Center Charts New Course

The Ledonia Wright Cultural Center has expanded its mission to meet campus and community needs in a global society.

By Joy Holster

O the horizon, racing toward its goal, a small craft has caught the wind and is in full sail. Navigating toward multicultural awareness and acceptance for all, with the enthusiastic Nell Lewis at its helm, the Ledonia Wright Cultural Center has charted a new course.

Since Lewis’s arrival nine months ago, the Center has experienced numerous transformations, including an expansion of its mission to include visitors of all cultural backgrounds. Staff members at the center have increased, and are from diverse backgrounds as well.

In addition, Lewis said, a great deal of effort and campus cooperation has coalesced in the past few months to create a physical environment that promotes in visitors of all heritages the feeling that “I really belong here. There is a special place here for me.”

In this atmosphere, the Center staff works to foster cultural self-discovery as well as recognition, understanding and acceptance of other cultures by offering diverse educational and social opportunities through programming, inter-cultural activities, and multicultural literature and fine arts. The Center also actively promotes “communiversity,” utilizing the Center and its resources to link the campus and the community.

Although the Center had been in its present location (Bloxtone House) since 1995, Lewis discovered soon after arriving at ECU that her first priority was publicity for the center. “In my first few weeks here,” she said, “as I walked across campus, I would randomly introduce myself and lead into a conversation about the Cultural Center. I was surprised to learn that many I spoke with were not even certain of the Center’s location.” A resulting informational brochure and other efforts to promote the center drew positive reaction.

Once the community located the Center, Lewis wanted them to return again and again. So she set out creating an environment to make visitors feel comfortable. In doing so, Lewis was about to discover the generosity of the ECU community toward her efforts.

Support for the Center’s efforts have been phenomenal,” she said. “I can’t even begin to name all our benefactors, because everyone I have approached for help has come through.”

Lewis has been amazed by the friendliness and generosity at ECU from the first day she arrived on campus. “It’s been the longest honeymoon you could ever imagine,” she said.

Joyner Library, for instance, collaborated with the Center to develop a reading room with furnishings and first-rate cultural resources. The Center’s reading room now receives approximately 41 magazines and newspapers in numerous languages, representing a diversity of cultures including Arabic, Asian, Hispanic, Native American, African American and Chinese. Over 100 books are available for students to check out and more will be added in the future. The library also furnished bookcases and desks, as well as magazine, newspaper and brochure racks to house the collection.

The Microtechnology Center donated computers for workstations and a networkable printer so that students can have a comfortable, quiet area to research and study. In the fall semester, fourteen workstations were installed.

The Department of Housing donated a dorm-sized refrigerator and microwave, completing a cozy kitchen much like many students would enjoy at home. Adding to the ambiance at the Center, the School of Music sent over a piano. The BB&T Center for Leadership Development

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Muse Picked To Lead ECU

By John Durham

Dr. William V. Muse, president of Auburn University, has been named the new chancellor of East Carolina University.

Muse’s selection as the university’s ninth chief executive was announced Thursday (Feb. 8) by University of North Carolina President Molly Corbett Broad and confirmed by the UNC Board of Governors. Muse attended the board meeting and planned to be at ECU Friday.

His selection caps a nine-month search that began after Dr. Richard Eakins, chancellor since 1987, announced in April that he plans to retire this year.

Muse has been president of Auburn since 1992. It is the largest university in Alabama, enrolling more than 22,000 students on the main campus in Auburn, and more than 5,300 in Montgomery. Auburn is a land-grant university with a total budget of $400 million.

During his presidency Muse has led initiatives to enable more students to graduate within four years, to develop high-visibility interdisciplinary research programs, and to increase the university’s endowment from $30 million to $250 million. Auburn recently completed a $201 million capital campaign. He is the president of the Southeastern Conference, in which Auburn’s athletic teams compete.

From 1984-92, Muse served as president of the University of Akron, the third-largest university in Ohio with a total enrollment of about 30,000 students. At Akron, he provided leadership for significant gains in the enhancement of academic programs, growth in minority enrollment, expansion of private fund raising, and increased recognition of the university.

