Muse Returns To Spilman

Chancellor William V. Muse, continuing a successful recuperation from bypass surgery, is back at work at his office in the Spilman Building.

Muse, who underwent surgery Jan. 7 at Pitt County Memorial Hospital to repair a coronary artery, was discharged Jan. 10. He began holding daily meetings with university officials and others at the chancellor’s residence on Fifth Street on Jan. 13.

The chancellor, addressing faculty and staff members by video at Provost William Swart’s convocation on Jan. 16, thanked well-wishers for their expressions of support and concern.

He attended the inaugural meeting of the North Carolina Board of Science and Technology in Raleigh on Jan. 31. Muse was appointed to that panel last year by Gov. Mike Easley.

Muse’s surgery was performed by Dr. J. Mark Williams and Dr. W. Randolph Chitwood Jr., both professors of surgery at the Brody School of Medicine.

Afterwards, Chitwood said the operation was a success. “We did a bypass to the one artery that was giving him trouble,” Chitwood said. “There was no other damage, and all his other coronary arteries look good. His heart is healthy.”

By Nancy McGillicuddy

Remembering King

Greg Hampton, right and Tiffany Bonaparte participate in the annual candlelight vigil marking Martin Luther King Jr. Day at Belk Residence Hall. (Photo by Marc J. Kawanishi)

A New Tradition: Provost Recommends Major Changes

Provost William Swart proposed wide-ranging changes for the university, including three-year degree options, a new engineering school and the rearranging of departments and schools to create six colleges.

The initiatives were announced Jan. 16 at the Provost’s Convocation, an assembly Swart says he hopes to hold every year with the faculty and staff.

Swart said the proposals will aid the university as it expands in stature and population over the next decade.

“One cannot continue to do things the same way and expect different results,” he said. “We have a reputation for excellence, but excellence today does not necessarily mean excellence tomorrow.”

Swart’s proposals are part of a three-year action plan that includes expanding educational opportunities, increasing productivity and increasing the efficiency of university services and operations.

Academic changes would include:

- The creation of a new engineering program:
  The program would provide a substantial boost to current levels of excellence, Swart said.

- The re-establishment of an honor code:
  Such a code would “make it very clear that we expect ethical behavior of all students,” Swart said.

- Enhancement of diversity:
  The provost emphasized that diversity among the entire university community must be increased and maintained.

Swart also described initiatives that would restructure the university’s college and schools.

Currently nine schools and one college report to the provost. Swart’s plan proposes six colleges: the College of Arts and Sciences; the College of Education; the College of Business; the College of Industry and Technology, Computer Science and Engineering; the College of Human Environmental Sciences and Social Work and Criminal Justice Studies; and the College of Art, Music, Theatre and Dance and Communication. The School of Health and Human Performance would move to the Health Sciences Division.

Swart said his goal is to align current organizations with areas of emphasis, maximize administrative efficiencies and benefit the university financially.

“These colleges would all function together,” he said.

One change would create a College of Fine and Performing Arts, consisting of the current School of Art, Music, Theatre and Dance and Communication. The School of Health and Human Performance would move to the Health Sciences Division.

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“One change would create a College of Fine and Performing Arts, consisting of the current School of Art,
University surplus computers lent to staff members to improve their chances for better jobs

By Christine Bates

Three years ago, Eric Williams was working in the Mail Services Department when he heard about a little-known program that allows staff members to borrow surplus computers from the university. Now, thanks to a large helping of hard work coupled with a borrowed computer, Williams not only has a higher-paying job, but he also is well on his way to a bachelor's degree in computer science.

Williams said the former manager of University Mail Services, Leah Holt, told him about the program because she knew he was thinking of enrolling as an ECU student, and that a computer would help him to be a better student as well as help him with future jobs at the university. Since Williams did not have a computer of his own, and could not afford to buy one at that time, he did apply for the computer loan and got it. Williams says the computer loan provided him with many opportunities he would not have otherwise had. He was able to do research for his classes, learn how to use the Internet, and teach himself software programs.

