Clayton Will Deliver Fall Commencement Speech

U.S. Rep. Eva Clayton, who is retiring from the House of Representatives after serving five terms, will be the featured speaker at ECU’s fall commencement on Dec. 14.

About 2,355 degree candidates will be recognized at the ceremony, which begins at 10 a.m. in Minges Coliseum. The public is invited, and no tickets are required.

Clayton, a Democrat who represents the 1st District in North Carolina, made history in November 1992 when she became the first woman and the first African-American woman to be elected to Congress from the State of North Carolina. She did not seek re-election this year.

Chancellor William V. Muse said, “Congresswoman Clayton has fashioned a distinguished record in Washington as a tireless advocate for education, agriculture, and rural economic development. She is a champion of this region and a true friend to ECU. We are honored to have her deliver our commencement address.”

Before her election to Congress, Clayton was a member of the Warren County Board of Commissioners, serving as chairperson from 1982-1990. During her tenure, she was named Outstanding North Carolina County Commissioner.

In the House of Representatives, she is a member of the Agriculture and Budget committees. She serves as co-chair of the Congressional Rural Caucus, and is a member of the Women’s Caucus, Human Rights Caucus, and Biotechnology Caucus. She also is a member of the Congressional Black Caucus, and the immediate past chairperson of the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation.

Parking Changes Feature Higher Fees, Less Hunting

A major overhaul of campus parking is making its way through various public forums and is scheduled to be presented to the ECU Board of Trustees for consideration on Dec. 13.

Key elements of the new plan include (the complete proposal may be found at http://www.ecu.edu/parking/permitfaq.htm):

- Establishing different parking zones at various locations, with the closest spaces to core areas carrying higher fees.
- Reducing the “oversell” of permits, so that permit holders will be relatively assured they can find a space.
- Adding more metered, short-term parking on the main campus and at the medical campus.
- Improving transit shuttle routes with extended service hours and additional routes.
- Generally increasing parking fees. George Harrell, senior associate vice chancellor for campus operations, said the fee increase is driven by an anticipated loss of $350,000 in Parking and Transportation revenues as a result of a court decision which requires all parking fines statewide to be turned over to local school systems.

Because state law prohibits the use of state funds for parking construction or operations, parking activities at ECU and other state agencies must be self-supporting.

The cost of a mid-range permit, now at $120 per year, is proposed to go to $144 a year, effective July 1, 2003. The most expensive permit would be $288 a year. Currently spaces in private lots sell for $360 annually.

Harrell said the new fees should provide enough revenue so they would not have to be changed for about four years.

The new plan does not have private lots. Instead, spaces on the core main campus (bounded by Cotanche, Fifth, Maple and Tenth streets) would be designated in the A zone, with a cost of $288 a year.

The B zone would be in the next tier of lots, and would be within walking distance of the core campus. Such lots are found south of Tenth and in downtown Greenville. The cost for a B permit would be $144 a year.

C zones would be in perimeter areas, such as the lots at Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium, with a cost of $72 a year.

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To help children who are undergoing medical treatment, ECU is training students for this career. In the only academic program for this specialty within the UNC system, ECU’s School of Human Environmental Sciences, Department of Child Development and Family Relations, provides a bachelor of science in Child Life. Approximately 50 students are enrolled.

~ Happy Holidays ~
Navy Band Veterans Share Memories at ECU

By George Threewitts

At the start of World War II, the military forces of the United States were segregated, but in 1942, the Navy, in an experiment urged by national leaders, created the U.S. Navy B-1 Band. It was comprised of the best black musicians that could be found in the state of North Carolina. They were the first blacks to serve in the navy in any position other than as cooks and members of galley crews.

The surviving members of the band recently selected ECU as the official archival repository for their papers and oral histories. In October, several band members were on campus and at Joyner Library for interviews and to leave some of their mementos.

Alex Albright of ECU’s Department of English said 31 of the band’s 42 members had attended A&T University in Greensboro. He said the band members were serious musicians and were the absolute best that could be found in the state.

The ECU professor had developed an interest in the band after he discovered and restored “Pitch A Boogie Woogie,” a film made in Greenville with an all-black cast in 1947. The music in the movie was provided by the Rhythm Vets, the former Navy B-1 Band.

Albright became the band’s historian and interviewed members and wrote articles about their experiences. He encouraged the band members to preserve their stories in the library’s repository.

One of their stories describes their assignment to a cadet barracks in Chapel Hill following naval training in Norfolk. After stepping off their bus on Franklin Street, they were met with jeers, racial slurs and handfuls of mud and rocks. It wasn’t long before the musical and social skills of the band members earned the town’s respect. They played for Christmas parties, held informal jam sessions and gave music lessons to children.

The band was transferred to sea duty in Hawaii in 1944. They continued to provide entertainment for naval personnel and civilians.

Many of the band members went on to become music teachers and educators. They hold reunions on a regular basis. Their next reunion is scheduled for Greenville in October 2003.
ECU, Duke Researchers Uncover New Benefits of Daily Exercise

ECU researchers, in a study conducted with colleagues at Duke University, have found that exercise can promote lower cholesterol, even in people who are not losing weight.

In a study published Nov. 7 in the New England Journal of Medicine, the researchers also found that higher levels of exercise lead to even better cholesterol readings. Dr. Joseph Hourmard (Human Performance Lab) said the research “is getting us a little closer to determining what type of exercise program works best for reducing risk for coronary artery disease.”

“Milder intensity exercise or a lower amount of intense training improved parameters compared to a sedentary control group who did not exercise at all; however, the benefits were not as great as in the 20 mile per week group.”

The study assigned sedentary, middle-aged, overweight men and women to three different exercise programs for six months. The research was designed so that the participants did not lose weight. Hourmard said, “The great finding was that the benefits were achieved without weight loss. These findings suggest the type of exercise program that should be used and adaptations can occur with exercise and minimal weight loss.”

Free Medical Screenings Offered Through Faith-Based Initiative

An upcoming statewide collaboration initiated by the office of N.C. Gov. Mike Easley was tested in Wilson Sept. 21. The first faith-based health initiative provided free health screenings for approximately 200 Wilson, N.C. residents.