A native of Mississippi, Muse received a B.S. degree in accounting from Northwestern State University in

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Gala Marks Campaign, Eakin Era

A Saturday night event at the Greenville Hilton will celebrate the success of the East Carolina Scholars Campaign and honor the administration of Richard and Jo Ann Eakin. On this page are some of the photographs by Tony Rumple that will be displayed during the event to illustrate the Eakins’ tenure, and a report on the success of the campaign.

Joyner Library Groundbreaking

Rolling Up His Sleeve

Moving In

Scholars Campaign Surpasses Goal

The Campaign for East Carolina Scholars has surpassed its $15 million goal and will hold a victory celebration for volunteers and donors Saturday (Feb. 10) at the Hilton Inn Greenville.

The 2 1/2-year campaign generated a total of $15.3 million in gifts and pledges that will be used to create 182 new merit scholarships for undergraduate and graduate students.

The victory gala Saturday is also a celebration of the Eakin era at ECU, marking the administration of Chancellor Richard Eakin, who plans to retire this year after 14 years as the campus chief executive.

The fund-raising effort, a joint project between the ECU Foundation and the Medical Foundation of ECU, had an original goal of $12 million by June 30, 2001. The target was later revised to $15 million by the end of 2000.

Faculty and staff gifts to the campaign totaled nearly $300,000.
Just a Mouse Click Away

By Bryan Edge

The world of Telemedicine awaits at the touch of a mouse, with the new web page developed at the Center for Health Sciences Communication (CHSC). Created by multi-media specialist Doug Barnum, the site provides a virtual panoramic tour of the CHSC Telemedicine Laboratory. Providing a close-up look at the sophisticated technologies in use at the lab, the tour is available at www.telemed.med.ecu.edu/pan.

The tourist negotiates the laboratory by clicking and dragging a mouse. Specific items in the lab may be selected for more detailed information.

According to Barnum, “the panorama is actually a series of still images stitched together by the computer software.” Each of the still images must overlap, so that the software has a basis upon which to stitch. The linkages that provide pop-up windows with detailed information were complex to set up, said Barnum. “But a lot more thought went into determining the exact content of those pop-up windows.” He compared the creative process to test-taking. “Setting up linkages was like dealing with multiple-choice questions; developing content was like answering essay questions,” he said.

ECU’s Telemedicine Center provides medical care from a distance through the use of interactive videoconferencing technologies. New technologies in use include an electronic stethoscope, which allows physicians to examine patients from miles away.

Since initiation of interactive telemedicine consultations in 1992, close to 7,000 consultations have taken place at the Center. The work of the Center allows patients in rural eastern North Carolina access to specialty care in over 30 medical fields. The virtual tour of the center allows anyone with a computer and a mouse the opportunity to see the technologies that make all this possible.

For additional information contact Doug Barnum at barnumd@mail.ecu.edu.

Bryan Edge is a staff member at the Center for Health Sciences Communication.

Ringeisen Leaves in April

Richard Ringeisen, vice chancellor for academic affairs, will resign in April to become chancellor of the University of Illinois, Springfield.

Ringeisen, who came to ECU from Old Dominion University in 1996, has guided the development of new academic programs such as the School of Computer Science and Communication and the explosive use of innovative technology on campus as well as in distance education.

As the chief academic officer, he also oversees the library, enrollment management and international programs.

UIS is the newest campus in the University of Illinois. It has about 4,000 students, is expected to grow by 50 percent or more in the near future and offers undergraduate and graduate degrees in 43 areas.

The UIS chancellorship is “an incredible opportunity,” Ringeisen said. “It was clear to me that UIS is on the go and ready for the next step. This is a rare opportunity to leave ‘footprints in the sand, a once-in-a-lifetime chance,” he said.

Chancellor Richard Eakin said, “The University of Illinois at Springfield is poised to grow and develop in new directions. Rich Ringeisen is very well suited by virtue of his experience here and on other campuses to provide the leadership required.”

Ringeisen praised the faculty, administration and students at East Carolina. “ECU is a marvelous institution,” he said. “The faculty members are exceptionally productive and innovative, and I am proud to have spent nearly five years being associated with them.”

He earned his bachelor of science in biology from Rhodes College in Memphis, Tenn., and his doctorate in biochemistry from Duke University.

Allied Health Sciences Dean Accepts New Position

Harold P. Jones, dean of the School of Allied Health Sciences since March, 1992, has accepted a position as dean of the School of Health Related Professions at the University of Alabama in Birmingham. He will leave ECU in April.

