Robert C. Morrison was named the 2006 distinguished professor of the Harriot College of Arts and Sciences. A longtime professor of chemistry at East Carolina University, Morrison received the honor at the college’s annual convocation Aug. 21. Morrison arrived at ECU in 1970 and has taught chemistry since 1972. He is a past chair of the faculty and has served on numerous committees and university task forces. Alan White, dean of Harriot College, said that Morrison has received more than $1 million in grants, published 45 papers in scholarly journals, and given many presentations at national and international meetings. Morrison studies the quantum theory of atoms and molecules, density functional theory and photoionization. He has received grants from the National Science Foundation, the U.S. Department of Education, and the Bureau of Education for the Handicapped. In addition to his research, Morrison was among the first to use computers to teach students with physical disabilities, White said. “He was instrumental in bringing... continued on page 9

BOV Appoints New Members

The East Carolina University Board of Trustees on July 25 appointed nine new members to the ECU Board of Visitors. They are: Gerald Arnold of Raleigh, Bob Bird of Cary, Dr. Jim Galloway of Greenville, Daniel Hardy of Southern Shores, Mike Hughes of Raleigh, Richard Jones of Greenville, Steve Jones of Raleigh, Tom Morrow of Washington and Terry Yeargan of Willow Spring. Members of the Board of Visitors advise and assist the university in developmental activities and act as liaisons between the university and the community.

ECU Welcomes Back Students, Faculty

Approximately 23,500 students are enrolled for the fall 2006 semester. In the faculty convocation Aug. 21, Chancellor Steve Ballard outlined the current state of the university as well as goals for the future that will ensure the university’s progress. “Our stature as a national university, our accomplishments and the quality of work by our faculty are noteworthy,” he said. “In combination they create a culture at ECU that enables us to think big as we design our future.” Ballard encouraged the ECU community to take an active role in the university’s future. “Give us feedback on the strategic directions of the university, let us know what we’ve missed, and help us articulate how we can achieve these directions,” he said. “More importantly, take seriously the opportunity to define the future of your own area.” ECU officials predicted a record 2006 enrollment for first-year students. Last year’s freshman class was 3,550. Final enrollment figures will be available after the close of the add/drop period for classes, Sept. 6.

The new College Hill Suites Residence Hall, which opened this year, houses 488 upperclassmen. The $31.5 million facility is a five-story, apartment-style residence hall. Each four-person suite includes amenities such as Internet, cable TV, local phone service, kitchenettes, a shared living room space, and semi-private bathrooms. About 5,100 students are housed on campus this year, pushing the occupancy rate to 98 percent, said Todd Johnson, associate vice chancellor for housing and dining.

Among the new facilities in service this fall is the Allied Health Sciences building on the west campus. (Photo by Cliff Hollis)
Ballard Identifies Challenges, Goals for ECU Future

Following are excerpts from the remarks given by East Carolina University Chancellor Steve Ballard at the 2006 faculty convocation, held Aug. 21 in Wright Auditorium.

THE STATUS OF ECU IN 2006

As we begin the academic year and look forward to the celebration of our Centennial, we should all look to the future with great optimism, with pride at who we are, and with great aspirations for what we can become. No university in this state is better poised to make a difference...locally, regionally, and nationally. I was at the entire faculty career, about 22 years, thinking about the responsibility of the public university to its state and society; little did I know that ECU had already answered this question so well. I am pleased to be a part of that.

Let me start by recognizing something that is no longer debatable...our stature as a major public university. While status, size, and reputation are of limited value to me personally, and subject to wild exaggerations across the country...I do want to reinforce the point that ECU is, without question, a national university and we should never, ever allow anyone to categorize us as anything less.

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CHALLENGES

I want to identify three of our challenges. We do not yet have all the answers that will allow us to solve these challenges. I figure if they are going to keep me up at night, you should at least be aware of them. I point out these challenges because they will not be solved by me or by "the administration." They are only fixable if we work together to address them and if we make a long-term commitment to their solution.

1. Funding

Our biggest challenge in my estimation is our current level of funding. This is not, in any manner, a criticism of the legislature, the Board of Governors, or the President. In fact, President Bowles has boldly stepped up to the iniquities in the system and brought the data to the attention of all campuses. What I'm highlighting is an inequity in the system...I do want to reinforce the point that ECU is, without question, a national university and we should never, ever allow anyone to categorize us as anything less.

There are many ways to compare funding across the campuses; I won't attempt a comprehensive analysis today. But, if we had to choose one indicator of funding equities, I think it should be state appropriations per student.

On this critical indicator, ECU, the third largest institution of the 16 campuses, is 13th in funding. By way of comparison, we receive about 70 cents for every dollar that Chapel Hill and State receive. Again, I am not interested in all the causes for this inequity.

But, I am deeply interested in some of the consequences of this funding inequity, and especially the impact it has on the ability of ECU to meet the financial needs of our students. Financial needs translate directly into access that prospective students have to ECU. We have the largest number of students with demonstrated financial needs in the system...over 9,000 students...and we are able to meet only about 60 percent of these needs. The funding inequity in the system prohibits us from providing the access to our campus that we desire and that is so desperately needed by the people of eastern North Carolina.

Of course, funding deficiencies cause many other problems, especially related to faculty support, which is a second significant challenge.

2. Faculty Welfare

I am dismayed that we rank third from last in our peer group in average faculty salaries...in other words we are 14th out of 16 peer institutions in our ability to compensate our faculty. There is nothing more important to our long term future than our ability to retain and reward our faculty.

There is some good news. Over a three-year period that includes the coming year, we have been able to provide cumulative salary increases of 16 percent, and I believe that to be among the best in the country among public universities.

Secondly, I'm pleased that faculty welfare is among our top institutional priorities for the coming year. We have designated all of the funds from campus-based tuition that can be used for faculty welfare to go directly towards reversing salary compression and other market inequities.