After spending three and a half years in Mail Services, Williams says, he was ready to "move up the university tree." Without the computers lent by the university, he says, he wouldn't have had the confidence to apply for higher paying jobs within the university.

Today, Williams works for Information Technology and Computer Services as a data entry specialist maintaining the tape library for operations. "I never dreamed I would end up where I am, but you have to start somewhere," he says. Williams believes he gained a lot of confidence with technology while he was using the university's surplus computer.

Williams is not the only staff member that has taken advantage of the program. Currently, 25 staff members are using computer loans lent to them by the university. The loan program is available for a one-year period to all ECU staff in pay grades 56 and below.

The loan program, a project of the Chancellor's Staff Senate, has been around for over two years. This program began as a result of the university having to purchase new computers that were not year-2000 compatible, thus sending a lot of surplus computers into the university's Department of Materials Management.

Facilities Services personnel had the original idea for the loan program because they took note of all the computers the university now had in storage: perfectly good computers that no one was using. The university started the program with 12 surplus computers and it has grown to include 25 computers.

Willie Lee, now the director of Printing and Graphics, helped to get the program going. He helped to work out a pilot program that would enable staff members to use the surplus computers for personal use. "At the time we were crossing over into a technology boom, these computers enabled a lot of lower-grade staff members to sit down and familiarize themselves with a computer; many were able to apply for promotions within the university as a result," says Lee.

Lee says many staff members do not work on computers and have little experience with them. The loan program gives them the opportunity to take the computer home and learn how to use it at their own pace.

Williams continues to learn more about technology in classes he takes at ECU and Pat Community College. Though he is happy where he is, he says he will continue to apply for higher-paying positions within the university. His dream, he says, is to open a computer business. "I'm very grateful for the university; I've been able to grow as a person and advance in my career. The university has some very nice people working for it."

To learn more about the program, visit the Computer Loan Program Web site at www.ecu.edu/staff_forum/ecomputer.htm.

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The Mysterious ‘XF’: Educational and Punitive

By Margaret Olszewski

Universities across the country are exploring new and creative responses to academic-integrity violations. Typically in universities with modified honor codes, sanctions for a first violation range from redoing the assignment to receiving an “F” in the course. Instead of simply assigning an “F” for the course, some universities developed an “XF” grading option.

A grade of “XF” denotes that a student has failed a class due to an academic integrity violation. “XF” is recorded on the student’s transcript along with a transcript notation. Transcripts issued by the University of Maryland, for example, explain that the “XF” stands for “failure due to academic dishonesty”. The grade is treated in the same manner as an “F” for the purposes of grade point average, determination of academic standing, and course repeatability.

At the University of Maryland, as described by the university’s Office of Judicial Programs, students who receive a grade of “XF” have the option to petition the Student Honor Council to have the “X” removed from their transcript. Petitions are heard by the council only if a year has elapsed since the “XF” was given, if the student has not been found responsible for another violation of academic integrity, and if at the time of the petition the student has successfully completed a non-credit course on academic integrity. Even if the petition is granted, the “F” remains a permanent part of the student’s record. This option is offered to a student only once during their college career. If a student chooses to violate academic integrity once more and is assigned an “XF,” this notation remains on the student’s transcript permanently.

Pennsylvania State University is also among schools that offer the “XF” grade option. The University Faculty Senate examined the campus community attitude toward and the school’s stance on academic integrity in recent years. In an effort to improve the climate of academic integrity, the senate proposed that the “XF” grade option be added to the spectrum of sanctions. John Cahir, vice provost and dean of undergraduate education, charged each faculty member to focus on confronting and correcting unethical behavior in the classroom. “Academic integrity is something that can be taught and ought to be learned,” Cahir said in an interview with The Digital Collegian (09/24/02), reported in the May 17, 2002 edition of the Chronicle of Higher Education.