Among the volunteers and health care professionals at the event were two physicians from the Brody School of Medicine (BSOM), Dr. Mark Darrow, Department of Family Medicine, and Dr. Julius Mallette, senior associate dean, provided clinical supervision to the 15 medical students and other volunteers.

BSOM participants in the collaborative effort with a number of health care organizations, pastors in the Wilson County area, and the Governor’s Community Affairs Office. Each agency donates time, supplies, personnel and funding to make the initiative a success.

The purpose of the ongoing initiative is to offer free health screenings to local residents in need. Screenings include cholesterol, blood glucose, hypertension, breast, and colorectal and prostate cancer. Referral services are available if needed.

Art Faculty Shine at Conference

ECU Art faculty, staff, students and alumni offered significant contributions to the North Carolina Art Education Association (NCAEA) conference held Nov. 1 - 3 in Wilmington. Organizing the event was Cynthia Bickley-Green, NCAEA president-elect and chair of the association’s Staff Development Weekend. Bickley-Green is assistant professor in Art Education, and director of Distance Education in the ECU School of Art.

Bickley-Green will replace ECU’s Phil Phillips (Art) who currently serves as NCAEA president.

Attendance for the event was approximately 430 professionals. Participants delivered an overall rating of excellent for the conference.

Seven workshops and presentations at the conference received excellent ratings as well. From ECU’s School of Art, workshop leaders were Art Haney, Christine Zollar, Ray Elmore, Mark Malley and Nanyoung Kim. Participants were Nancy House, Alice Arnold, Phil Phillips, Malley, Kim and Bickley-Green.

ECU staff member Y u Kanazawa, ECU News Bureau (News & Communications Services).

Heart Center Named One of Nation’s 100 Best

The Heart Center at Pitt County Memorial Hospital has been named among the nation’s top 100 centers for treatment of cardiovascular disease by Solucient, in its fourth 100 Top Hospitals: Cardiovascular Benchmarks for Success study, which identifies hospitals that are setting high performance standards for cardiovascular services throughout the nation. PCMH is ranked in the listing of teaching hospitals with cardiovascular residency training programs. PCMH has a post-residency and post-fellowship program that trains surgeons in robotic and mitral valve surgery. PCMH was the only teaching hospital with a residency program in North Carolina to make the list. In the 2002 fiscal year, which ended Sept. 30, physicians at the Heart Center treated more than 5,000 cardiac catheterization patients, performed electrophysiology procedures on more than 1,700 patients and performed cardiothoracic surgery on more than 1,200 patients. On an average day, the Heart Center has 80 inpatients.

Alderwoman Honored with Teaching Award

Derek H. Alderman, assistant professor in the Department of Geography, was honored with the National Council for Geographic Education (NCGE) Distinguished Teaching Achievement Award for 2002. The annual awards were given this year to only ten university or college professors from the U.S. and Canada. The awards recognize outstanding contributions to geographic education. Awardees were nominated by colleagues and asked to prepare dossiers that underwent evaluation by a panel of judges from across the country. Alderman was recognized for innovations both inside and outside the classroom. Students have noted his enthusiasm in the classroom and his ability to incorporate popular, real-world cultural issues into courses. For example, Alderman uses topics such as Wal-Mart, Rock ‘n’ Roll, and NASCAR to illustrate geographic concepts.

Joyner Library Adds Electronic Resources

As part of its ongoing effort to increase available electronic resources, Joyner Library has added new resources for ECU faculty, staff, and students. An expanded electronic books collection includes 7,000 new electronic books available from NetLibrary. These electronic books allow users to check out books from PCs at home or on campus. Users may search the entire collection by author, title, and keyword, or search within books for keywords and phrases. The recent addition of titles brings the Joyner eBook collection to more than 20,000. For access, visit the library’s web site at www.lib.ecu.edu/Reference/netlibrary.html. Another new electronic resource offered by the library is FISOnline, which replaces the former subscription to Disclosure Global Access. FISOnline provides financial data on U.S. public companies and international companies, dating back to 1990, and downloadable on a spreadsheet. Users may search by financial criteria such as total revenue, total assets, profit margin, return on equity and revenue to total assets. Links to FISOnline are available at www.lib.ecu.edu/Reference/netlibrary.html. For additional information, contact Jan Lewis, intern head of reference, at 328-2267 or by e-mail at lewisj@mail.ecu.edu.

SBTDC Holds Workshop, Teleconference

ECU’s Small Business and Technology Development Center (SBTDC) held a 25th anniversary celebration workshop titled “How to Do Business with the Government” Oct. 1, conducted by SBTDC procurement specialist Dave Lamoureux from the SBTDC Wilmington office. Following the workshop, a teleconference on “How to Become a Federal Supplier” was made available at Joyner Library, with the only satellite feed in North Carolina made available by the Government Services Administration. Only one satellite feed was offered for each of the 50 states and Panama. Joyner Library via Brody School of Medicine received the satellite feed for the SBTDC. The SBTDC at ECU was established in 1985 and is one of 17 offices within the UNC system. It is a business development service of the UNC system. It is a business development service of the UNC system.

For additional information, visit www.ecu.edu/sbtdc/ or call 328-6183.

News Bureau (News & Communications Services).
A freshman sprints to Dr. Christopher Knighten, director of the ECU Marching Pirates. She asks if lemonade counts. Knighten’s eyes take in the mayhem as the 180-member band unloads cans from the trunks of cars and beds of pickup trucks. “Of course,” he says, concentration unbroken.

It was two seasons ago at Band Day when one high school band didn’t arrive as planned to march. Fifty boxed lunches were wasted – not that Knighten didn’t try to prevent the loss, but local food pantries couldn’t accept the food.

“I had been thinking of ways to encourage the band to give back to the community,” Knighten explains. “They’re so supportive of us.” Ironically, rotting sandwiches provided the inspiration. Last year Knighten challenged the band to a canned food drive, ‘Band Together and Give.’ Their inaugural efforts brought 6,300 non-perishable items to area food centers one week before Thanksgiving.

This year, under expanded efforts and the representation of Chancellor and Mrs. Muse, who served as honorary co-chairs of the event, the Marching Pirates scored another success.