Thirdly, I appreciate the constructive role that the Faculty Senate played last year and especially the data provided by Dr. Ken Wilson to help us understand the priorities of the faculty as we move forward. While the list is long, it is apparent that compensation is a "foundation" need that will help address other many issues related to faculty welfare.

But, our work has just begun. Among our goals, these four appear to be very important to the long-term quality of the institution:

- We must provide competitive starting salaries and start up packages for all new faculty; this will be doubly difficult because of the rapid growth of our faculty.
- We must get to the midpoint of our peer group in average faculty salaries and I suggest that we determine to achieve this within the next 5 years.
- Our infrastructure has not nearly kept pace with the size of the faculty; we must provide more support services to ensure that we remain competitive.
- Infrastructure needs include computing, information services, and a center for teaching and learning to support our faculty.

3. Diversity

A third major challenge for the year is to continue our progress in institutional diversity. We have several challenges in this regard and I regret to report that last year at the administrative level, we failed miserably at the two critical stages of the hiring process...we did not succeed in building a diverse set of semi-finalists nor did we achieve diversity in the selections we made. I promise that this level of failure will not happen in the future.

That said, our biggest challenge...and one that is certainly true at the national level...is at the faculty level. Our diversity ratio...the comparison of the percentage of minority faculty to the percentage of minority students, is next to last in the UNC system. We simply cannot allow this to continue.

We must continue our partnership in the coming year with the faculty senate to ensure that progress continues and becomes more rapid. In addition, my commitment includes these aspects:

- Diversity will be a core value at East Carolina University.
- We will provide more funds, through the Provost's office, to ensure that ECU is competitive in all searches.
- The hiring process can be improved at all levels and I have asked the Provost's office to ensure that all searches have included aggressive outreach and that all pools have the appropriate level of diversity.

THE FUTURE

Let me close with a brief word about strategic planning.

I am committed to developing a plan for ECU that does make a difference and I'm confident that we can make a difference if you help. We must identify the directions we want to go; we must develop an approach for answering the vital questions about our future, and we must communicate with those who care about us what we will accomplish and how we will get there.

Our strategic plan has two basic elements. One is to define the strategic directions of the university...those functions that we think most clearly identify us and differentiate us from comparable institutions.

The second element is to ask each division, each college, and each department to define its own future. “All politics is local,” according to Tip O'Neill and so it is with strategic planning.

Unless each department has the opportunity to identify what it does best, how it best contributes to the broad goals of the universe, and what changes it needs to make for the future, then the planning process will have failed.

So, I ask you to participate in both of these processes. Give us feedback on the strategic directions of the university, let us know what we’ve missed, and help us articulate how we can achieve these directions. More importantly, take seriously the opportunity to define the future of your own area.

East Carolina, during this academic year, will begin its second century. Robert Wright would be amazed at how far we’ve come, but, no doubt, pleased that the founding principle..."to serve"...has remained so constant.

It is up to us, as we plan our immediate and longer term future, to lay the foundation that will enable our second century to have a good chance of succeeding.

It is truly an honor to be a part of the ECU community. I thank you for your hard work and your accomplishments, and I look forward to the coming year.
Boyer Directs Library Services

By Erica Plouffe Lazure

East Carolina University has named Larry Boyer as director of Academic Library Services.

Boyer, who comes from Appalachian State University, will begin his post Oct. 2. He will oversee the J.Y. Joyner Library, the Music Library, and their collections.

Since 1975, Dr. Boyer has been a librarian serving in positions in the federal government and academia. At Appalachian State, he serves as associate university librarian.

Boyer is a member of the American Library Association, the Association of College and Research Libraries, the Library Administration and Management Association, and the North Carolina Library Association. He earned a bachelor’s degree in international relations from UNC-Chapel Hill, a master of arts in Latin American studies from Tulane University, a master of science in library science from Catholic University of America, and a PhD in American studies from George Washington University.

Darryl Davis has served as interim director of Academic Library Services at ECU since March 2005, after the resignation of Carroll Varner.

Feminist Theologian to Speak

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Japanese Tea Ceremony Offered at ‘Taste of Japan’

East Carolina University’s Japan Center East will bring to Greenville the Japanese Tea Ceremony Sept. 20-21 at the Greenville Country Club. The second annual Taste of Japan will offer a 6 p.m. dinner prepared by Japanese Chef Rie Ishida. The event will feature the tea drinking ritual, developed by Sen-no-rikyu in the 16th Century. Tea masters Yoko Uda and Makiko Hoshikawa will lead the tea ceremonies for both sessions.

“We are extremely lucky to have a tea ceremony master residing in this area. It takes years and years of training in physical and mental discipline to be a master,” said Chikako S. Massey, interim director of the Japan Center East. The tea ceremony is designed to bring aesthetic, intellectual and physical enjoyment and peace of mind to the guests by focusing attention on the profound beauty of the simplest manifestations of nature, Massey said. The ritual is designed to focus the senses so that one is totally involved in the occasion and not distracted by mundane thoughts. The tea master has trained two assistants to prepare and present the tea ceremony so the audience can participate in the tea ritual, if desired. For information and tickets, call 213-1352 or by e-mail Massey at massey@ecu.edu. Tickets are $40 per person. Space is limited.

Workshops to Promote Digital Library

ECU’s Joyner Library and the College of Education are co-sponsoring a series of workshops that will promote the Eastern North Carolina Digital Library as a valuable classroom resource for educators throughout the eastern region of North Carolina. Classroom teachers and specialists for grades 4 through 12 will be invited to one of seven 2-day workshops. Participants will learn to locate, access, integrate and evaluate information from the digital library and apply that information to classroom instruction.