During his tenure at ECU, Jones was instrumental in increasing enrollment by more than 70 percent and creating a doctoral program in Communication Sciences and Disorders. Under Jones’s leadership, the first state-supported physician assistant program in North Carolina was developed.

He earned his bachelor of science in biology from Rhodes College in Memphis, Tenn., and his doctorate in biochemistry from Duke University.

Medical Students to Present Readers’ Theater

Students at the Brody School of Medicine will present readers’ theater performances of two stories about euthanasia and physician-assisted suicide on Feb. 20 at 7 p.m. in St. Paul’s Episcopal Church Parish Hall, and on Feb. 27 at 12:30 p.m. in Room 2W-50, Brody Building. The readers’ theater program provides an opportunity to hear dramatizations about health-related issues, followed by a discussion of the issues with the cast, made up of future physicians from the School of Medicine. The program lasts approximately one hour and admission is free. For more information, contact Todd Savitt at 816-2797.

Wireless Ethernet Tested on Campus

With University Housing, Information Technology and Computing Services (ITCS) announced that Jarvis Hall is one of the first buildings on campus with Wireless Ethernet, in addition to the traditional ethernet connection in student rooms.

Jarvis is serving as the pilot for adding wireless ethernet to other residence halls. ITCS staff have also been busy with the installation of a network firewall for ECU’s administrative mainframe, completed in Dec., 2000. Significantly enhancing the security of future physicians from the School of Medicine. The program lasts approximately one hour and admission is free. For more information, contact Todd Savitt at 816-2797.

Athletics Hosts Faculty/Staff Appreciation Day

The ECU Athletic Department would like to invite all faculty and staff to attend Lady Pirate Basketball, Sunday, Feb. 11. Minges Coliseum will be rocking when the Lady Pirates host conference foe James Madison at 2:00 p.m. ECU faculty and staff attend free with ID card. Present ID card to the Minges Ticket Office the day of the game. For more information call 328-4530.

Muse Will Lead ECU

He is the author of three books and numerous articles in the areas of higher education, management, and marketing.

Muse was one of four finalists recommended for the chancellor position by a 15-member search committee that was appointed last May. The committee would not disclose the names of the other finalists, but they were identified in published reports as Dr. William Sederburg, president of Ferris State University in Michigan; Dr. Marcellette Williams, deputy chancellor of the University of Massachusetts at Amherst; and Dr. Lawrence J. Korb, vice president and director of studies at the Council on Foreign Relations.

For more information on Muse and pictures from his announcement, please see www.news.ecu.edu.

East Carolina University
ECU Police Department Focuses on Prevention

By Joy Holster

The campus looks different from the inside of an ECU patrol car.

The architecture is the same, as is the landscaping and the rush of students hurrying to and from their classes. But the view changes.

What was once an overlooked emergency blue light, becomes an ailing student's quested by a staff member to deter crime.

What was once perceived as shrubbery pruned low to the ground, becomes preventive maintenance re-view changes.

The view changes, because the focus from inside the ECU patrol car is on crime prevention.

A Unique Environment

According to ECU Police Officer Chad Miller, police work in the campus environment is primarily about deterring crime. “It’s more of a friendly, family-type atmosphere where the officer focuses on crime prevention,” as opposed to a city policeman who is involved in seeking out and arresting offenders.

It takes a special individual to understand and work in the university environment, Police Department Director and Chief Teresa Crocker said. “But we are able to hire outstanding people, because of our reputation. There is not another department of this caliber in the state.”

The department has 46 full-time sworn officers, 10 part-time reserve officers for special events, 4 full-time support service staff, 10 – 20 student patrol officers, 10 telecommunications officers and 8 civilian library staff.

A primary focus on crime prevention includes numerous activities to deter crime. One of the most time-consuming is patrolling – either by car, on foot or by bicycle.

The officers patrol the grounds of all property owned or leased by ECU and any street adjacent to that property. This includes property as far away as Firetower Road for East Campus officers, and the Voice of America Sites for officers at the Brody School of Medicine’s campus.

Reporting Regulations

In addition to the full time job of crime prevention, the Police Department is faced with meeting new, time-consuming and continually changing federal regulations about reporting campus crimes.

To meet some of these requirements the department has begun notifying employees and students by e-mail when crimes occur on campus and in surrounding areas. The East Carolinian also carries reports of campus crimes.

