when a patient is having a heart attack, from the time EMS is called until the blocked artery is opened up, in order to shorten the time and save more heart muscle and more lives,” said Dr. Joseph Shiber, assistant clinical professor of emergency medicine at ECU.

In addition to streamlined care, RACE organizers aim to improve outcomes of heart attack patients by funding educational nursing programs, conducting physician seminars on reperfusion therapies, providing emergency room guidelines and expanding the use of EKG machines in ambulances, so vital data on patients’ hearts can be transmitted ahead to emergency personnel.

The Buccaneer is back.

After a 15-year hiatus, East Carolina University is reviving its yearbook. Yearbook editor Leigh Carter, a sophomore, is excited about the Buccaneer’s resurrection aptly named “Rediscovered Treasure.”

“When you’re in high school, there’s no choice, you go near where you live,” Carter said.

“In college, you get to pick where you go. And where you pick becomes a part of who you are.”

Through news articles and photographs, ECU’s yearbook, said Carter, will capture the year’s key events and issues. Ryan Snyder, ECU yearbook advisor, said that a 34-student activity fee, approved by ECU’s Student Media Board, would offset the cost of the yearbook. The yearbook will cost $49.95 with shipping, through the Dallas-based firm, Taylor Publishing.

“This is something they can hold on to forever and for a reasonable cost,” Snyder said. The spring 2006 yearbooks, which will be available in August, will not offer advertising space, but student and faculty organizations can purchase pages for their group pictures and messages. Costs for organization pages are $200 to $500.

Efforts are underway to collect articles and photographs of graduating students. And ECU administrators before the April 24 deadline.

Snyder said the 2007 yearbooks will mark ECU’s Centennial and will provide a hallmark for the celebration. Snyder is working with ECU staffs Genevia Hill, Ken Robol and Yvonne Moye, along with a staff of six students, to make the yearbook a reality. Portraits for 2006 spring graduates and ECU administrators and deans will be taken March 22-24. The deadline for appointments is March 20 at 5 p.m. Call 252-328-9236 for more information.

The Buccaneer web site is http://www.buccaneer.ecu.edu.

Buccaneer yearbook editor Leigh Carter, a sophomore communication major, leaves through a few old ECU yearbook volumes. Carter and her staff are reviving the ECU yearbook after a 15-year hiatus. Portraits of graduates and ECU administrators will be made in March. The 2006 yearbooks will be available in August. (Photo by Erica Plouffe Lazure)
Sweet Potato Pies Rule at Brody Soul Food Cookoff

By Doug Boyd

Sweet potato pie edged out banana pudding by a crumbs at a soul food cookoff held Feb. 17 at the Brody School of Medicine at East Carolina University.

Rosa Daniels, a housekeeper at the medical school, received cooking supplies and a dash of pride for having the top dish at the event hosted by the Student National Medical Association at the Brody Medical Sciences Building.

As slides commemorating black Americans’ contributions to medicine played on a screen, cookoff participants, visitors and judges dined on the following: macaroni and cheese by student Kara Regan, pecan pie by staff member Beverly Moore, chocolate bread pudding with whiskey sauce by visiting instructor Chris Bonnerup, banana pudding by student Rob Fish, sweet potato casse role by student Kitila Smith, molasses pudding by staff member Jennifer Harris and Daniels’ pie, as well as string beans and fried chicken provided by Chrystal Harris, a second-year medical student and vice president of the Brody SNMA chapter.

Fish received an honorable mention for his banana pudding, dubbed “Bobby Ray’s Banana Bonanza.”

Cookoff judges were Dr. Harry Adams, a clinical professor of medicine; Dr. Virginia Hardy, associate dean of intercultural affairs, counseling and diversity; and Jason Lowery, a second-year medical student. Hardy said she judged the entries based on several factors, including “if it tastes like my mama’s.”

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nine known pirate shipwrecks and the history surrounding their demise, including the Queen Anne’s Revenge off North Carolina’s Beaufort Inlet and the Whydah, which was discovered off the coast of Cape Cod, Massachusetts in the early 1980s. Contributors also address the differences between pirates, buccaneers and privateers and the ethical implications faced by scientists working with treasure-hunting divers or adventure divers (non-academic divers who pillage shipwreck sites). One of the many problems scientists have with working in this type of setting is that sites are not exca vated using the meticulous methods of the acad emic. Instead, much of the site is destroyed very quickly in order to expose heavier objects. Light objects are washed away, leaving a wreaking ball of an archaeological site.

“Should you work with them? As long as you can get permits to loot these ships then it’s legal,” Ewen said. “The problem with collaboration is that you do send a message that what they are doing is okay.”

The book includes several authors with East Carolina University ties, including Wayne Lusardi, an ECU alumnus who wrote the chapter “The Beaufort Inlet Shipwreck Artifac t Assemblage” and Lawrence Rubits, an ECU maritime history professor who co-authored a chapter on pirate imagery with ECU graduate students Joshua Howard and Matthew Brenchle.

Carotidography Imaging Center Reaccredited

The Cardiovascular Imaging Center in the Brody School of Medicine was reaccredited by the Intersocietal Commission for the Accreditation of Echocardiography Laboratories.

The center is one of the first 1,000 echocardiography labs in the U.S., Canada and Puerto Rico to be so recognized for its commitment to high quality patient care and its provision of quality diagnostic testing.

Accreditation status signifies that the facility has been reviewed by an independent agency which recognizes its commitment to quality testing for the diagnosis of heart disease. Dr. Assad Movahed, professor of medicine and radiology, serves as director.
Indulgence is Sweet at Class Culinaire

Just in time to prepare tastebuds for the upcoming Valentine’s Day celebration, ECU Campus Dining presented the first monthly Class Culinaire, Feb. 7 at Sweetheart’s in Todd Dining Hall. Executive Chef Felix Fernandez (above) demonstrated how to make chocolate truffles and other delicious concoctions. Participants then had the opportunity to make some treats of their own. The hands-on cooking class is a spin-off of the popular Cooking with Class series. Like that series, the Class Culinaire filled up only minutes after the class was announced on ECU e-mail. At top right, a display of chocolate-based cookbooks invited participants to try new recipes. At bottom right is the class favorite — a mouth-watering fresh strawberry dipped in chocolate. (Photos by Marc J. Kawashishi)

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Artists Gather

Hundreds of sculptors and artists convened February at the 2006 North Carolina Sculpture Consortium Conference, hosted by ECU’s sculpture department. In addition to craft demonstrations, sculptors Richard Hunt, Hoss Haley and Jes’us Moroles gave lectures about their work. At left, ECU student James Davis demonstrates how to form metal using an English wheel. (Photo by Dan Millspaugh)