Lesson plan activities that incorporate the digital library can then be added to the library for other educators to access. Located on the Web at http://digital.lib.ecu.edu/history/, the Eastern North Carolina Digital Library contains 399 fiction and non-fiction volumes, 150+ museum artifacts, maps and educational materials pertaining to the history of the 41 counties in Eastern North Carolina. A tentative schedule for the workshops is as follows: Sept. 14-15, Dare County; Sept. 25-26, Harker’s Island; Oct. 12-13, Nash County; Jan. 18-19 or Jan. 25-26, Pitt County, New Hanover or Brunswick; Feb. 26-27, Bertie County; and March 8-9, Robeson or Harnett County. The contents of the workshops will be aligned with the North Carolina Standard Course of Study. For additional information, contact Hazel Walker, outreach coordinator for the Teaching Resources Center, Joyner Library, at 328-4994 or by email at walkerh@ecu.edu.

ECU Hosts State Planning Conference

Planners from across the state convened Aug. 3-4 at East Carolina University for the North Carolina Chapter of the American Planning Association Summer Planning Institute and Leadership Conference. Topics included smart growth and walkable communities; economic development; urban design; annexation issues; and citizen planners training for local board/commission members. ECU planning faculty members Mulatu Wubneh, Mohamed Asae and Al Burne were among those who presented at the meeting. Wes Hankins, ECU emeritus planning faculty member, served as the institute’s program coordinator and Jeffery Alejandro of ECU Division of Continuing Studies was responsible for overall coordination of the event.

‘Houses to Homes’ Benefits Habitat for Humanity

The ECU Chapter of Habitat for Humanity is holding three volunteer Fridays at the Mendenhall Student Center brickyard to raise funds and increase awareness of volunteer opportunities. On Sept. 15, Sept. 29 and Oct. 20 from 3 to 5 p.m., student volunteers can help to construct and paint birdhouses that will be sold to raise money for the Habitat for Humanity chapter. ECU students from construction management and art education, along with members of the Pitt County Habitat for Humanity chapter, will join the volunteers. All skill levels are welcome and all tools will be provided. For additional information, visit http://www.ecu.edu/volunteer/Volunteer-Fridays.cfm.

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Taggart Examines Shared Governance, Communication

In his role as chair of the faculty, Mark Taggart (Music) shares his perspective on shared governance.

By Mark Taggart

n the Faculty Senate home page, there is a definition of shared gov-
ernance supplied by Don Sexauer, chair of the faculty from 1995 to 1998: “Shared governance in an aca-
demic setting is a fragile balancing act that takes place between the administra-
tion of the university and its faculty. It is the attempt by the administration and the faculty to solve problems and implement policies in a manner that benefits all the constituencies of the university.”

Don Sexauer was telling us that successful outcomes of shared gov-
ernance include the ability to solve problems and implement policies. But these decisions cannot be made in a vacuum, as they require communication, between and within all of the constitu-
tencies of the university. The “fragile balancing act” that Sexauer referred to is necessary so that every voice has the opportunity to be heard, but within the proper context and appropriate setting.

So where does this communication take place? Faculty Senators, who are elected to represent their academic units, are responsible for sharing their colle-
gues’ views and concerns of the issues that are discussed on the Senate floor. ECU’s faculty governance structure is well respected among our peers. The Fac-
ulty Senate is responsible for the contents of the faculty manual. Every new fac-
ulty member receives a copy of Part XII of our faculty manual, which describes the Personnel Action Dossier (PAD), the collection of documents that provides a record of the accomplishments of a fac-
ulty member seeking reappointment, promotion, or tenure. The PAD is crucial to communication, and every incoming faculty member should acquaint them-

selves not only with the contents of Part XII, but also how this document will be employed for personnel actions described in Appendix D. Appendix D of the Faculty Manual describes tenure and pro-
motion policies and procedures at ECU. Our tenure and promotion rec-
ommendations are made in what could be described as a “two-track” system, where faculty make their recommenda-
tions in the appropriate unit committee, and where administrators have the oppor-
tunity to concur or to not concur with the appropriate unit committee’s recommend-
ation. Unit administrators are also responsible for, in consultation with the unit’s tenure committee, providing the probationary term faculty member a progress towards tenure letter every spring during the faculty member’s pro-
bationary term. The consultation that occurs during this process will be helpful when the unit’s faculty and admin-
istration are to make the recommendation for promotion and/or tenure at the end of the probationary term.

To ensure that all voices are heard in the appropriate manner in personnel policies, the roles that faculty and admin-
istration play in personnel matters are painstakingly outlined in our Appendix D. Every constituency has the opportunity to provide input, but in a manner in which the fragile balance between the recommenda-
tions of faculty and administration is appropriately conveyed.

This is but a brief outline of the role proper communication plays in personnel actions. Proper communication is neces-
sary for all matters within the university. Talk to your colleagues. Talk to your sen-
ators. Get involved. Utilize our standing committee structure and Faculty Senate to help convey your interests in shaping ECU, our University.

The faculty manual is available at http://www.ecu.edu/cs-acad/online/man-
ual/facultymanual.cfm, or a CD can be obtained from the Faculty Senate office.

Smith Urges Faculty to Give Students ‘Sense of Place’

Following are excerpts from remarks by ECU Provost James LeRoy Smith at the 2006 Faculty Convocation held in Wright Auditorium Aug. 21.

A lan White handed me a copy recently of Donald Kennedy’s excellent book entitled Academic Duty, published in 1997. Among the many insights this former president of Stanford provides is the following chal-
lenge: “To the future professoriate, I will say only that you are entering a life full of interesting challenges – and the most important mission that can be found in a modern society. The university is above all else about opportunity: the opportunity to give others the personal and intellec-
tual platform they need to advance culture, to preserve life and to create a sus-
tainable human future. Could anything possibly matter more than that?”

No, nothing could matter more. The only solution to the national challenge in higher education is to convey to our stu-
dents a sense of place… a sense of a place from which they can lead – the compe-
tence to do so, will to do so, and the example of your doing so. Their self-
possesed is at stake, their sense of iden-
tity.