“More than any other ECU unit, the Marching Pirates represent the meaning to serve,” said Muse as he addressed the band on Friday. The Chancellor called the drive a tremendous success, naming the School of Art, Human Environmental Sciences, and Dowdy Student Stores as key supporters of the effort. “In exhibiting your true Pirate spirit, you continue off the field in carrying out your humanitarian vision,” Muse said.

Muse noted that one of the band’s selected distribution centers, Firstborn Community Development Center in Grimesland, faced empty shelves, but because of the drive, would be able to distribute meals the following Saturday.

Some of the sections in the band were more motivated than others. The baritones, for example, brought the most items per person in last year’s drive, but were last in contributions this year. “It all depends on the section leader and the mix of personalities,” Knighten says. Some sections went door-to-door soliciting items in the community. Others pooled their money and went to discount stores. One section unilaterally emptied the declining balances on their student cards on canned goods.

Of note, the saxophones led the challenge, gathering 80.17 items per person. The tubas were second, with 56.68 items per person. While the ECU Marching Pirates were the most significant collection force, the School of Art brought 1,132 cans to the drive, trouncing the faculty and staff at the School of Music, who contributed 237 cans.

Other contributors, as self-reported at the field, were the Student Government Association, the School of Nursing, Phi Eta Sigma, Athletic SAAC, the Department of Dance, Dowdy Student Stores, Human Environmental Sciences, the majority of high school bands participating in Band Day, and anonymous gifts from the community.

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So how many non-perishable items did the ECU Marching Pirates gather? A mere twenty over last year’s efforts: 6,520. “We had more participation from the campus and community this year,” Knighten said. “That’s a success.”

Michael Crane is director of communications for the School of Music.
Gray Gallery Inspires Pride Through 25 Years

By Christine Bates

The Wellington B. Gray Gallery this year celebrates 25 years as a vital part of East Carolina University, the School of Art, and the Greenville community. Named after Wellington “Bud” Gray, former dean of the School of Art, Gray Gallery first opened its doors in February 1975.

An exhibit entitled Tradition of Excellence honors the Gallery’s anniversary. The exhibit opened with a tremendous turnout on Nov. 1, and will remain on display through Nov. 26. It includes work from fifty-one artists, including both current and former ECU Art faculty.

Represented in the exhibit are a variety of media including painting, sculpture, photography, metal, textile, ceramic and wood design pieces.

In its early years, the Gallery’s first full time director, Aaron Karp, held a fundraising campaign that helped to develop shows and begin an artist-lecture program. That tradition continues today, with a number of guests artists who visit the ECU campus, display their artwork and provide lectures throughout the academic year.

“The Gallery is part of the Art curriculum,” said Gil Leebrick, the Gallery’s current director. He strives to keep its reputation of pursuing new and exciting developments in the arts and humanities.

“ECU staff and faculty, students and the local community are all proud of us,” he said.

Another favorite tradition that will continue this year is the annual Holiday Sale and Exhibition. For the fifth year, the School of Art is featuring the sale of items made by art students. This year’s event will be held at the Gallery Dec. 5-7.

“The community loves to come out for this sale,” said Leebrick. The students work diligently to offer one-of-a-kind items for sale just in time for Christmas.

Profits from the sale are distributed between the students who make the items and the School of Art.

Among the changes the Gallery has experienced throughout its 25 years is a total renovation in 1995. The new look included two exhibition rooms, a kitchen and foyer. “It’s much more open now than when the doors first opened,” said Leebrick. “We’ve come a long way with space.”

Though the exhibits change each month, one collection has continued since 1995. The African Art Gallery contains over 500 significant items of African art, a collection coordinated by Leebrick and Sharon Pruitt (Art). Gray Gallery’s exhibits are free and open to the public. Hours are Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. with extended hours on Thursday until 8 p.m. and on Saturday from 10 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Presentation by Victor Aebi (School of Health and Human Performance), “Internet Classroom Management Resources” at the School of Education Golden LEAF Educational Consortium New Teacher Conference in Greenville.


Presentation by Teresa Conner-Kerr (Allied Health), “Ultrasound Treatment for Chronic Wound Therapy: MUST-Mist Ultrasound Transport Treatment,” along with four laboratory workshops on MUST at the New Cardiovascular Horizons Conference. The work presented was performed in collaboration with Karen Sullivan (Allied Health).

Presentation by Raymond Webster and Cathy Hall (Psychology) with student E. Powell, “Peronal Use of Adult Children of Alcoholics,” at the 2002 meeting of the American Psychological Association in Chicago, Ill. At the 2001 meeting of that organization, Hall and Webster presented, “Vulnerability and Moderator Factors with ACOAs.”

Presentation by Birgit Jensen (Foreign Languages and Literatures), “Autobiographical Agency: Working-Class Women in Imperial Germany,” at the Mountain Interstate Foreign Language Conference.

Joanne Bath (Music) was the speaker at the five-hour retreat for Suzuki violin, viola and cello teachers, sponsored by the Washington State Suzuki Teachers Association, and Charles Bath (Music) served as piano accompanist for the event’s annual workshop, held at Central Washington University in Ellensburg. Both were faculty members at the Colorado Suzuki Institute in Snowmass Village, Col.; and the American Suzuki Institute at the University of Wisconsin in Stevens-Point.


Performance by Kelly Mikkelson (Music) on cello, with members of the National Symphony, for a Sept. 11 memorial service at the National Gallery in Washington, D.C.


Presentation by Trenton Davis (Health and Human Performance), “Validation of the Validity of Nationally Identified Non-Technical Competencies for Local Environmental Health Practitioners,” at the North Carolina Environmental Health Supervisors Fall Conference in Winston-Salem.


Presentation by Lu and Xin-Hua Hu (Physics) with co-presenters, “Refractive Index of Skin Tissues from 325 to 1550 nm,” by Jun Lu and Xin-Hua Hu with co-presenters, “Refractive Index of Skin Tissues from 325 to 1550 nm,” by Jun Lu and Xin-Hua Hu with co-presenters, “Refractive Index of Skin Tissues from 325 to 1550 nm,” by Jun Lu and Xin-Hua Hu with co-presenters, “Refractive Index of Skin Tissues from 325 to 1550 nm.”