According to Crocker, part of the problem inherent in the new regulations is that because of close proximity to the campus, areas of Greenville where the crime rate is very high must be included in the statistics.

While this might provide valuable information to individuals seeking off-campus housing, it results in a false impression of core campus crime activity.

In reality, Crocker said, the biggest crime problem on campus is larceny, often caused by items left unsecured.

A Shared Responsibility

Despite the best efforts of a top-rated police department, crime still does occur. Each member of the ECU community, Crocker said, shares a responsibility for his or her own safety.

“Per capita, ours is a safe campus,” she said. And because of that, students and employees tend to feel safe and trusting.

But it’s important to remember that crime does occur on-campus just as it takes place off-campus.

“Many victims of crime become victims because they were distracted and not paying attention to their surroundings. Our top priority is to pay attention.”

Most campus crimes, Crocker said, are committed by individuals off-campus who mistakenly believe that ECU staff, faculty and students are an easy target.

But, just as familiarity engenders a sense of belonging and who doesn’t, alert employees may also sense when a situation isn’t right. Crocker encourages employees to act on those suspicions, and contact the police department.

“If it looks suspicious, it probably is,” she said. Controlling campus crime is a responsibility that extends to all members of the ECU community.

Working to Prevent Campus Crime

Listed are some of the programs initiated by the ECU Police Department to deter crimes.

Staff and Faculty Eyes

(S.A.F.E.): Faculty or staff members are selected in each building. The captain meets weekly with ECU Officers relay any potential problems within the building.

Residence Hall Liaison Program: Two officers assigned to each dormitory offer monthly information programs for students. They also attend dormitory events and resident advisor meetings.

Emergency Blue Light Telephones: Situated throughout the campus, the blue light phones are not just for dire situations, but for any time an ECU employee or student feels the need for a police presence.

Escort Service: Police officers provide escorts for students, faculty and staff whenever they may feel unsafe. Student patrol officers operate a van after 5 p.m. to escort students as needed.

Surveillance Cameras: In parking lots remote from central campus, cameras allow the ECU dispatcher to keep an eye on valuable property.

Educational Programs: Safety and crime prevention is an important topic in all orientation sessions. A new program instituted by crime prevention coordinator Sergeant Larry Gale offers faculty the opportunity to request his presence in their classes, to present a 10 – 15 minute program on safety issues.

Walk-Throughs: In addition to patrolling, the vehicle, each officer is assigned 5 buildings on campus, which he walks through each day, floor by floor.

The walk-through is useful for spotting suspicious activity, and assists in times of emergency by allowing the officer to gain familiarity with the physical characteristics of campus buildings and to develop friendships with the building’s occupants.

East Carolina University
James L. Witt Keynotes Coastal Hazards Conference

By George Threewitts

A n ECU conference being planned for the spring will attract national experts to look at issues such as global warming, sea level rise and the hazards caused by floods and hurricanes in eastern North Carolina.

Among these experts is James Lee Witt, the outgoing head of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). Conference organizers said this week that Witt would be one of the keynote speakers for the Coastal Hazards Conference May 23 - 25.

Witt was FEMA’s director from April 1993 to January of this year. “He has provided high quality leadership as director of FEMA during an era of very frequent and very damaging natural disasters,” said Ronald Mitchelson (Geography), conference co-chair.

He’s an excellent choice as a keynote speaker because he provides a rare combination of experiences in both Washington, D.C., and eastern North Carolina, and knows these two realms very well,” said Mitchelson.

The two-and-a-half day event entitled “In the Aftermath of Hurricane Floyd: Recovery in the Coastal Plain,” will be held in Mendenhall Student Center. The conference will discuss recovery efforts that followed the devastating hurricane of 1999. It will consider advances in research on coastal plain hazards and will address two major areas — the sociopolitical context of hazards related decision making in the coastal plain and the relevant public health and welfare issues.

Other conference speakers and panel participants include Jeff Hyland of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Kent Bansford of Physicians for Social Responsibility, Billy Ray Hall of the N.C. Rural Center, Gavin Smith of the N.C. Department of Emergency Management and Eric Noji of the Center for Disease Control.

Witt is listed as one of possibly two high-profile speakers. As the FEMA director, he coordinated the response and recovery activities of 28 federal agencies and departments, the American Red Cross and other voluntary agencies.