Last year, the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill convened a task force of faculty, staff, and students to explore the possibility of incorporating the grade of “XF” as part of the university’s response to academic-integrity violations. The task force’s recommendation to the chancellor was in favor of including this sanction. It was further suggested that Chapel Hill create a three-credit course on academic integrity and ethics in academia and beyond. This course would be taught by tenured faculty members and a cross-discipline curriculum would be developed. Students who receive an “XF” would be required to take and pass this course if they wished to have the “X” removed from their transcript. The task force also proposed that the course be offered to the general student body in order to give students, who did not violate academic integrity an equal opportunity to learn about the subject.

The grade of “XF” with the option of taking the academic integrity course to remove the “X” is both educational and punitive in nature. It allows universities to express to students that academic integrity is of highest importance and that the sanctions of violating it are harsh. However, it also provides violators with opportunity for learning and thinking about making different choices in the future. As educators, we must instill in our students the notion that academic integrity and honesty are crucial to our universities not only because they are rules specified in a student handbook, but because more importantly because they represent the basic values all human beings hold sacred.

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In Memoriam

Paul Jones, father of Janine Davenport (Medicine), died Dec 28 in Greenville.
XML Makes ECU Collections Available to Many Audiences

By Nancy Mcgillicuddy

Regulars at the cherry-panelled round room of Joyner Library’s Special Collections Department will soon have new scenery — their home, office or anywhere they want. Thanks to an ongoing effort by the university community, many documents currently accessible only in the fourth-floor sanctuary will be available on-line.

The key? XML.

That’s Extensive Mark-up Language, a cousin of HTML, the basic vocabulary of the internet.

“In the future, everyone will be viewing XML,” said Diana Williams, digital projects manager at Joyner. “This is the future of the web.”

Last month, a week long XML training spoke to that future. Fifteen faculty and staff members gathered in Joyner Library for the sessions, taught by internationally acclaimed XML expert Matthew Gibson, associate director of the University of Virginia’s Electronic Text Center.

The language offers two main perks over HTML: re-purposing and user accessibility.

Re-purposing refers to the malleability of the document. A document coded in XML can be translated into dozens of formats. PDF, HTML, Palm and Microsoft reader formats are just a few examples of an XML document’s potential for new life.

“There are always new things being received,” said Williams, who attended the class. “Whatever you have done you can re-purpose.”

In addition to the nimbleness of documents, Gibson said that re-purposing allows for a bypass of certain proprietary restrictions.

“The ideas and the possibilities of this are endless,” he said. “If you have a rare book, you can digitize them and print them and guarantee there will not be hands on rare books. All without going through proprietary regulations.”

The repurposing component is also a safeguard against obsolete programs or companies that may go out of business.

“When you create data with XML, you can write simple script that will convert XML into other things down the pipe,” Gibson said. “It doesn’t matter if Microsoft reader goes out of business. As long as you have the core XML, you won’t lose the data.”

Tom Shields, an English professor and participant in the class, touted re-purposing as a way to display material in upcoming digital exhibits for the tercentennial of Bath and New Bern.

Using XML, the existing John Lawson exhibit on North Carolina history can be presented in different contexts to fit the respective audience. Relevant to users in both Bath and in New Bern, the exhibit can be molded from its base XML coding and transformed to match the audience.

“It’s displayed in different ways for different needs,” Shields said. “We just repurpose for a different audience.”

Gibson said the language opens up access to people all over the world.

“We are trying to train in how to describe electronic documents so they can be accessed, searched and displayed to users at ECU, the local area, state, county and world,” he said.

In other words:

“Now instead of having to come to special collections we can sit at home or naked in Norway — if we want to — and access documents,” he said. “It opens up the possibility for greater user accessibility.”

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‘Virtual Patient’ Program Helps Nursing Students Learn New Skills

By Nancy McGillicuddy

The same technology that helps online shoppers view virtual shopping carts will now help nursing students develop critical-thinking skills through a new computer lab software program.