Presentation by Kenton R. Jackson (Allied Health), “Sodium Nitrite: A Potential Therapeutic Agent for Cardiovascular Disease,” at the FOCUS on Health and Leadership for Women, University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine, Philadelphia, Penn.


The program was established in 1990 under the leadership of Dr. Charles Snow. This year, Priti Desai joined the faculty to serve as coordinator of the Child Life Program.

Desai believes there are many misconceptions about what a Child Life Specialist does. According to Desai, this field is quite different from other majors related to Child Development. While students have to be well grounded in child development, it focuses specifically on children involved in health-related situations.

"Children need information. They fear the unknown and the unfamiliar," Desai said. "They want to understand what is happening to them while they are in the hospital. A specialist helps the child understand, through a variety of age appropriate activities."

She explained how language is important when discussing medical procedures with children. For instance, telling a child you are "putting them to sleep" might prompt memories of pets that were put to sleep and never woke up.

"A specialist would know to use words to ease the child's worries, not create new ones," Desai said. "We learn to see things from the child's point of view, and communicate this point of view to the medical team."

"Child Life humanizes health care," she said. "A specialist makes the hospital not such a scary place for a child."

Despite the appeal of working with children, the Child Life Specialist career is not for everyone. "It takes a special person," Desai said. The individual must be caring, competent in theories of child development, knowledgeable about the impact of stress in children and families, and skillful in techniques to promote adjustment and coping in adverse situations. The student must also understand basic anatomy and physiology.

They must be able to communicate and collaborate with other medical professionals. It might be difficult, for instance, to tell a doctor that the manner in which he or she is doing something may be psychologically upsetting to the child. Desai wants students prepared for such encounters. Among her many goals as Child Life program coordinator is to continue initiatives put in place by Dr. Snow. Like Snow, she wants to ensure that students encounter real workplace situations in their course of study.

As a requirement for their clinical education, child life students complete practicum hours in settings such as the Children’s Hospital at Pitt County Memorial Hospital, and in the pediatric hematology/oncology clinic at the Brody School of Medicine. Students have also been accepted for semester-long child life internships at other North Carolina hospitals, including Duke University Medical Center, Wake Medical, and nationally renowned hospitals such as Johns Hopkins, Children’s National Medical Center in Washington, D.C., and Children’s Medical Center of Dallas.

Desai wants to put students in the hospital setting. Out of about 5,500 hospitals in the United States, approximately 350 are specifically for children, she said. Because the adult-oriented hospitals serve children too, she wants to create an awareness to increase the demand for a Child Life Specialist in every hospital by piloting student placements in these settings as part of their practicum work. Desai believes the hospitals will begin to depend on having someone there for the children, and realize the many benefits children and families receive due to child life services.

Desai plans to do research to prove the benefits of child life services in these settings, thus promoting evidence-based demand for services.

One of Desai’s attractions to eastern North Carolina was the abundance of small town hospitals. She is especially excited about the opportunity to pioneer practice have shown that such services as play and preparation have psychological benefits for children, improve consumer satisfaction, and even help contain costs in hospitals. (i.e. reducing length of stay and decreasing need for analgesics)

Desai is confident that awareness of what a Child Life Specialist can do is key to increasing the demand for the profession. She would like to see more diversity in the field, but cannot encourage tremendous enrollment growth in ECU’s Child Life program at this time because job opportunities are limited. Desai believes that the job market will improve as new technologies and new medical procedures emerge, and as more and more parents and hospitals encounter positive results from interactions with a Child Life Specialist.

Child Life Program Coordinator Priti Desai shows Annabelle Hayford where her heart is located. Students who train in the program work to ease the fears of children in hospital settings. (Photo by Marc Kawanishi)

Her vision is to recruit students from diverse backgrounds within North Carolina who are committed to improving the lives of traumatized and chronically ill children, and to make ECU’s child life major the most sought after program nationally and internationally.

Originally from India, Desai brings to her new role international experience in dealing with chronically ill children. She came to ECU from Children’s Health Care of Atlanta, Ga., where she was a Child Life Specialist at the prestigious Sibley Heart Center. Desai trained as a Child Life Specialist at the Johns Hopkins Children’s Center.

She has a master’s in public health from Emory University, a master’s in child development from the Maharaja Sayajirao University in Baroda, India, and a bachelor in Psychology from St. Xavier’s College, Ahmedabad, India. She has co-authored a number of book chapters and review articles, and conducted numerous workshops and seminars for child development/child life, nursing students and nurses, and pediatric residents worldwide. She is a professionally certified child life specialist, and currently serves as treasurer of the Child Life Council.

Desai is excited about her first teaching experience at ECU. She is committed to mentoring her students to become competent, confident, and compassionate child life professionals. Desai plans to graduate professionals with skills in easing the emotional pain of suffering children and their families.

She wants her students to understand that, “Child Life changes you. You learn about hope, resilience and patience just by being around these brave children and their families.”

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ECU Volunteer Enjoys Passion for Helping Others

By Judy Currin

Over the next few months feature articles will spotlight outstanding volunteers in the ECU community.

The Recognition and Rewards Committee of the ECU Chancellor’s Staff Senate, chaired by Mary Sue Gooch, is constantly looking for ways to recognize valuable employees. The Outstanding Volunteer Recognition Program, which includes recognition of exceptional ECU volunteers in Pieces of Eight, allows them to do just that.

Wanting to highlight volunteers who work for ECU and do volunteer work on their own time, the Recognition and Rewards Committee contacted Judy Baker, ECU lecturer in the Department of Health Education and director of the Student Volunteer Program (SVP). “The ECU Student Volunteer Program promotes volunteerism among college students and provides them with opportunities to render valuable time and service in responding to the many needs of our community,” Baker said.

“We believe our program, and our volunteers, have a direct impact upon the university, community, government, state and nation.” One such individual is Jason Denius.

Denius is an ECU graduate who came to work with Baker in the Student volunteer program as an intern in the Fall of 1999 to fulfill part of his requirement for a communications course. His internship requirement was 140 hours.

He was initiated into service quickly. Hurricane Floyd occurred in September of 1999. “Jason worked endlessly, mucking out houses, cleaning yards and hauling countless volunteers to identified sites for clean-up,” Baker said. “In the midst of all this confusion he had an ‘awakening’ of sorts as to the many people and agencies in our community who really do depend on volunteers.”