He has led FEMA through 348 major disasters in 50 states and territories. He is credited for reorganizing FEMA into a pro-active customer-focused agency for which the agency earned the Innovations in American Government award in 1996 from the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University.

“He has championed a movement toward mitigation of damages associated with natural disasters and most of us find this preventive approach far superior to the traditional reactionary approach,” said Mitchelson.

James L. Witt Keynotes Coastal Hazards Conference

Willetz Promotes Healing Power of Literature

By Joy Holster

“Doctor, have you read any good books lately?” It’s not a common question to ask of one’s physician, but according to ECU English professor Gay Wilentz, it’s a question to be considered.

In her new book, Healing Narratives, Women Writers Curing Cultural Dis-ease, Wilentz promotes the healing potential of literature, as she examines five women writers whose protagonists make progress toward wellness by reconnecting with the culture to which they were born, and by accepting the healing traditions of that culture.

According to Wilentz, both the individual and entire cultures can become “dis-eased” mentally and physically when the individual does not accept and integrate his or her heritage, or when entire cultures are subjected to a history of domination or abuse. According to Wilentz, “to be well, one needs to be well culturally.” She states in the book, “Being well personally is associated with being in touch with oneself and one’s heritage, however complicated.”

Willetz follows the narratives of authors Toni Cade Bambara, Ema Boder, Leslie Marmon Silko, Keri Hulme and Jo Sinclair in their writings of the African American, Jamaican, Native American, Maori, and Jewish cultures. In each narrative, an individual turns his back on his heritage, and becomes unwell. The novels take the reader through the process of accepting one’s culture and heritage, while moving back toward wellness through the healing traditions of that culture.

Willetz also examines the historic role of women as healers who focus on the person as a whole, the “unity of body, emotion, mind and spirit.” While modern medicine has traditionally turned away from the practice of incorporating healing methods disassociated with science, Wilentz notes new alternative medical practices are returning to the focus on healing through more spiritual and holistic approaches. Her research suggests that an examination of an individual’s illness is incomplete without an understanding of the individual’s heritage. She believes that there are implications in literature for improving modern medicine by regaining and re-examining the traditions historically preserved by women.

In the healing traditions of the cultures examined in Wilentz’s book, the power of the spoken word is essential to the healing process. Sacred words, chants, incantations and storytelling itself have the power to heal. In providing a narrative of these healing traditions, each novel itself becomes a part of the healing process. Through literature, the authors are offering solutions for curing the culturally ill.

Willetz hopes her book may also promote solutions, by provoking its readers to examine the “cultural basis of illness, the holistic nature of healing and the writer’s role in reviving more inclusive strategies for healing ourselves, our communities and the planet.”

Melody Graulich, editor of Western American Literature, describes Wilentz’s book as an “original and insightful study.” According to Lisa Paravissi Gebert, co-editor of Sacred Possessions: Vodou, Santeria, Obeah, and the Caribbean (Rutgers University Press), the book is an “authoritative, ground-breaking study…a must-read for anyone interested in the ways healing cultures around the world have opened avenues for women’s creativity and empowerment through healing practices and narrative.”

A professor of English, Wilentz is also director of ethnic studies at ECU and visiting professor at the University of Belize. She is working on a cultural study on African Americans and Jews in the 1920s through an exploration of the friendship of Zora Neale Hurston and Fannie Hurst. Wilentz is developing an anthology of Belizean women writers.

Public Lecture by Festus Eribo (Communication and Broadcasting) on his forthcoming book, *In Search of Greatness: Russia’s Communications with Africa and the World*, and a lecture on "Press Freedom and New Media in Africa," at the University of Georgia – Athens.

Presentation, by Ellen Arnold (English, Ethnic Studies and Women’s Studies), "Word(s) into Words: Transfigurations in the Poetry of Carter Revard," at the Western Literature Association meeting in Norman, Okla.

Presentation by Marc Kwein (Communication and Broadcasting), "90 Seconds to Air: Elements Involving with Produced a National Live Sports Broadcast," to the Oklahoma Association of Broadcasters in Stillwater. Videography and post-production assistance from Michael Myles (Health Sciences, Medicine).

