Grins Galore

Thousands of smiling graduates and proud family members gathered to celebrate Fall Commencement held Dec. 8. Excerpts from the commencement address by Chancellor William V. Muse appear on page 2. (Photo by Tony Rumple)

New Hub Approved

East Carolina University and Craven Community College, in an effort to help address the growing shortage of public school teachers in North Carolina, have agreed to establish a “hub” at the Craven campus in New Bern to smooth the way for training new teachers.

The hub is designed to serve community college students from Craven, Carteret, Pamlico, Beaufort and Onslow counties. It will allow potential education majors in those locations to continue as wage earners while they prepare for new careers as teachers.

An agreement to cooperate on the project was signed after the Board of Trustees meeting on Dec. 7 by Chancellor William V. Muse and Craven Community College President Lewis S. Redd.

Under the agreement, CCC will provide office, classroom and library space. ECU will assign a counselor to the hub to help minimize hurdles for community college students transferring to the campus. ECU faculty members will provide on-site instruction in New Bern as well as distance-education courses.

Muse said, “ECU, as we all know, was founded as a teachers college. Throughout its history, the training of teachers has been central to ECU’s mission. That is a heritage about which we should be proud because there is nothing more important in our society than effective teaching.” He praised CCC officials for their role in the new project.

Link Aids Learning

By George Threewits

ECU and four other campuses have clinched a link-up between North Carolina’s statewide computer network and a national high-performance system that will expand Internet capabilities for universities, colleges, medical centers and the public schools.

Approval of an application to designate the N.C. Research and Education Network (NCREN) as a Sponsored Education Group Participant (SEGP) with the Internet2/Abilene consortium was announced this week.

“With this approval, the benefits of Internet2 will be available to all students in North Carolina,” said Jeff Huskamp, chief information officer for ECU. “This will mean faster access to on-line materials, increased sharing of on-line data among institutions and an increase in collaboration opportunities for North Carolina institutions.”

With the state’s network signed on as a group participant, access to Internet2 will become available to all of the NCREN members including K-12 schools, community colleges, other universities and colleges, libraries, museums, hospitals and clinics involved in education.

“The five N.C. Internet2 institutions are excited about the potential of this project for enriching the student learning environment across the state,” said Huskamp.

Fee Increase Endorsed

The East Carolina University Board of Trustees has endorsed proposed changes that will result in a net increase of $53, or 4.8 percent, in required student fees for the 2002-2003 academic year. Under the proposal, annual student fees will increase from $1,113 this year to $1,166.

The recommended changes, which were determined in consultation with the Student Government Association, will be forwarded to the Office of the President for review and then to the University of North Carolina system Board of Governors for final approval.

Student fees support a variety of services, activities and facilities, including the Student Health Service, Mendenhall Student Center operations, the Student Recreation Center, student transit, computer labs and athletics. The changes included increases in fees for student government, student health, athletics, information technology and transit.

Tuition rates, which are set by the Board of Governors and the General Assembly, have not been established for the 2002-2003 year. Current annual tuition for an undergraduate North Carolina resident is $1,453.
Muse Urges Graduates, ‘Put Blessings to Good Use’

Following are excerpts from the text of the address given by Chancellor William Muse at the Dec. 8 Fall Commencement.

It is an honor and pleasure for me to speak at the Fall Commencement. Like many of you, my first commencement at East Carolina University. I look forward to many more, and I am sure that many of you will attend others as well, whether as recipients of another degree or as a proud parent, a spouse or a friend.

To the candidates, congratulations above all. But equally important, I believe, is a reminder that you are blessed in many ways. First, you are blessed with intellectual gifts. You have the aptitude, the spirit, and the drive to have completed the rigors and the challenges of a university education. This is no small achievement. It separates you from the majority of individuals in this country, and you should be proud.

You are also blessed to have received an outstanding education at an outstanding university. East Carolina, which was created as a teachers training school in 1907, will celebrate its 100th birthday next spring. In those years, it has grown and diversified and is recognized not only in this region and this state but also throughout the nation and around the world. The quality of the institution and its tens of thousands of alumni adds to the luster of your degree today and will continue to do so for decades to come.

And you are blessed by the people around you. Your family, your friends, your professors have all added to your achievements. A university education is not an individual enterprise. You could not have done it alone, and those who helped along the way, whether by your side or in the background, share your excitement and pride.