Realizing the level of commitment and dedication to service this young man exhibited, Ms. Baker wrote a proposal for a part-time position for Denius. He worked seven months before his position was converted to full-time and he is now assistant director of ECU’s Student Volunteer Program.

But this was not his intended career goal. “I majored in communication with an emphasis in journalism,” Denius said. “My initial career goal was to write for Rolling Stone Magazine. I’m a wannabe ‘rock star’ who’s always played guitar and been in bands, but never received my big break,” he said. Denius thought at least he could tour around with real rock stars and write stories about them. He knew that the “Rolling Stone gig” would be tough to get, so he planned on getting a newspaper job or working for a local company in a marketing or tech writing department.

“I love writing and working with people and wanted to have a job where I could do both. Although volunteering has always been a big part of my life, I didn’t consider volunteer coordination as a career field until my internship,” he said.

“I just figured a job like that was just too good to be true...thankfully I was wrong and here I am today loving every day I come to work.”

Originally from Topsail Beach, N.C., 26-year-old Denius and his wife, Christy, have an 8-month-old son, Mason. Despite his busy schedule, Denius admits his family is his first priority. “It takes a lot of understanding and patience to be related to me,” he said. “My wife, Christy, is an amazing woman. She is patient and supportive. She has given me the freedom to pursue my passion for helping others and for helping students to find opportunities to help others.”

Christy, a 1999 graduate of ECU, does her share of volunteering, in addition to working full-time as a child life specialist at Children’s Hospital in Greenville and being a mother to Mason.

“We are both busy and we work hard,” Denius said. Denius begins his work day assisting ECU students who come to the SVC seeking volunteer activities. “Their reasons are endless,” he said.

“Some volunteer for fun, others to fulfill a class requirement and many simply for experience and to build their resumes.”

He often lunches with one of the contacts from one of SVC’s volunteer agencies, with a colleague from ECU or from one of the many committees he participates in. Afternoon hours are spent networking with over 105 volunteer agencies and managing the day to day activities of the Volunteer Center.

“Many evenings Denius gives presentations to student groups or community organizations, but the quiet, late evening hours are his. He spends that time studying for graduate school at ECU. Denius is pursuing a master’s degree in English with a concentration in Technical and Professional Communication.”

“My volunteer hours vary,” he said, from sometimes in the evenings, to sometimes during the day with a group of ECU students, or on Saturday mornings or Sunday afternoons.

His volunteer works and memberships include:

• Serving as mentor to a young teen since 1999 (Mentor of the Year from the Power of One Mentoring Program 2000)
• Support friend to a disabled Greenville resident since 1999
• Volunteer at the Little Willie Center (Volunteer of the Year, 2002)
• Pitt County Shrine’s Fish Fry
• Spring Arbor V
• Ronald McDonald House V
• First Born Community Center V
• Regional Director of the North Carolina Association of Volunteer Administrators
• Board of Directors and Treasurer of the Power of One Mentoring Program
• Vice President of the Pitt County Association of Volunteer Administrators
• Pitt Alliance for Youth
• Alpha Phi Omega
• Omecron Delta Kappa
• ECU Grants Outreach Network
• ECU Service and Citizenship Scholarship Committee

“Jason Denius’ community involvement is not part of his job description,” Baker said. “It’s done on his own time. But the best part is that he does it because giving is in his heart—It’s a big part of his life.”

The Student Volunteer Program is located in 110 Christenbury Memorial Gym on the campus of ECU. Director: Judy Baker. Assistant Director: Jason Denius. Phone: 328-6432.

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New Teaching Tool Debuts with IP/TV Technology

By Jennifer Farris

A partnership among faculty members, Information Technology and Computing Services (ITCS) staff, and external vendors is rapidly transforming the face of teaching and learning at ECU. In recent years, these individuals have teamed up to implement an array of new technologies that support and enhance the university’s diverse educational needs—from installing a network 10 times faster than the original educational needs—from installing a network 10 times faster than the original system and connecting to Internet2 in 1999, to creating a virtual reality laboratory housing the Reconfigurable Advanced Visualization Environment (RAVE) in 2000, to configuring campus-wide wireless corridors in 2001.

Progress hasn’t slowed this past year, and now, one more advanced technology has been launched campus-wide—Cisco’s innovative IP/TV video streaming solution. Over the past year and a half, staff and faculty from various campus departments have collaborated with partners at Cisco to explore and test this system. In August, ECU’s IP/TV system successfully shifted from test bed status into full production mode.

IP/TV enables ECU students to review course content presented in previous classroom sessions, the ECU community to view important live and rebroadcast events, and ECU faculty to explore use of the new teaching tool in the classroom,” said Jeff Huskamp, ECU’s chief information officer. “In short, we are poised to deliver streaming video and audio content to the desktop from a multitude of different sources - both live and rebroadcast.

School of Health and Human Performance lecturer Karen Vail-Smith has already taken advantage of ECU’s new IP/TV system. She worked with instructional technology consultant Chuck Baldwin to produce an Alcohol Abuse video that is being shown in 54 sections of Health 1000. The informative video features Beth Credle, Director of Health Education and Promotion, and Bob Monphet, Substance Abuse Counselor from ECU’s Center for Counseling and Student Development.

“The adverse effects of alcohol abuse is one of the most important topics we address in Health 1000,” said Vail-Smith. “Our faculty who teach this course decided to standardize the course materials pertaining to high-risk drinking so we were certain that all ECU students were receiving the same critical messages.”

The Alcohol Abuse video was an essential part of that effort, and was very effective, she said. By using IP/TV and the video archive system, all of ECU’s Health 1000 instructors could have easy access to the video in class and their students could view it outside of class.

In the future, the Department of Human Resources plans to use IP/TV to bring new employee orientation to state personnel act (SPA) and up to 1,200 employees. An IP/TV broadcast of an event to the IP/TV system and a programming schedule is available at http://iptv.ecu.edu.