Members of the Staff Forum Recognition and Rewards Committee meet regularly to work together on staff recognition programs. Left to right, they are Tony Sanders (ex-officio member, Human Resources), Sandy Pravica and Vicky Morris. (Photo by Tony Rumpole)

**Staff Forum Names Officers**

The ECU Staff Forum held its first meeting of the term Jan. 11, during which new members were welcomed and the Executive Committee members were elected.

Elected chair, vice chair and secretary, respectively, for the 2001 Chancellor’s Staff Forum were David Batts (Research and Graduate Studies), Edna Hodges (Health Sciences) and Connie Duke (Academic Affairs).

New subcommittees were also formed and members are as follows: Communications Committee: Chair, William Dawson (Academic Affairs), Members, Administration and Finance staff Richard Campbell, Willie Lee, Lisa Pitman and Patrick Sherrard.

Compensation and Benefits Committee: Chair, Larry Donley (Academic Affairs), Members, Nora Case (Administration and Finance), Linda Leggett (Athletics), Pam Lanier (Administration and Finance) and Jamie Whitehurst (Student Life).

Diversity Committee: Chair, Marvin Whitehurst (Health Sciences), Members, Susan Hisle (Academic Affairs), Dennis McGee (Administration and Finance) and Health Sciences staff Marvin Whitehurst and Ramona Williams.

**Personnel Policies and Procedures Committee:** Chair, Jeffrey Bair (Health Sciences), Members, Mary Daniels (Medical Records), Linda Schwarz (Health Sciences) and Donnie Strickland (Administration and Finance).

Recognition and Rewards Committee: Acting Chair, Vicky Morris (Institutional Advancement). Members, Sandy Pravica (Chancellor’s Area), and Delores Reeves (Health Sciences).

Bylaws Committee: Chair, Willie Lee (Administration and Finance).

Members, Vicky Morris (Institutional Advancement), and Administration and Finance Staff Pam Lanier, Dennis McGee and Donnie Strickland.

The Staff Forum was developed to promote communication between the staff of the university and administration, faculty and students. Subcommittees meet at least once a month to work on specific issues within the realm of the forum. Non-voting ex-officio advisors from various departments work with each committee.

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**Campus Libraries Join Forces**

by Bryna Cooin and Jan Lewis

A recent joint purchase by the Joyner Library System and the William E. Laupus Health Sciences Library provides desktop access to the full text of more than 800 journals published or distributed by the Elsevier Science publishing company. *Science Direct* journal coverage is strongest for biology, chemistry, geology, marine science, mathematics, medicine and physics, but numerous other disciplines are also represented.

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**Presentations**

Presentation by David Balch (Telemedicine Center), “Next Generation Internet Biomedical Research,” at the Medicine Meets Virtual Reality Conference in Newport Beach, Calif.

Performance by Jazz Ensemble A, at the 2001 Southern Division Music Educators National Convention in Louisville, Ky. Performers included School of Music students. School of Music faculty Jeffrey Bair, George Brousard, Eve Cornelius, Carroll Dashiell Jr. (ensemble director), Paul Taroff, and Joe Kaliniker.

Presentation by John Whitehead (Economics), “Can Stated Preference Data Be Used to Predict Actual Behavior,” at the Allied Social Science Association meeting in New Orleans, La.


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**Publications**


Chapter by Kris Smith (Student Life) and former colleague Peter Mather, "Best Practices in Student Affairs Research," in New Directions in Institutional Research: Doing Student Affairs Research to Facilitate Student Learning.


Music by Mike Hamer (English) for a children’s musical, *Melvin the Pelican*, book by S. Froehner of Duke, lyrics by Froehner and Hamer.

Article by Scott Lecce (Geography), “Spatial Variations in the Timing of Annual Floods in the Southeastern United States,” in *Journal of Hydrology*.

Article by Sharon Ballard (Child Development and Family Relations) with co-author, "Gender Comparisons of University Students’ Perceived Relevance of Human Sexuality Topics," in *Journal of Family and Consumer Sciences*.

Article by Rosina Chia (Industry and Technology) with two Chinese collaborators at the Chinese Academy of Sciences, “Chinese Implicit Leadership Theory,” in *The Journal of Social Psychology*.


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**Employees Awarded**

Business Services named three employees as Spotlighted Employees of the quarter. Noted for their commitment and dedication to ECU were Diane Rogers (Dowdy Student Store), Christy Sims (University Printing and Graphics) and Fay Gilbert (Fixed Assets/Central Receiving).