I urge you to take a moment today to resolve that these blessings will not stop with you. From those to whom much has been given, much is expected.

We expect that you will put these blessings to good use. I know that you will find not only personal and professional success, but that you will also bring a positive and lasting impact on the lives of others. As you build and extend a university that will only get better. It is an honor and pleasure for me to introduce Chancellor William V. Muse. And he will deliver the commencement address offering wisdom you can use.

So the faculty can lecture, conduct research and have deep thoughts upon which to dwell.

And he finds ways to bring forth the best in each person and in each tale. He’s a real team player, and we’re happy he’s in our fold.

He’s been meeting the people, introducing Marlene and himself, to potential students, parents and those who have money hid back on the shelf.

He spends time with each person and shakes every hand. He hears every complaint and squabbles and student strife.

And he will deliver the commencement address offering wisdom you can use.

Several of you have already developed a plan for being productive. He encouraged each of them to create a positive impact on the lives of others. (Photo by Tony Rumple)

INTRODUCTION OF CHANCELLOR MUSE

Presented by Charles H. Mercer, Jr., Member, UNCG Board of Governors

Compiled and Composed by Rosalind Faye-Hall, Secretary of the University of North Carolina; Lynn Hammond, Auburn University; and Charles H. Mercer, Jr.

The second is Practice. Another word for this is work. Learn what needs to be done. Learn how to do it. You’ve heard it said that genius is one percent inspiration and ninety-nine percent perspiration. There’s another P-word for you.

Next is Performance. This is both the scary part and the exhilarating part. All the preparation and practice are just leading up to the prime-time performance. We live in the real world. It calls for real performances.

Don’t forget Persistence and Patience. Very little in life is either a first-time or a one-time deal. Your mother was right about this as well. If at first you don’t succeed, try, try again.

There is one more P-word that I want you to embrace. It is Passion. When I was first getting to know East Carolina University, the passion that I encountered was one of the most impressive things about the institution. The students, the faculty and staff, the alumni, the neighbors all care deeply about ECU. They are absolutely certain that it is a magnificent university that will only get better.

Take this kind of passion with you today, and keep it with you for all your tomorrows. It will add zest to your life and flavor to your achievements. Things will matter more to you.


“Twas the morning of commencement, and in a full hall, Parents and loved ones gathered, making room for all.

The graduates assembled, and thanked mom and dad. While visions of jobs and dollar signs danced in their head.

Officials from the state, and local area too.

Offer words of congratulations to each one of you.

My task is to introduce Chancellor William V. Muse.

And he will deliver the commencement address offering wisdom you can use.

Elected as chancellor earlier this year, This is his second stint in North Carolina it would appear. In 1970 at Appalachian State, he discovered there was too much snow, So this time he came east, better sports and better golf—as we all know.

He came for the faculty, and his arrival they did cheer.

For this Muse is a leader without fear.

So the faculty can lecture, conduct research and have deep thoughts upon which to dwell.

And he came for the students who are pleased as can be, Because the Chancellor is accessible and easy to see. Just walk out on the field, or in the café for tea, And he’s talking with students about music, baseball, tuition or some student fee.

He’s been meeting the people, introducing Marlene and himself, to potential students, parents and those who have money hid back on the shelf.

He spends time with each person and shakes every hand. ‘Cause he’s known as the “million-dollar fund-raising man.”

But even a Muse can tire from working long days and too late, So where does a Muse go when he needs to meditate? Listen real close, here’s a secret that’s true —

This Mississippi native lover of music by Elvis and the good ole down Blues?

Bill is jolly, he is confident, and he appreciates life, Despite the occasional faculty squabbles and student strife. He hears every complaint and every story of achievement as well, And he finds ways to bring forth the best in each person and in each tale.

His quiet demeanor is enchanting, and his vision is bold, He’s a real team player, and we’re happy he’s in our fold.

He came to this great school based on all he heard and read, About music, business, arts and sciences, Johnn Library, and ECU Med.

And based on what I’ve seen and what I’ve been told, Bill Muse inhales Pirate Purple and exhales Pirate Gold! And that wink in his eye and tilt of his head, Let us know that with him at the helm, ECU has a bright future ahead.

Now I’ve finished my introduction, and I’ll take my seat.

Do not stop with you. From those to whom much has been given, much is expected.