The authors of “Leadership Reconsidered…” confirm these very points…That we are not nationally where we should be delineated in other national studies. For example Derek Bok’s analysis in Our Underachieving Colleges, published this year, in which he claims we do not take advantage of the best research on how students learn. Dr. Ballard mentioned Harry Lewis’ book Excellence without Soul, … an excel-

lent companion book to president Bok’s wherein we see the marginaliza-
tion of the undergraduate even at Harvard – Lewis was dean of Harvard College from 1995-2003 – where he observes the 

professorate pursuing specialization rep-
utations and stature among the top 300 readers of the most prestigious journals to the point of looking past their undergrad-
uate students.

Meanwhile, there is silence at Harvard on what it means to lead a human life and what our students just might need to help them do that. As Dean Lewis says, you can sit in most classrooms at Harvard and have no sense whatsoever as to where you are. Where is the sense of place at Harvard, of all places?

T o the beginning faculty this morn-
ing I say, there is a sense of place at East Carolina University. As we reflect on this public university and at our institutional level for a moment, I believe you can find in our history that we are the university of the people of North Carolina.. From the first moment that Robert Wright came across the coastal plain into this town, this school has been dedicated to access, to forming partner-
ships that affect the lives of the people of this region and beyond, and to providing the best kind of economic development there is, namely the creation of human capital in the lives of the graduates of this place that have gone on to show the world that leaders are developed here, that the people who come here and work hard, will know how to be, and not just how to do. I will mention only 6 basic areas that we are accelerating for the good of the whole and which should make your job more effective:

1. We are continuing to improve shared governance at ECU, where we have at least since the 1960’s been seen as a leader in the state and beyond. A spe-
cial example for last and this upcoming year is how we are improving the status of our fixed term faculty. There will be a day-long shared governance workshop sponsored by the academic council and the Faculty Senate on Oct. 13 for chairs, directors, and faculty personnel and ten-
ure committee chairs. We can collaborate to make these processes even better.

2. We are continuing to achieve budget transparency at ECU. Those of us who oversee budgets should share infor-
mation, invite collective improvement of all related processes, and share rationales for the decisions we make. These steps improve community, advance the sense of the value of our place, and give all of us a sense of belonging and commitment to what we do together.

3. We are full of hope –speaking of enabling officers – that Mickey Dowdry is with us to help lead the university and we are fortunate to have the con-
tinuing leadership of Dr. Mageean as we continue to improve the support offices and the fund-
ing streams even while we still care about our undergraduates. Working together with Dr. Pellicane, we will all strive to improve our continuing work in graduate student support and a careful, rational and planned approach for graduate

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‘Champions of Change in Medicine’ Recognized
By Doug Boyd
A statewide honor was awarded to an East Carolina University physician who has led efforts to deliver health care to underserved populations and a program to help children manage their asthma.

Dr. Thomas G. Irons, ECU associate vice chancellor for regional health services and a professor of pediatrics at the Brody School of Medicine at ECU, and Pitt County Memorial Hospital’s pediatric asthma management program have each been named as a “North Carolina Champion of Change in Medicine.”

“I’m of course honored, but mostly thankful to have so many great people to work with,” Irons said. “I don’t feel like I have done this myself, but that I have been privileged to help bring institutions and the community together around the health needs of our neighbors. I believe deeply that one must lead from the posture of service and am especially grateful to East Carolina University for making it possible for me to serve in this way.”

Irons, who heads the Eastern Carolina Community Health Consortium, has worked with individuals and organizations, including PCMH, to look for ways to address the needs of people in Pitt County who lack health insurance, access to health care or both. One result of those efforts exists today as HealthAssist, a project that started after Hurricane Floyd in 1999 made obvious many shortcomings in health care access in eastern North Carolina. HealthAssist provides primary care for uninsured residents of Pitt County using volunteer and paid providers. In addition, enrollees receive care coordination, access to affordable therapeutic drugs, links to social services, mental health care, computer skills classes, GED classes and other training.

Another project Irons has led is the 15,000-square-foot, $2.8 million James D. Bernstein Community Health Center under construction north of Greenville. There, full-time and volunteer health care providers will provide primary care, dental care and pharmacy services for low-income people in Pitt and surrounding counties. Irons estimated the center will see 20,000 patients annually within five years. The center will also host educational programs involving ECU and Pitt Community College.

PCMH’s pediatric asthma program began in the mid-1990s as a way to help children learn how to manage their asthma. The program has been funded by the hospital and The Duke Endowment. Three case managers work with children through the program.

Since the program began, more than 2,200 children have been seen, inpatient hospital admissions of pediatric asthma patients have increased fivefold and inpatient asthma deaths decreased 90 percent. Patients have seen eight fewer visits to the ER per year, an estimated 50,000 outpatient visits this year. Thirty years ago, pediatricians often had to refer patients to medical centers west of I-95. Now, most pediatric specialties are available in Greenville through ECU Physicians, the group practice of the Brody School of Medicine.

“Once I heard the numbers,” said Dr. Newton, “we realized we had to do something.”

Research Awards Top $610K
By Erica Plouffe Lazure
East Carolina University’s Division of Research and Graduate Studies awarded nearly $610,000 in research development grants to 22 ECU professors this month.

The aim of the grants, said Paul Gingerline, associate vice chancellor for Research and Graduate Studies at ECU, is to provide researchers with the means to bolster preliminary research findings in an effort to apply for external grants.

“This award program is an important investment in making our faculty more competitive in major federal and private grant competitions,” said Deirdre Mageean, vice chancellor of the division of Research and Graduate Studies.

To date, six recipients from last year’s awards have received more than $1.1 million in external grants, most of them from the National Science Foundation.

This year, the grant program received a one-time increase of $109,000 to total $69,342. The additional funds provided four additional awards.