IP/TV was used to broadcast the lecture of New York Fire Department Battalion Commander Richard Picciotto, author of Last Man Down. Picciotto spoke to a sold-out crowd at Wright Auditorium Sept. 17, but ECU faculty, staff and students were able to view the firefighter’s account of the World Trade Center terrorist attacks through the IP/TV broadcast. Additional broadcasts are in the works for IP/TV technology. (Photo by Marc Kawanishi)

broadcasts, viewers will be able to use the IP/TV Question Manager to ask presenters questions.

Notably, ECU is the first University of North Carolina (UNC) campus to deploy IP/TV as a production service for its staff, faculty, and students. Because of the university’s initiative, Cisco featured ECU in a Customer Success Story written earlier this year. (Text of the story is available at http://iptv.ecu.edu/customer_success.pdf.)

“It’s exciting to see video technology being incorporated into the learning experience at ECU. We believe the applications for incorporating video will continue to emerge,” said Scott Wertz, higher education major account manager at Cisco.

Initial testing of ECU’s IP/TV testbed system began in April 2001, with the university’s memorable visit from President George W. Bush. As more than 8,000 people assembled at Minges Coliseum to hear the President, some individuals watched his 30-minute address from their offices across campus.

Four months later, the IP/TV system allowed ECU audiences to tune in to the broadcast of fall Faculty Convocation, led by Chancellor Muse. Other completed projects include broadcasts of the Eastern North Carolina Digital Exhibits Opening; a College of Arts and Sciences video entitled “Orville Hicks: Mule Egg Seller and Appalachian Storyteller”; and a symposium about North Carolina adventurer, entrepreneur, and naturalist John Lawson.

In the future, ECU campus audiences will be able to view:

• Career Services and Center for Counseling and Student Development presentations such as “Managing Stress Before It Manages You,” “Finding a Job in a Tough Job Market,” and “Life After College”;
• School of Nursing prenatal assessments of obstetrics patients; and
• Video segments of ECU’s Child Development Laboratory that faculty will use to teach students about developmentally appropriate classroom environments for preschool-age children.

ECU’s long-term goal is to share instructional programming and special live activities across the North Carolina Research and Education Network (NCREN) and Internet2 using the IP/TV system.

Staff and faculty interested in having content such as an academic event, taped lecture, or other educational material broadcast over the Internet using ECU’s IP/TV system should send email to iptv@mail.ecu.edu.

Additional information about the system and a programming schedule is available at http://iptv.ecu.edu.

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Yarborough Studies ‘Race and Redistricting’

Tinsley Yarbourgh (Political Science) continues to probe the personali- ties and cases of the U.S. Supreme Court. His latest book is Race and Redistricting: The Shaw-Cromartie Cases, describing a series of cases that went to the Supreme Court to challenge North Carolina’s efforts to establish “majority-minority” voting districts.

When North Carolina gained a seat in Congress following the 1990 census, the General Assembly, under pressure from the U.S. Department of Justice, created two majority-black congressional districts. Districts 1 and 12 were mapped in such a way as to greatly enhance the chances for the election of North Carolina African-Americans to the U.S. House of Representatives. District 12, as an example, snaked along I-85 for 165 miles, stretching from Durham to Gastonia.

Duke University law professor Robinson Everett filed suit claiming that the lines in the new districts were racially motivated and violated the Fourteenth Amendment’s equal protection clause. He won two Supreme Court victories in “Shaw v. Reno” in 1993 and “Shaw v. Hunt” in 1996. Another redistricting plan was deemed “flawed,” and Everett rounded up a new set of plaintiffs in “Hunt v. Cromartie and later Easley v. Cromartie. In 2001, on the swing vote of Justice Sandra Day O’Conor, the court ruled 5 - 4 against him.

Yarborough’s book shows the impact of the cases on election law and the interplay of law, politics and human conflict. His material comes from court records and from interviews with attor- neys on both sides of the litigation.

Race and Redistricting: The Shaw- Cromartie Cases, was published this year by the University Press of Kansas as part of a series of books about landmark Supreme Court cases.

Yarborough is the author of several books about the Supreme Court including most recently, The Rehnquist Court and the Constitution. Others include Judicial Enigma: The First Justice Harlan; John Marshall Harlan: Great Dissenter of the Warren Court, Mr. Justice Black and his Critics, and A Passion for Justice: J. Waties Waring and Civil Rights.

In the Spotlight

Appointments/Elections

Victor Abej (Health and Human Performance) was elected for a three-year term to the North Carolina College Conference Board. The board is respon- sible for policy and issues related to Health and Physical Education in the state.

Daniel Sprau (Environmental Health Sciences) was appointed to the North Carolina Radiation Protection Commission. His term expires in 2006.

Veronica Pantell (Education) was appointed to the International Program Committee for the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) Virtual Reality 2003 Conference to be held in March, in Los Angeles, Calif.

Louise Toppin (Music) was appointed to the board of Arts NC, the statewide arts advocacy organizations that works with the legislature on funding for the arts and other issues.

NewsMakers

Mark L’Esperance and Marilyn Sheerer (Education) in The Daily Reflector Sept. 18 on the Rural Education Institute offering mini-grants to improve educational opportunities.

Pam Larsen and Dale Newton (Medicine) in The Daily Reflector, Oct. 4 on ECU’s participation in a vaccine trial to prevent rotavirus.

Scott Simmons (Telemedicine) and Mark Stebnicki (Allied Health) in The Coastaltimes Oct. 1 on the use of telemedicine in disaster situations.

Carson Bays (Economics) on WCTI-TV Oct. 7, on the effects of the Iraqi conflict on oil prices.

John Bishop (Economics) on WNCT-TV Oct. 8, on the black/white income gap and the difference between urban south and rural south. Bishop was interviewed on the same topic for the Kinston Free Press, Oct. 7.

Mary Louise Antieau (Student Conflict Resolution) in The Daily Reflec- tor Oct. 12 on new, treated coasters that can indicate the presence of date-rape drugs in alcoholic drinks.

Calvin Mercer (Religion) in The Daily Reflector and on local radio in early October, discussing Will Campbell and the 11th Annual Jarvis Lecture on Christianity and Culture.

Brian McMullen (Medicine) on WNCT-TV, Oct. 15 and in The Daily Reflector, Oct. 16, on the Rx for Science Literacy workshop for high school teachers.