Developed by ECU’s School of Nursing, the program creates virtual patients with varied health conditions.

“Based on certain health problems with which the patients are presented to students, the patients prescribe a course of treatment,” said Col. Phil Julian, a faculty member and scenario developer.

A $49,100 grant from Pitt County Memorial Hospital funded the purchase of computers and carts for a lab setting, the development of a local wireless networking environment, and the hiring of a graduate student from the Department of Computer Science to assist with software development.

The project — officially titled the “Student Nurse to RN Transition Program” — was initially created for five lab sections of an introductory nursing class. Plans are in the works to modify the program for two advanced classes.

A typical two-hour lab, taught by Julian and Anette Peery, will allow students to execute the critical-thinking skills needed during a patient visit.

Students will be assigned a simulated patient with conditions as varied as stroke, trauma or pregnancy.

After reviewing the patient’s medical history, physical examination and laboratory results, students must select a treatment.

Care doesn’t end there for the cyber patient. Students perform the recommended procedure, wait for results, record the results, and outline a plan of care for the virtual patient’s future. An instructor monitors all work.

“While this particular software application is unique to the School of Nursing, the technology behind it has been used for the last several years in gathering data from internet users, such as online stores and other sites that customize to a specific visitor,” said project coordinator Karl Faser.

“It’s a current tool used in the technology industry,” he said. “It’s used in online stores and for database-driven web sites. For example, you would encounter it when you log in to a personal customer profile and retrieve items from a saved shopping cart.”

But instead of tailoring to the consumer, ECU’s new program is geared to the student.

“Based on the student’s name, they are taken to a certain set of patients,” Julian said. “We can make it more robust and target it for students with more experience or with less experience.”

The application, which was coded by Yanhao Zhu, a graduate student from the Department of Computer Science, is praised as a collaborative effort between the School of Nursing and the virtual patient world of Pitt County Memorial Hospital.

Julian said the program will add to the School of Nursing’s clinical offerings by expanding the learning base.

“Students will continue to rotate through supervised clinical practices, but will now have a more realistic exposure to the patient’s story about how the procedures they learn impact patient progress,” he said. “The focus of the software is not to develop additional skills, but to integrate more fully concepts from different aspects of care into a comprehensive learning environment.”

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Food Literacy Training Program Offered

Individuals interested in learning more about nutrition and volunteering may attend a free program to train Food Literacy Partners from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Feb. 15 in the Rivers Building. The course will focus on food and nutrition messages identified as important for the nutritional well-being of people in eastern North Carolina.

Additional self-study (via Blackboard) is required to become a certified volunteer. Volunteers provide 20 hours of food and nutrition information to the community over the next 12 months.

Course directors are Nancy Harris (Nutrition and Hospitality Management), Annette Peery (Nursing), Kathy Kolasa and Jackie Duffy (Family Medicine). Current volunteers contribute in schools, at health fairs, at the farmers market, at church meetings and at service club meetings.

For more information, contact Duffy at 744-1388 or duffyj@mail.ecu.edu.
The snowstorm that blanketed eastern North Carolina through the Outer Banks on Jan. 23 canceled classes, but couldn't stop fun and work on the campus. Jennifer Eskridge, top photo, takes advantage of the slippery slope outside Jones Hall. Eskridge and Victoria Shaw enjoy a flaky moment in the photo at right, while members of Facilities Services plow tries to keep the street clear, lower right. Cars left in parking lots, bottom, were an invitation for free-form ice sculpture.
by Nancy Mcgillicuddy

Two ECU students spent the first few days of the new year meeting senators and representatives and learning the ropes of Washington, D.C. J.R. Hammond and Cate McCanless attended “Inside Washington ’03,” an annual seminar offered by the Washington Center.

Hammond, a sophomore philosophy major, and McCanless, a senior political science major, were among the roughly 250 political enthusiasts selected to participate in the seminar, which aims to teach students the inner workings of Washington through lectures, appointments and tours.