Recipients are:
- Allison Danell, professor of chemistry, received $19,414 for her project: Determining Biomolecule Structure during Electrospray Ionization Mass Spectrometry Analysis
- Charles Ewen, professor of anthropology, received $24,900 for his project: Historic Bath Archaeological Survey
- Carol Goodwillie, professor of biology, received $17,949 for her project: Development of Ludwigia as a model system for the study of plant mating system evolution
- Timothy Jenks, professor of history, received $15,126 for his project: Illumination festivity and urban politics in late-Georgian Britain, 1780-1830
- Dr. Elizabeth Jesse, professor of family and community nursing, received $33,351 for her project: Insight Plus: A Cognitive Behavioral Intervention Pilot Study for Pregnant African-American and Caucasian Low-Income Women with Depressive Symptoms
- Laxmansi C. Katwa, professor of physiology, received $40,000 for her project: Role of PRAR-y agonists in Myocardial Infarction and remodeling
- Alan P. Kypson, professor of surgery, received $24,738 for his project: Cardiotoxic Effects of Cardiopulmonary Bypass on Adult Stem Cell Transplantation
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Open House Launches New Pediatric Specialty Care
By Crystal Baity
Area children with chronic illness or conditions such as diabetes, heart, digestive, kidney or respiratory disease or those at risk for obesity can be seen close to home by East Carolina University specialists.

More than 60 area children gathered July 27 for a ribbon cutting and open house in the newly-opened ECU Physicians Pediatric Specialty Care. The facility is located at 2150 Herbert Court, just off Hemby Lane.

Dr. Dale Newton, vice chair of operations in pediatrics in the Brody School of Medicine at ECU, said the department has grown from 15 faculty members and 18,000 patient visits 20 years ago to 52 faculty members and an expected 50,000 outpatient visits this year.

ECU operates 13 ECU Physicians facilities in the area.

Reichelt Receives Fulbright
By Peggy Novotny
ECU family and consumer sciences professor Susan Reichelt has been awarded a Fulbright Scholar grant to lecture at the University of Ljubljana in Ljubljana, Slovenia, for five months, beginning fall semester 2006.

Reichelt will teach a methods course to Slovenian family and consumer sciences education students. She will also develop a curriculum in child development and consumer economics to be used

East Carolina University
Morris’ Efforts Benefit ECU, Stokes Communities

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

By Judy Currin

Dean Morris attributes his 18-year involvement with the Stokes Volunteer Fire Department to a neighbor’s words. Morris recalls the afternoon they met.

“I was working on my truck in the front yard of our home when the fire department alarm next door sounded.” Morris said. As the volunteers arrived, Chief Bruce Bland made his way across the 75-foot easement separating the department from Morris’s property.

“We need to talk,” Bland said. “Dean, as close as you live, we need to have you as a member of our department.”

Two months after marrying sweet-heart Elaine Butler, he joined the department. “I really have two full-time jobs,” Morris said.

His position as facilities and operations director for ECU’s College of Health and Human Performance demands the majority of his time. Morris’ responsibilities include the administration, management and maintenance of the Belk Building, Christenbury Gym, the Fitt Center, the Minges College of Business, and indoor pool.

When his day ends at ECU, Morris steps into his role as chief of the Stokes Volunteer Fire Department. He oversees 45 volunteers whose ages range from 16-year-old junior firefighters to 65-year-old veterans. They are on call 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Morris devotes 25 to 30 hours a week to the department.

“In a small community like Stokes,” Morris said, “when somebody suffers a loss it affects all of us.”

In the fall of 2005, one local family lost everything they owned in a house fire. The Stokes Volunteer Fire Department was there, not only to comfort, but also to assist the Red Cross in finding temporary shelter for the displaced family.

In 1999 when Hurricane Floyd’s flood waters devastated eastern North Carolina, Morris said, “the Stokes department had shelters in place and operational before the Red Cross arrived on the scene.”

“There are 20 volunteer fire departments in Pitt County,” Morris said. “The Chief Bruce Merritt of the department to make things work,” he said.

ECU Physicians Plans Announced

Chancellor Steve Ballard has named an 11-member advisory committee to oversee changes to assure the financial stability of ECU Physicians and staff and other members of the public through offices and practice sites at the medical school and about 15 other locations throughout Greenville and other communities.

The practice plan, like similar groups at medical schools nationwide, has been under increased financial pressure in recent years, a reflection of national trends such as declining reimbursement rates from Medicare, Medicaid and private insurers, and rapidly mounting costs throughout the health-care industry.

In addition, ECU Physicians has faced local factors such as several years of state budget cuts and a growing number of patients without health insurance in eastern North Carolina.

ECU Physicians has experienced a cumulative net loss of more than $25 million over the last six years. Ballard said, “Clearly we must act aggressively and act immediately to solve these budget problems. The financial stability of ECU Physicians is critical to the ongoing success of our medical school and our university.”

The new steering committee will be chaired by David Brody, a member of the university’s Board of Trustees.

The fanciful cover of the 2006 issue of NCLR reflects its focus on children’s literature. (Contributed photo)
Help is on the way for health-care workers who don’t know Spanish but increasingly find themselves treating Latino patients.

In North Carolina, a team of representatives from state government health agencies and higher education is working on a language course designed especially for them: “A su salud! (To your health!) Introductory Spanish for Health Professionals.”

Health-care workers will be able to take the course in traditional classrooms or via distance learning. It will focus on Spanish specific to the work of nurses, doctors, pharmacists, dentists, social workers and allied and public health professionals.

“The Latino population is growing rapidly, and health-care providers are crying out for ways to effectively serve them,” said project co-director Claire Lorch, a clinical instructor in the School of Public Health at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. “‘A su salud!’ creatively speaks to the needs of both patients and providers.”

UNC’s Office of Distance Education and E-Learning Policy is leading the project, with team members from East Carolina University, Wake Technical Community College, the N.C. Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities and the N.C. Public Health Directors Association.

Filming began in July for the centerpiece of the course, a video designed to teach language and Latino culture. The multimedia course will combine the video with interactive exercises, available on a DVD or online, and written text.