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FEBRUARY
FRIDAY
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Baseball, ECU vs. Western Carolina, Harrington Field, 3 p.m.
Lecture, Evon Streeterman, Speight Auditorium, 5 p.m. Reception follows.
Women’s Basketball, ECU vs. George Mason, Minges, 7 p.m.
Blockbuster Film: Almost Famous, Hendrix, 7:30 p.m. (through 2/10)
East Carolina Playhouse, Spring’s Awakening, McGehee Theatre, 8:00 p.m. (through Feb. 13, Sunday at 2:00 p.m.)
SATURDAY
10
Baseball, ECU vs. Western Carolina, Harrington Field, 1 p.m.
Men’s Basketball, ECU vs. American, Minges, 7 p.m.
S. R. Alexander Performing Arts Series, Bolshoi Symphony Orchestra, Wright Auditorium, 8:00 p.m.
SUNDAY
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Baseball, ECU vs. Western Carolina, Harrington Field, 1 p.m.
Women’s Basketball, ECU vs. James Madison, Minges, 2 p.m.
Faculty Recital, Charles Bath, piano, Joanne Bath, violin, Fletcher, 3 p.m.
Blockbuster Film: Almost Famous, Hendrix, 3 p.m.
Blockbuster Film: Almost Famous, Hendrix, 7:30 p.m.
Mercury Cinema, Bamboozled, Hendrix, 7:30 p.m.
MONDAY
12
Sweetheart’s Valentine’s Day Buffet, 11:30 a.m. – 2 p.m., Mendenhall Multi-purpose Room, $7.95. (through Feb. 14)
WEDNESDAY
14
Mercury Cinema: Seven, Hendrix, 7:30 p.m.
Second Annual Valentine’s Soiree, Carolina Ballroom, Hilton, 7 p.m. – 10 p.m.
ECU School of Music Broadcast, Clarinet Conference Recital, WTEB, 8 p.m.
THURSDAY
15
Percussion Players, Jonathan Wacker, director, Fletcher Recital Hall, 8 p.m.
Mercury Cinema: Seven, Hendrix, 10 p.m.
Blockbuster Film: Meet the Parents, Hendrix, 7:30 p.m. (through 2/17)
FRIDAY
16
Baseball, ECU vs. Siena, Harrington Field, 3 p.m.
Clarinet Conference, Nathan Williams, director (through Feb. 17) Recital: Michael Lowensnern, Fletcher, 8 p.m.
Jazz at Night, Mendenhall, 8 p.m.
SATURDAY
17
Baseball, ECU vs. Siena, Harrington Field, 1 p.m.
Clarinet Conference with Clarinet Studio Recital and Guest Artist Recital, Michael Lowensnern, Fletcher, 8 p.m.
Men’s Basketball, ECU vs. UNC-Wilmington, Minges, 7 p.m.
SUNDAY
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Baseball, ECU vs. Siena, Harrington Field, 1 p.m.
Blockbuster Film: Meet the Parents, Hendrix, 3 p.m.
Mercury Cinema: Seven, Hendrix, 7:30 p.m.
ECU Symphony Orchestra, Douglas Morrison, conductor, Wright, 3 p.m.
MONDAY
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ECU Medical School Readers Theater, “Merry” and “A Question of Mercy,” St. Paul’s Episcopal Parish Hall, 7 p.m.
Symphonic Band and Concert Band, Chris Knighten, conductor, Wright, 8 p.m.
Abraham and Mary Lincoln: A House Divided, documentary featuring David Long (History), on PBS (through Feb. 19)
WEDNESDAY
21
Step Afrika, Hendrix, 7 p.m.
ECU School of Music Broadcast, ECU Combined Choruses, WTEB, 8 p.m.
THURSDAY
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Faculty Recital: Colin Andrews, organ, St. Paul’s Episcopal Church, 7:30 p.m.
Women’s Basketball, ECU vs. UNC-Wilmington, Minges, 7 p.m.
Black History Month Concert, A Tribute to Motown Records, Carroll Dashile Jr., director, Fletcher, 8 p.m.
FRIDAY
23
Baseball, ECU vs Radford, Harrington Field, 4 p.m.
Blockbuster Film: Pay It Forward, Hendrix, 7:30 p.m. (through 2/24)
Mercury Cinema: A Time to Kill, Hendrix, 10 p.m. (through 2/24)
Exhibitions
International Photography and Digital Image Biennial, Gray Gallery (Feb. 9 - March 7).
Viva la Huelga! (Long Live the Strikers!), an exhibit of more than 100 posters of protest art rendered for the United Farm Workers movement of the 60s and 70s. Mendenhall Gallery (through March 23).