Students attended speeches and talked with elected representatives and others, including Rep. Howard Berman (D-Calif.), representatives from the Eagle Forum and the People for the American Way.

“Basically it provides students with an opportunity to experience Washington from the inside,” Hammond said. “The speakers were people who work inside Washington — Howard Berman, Sen. John Sanunu (R-N.H.) and congressional correspondents. It’s the people who are really in the know.”

Discussion topics included the new congress, Democratic policy, Republican policies and the historical preservation of the Senate and House.

“It was interesting to see people with different perspectives,” McCanless said, noting that the House historian’s gathering of history was challenging because the two-year re-elections tend to make the House less partial to preservation.

“The differences are interesting because it’s not really something that’s pointed out,” she said.

While students spent mornings at the scheduled talks, afternoons provided an opportunity to meet with elected officials, catch up on sightseeing or watch the proceedings of Congress.


Both students attended Dole’s pig-pickin’ celebration that followed the senator’s swearing-in ceremony.

The event was especially grand for McCanless, who worked for the Dole campaign.

“It was sort of a piece of home in an unfamiliar place,” she said of the barbeque and beach music at the senator’s party.

While Edwards wasn’t in the office for Hammond’s pop-in, his visit did land him a position with Edwards for this summer — a step in the right direction for the sophomore who hopes to attend law school and one day land a job in D.C.

McCanless, who graduates in May and plans to pursue a graduate degree, said she was able to pass out resumes and collect business cards.

In the Spotlight

Service, Honors and Professional Activities

Victor G. Arby (Health Education and Promotion) Tracy Carpenter-Arby (Social Work) were selected to serve on the Board of Directors of the Association for the Advancement of Educational Research as co-directors of marketing. AEAR membership is comprised of educational researchers from the United States and 12 Foreign Countries.

Fourth Quarter 2002 Facilities Services Award for Excellence recipients:

For Building Trades: Walter Sumerlin, for Grounds: Kenny Lewis, for School of Medicine: George Yiznyzsky, for Utilities: Richard Campbell

Housekeeper’s Award for Excellence for the 4th Quarter 2002: The following were recognized in the Devotion to Duty category: Peggy Louise Chance, Student Recreation Center; Janice Marie Wooten, Brody School of Medicine; Masco Delowet Andrews, Night Academics; and Johnny Dalton Ebron, Student Health Center.

The following individuals were voted into office with the Housekeeping Services Advisory Committee for 2003: Dorris Whichard, chairperson and Sandra “Jojo” Clark, vice-chair.

Carol A. Brown, (Librarianship, Educational Technology, and Distance Instruction) received the Award for Service to the Profession - 2002 Outstanding Researcher - First Runner Up at the Association for the Advancement of Educational Research meeting. Dec. in Pointe Verde, Fla.

Francisco Souto (Art) was awarded the Savor-Faire Award at the Boston Printmakers 2003 North American Print Biennial in Boston in December.

David Stambaugh (Copserv), Katherine Burney (Dowdy Student Store) and Linda Ashbell (Materials Management) were awarded the ECU Business Services Quest for Excellence Awards at the Business Services Winter Rally on Dec. 10. Stambaugh was presented with the Quest for Excellence “Captain Award” for dedicated customer service Burney was awarded the Quest for Excellence “Navigator Award” for her outstanding behind-the-scenes efforts. Ashbell was awarded the Quest for Excellence “First Mate” Award for consistently working with her department as a team builder.

Michelle Hairston (Music) has been named to the editorial committee of the Journal of Music Therapy.
ECU Endowment Up

The market value of ECU’s endowment grew by 8 percent to $55.3 million last year.

That placed ECU’s endowment at No. 120 out of 207 public universities in the annual report released last month by the National Association of College and University Business Officers. ECU was up from No. 125 the previous year.