Included in the multimedia materials will be a televela, a story to motivate the adult learner. Other parts of the video will present interviews with health-care professionals. The video will be mostly in Spanish, with English and Spanish subtitles available. Learners will get to know the Montoyas, an immigrant family, as they adapt to life in the United States.

Demographic statistics demonstrate the need for the course:

• North Carolina has the fastest growing Latino population in the country, increasing nearly 400 percent from 1990 to 2000, according to the U.S. Census Bureau.

• In fiscal year 2005, 48 percent of babies born at UNC Hospitals were born to Latina women.

• Requests for Spanish interpreters at the Brody School of Medicine are running about 40,000 to 50,000 a year, double the amount just two or three years ago.

• The Brody School of Medicine has six full-time interpreters and four student interpreters during the school year.

“This need is astounding,” said Dr. Maria Clay, project co-director at ECU, the fiscal agent for the project. “We believe health-care providers around the state and the country will embrace this program with open arms, and that will be a major step toward relieving a situation that is fast becoming a crisis.”

The course will be modeled after an intermediate “A su salud!” produced at UNC and published last year by Yale University Press. To date, 33 colleges and universities have adopted the course.

The North Carolina GlaxoSmith-Kline Foundation contributed $720,000 for the course to ECU. Two additional grants came to UNC, from Blue Cross and Blue Shield of North Carolina ($25,000) and The Asta Foundation ($30,000).

The team plans to offer the introductory course at UNC, ECU and partner institutions by spring 2008 and then make it available for national distribution. More information is available at salud.unc.edu.
**Festival Features N.C. Authors**

By Erica Plouffe Lazure

Authors and readers from North Carolina will convene at ECU Sept. 29-30 for the Third Eastern North Carolina Literary Homecoming.

The annual free event, offered by ECU’s J.T. Joynor Library and Sheppard Memorial Library, aims to increase appreciation for eastern North Carolina’s literary traditions and authors, said Margaret Bauer, editor of the North Carolina Literary Review and Rives Chair of Southern Literature at ECU.

“From the Outer Banks to I-95 you will find the homes towns of some of North Carolina’s greatest literary stars, like previous keynote speakers Allan Gurman and Lucy McCorkle,” Bauer said. “We are fortunate that many, like Michael Parker, still live here and those who have moved away are happy to have an excuse to come home.”

Maury York, North Carolina librarian at Joynor Library, said that area residents look forward to hearing and interacting with authors from the region.

“People in the audience nod their heads as the writers discuss how eastern North Carolina has influenced their writing. Attendees can identify with the issues the writers raise and enjoy discussing them,” York said. “Two years ago, a woman said that the Homecoming had added a year to her life. We want everyone to feel that way.”

Events include:

- Friday, Sept. 29: A 7:30 p.m. reception for William S. Powell, a North Carolina historian, who will receive ECU’s Roberts Award for Literary Inspiration at Club Level at the Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium. Authors Timmthy Tyson, a native of Oxford, and Shelby Stephenson of Johnston County will offer remarks on Powell. Tyson will read from his work and Stephenson and his wife Linda will provide musical entertainment.
  - Saturday, Sept. 30: Clinton native Michael Parker, author of If You Want Me To Stay and Hello Down There, will offer the keynote address at 4 p.m.
  - A panel discussion on North Carolina folklore will feature Nancy Roberts of Charlotte and Barbara Brayboy-Locklear of Robeson County at 9:15 a.m.
  - A children’s literature panel will feature author Elisa Carbone, author of Storm Warriors, and illustrator James Ransom of Rich Square at 11:15 a.m.
  - Authors Louise Shivers, originally from Stantonburg and author of Here To Get My Baby Out of Jail and A Klingling Woman, and Linda Beatrice Brown, author of Rainbow Boun’ Mah Shoulder and Crossing Over Jordan, will talk about being southern women writers at 2 p.m.

**White Coat Ceremony**

Philip Michael Hobbs was one of 72 members of the class of 2010 at the Brody School of Medicine who donned their white coats for the first time on Aug. 11. He is helped into his white coat by Dr. M.J. Barchman, associate professor of internal medicine, who addressed the new medical students about the importance of earning trust as a physician. Hobbs, like 19 of the new classmates, earned his undergraduate degree at ECU; he also earned a master’s degree in public health at ECU. The 37 men and 35 women in the class range in age from 21 to 31 and are all North Carolina residents with 32 counties of residence listed. This was the sixth annual White Coat Ceremony for ECU’s medical school. During the event, the students donned their white coats—the mantle of the medical profession—and recited the Oath of Hippocrates for the first time. (Photo by Cliff Hollis)

**In the Spotlight**

**Appointments/Elections**

**Professionals in Focus**

- Jody Baumgartner (Political Science) is the News and Observer and The Hartford Courant on humor in politics, Aug. 10.
- Vivian Covington (Education) in The Daily Reflector, discussing the made-for-television movie about ECU graduate Ron Clark, Aug. 13.

**Service, Honors and Professional Activities**

- A profile of Jami L. Jones (Education) was included in the June 2006 Contemporary Authors, a biographical guide to writers published by Thomson-Gale.
- David A. Dossor Jr. (Child Development and Family Relations) completed a five-day externship in emotionally focused couple therapy at the Ottawa Couple and Family Institute in Ottawa, Ontario. Work by Scott Eagle (Art) will appear in the Internet movie, “Shriek” by Jeff VanderMeer (http://shriekthemovie.blogspot.com/). Eagle appeared at the Colony Theater in Raleigh for the grand preview of VanderMeer’s movie. He also has two paintings included in the University of South Carolina’s McMaster Gallery Exhibition, “Emblematic,” through Sept. 29.
- Melanie Duffrin and David Rivera (Human Ecology) brought to the ECU campus a fifth grade class and teacher from Pollokeville, as part of a program called the FoodMASTER (Food, Math, and Science Teaching Enhancement Resource) Initiative. The program helps children make knowledge to healthy living, while providing teaching and outreach experiences for ECU nutrition and dietetics students.