If you promise to stand and join me to warmly greet, With a big Pirate cheer and please don’t refuse, To hear the great words of our speaker—our leader—Chancellor William V. Muse.
Articles of "December Dilemma and Signaling in a Nonresilient Resource Model, by Okanune Bin (Economics), in Journal of Environmental Economics and Management.


Presentations by William Sugar (Education) with co- presenters, "Software Developers’ Attitudes to- wards User-Centered De- sign," and "Preparing for Online Public Schools: Discussion of Effective Strategies for Online Teachers and Students," at the annual meeting of the Association for Edu- cational Communications and Technology in At- lanta, Ga.

Derek Alderman and Rebecca Torres (Geogra- phy) organized two paper sessions on "Geogra- phies of Tourism," at the Southeastern Division of the Association of American Geographers meet- ing in Lexington, Ky. At the meeting Alderman presented with graduate students, "Writing on the Grassland/Wall: Ordeal Importance of Authorship in Pilgrimage Landscapes;" "Carolyn Thundey: Revised Tradition and Transition in the Geogra- phy of NASCAR;" and a poster entitled, "The Business of Naming Streets after Martin Luther King, Jr."


Presentation by Victoria Arby Kerstens-Berryman, Sarah Harrerocks, and Janie Tier (Health and Human Performance), "Reflections of First Year Graduates," at the 56 Annual Convention of the North Carolina Alliance for Athletics, Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance in Greensboro.

Presentation by Reginaid Watson (English) and James Holloway (Finance), "Race,Latitude, and Public Policy: Accertaining the Influence of Black Literature on Civil Rights Policy Between 1960 and 1990," at the Academy of Legal Studies in Business convention in Albuquerque, N.M.

Also by Watson, "The Changing Face of the Mulatto in 20th Century Literature: The White/ Jewish Mother as Tragic Mulatto Figure," at the Middle Atlantic Writers Association 22nd annual conference in Columbus, Md.

Presentation by Martha Early and Glenn Rohrer (Social Work and Criminal Justice Studies), "Men- tal Illness and Substance Abuse: Double Trouble for the Detention Officer," an all-day training seminar for detention officers from eight counties in eastern North Carolina.

Presentation by Joseph Garry (Medicine), "The Health Benefits of Physical Activity: A Neglected Topic in U.S. Medicine Education," at the Ameri- can Association of Medical Colleges, Research in Medical Education meeting at Washington, D.C.

Performances by Janisett Fishell (Music) at the St. Giles Cathedral in Scotland; St. Paul’s Cathedral in London; La Trinité Church in Paris; Basildon Friars in Venice; St. Andrew’s Cathedral in Singapore, for the Bangkok Music Society in Thailand and at churches in both Beverly and April- ia, Italy. Fishell also performed in the Ukraine, South Korea and in South Af- rica.

Presentation by Mark Taggart (Musician) at the Ten Year Celebration Concert of the Su- dowsen Saxophone Kammersorchester in Bur- mingham, England.

Taggart also conducted ensembles at the Saxo- phone Institute of Transylvania University in Lexington, Ky.

Performances by John Kramar (Music) for the World Premier Vocal Works Recital: Music of William Vollinger recital at Merkin Concert Hall; and at ‘Make Mine Mozart Festival’ at Trinity Church, New York. N.M. Kramar performed Iron/ Songs for the Tennessee Governor’s School for the Arts, and presented American Art Songs at the Samuel Barber Society’s Sixth Annual West- ern New York University Poetry Conference in Polish- vania. In Pittsburgh, Penn. Kramar performed as soloist with the Bach Choir of Philadelphia.

Performances by Jeffrey Bair (Music) as a member of the North Carolina Jazz Repertory Orchestra at the Hilbrough Arts Council in Carborro; Bair also appeared in Regency Park in Cary with the North Carolina Symphony Orchestra, and in en- semble with the Atlantic Coast Jazz Orchestra, the N.C. Jazz Repertory Orchestra and the Tar River Symphonic Band.

Performances by George Broussward (Music) as a quintet member at Garden-Wood University’s Department of Fine Arts in Bowling Springs, N.C., and with the U.S. Army Band at Fort Myer, Va.

Correction

An article co-authored by Robert Christian (Biological), “Comparison of Nitrogen Cycling in Salt Marsh Zones Related to Sea-Level Rise,” was published in the Marine Ecol- ogy Progress Series 221: 1-16. The article was inadvertently listed as a book in the Nov. 30 issue of Pieces of Eight.