Among all universities, ECU was 387 out of 654, up from 419 the year before. The NACUBO study consolidates information from the University Endowment Fund, the ECU Foundation, the Medical Foundation and the ECU Educational Foundation.

Summary information about ECU from 2002 and 2001 is in the table below.

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M O N D A Y, F E B. 10

**“From Civil House to Curing Community: A Look at Community Built Health,” a presentation and panel discussion on the volunteer program that helps provide health-care services to the small community of Tillery, N.C., 4-6 p.m., Room 101 Belk Building.**

**The Misty Isles of Scotland, Hendrix Theatre, 4 and 7:30 p.m.**

**J o n Shaw, guest soprano; J ohn Kn ar ma, baritone; Thomas Huener, Baroque Trumpet and J ohn O’Brien, A. J. Fletcher Recital Hall, free, 8 p.m.**

T U E S D A Y, F E B. 11

**Presentation: Author Edna Brodber. Room 2709 Joney, 3 p.m.**

**“The Ideal Workforce,” Room 1200 Bate, 5 p.m.**

**“Black Jeopardy,” Mendenhall, 7 p.m.**

W E D N E S D A Y, F E B. 12


**Presentation: Brig. Gen. Neil Robinson, vice commander for Air Intelligence Agency, Mendenhall Great Room, 3 p.m.**

**Presentation: Michael Harris, associate professor of art history, UNC-Chapel Hill, Speight Auditorium, 5 p.m.**

F R I D A Y, F E B. 14

Baseball: ECU vs. Western Carolina, Harrington Field, 3 p.m.

S A T U R D A Y, F E B. 15

Hungarian National Philharmonic Orchestra, Wright, 8 p.m.

Baseball: ECU vs. Western Carolina, Harrington Field, 2 p.m.

S U N D A Y, F E B. 16

Baseball: ECU vs. Western Carolina, Harrington Field, 1 p.m.

M O N D A Y, F E B. 17

**“Speech: Dr. Maurice Daniels, University of Georgia, “Unsung Heroes of the Civil Rights Era,” Room 1031 Bate, noon.”**

**Presentation: Todd L. Savitt, “A Journal of Our Own: Early Black Medical Journals in the U.S.,” Brody 20W-30, 12:30-12 p.m.”**

**“Speech: Dr. Andrew Best, “Medicine is Best,” Brody 20W-30, 12:30 p.m.”**

T U E S D A Y, F E B. 18

**Presentation: George Watson Sr., member of the original Tuskegee airmen, Room 1032 Bate, 7 p.m.”**

**Basketball: ECU men vs. DePaul, Minges, 7 p.m.”**

One Step at a Time: Get started on a walking program, learn the benefits of walking, tips on moving and more. Noon - 12:50 p.m., Student Recreational Center,

W E D N E S D A Y, F E B. 19

**ECU Baseball vs. N.C. State, Harrington Field, 5 p.m.”**

**“Black History Family Feud,” Mendenhall Great Rooms, 6 p.m.**

Deadline for submission of abstracts for the Undergraduate Research Symposium (March 21-22). Contact Michael Basman (Honors) or Paul Gepmserline (Chemistry) for information.

T H U R S D A Y, F E B. 20

**ECU Loessin Playhouse: Bacchail, by Euripides, Feb. 20-25, McGinnis, 8 p.m.”**

F R I D A Y, F E B. 21

William Yelvelton, guitarist, Fletcher, 8 p.m.

S A T U R D A Y, F E B. 22

Basketball: ECU men vs. Charlotte, Williams Arena, 7 p.m.

**A Tribute to Motown, Wright Auditorium, 8 p.m.”**

S U N D A Y, F E B. 23

**ECU Gospel Choir anniversary, Wright Auditorium, 5 p.m.”**

W E D N E S D A Y, F E B. 26

Baseball: ECU vs. Elon, Harrington Field, 3 p.m.