**Krupa Receives Honorary Military Title**

East Carolina University School of Nursing assistant professor Karen Krupa was recently appointed honorary lieutenant junior grade in the U.S. Navy Nurse Corps.

Krupa first became an honorary Navy nurse in 1996 after an RN/BSN nurse graduated, named her. Krupa, who is director of undergraduate student services in the School of Nursing, had helped the student navigate the process of earning a bachelor’s degree in nursing while serving in the Navy. Krupa regularly advises military students in nursing school. The most recent “promotion” in the Navy nurse corps came this year upon recommendation of another Navy student whom Krupa advised.

“It’s really kind of special having grown up with an Air Force dad who was active duty,” said Krupa, who was born in South Carolina and lived in six states and Japan before attending nursing school at ECU. While Krupa never served in the armed forces, her dad is now retired and her brother is a major general. “It’s nice to be recognized for all the paperwork. All the i’s and t’s have to be crossed.”

**Authors and readers from North Carolina will convene at ECU Sept. 29-30 for the Third Eastern North Carolina Literary Homecoming.**
The latest special collections exhibit focuses on East Carolina University’s transition from a training school for teachers to a four-year college.

The exhibition is at Joyner Library’s Special Collections department and is the second in a four-part series designed to honor ECU’s Centennial.

Curated by graduate student Adrienne Rea, the exhibit is entitled “An Era of Progression — The College Transformation: East Carolina Teachers College” and runs Sept. 15 through Feb. 15.

Cases will display photographs, drawings, blueprints and other artifacts that illuminate this period of growth and expansion on campus.

The exhibit shows the evolution of a two-year teaching school into a four-year college not only administratively and physically, but also the greater diversity of activities available to a growing student body,” said Suelyn Lathrop, university archivist. “The students really came into their own during the 1920s organizing the Student Government Association which truly participated in the governance of the college with the full support of President Robert Wright.”

The final exhibits in the centennial series examine how East Carolina transformed from East Carolina Teachers College to East Carolina College to East Carolina University.

Special Collections is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information about this exhibit or Special Collections, call 252-328-6671, or visit http://www.ecu.edu/lib/spec/.

ECU Joins National Effort for Childhood Obesity Care

ECU’s Pediatric Healthy Weight Research and Treatment Center is participating in a national effort to accelerate improvement in care delivered to overweight or at risk for overweight children.

The center has responded to nationwide search begun by the National Initiative for Children’s Healthcare Quality, to identify the most innovative and promising programs that address childhood obesity. The ECU Pediatric Healthy Weight Research and Treatment Center submitted its Pediatric Healthy Weight Clinics and the KIDPOWER Medical Nutrition Therapy program (support provided through the ViQuest Center, and the other for their granted-funded Pediatric Healthy Weight Case Management Program.

Information about all five programs will be included in either materials or poster sessions at the National Health Care Congress on Childhood Obesity, scheduled for Sept. 20 in Washington, D.C. At that event, the latest innovations, recommendations and best practices in health care practice and policy will be discussed in detail. Following the Congress, NIH/CHQ will institute a Web-based learning network to share effective strategies and materials.

For more information, visit www.nichq.org or email awilly@nichq.org.

Centennial Exhibit Set to Open

By Nancy McElvicki

This 1909 photograph of East Carolina Teachers Training School faculty is part of the ECU Centennial Digital Exhibit, which complements the physical exhibit on display in Special Collections at Joyner Library. The four-part series honors ECU’s centennial. Pictured are, front row, front to back: Claude W. Wilson, Jennie M. Ogden, Fannie Banks, Mamie E. Jenkins; and back row – Kate W. Lewis, William H. Flaggsdale, Birdie McKinney and Sallie Joyner Davis. (Photo from Joyner Library Digital Exhibit)
Book Focuses on Culture, Food Choice and Obesity

By Erica Plouffe Lazure


Bailey, a professor of medical anthropology and public health at East Carolina University, said he was concerned that African Americans don’t often talk about weight matters, particularly when it comes to food and exercise.

“I know it’s a sensitive topic. You don’t want to affect cultural traditions because that’s what keeps us connected to our community,” he said. “But the result is diabetes, cancer, heart disease. We don’t realize how much chronic disease affects our community.”

The first section of Bailey’s book offers research findings that link obesity and chronic disease in the African American community. In the second section, he examines historical and socio-cultural health indicators, such as body image, food preferences and exercise habits in the black community. In the third section, Bailey offers a new approach for diet and lifestyle, focused on the cultural traditions of African Americans.

Many social traditions, he said, such as church and family gatherings, oftentimes involve fattening or unhealthy foods. Bailey believes many recipes could be altered. Sodium and fat can easily be reduced in food, he said. And he suggests many foods that are traditionally fried could be baked instead.

People want to make recipes exactly the same way it was years ago,” Bailey said. “But you can use the same recipe your grandparents used and continue to keep that connection to them. You’re honoring them by making the same dish but in a healthier way.”

Bailey said he hopes his book will encourage Black Americans to be proactive about their health.

“African Americans need to know they can be the ones to stop disease,” he said. “We can delay it and reduce our chances and improve our quality of life if we take an interest in our health now, versus later. It’s not going to come from doctors, or government programs. The key is to take charge of our own health and fitness.”

For more information visit http://www.newblackculturaldiet.com or email Bailey at baileye@ecu.edu.

ECU medical anthropology professor Eric Bailey’s new book links food choices and disease in the African American community.

Publications


Article by Rebecca J. Sweet (Interior Design and Merchandising), Katherine Wiesen (Interior Design and Merchandising), and Robert A. Chin (Technology Systems), “Greening Homeowners: A Collaborative Educational Challenge,” in Housing and Society.


Chapter by David G. Weismiller (Medicine), “Procedures for Neonatal Circumcision,” in Up to Date.

Book chapters by Martha R. Alligood (Nursing): “Nursing Theory: The Basis for Professional Nursing Practice,” in Professional Nursing: Concepts and Challenges; and “Rethinking Empathy in Nursing Education: Shifting to a Developmental View” in the Annual Review of Nursing Education.