Mary Boccaccio (Academic Library Services) on WITN-TV, Oct. 25, with Capt. Bobby Swindell and Dave Thomas of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxil- iary with “Coastie,” the Auxiliary’s digital interactive robot that teachings water safety to children.

Service, Honors and Professional Activities

Hanna Juhan (Art) was awarded the South East College Art Conference Fellowship award for 2002-03 at this year’s conference held in Mobile, Ala.

Jackie Leerbrick (Art) received an Award of Merit and the Cicado purchase award for her digital photograph in the 22nd N.C. Photographers Annual Exhibi- tion 2002 at Meredith College’s Gaddy- Hamrick Art Center in Raleigh.

Rebecca Dumiao (Communication and Broadcasting) received the 2002 Theodore Clevenger Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching from the American Communication Association (ACA), at the ACA’s annual convention in Washington, D.C., on Sept. 29. The ACA is a virtual professional association created to promote academic and profes- sional research, criticism, teaching, practical use, and exchange of principles and theories of human communication.

Michelle Heiman (Allied Health) was awarded a Doctor of Education in Higher Education degree by Nova Southeastern University in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. Heiman is interim chair of ECU’s Department of Physician Assistant Studies (PA). She has served as associate director and academic coordinator with the PA program for four years.

Louise Toppin (Music) announced the nationwide release of two anthologies: Art Songs of Black American Composers II and A Spiritual Collection. She appears on both of the accompanying CDs singing art songs and spirituals. Also, Toppin and four ECU graduate students were featured performers for the National Association of Negro Musicians National Conference in New York, N.Y.

John Kramar (Music) sang the title role in the world premiere staging of the opera Noferatu, as part of the Patten Performances series at the University of Tennessee, Chattanooga. While there, he taught a masterclass to voice students, and participated in a symposium on the creative process. Kramar will be taking opera to area elementary schools next semester with a production of The Ivy Shop.

Janice Daugherty (Medicine) was honored by the American Academy of Family Physicians with the 2002 Exemplary Teaching Award. Daugherty is associate professor of family medicine in ECU’s family practice program.

Johnnie Thompson was named Materials Management Spotlighted Employee for the quarter. He is processing assistant with Central Receiving and Stores.

Doug Creed was named Spotlighted Employee for the quarter by ECU’s vending and athletic concessions depart- ments. He is a vending stock clerk.

ECU Business Services named Quest for Excellence Award recipients for service above and beyond the call of duty during a luncheon held Oct. 9. Selected were Barbara Ward (Dowdy Student Store), Captain Award; Lisa Ross (Materials Management), Navigator Award; and Vickie Eubanks (Central Receiving and Stores), First Mate Award. The three were selected by a committee of peers based on positive comments received from customers, co-workers and supervisors.

William R. Koch (Environmental Health and Safety) was inducted as an honorary member of the ECU Chapter of Epsilon Nu Eta, the national honor society for the environmental health profession.

Honorary membership is based on exemplary character and contributions to the profession. Three ECU graduate students were also inducted.
Poetry by Vickie Enbanks (Central Receiving and Stores), “Vessel of Clay,” published in Muse Whispers Vol. 1, a collection of more than 200 contemporary poems from around the world. Her work was selected from over 4,000 entries. To ECUs Joyner Library allow access to North Carolina history by anyone, anywhere, at any time. The online census records available through the librarys Pitt County Digital Tobacco History Exhibit. The exhibit contains county court records from 18th century explorer and naturalist, John Lawson. Lawson, famous for starting the towns of Bath and New Bern, traveled the wilds of eastern North Carolina before his untimely death in 1711. He surveyed fields, rivers and streams to observe and write about the plants, animals and native people. It was a time when England was pondering the resources of the “New World” and Lawson was more than apt in the skill of “show and tell.” Accounts of Lawsons influence and experience as a surveyor, explorer, land speculator, fur trader, naturalist, ethnographer, and writer is intended as a valuable resource for learning about eastern North Carolina. The exhibit includes letters and other writings. There are also court records from cases and hearings related to Lawson, part of his will, and excerpts from magazines and books published since his death. A unique feature is a huge catalog of high-quality photographs of hundreds of plant specimens that Lawson collected, provided by The Natural History Museum of London. The explorer had sent the specimens to England and they were acquired by Sir Hans Sloane (1660-1753). The collection eventually gave rise to the British Museum and later to The Natural History Museum. Dr. Vince Bellis, a biologist and retired member of the ECU biology faculty, conducted an inventory of the plant specimens and identified them in a way that allows computer searches by the plants common or Latin names. Bellis believes that this is the first time such an inventory has even been performed on these 300-year-old, and well-preserved plant specimens that are native to eastern North Carolina. The exhibit also provides information that reveals the moods and other personal characteristics of Lawson and his contemporaries.

Dr. Thomson Shields Jr., director of the Roanoke Colonies Research Office at ECU, said that Lawson has long been regarded as a good source for North Carolina history. “What many have not realized is that as an individual he is interesting as well because of his business dealings,” Shields said. He said that the exhibit provides an overview of those “dealings” which add a human element to the history and make the materials more interesting for people who study history and literature as well as those who enjoy fascinating non-fiction stories. Also providing insight into North Carolinas history are the online census records available through the librarys Pitt County Digital Tobacco History Exhibit. The exhibit contains county court records from 18th century explorer John Lawson, and Pitt County Court data from 1900 (above) are part of Joyner Librarys new online history exhibits. (Contributed photographs)
### Campus Calendar

**DECEMBER**

**MONDAY 2**
- Guitar Ensemble, Fletcher, 8 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY 4**
- Holiday Celebrations from Around the World, Brody, Noon – 2 p.m.
- Student Store Holiday Sale, 4 – 8 p.m.
- ECU Concert Series, Holiday Fare, WTEB, 7 p.m.

**THURSDAY 5**
- Symphony Orchestra, Wright, 8 p.m.

**FRIDAY 6**
- Pirate football, vs. Cincinnati, Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium, 7 p.m.

**SUNDAY 8**
- Holiday Concert sponsored by the Friends of the School of Music, Wright, 3 p.m.

**MONDAY 9**
- Chamber Singers, Daniel Bara, director, St. Paul’s Episcopal Church, 8 p.m.

**TUESDAY 10**
- Classes End

**Guest Artist Series, Chamber Music with Dutch Luncheon**
- The ECU Retired Faculty Dutch Luncheon will be held Dec. 5, at noon, at Logan’s Roadhouse.