T H U R S D A Y, F E B. 27

**“Speech: Dr. Brian M. Dennis, Northwestern University, “Inventing Minority Report: On Building an Ubiquitous, Adaptive Newspaper,” Mendenhall Social Room, 3 p.m.”**

**“Most Def/Soul Poetry Night,” Mendenhall Social Room, 7 p.m.”**

F R I D A Y, F E B. 28

Basketball: ECU women vs. Tulane, Minges, 7 p.m.

Baseball: ECU vs. Delaware, Harrington Field, 3 p.m.

M A R C H

S A T U R D A Y, M A R C H 1

**“Conference: “Your Health - Isn’t It Time to Take It Personally?” Greenville convention center, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.”**

Baseball: ECU vs. Delaware, Harrington Field, 2 p.m.

M A R C H 2-9

Spring Break

S U N D A Y, M A R C H 2

Basketball: ECU women vs. Tulane, Minges, 7 p.m.

Baseball: ECU vs. Delaware, Harrington Field, 1 p.m.

T U E S D A Y, M A R C H 4

Baseball: ECU vs. William & Mary, Harrington Field, 3 p.m.

W E D N E S D A Y, M A R C H 5

**Basketball: ECU School of Music faculty, with the Greenville Choral Society Children’s Choir, the ECU Symphonic Chorus, and the Percussion Ensemble, present Carl Griff’s Carmina Burana, 7 p.m.”**

S A T U R D A Y, M A R C H 8

Basketball: ECU vs. Appalachian State, Harrington Field, 1 p.m.

S U N D A Y, M A R C H 9

Basketball: ECU vs. Appalachian State, Harrington Field, 1 p.m.

W E D N E S D A Y, M A R C H 12

Broadcast concert: Jeffrey J. Arvis, tuba, and Alisa Gilliam, piano, perform works by Bach, Hindemith, and others, 7 p.m.


The School of Music concerts will be broadcast each Wednesday, 7 p.m., Public Radio East, 89.3 New Bern, 88.1 Greenville, 90.3 Goldston and Goldsboro, and 91.5 Morehead City.

Robert Ebenford, Belk Distinguished Professor in the School of Art, has a retrospective exhibition, “The Jewelry of Robert Ebendorf,” through March 9 at the Gallery of Art and Design at North Carolina State University.

School of Education Expands Partnership East

The School of Education at East Carolina University has received almost $166,000 from the University of North Carolina system to expand teacher education programs throughout eastern North Carolina. The funds will help the School of Education expand its “Partnership East” program, which is designed to put more teachers in the classroom by making a four-year education degree available at community colleges throughout the region.

The School of Education plans to create a North Central Consortium to serve Edgecombe, Franklin, Northampton, Vance, Warren, Wilson and Nash counties. People in those areas would be able to take all the courses needed for a bachelor’s degree in elementary education at the Rocky Mount campus of Edgecombe Community College.

University Investigates Housing, Dining Allegations

East Carolina University officials are conducting an intensive investigation of allegations involving university housing and dining operations. The investigation was initiated on Jan. 2 in response to allegations and evidence provided to university officials, University Attorney Ben Irons said. Irons said ECU also has reported certain allegations to the State Bureau of Investigative Housing, Dining Allegations in accordance with state procedures.

The complaints include allegations of embezzlement from the university and solicitation of gifts from vendors. "It is important to respond quickly and thoroughly to these complaints," Irons said. "East Carolina is determined to take whatever steps are necessary to maintain the confidence of the university community and the public in our operations."
On Campus

Institutional Planning, Research and Effectiveness

The Office of Planning and Institutional Research has a new name and a new address. It is the Office of Institutional Planning, Research and Effectiveness. This new name reflects changes in PIR’s responsibilities and the transfer of functions to the office. Campus Space Planning, the Office of Research, Assessment and Testing, and the Office of Institutional Effectiveness have now been added to PIR’s former responsibilities.

IPRE is now located in Building 165 at 209 E. Third Street, next door to ITCS.