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Pieces of Eight

Remembering Pearl Harbor

Developed by the Special Collections Department in Joyner Library, the Pearl Harbor 60-year anniversary exhibit, "Day of Infamy 1941 - 2001," opened on Dec. 7 and runs through July 4. The display includes historical letters, diaries, photographs, and audio recordings from Pearl Harbor survivors in seven display cases located in the Search Room and Reception area. Special Collections is the official national archive for the U.S. Naval Academy’s Class of 1941. (Photo by Tony Rumpel)

Business and Pleasure Merge at Annual Holiday Luncheon

The Chancellor’s Committee on the Status of Women held its annual holiday luncheon Dec. 5 at the Ledonia Wright Cultural Center, with approximately 26 members and guests Chancellor and Mrs. Muse in attendance. As featured speaker, Chancellor Muse commended the group for its activities, and encouraged all present to continue seeking mentoring roles to support the advancement of future leaders in the University community. Following Muse’s remarks, commit- tee members held a brief business meeting to discuss upcoming events, including a Tenure and Promotion workshop sched- uled for Feb. 15, and a March 21 Lunch and Learn program on women’s health issues.

Members are also developing a campus-wide survey that will poll opinions and awareness of the committee, while encouraging input on how future committee meetings might best meet the needs of the ECU community.

In the Spotlight

Appointments/Elections

Judy Baker (Health Education) was appointed by the Pitt County Board of Commissioners to serve a 2-year term on the Juvenile Crime Prevention Council.

NewsMakers

Reginald Watson (English) hosted the Minority Voices Television program on Cable 7, Sept. 26 and 28, and Nov. 7. September shows featured the annual Pitt County Weed and Seed Fun Day event and the November program focused on community events.

Bob Thompson (Academic Affairs) on ECU’s open house, in The Daily Reflector, Nov. 25.

Roeh Lange (Admissions) on ECU’s on-site admissions program, in The Daily Reflector, Nov. 29.

Kethen Wilson (Sociology) and Bonnie Mani (Political Science) on an employee survey of Pitt County Mental Health employees, in The Daily Reflector, Nov. 29.

John Wimmer (Medicine) in The Rocky Mount Telegram, on the birth of quadruplets at PCMH, Nov. 25.


Carson Bays (Economics) on WCTI-TV, on the recession and the local economy, Nov. 27.

Robert Tannenberg (Medicine) on the increase in rate of diabetes, in The Daily Reflector, Nov. 29.

Steven Powell (Medicine) on the N.C. News Network, on carotid artery angioplasty, Dec. 3 and 4.

Ron Newton (Biology) on research on cloning Christmas trees, in The News and Observer, Dec. 5.

Service, Honors and Professional Activities

Jeffrey Jarvis (Music) performed in an ensemble for the installation of the Episcopal Bishop for the Diocese of North Carolina in Durham.

Jama Brendel (Music) conducted an ensemble at the South Carolina American Choral Directors Association Junior High Honor Choir conference at Converse College in South Carolina.

Correction

The 'Pickering' bonus story, "A Christmas in the Spotlight," written by Judi Baker and Kathy Lowdell, was inadvertently listed as a book in the Nov. 30 issue of Pieces of Eight.

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MLK Day Programs Scheduled

Two activists from the Civil Rights Movement will address Martin Luther King Jr. commemorative programs at ECU. Victoria Jackson Gray Adams, a Mississippi native and a founder of the Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party, will speak at the MLK Birthday observance on Jan. 15, at 7 p.m. in Mendenhall Student Center’s Hendrix Theatre. Her address will follow a candlelight vigil at 6 p.m. on College Hill Drive.

Charles F. McDew will address the MLK Day program, Jan. 21. McDew, who teaches classes on the history of the civil rights movement at Metropolitan State University, was among the founders of the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) in 1960. His presentation is scheduled for 7 p.m. in the Great Room at Mendenhall Student Center.

In Memoriam

James Sunrell (formerly Health and Human Performance) died Nov. 18.
Charlotte Martin (formerly Nursing) died Nov. 20.
Willie Barnos (formerly Medicine), died Nov. 22.

Dutch Luncheon

The ECU Retired Faculty will hold its Dutch Luncheon, Jan. 3, at noon, at China 10 restaurant.