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### Academic Integrity Violations Curtailed by Exam Proctoring

By Margaret Olszewska

The following is the fourth in a series of articles on academic integrity provided by the ECU Office of Conflict Resolution. Olszewska is assistant director of that office.

Late on a Thursday night, Melinda Kirlin*, a university housekeeper, is cleaning the third floor of an academic building. She walks by Dr. Shrouder’s office and notices unusual noises coming from the room...moaning, clinking, and shuffling. A bit unsettled about what she has witnessed, she notifies campus police about this suspicious activity. Upon arrival, officers enter the office and find a student, Jonathan Treehousen, stuck in an air-conditioning vent struggling to free himself. The student...moaning, clinking, and shuffling. At this point, you may be asking yourself what Jonathan is doing there, his torso half in the vent with his feet dangling aimlessly? Jonathan was attempting to break into his psychology professor’s office through the air-conditioning duct to steal a copy of an upcoming exam. A scene from the latest comedy, actually taking the exam for someone else. If exam is multiple-choice, develop several versions of the exam varying the order of questions. Administer multiple versions at the same time, deterring students from simply copying the order of filled out bubbles. Give a new version of the exam each semester. Ask students to remove caps from their heads. Students may write answers on the bottom of the cap rim. Be mindful of electronic watches and calculators in which unauthorized information may be stored and accessed or beamed to other test takers during the exam. Some students still choose to cheat by writing answers on their palms or cheat sheets. Ask students to keep desks clear except for testing materials. Ask students to write out and sign an academic integrity pledge prior to handing in the test. A pledge might indicate, “I have not given or received any unauthorized help while taking this exam,” or “I have completed this exam without giving or receiving any unauthorized help.” It has been shown that the act of writing out such a pledge and signing it with one’s own name deters from cheating those students who are unsure if they really want to do so. Those who are determined to cheat may not be affected by such a personal statement.

- Stay in the room throughout the entire testing period. Move around quietly in order to acquire a better visual contact with all test takers. If possible, ask teaching assistants to help.
- Personally collect the testing materials. Make sure that the number of returned exams equals the number of students taking the exam. If students are allowed to take testing materials out of the testing room, it is important that the next exam be significantly modified.

**After testing:**
- While checking exams, be mindful of exams that look unusually similar. (For example, same misspelling of a short answer or same pattern of wrong answers on a lengthy exam.)
- If you suspect that a student has committed an academic integrity violation, take action. Make sure to follow the procedures outlined in the Faculty Manual for addressing academic integrity violations. Report findings to the Office of Student Conflict Resolution.

Most acts of cheating are not premeditated or well planned out. They are opportunistic in nature. By implementing the above techniques, faculty may help deter some of the “on the spot” cheating during the exam period.

* Names of those involved were changed.
On Campus

In Memoriam
Betty Carolyn Congleton, professor emeritus in History, died Oct. 15.
Carl Johan Bentzel (Medicine) died Oct. 25 in Washington, D.C.
Pat Tripllett, mother of Kris Anderson and mother-in-law of Angela Anderson (Registrar) died Oct. 28 in Boone.

Reduced Prices
The ECU Athletic Department, in conjunction with the Chancellor’s Staff Senate, is offering special ticket prices for all faculty and staff as part of Faculty and Staff Appreciation Day.

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Stadium and Minges Coliseum, and would cost $72 annually. Shuttle buses would be available from these lots.

On Campus

Going for the Gold
ECU Groundskeeper Simon Wright creates a flurry of red and gold while running a leaf-blower on the Howard House lawn. An early November storm brought rain and winds that blanketed the campus with autumn leaves. (Photo by Marc Kawanishi)

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This census data is useful in various types of research including genealogical, economic, sociological, geographical, agricultural, and many others, as well as valuable to those whose families lived in Pitt County at the beginning of the Twentieth Century. The information can be searched in different ways, making access to detailed records quick and easy. By having the complete data in the census records transcribed, researchers will be able to perform research on any and all aspects of the census records.

Joyner described the census data as the centerpiece of the “Tobacco” exhibit in that it helps people to understand the socioeconomic context surrounding the tobacco industry in Pitt County in 1900. The information shows the wide range of occupations such as auctioneers, processors, buyers and others employed in the tobacco business outside of the farm.

“When studying history, it is important to look not only at those people who are famous but also the more obscure citizens from the past, to better understand the time and place being studied,” he said.

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A new freshman lot would be constructed on Dickinson Avenue, and permits would be $200 a year.
Harrell has made presentations and answered questions about the proposed plan at meetings of the Faculty Senate, the Staff Senate and the Student Government Association. The Faculty Senate is scheduled to vote on a resolution on the plan at its Dec. 3 meeting.

Eric Foner, an award-winning author and historian whose books have covered all facets of American history including the history of race relations, presented the annual Lawrence F. Brewster Lecture in History on the ECU campus Nov. 21.
Foner is the DeWitt Clinton Professor of History at Columbia University. His books include Free Soil, Free Labor, Free Men: The Ideology of the Republican Party Before the Civil War, Tom Paine and Revolutionary America, Nothing But Freedom: Emancipation and Its Legacy and Reconstruction, and America’s Unfinished Revolution, 1863 - 1877.

His most recent book, The Story of American Freedom, was published in 1998. Foner has taught at Cambridge University, Oxford University and Moscow State University as a Fulbright lecturer.
The Brewster series is named for the late Dr. Lawrence F. Brewster, a former member of the ECU history faculty.

Holiday Spirit: ECU Holiday Drive co-chairs Leslie Craigle (left) and Amy Kilgore of Business Services are coordinating the 8th annual campus-wide effort to help less fortunate people in the community. Collection boxes will remain on campus through Dec. 11 for donations of new toys, school supplies, children’s books, new clothing, non-perishable food, household items and personal care items. Departments may choose to adopt an individual or family and fill specific holiday wish lists. For additional information, visit the website at www.ecu.edu/services/holiday/holiday.htm. (Photo by Marc Kawanishi)