Robert J. Thompson is the director of the office, and Joanne Tyson is the computing consultant. Within the office, the divisions and their personnel are:

- Institutional Research and Testing: Kris Smith, director; James Kleckley, associate director; Petual Satterfield; Barbara Patterson; and Valerie Glass.
- Institutional Effectiveness: Michael Poteat, director; and Charles Rich, associate director.
- Campus Space Planning: Bruce Flye, director; and Kim Higdon.

Two additional changes have been made in the Office’s responsibilities. First, the office has been charged with serving as the official liaison for the university with SACS. IPRE is thus charged with coordinating ECU’s interactions with SACS and serving as the repository for the resulting reports.

Second, IPRE has assumed responsibility for the administration of the Faculty Publications Database.

New Faces at REDCE

Several new appointments have been announced in the Division of Research, Economic Development and Community Engagement:

- Ronald Nowaczyk, chair of the Department of Psychology, has been appointed associate vice chancellor for community engagement. He will make the transition from Psychology to his new position over the spring semester.
- Donald Easley has been named assistant vice chancellor for community engagement. In addition, he will continue to spend about half his time as a faculty member in the School of Allied Health and for the immediate future will continue as chair of Community Health.

David Balch, former director of the Center for Health Sciences Communication, has been appointed director of Telehealth Research and Development.

Brown Promoted to Medical Bookstore Manager

Sue Brown has been promoted to manager of the Medical Bookstore at the Brody School of Medicine. She has been with the Dowdy Student Stores since 1985 where she began in the accounting department as head cashier. She became merchandise manager in 1997 at the Dowdy Student Stores east campus location in the Wright Building.

Muller Moves to Provost’s Office

Dorothy Muller, former dean of Undergraduate Studies, has been named assistant to the provost. Other functions in Undergraduate Studies have been reassigned as part of Provost William Swart’s administrative reorganization.

A New Tradition: Provost Recommends Major Changes

School of Music, Department of Communication and Broadcasting and the Department of Theatre and Dance:

Swart cited four reasons for the proposal: marketing, fund raising, faculty usage and strategic planning.

“They join together so that we can more efficiently market the arts,” he said.

Mike Dorsey, dean of the School of Art and interim dean of the School of Music, said the proposals would benefit the arts, particularly with regard to fundraising.

“The integration of communications and broadcasting is an opportunity that appeals to me,” he said.

“That’s a very accurate campaign.”

Dorsey said the proposal could offer the arts more publicity, citing the public educational channel as a resource.

“There is a natural pollination that occurs between visual arts and communications,” he said.

Swart also proposed a new college to house the current School of Industry and Technology, the Department of Computer Science and the proposed School of Engineering.

Swart’s plan also would combine the Carolyn Freeze School of Social Work and Criminal Justice Studies with the School of Human Environmental Sciences to create a college.

In addition, the School of Education and the School of Business would each become colleges.

The College of Arts and Sciences would remain in its current form, minus the Department of Theatre and Dance. The School of Computer Science and Communication would be dissolved.

The university community will have an opportunity to provide feedback to the administration before any changes are completed.

Bob Morrison, chair of the faculty, said the Faculty Senate “will be involved in making recommendations of any reorganization changes, changes in curriculum, changes affecting personnel, academic units, personnel policies and procedures.”

Morrison said his overall reaction to the proposals was positive.

“I think he’s got a broad vision of where the university should go,” he said of the provost.

Chancellor William V. Muse, still recovering from heart surgery, addressed the convocation via video.

“ECU continues to grow in size and in quality and national stature,” Muse said. “But to do that we have to change. To me, change is exciting. But to others it may be frightening. But change we must.”

Swart and Muse encouraged all faculty and staff to provide feedback on the changes. Three town meeting-style forums for comment were scheduled for the Mendenhall student Center 221. The two remaining meetings will take place at 11:30 a.m. Feb. 14 and 3 p.m. Feb. 26.

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