Article by David P. Conradt (Political Science), “De-consolidation of the German Party System?” in German Politics and Society.

School Librarian Scholarship Program Bolstered by Grant

East Carolina University’s Department of Library Science and Instructional Technology received a $373,000 grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services to increase the number of trained school librarians in eastern North Carolina.

The federal grant will fund ECU’s Community Oriented Librarian Recruitment Scholarship program, directed by College of Education faculty John Harer and Larry White.

“These scholarships offer an innovative opportunity to meet a strategic critical need of school library media specialists in our local schools while allowing people in eastern North Carolina to have a rewarding career in school libraries in their home communities,” Harer, a professor of library science and instructional technology, said.

In the next three years, the program will provide 45 full tuition scholarships for an online master’s degree in library science. The grant is one of 35 funded nationally.

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of Trustees. Other members are Board of Trustees members Robbie Hill and Bruce Austin; Ballard; Dr. Michael Lewis, vice chancellor for health sciences; and Dr. Michael Rotondo, chair of the Department of Surgery.

Also, Dr. Ronald Perkin, chair of the Department of Pediatrics, Dr. Valerie Gilchrist, chair of the Department of Family Medicine; Stephen Lawler, chief administrative officer of University Health Systems; Janice Faulkner, community representative; and Dr. Walter Pories, professor of surgery.

Ballard said that the university has hired the ECG consulting group of Seattle to assist in developing a plan to balance the budget and in creating a blueprint for future organization and operations.

“We expect to see a variety of recommendations to both increase revenue and reduce expenses,” Ballard said.

“Nothing should be off-limits in these discussions,” he called on faculty members and staff members in the medical school and the physicians group to support and participate in efforts to enhance revenues and control expenses.

The chancellor said that various steps to reduce the deficit have been taken over the past several years. They include strengthening the university’s capacity to attract research grants and contracts, revamping the university’s fundraising operations, reducing the number of administrative positions in the medical school, and consolidating some medical school operations with those of the central campus.

In addition, the university and its partners will open a community health center that will receive federal operating funds, thus reducing the cost of providing care to indigent patients. The university also will continue to press for legislative relief from indigent care costs.
### Campus Calendar

#### SEPTEMBER

**SATURDAY** 2  
ECU Pirate football, ECU vs. Navy, Annapolis, Md., 5:30 p.m.  
**MONDAY** 4  
Labor Day Holiday (no classes)  
**SATURDAY** 9  
ECU Pirate football, ECU vs. UAB, Birmingham, Ala., 7 p.m.  
Contra Dance, Willis Bldg. Potluck dinner, 6 p.m.; lesson, 7:30 p.m.; dance, 8 – 10:30 p.m.  
**FRIDAY** 15  
“Dinosaur Desperados,” Wright Auditorium.  
“Jazz at Night,” Mendenhall, 8 – 10 p.m.  
Salsa Dance, Willis Building. Lesson, 7:30 p.m.; dance, 8 – 11 p.m.  
**SATURDAY** 16  
ECU Pirate football, ECU vs. Memphis, Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium, 7 p.m.  
**WEDNESDAY** 20  
Taste of Japan (through Sept. 21), Greenville Country Club, 6 p.m.  
**FRIDAY** 22  
Opening celebration for the new Health Sciences Building, 11:30 a.m.  
Contra Dance, Willis Building. Lesson, 7:30 p.m.; dance, 8 – 10:30 p.m.  
**SATURDAY** 23  
ECU Pirate football, ECU vs. West Virginia, Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium.  
**OCTOBER** 2  
MONDAY  
S. Rudolph Alexander Performing Arts Series, Van Cliburn Gold Medalist pianist Alexander Kobrin, Wright Auditorium.  
**FRIDAY** 29  
Volunteer Friday for Habitat for Humanity, Mendenhall Brickyard, 3 – 5 p.m.  
ECU’s Third Eastern Literary Homecoming (through Sept. 30). Willis Building, Reception, Friday at 7:30 p.m. Events Saturday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
**TUESDAY** 3  
S. Rudolph Alexander Performing Arts Series, Jazz vocalist Tierney Sutton, Wright Auditorium.  
**THURSDAY** 5  
ECU/Loessin Playhouse, “Chicago, the musical.” (through Oct. 10). McGinnis Theatre. Performances nightly at 8 p.m. except Sunday performance at 2 p.m.  
Folkfriends Concerts featuring acoustic music by Folk Arts Society members and guests, Tipsy Teapot/Kennybrook-Parker Books, 409 Evans St., 7 p.m. Free.
ECU Welcomes Back Students, Faculty

• Four new master’s level programs will be offered this year: a master’s in health communication; a master’s in athletic training; a master’s in software engineering.
• Several of these programs are offered online.
• The $61 million Allied Health Sciences Building opened on the west campus this summer. The schools of Nursing and Allied Health Sciences (health services management, rehabilitation services, speech and hearing sciences, speech language pathology, physician assistant, occupational therapy, physical therapy, and counseling) and the Laupus Health Sciences Library are housed in the new facility.

Upcoming Events

Fling, with activities and food for adults and children. Parents’ Night Out is set for Dec. 2, providing activities for children while parents enjoy a free evening.
For information contact David Gaskins or Diane Elhoffer at 328-6387, email gaskind@ecu.edu or dme0122@ecu.edu.

Weight Watchers
ECU’s Campus Wellness is sponsoring a 12-week Weight Watchers at Work Program that begins Sept. 25. The program will be held on Mondays at 1 p.m. in the Student Recreation Center. A free introductory meeting will be held Sept. 18, at 1 p.m. in Room 238 of the recreation center. Register by calling 328-6387. Enrollment in the program is $156, payable at the first meeting to Weight Watchers. Contact Karen Warren at warrenk@ecu.edu, or call 328-6387.