In the Spotlight

NewsMakers
Karen Krupa (Nursing) on WTN-TV Medical Watch, on nursing as a second career, Jan. 19.
David Pearsall and Alexis Carter (Medicine) on WCTI-TV News, Jan. 26, and The Daily Reflector, Jan. 27, on the American Red Cross blood shortage in eastern N.C.
Cynthia Barker (Medicine) on WTN-TV News, Jan. 26, on PMS causes and treatment options.
Appointment/Elections
Timothy Runyan (Maritime History) was elected vice president, International Commission for Maritime History, in Oslo, Norway.
Veronica Pantelidou (Library Studies and Educational Technology) to Program Committee, The Brazilian Computer Society Annual Symposium on Virtual Reality, to be held in Florianopolis, Santa Catarina, Brazil, Oct., 2001.
Service, Honors and Professional Activities
William Chatter (Student Life) attended the 44th Annual Association of Performing Arts Presenters Conference in New York City, and served as chair of the evaluations committee.
Susan Mead and Shelly Myers (Student Life) attended the Conference for Women 2001, sponsored by the National Businesswomen’s Leadership Association, in Raleigh Jan. 11.
Lawrence Babits (Maritime History) was visiting lecturer at Naval War College, and presented lectures on Strategy in the American Revolutionary War.
Gordon Watts (retired, Maritime History) was archaeology director for the CSS Alabama project off Cherbourg, France.
Ann Weingartz, formerly graphics manager of the Design and Imaging Department, was named assistant director for University Printing and Graphics. She served as interim assistant director.
Weingartz joined ECU in 1994.

The Lady Luck Casino is one of many featured events at the annual Mardi Gras celebration on campus. (Contributed photo)
On Campus

Call for Proposals

The American Cancer Society Institutional Research Grant awarded to East Carolina in 1997 has been renewed until 2003. Assistant professors/assistant scientists who have not previously received funding, with research plans involving the study of cancer, are invited to apply. Money is currently available (up to $18,000/project for one year) to support all aspects of cancer research. For additional information, contact Ernestine Grant. 816-1356 (grante@mail.ecu.edu). Deadline is March 5, 2001.

CPR Classes

The Student Recreation Center is offering Community First Aid and Safety, a course providing one year’s certification in adult, child and infant CPR. Classes take place Feb. 26, Feb. 28 and March 5 from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. The course also provides 3 year’s certification in basic first aid.

Cost is $45 for members and $55 for non-members. Registration runs through Feb. 21, at the SRC main office. For information, call 328-6387.

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provided a $2,000 grant for a leadership development initiative. The Business, Vocational and Technical Education Department provided a big screen television for groups who utilize the Center’s conference and meeting rooms. The School of Art shares a fascinating exhibit of African art in the Center’s art gallery, and will be working with the Center to enhance the presentation of the exhibit.

Communication and Broadcasting department members assisted with development of a promotional video, now available for everyone. Faculty are encouraged to show it in class, to inform students about the Center and its activities.

The Center’s web page has been redesigned and expanded. Numerous other campus units have assisted by co-sponsoring partnerships and assisting with programs offered by the Center.

All the hard work has paid off. In the fall semester, 4,067 visitors registered at the Center. Of those, 2,193 were first-time visitors.

The “communiversity” program, which aims to share the facility with the community, has been tremendously successful. Campus and community groups have begun utilizing the center’s conference and meeting rooms in unprecedented numbers. In the fall, 105 reservations were approved for use of the facility.

The Center hosts numerous receptions and entertainments of all ages from day care tours to Cub Scout meetings to senior citizens events.

“We’re on the map now,” Lewis said. These days her work revolves around developing new programs, while implementing programs already in place, to keep up with the numerous and diverse groups now being served.

Tutorials are offered in Math, Science and English, and the Center was just established as a satellite writing center for the University Writing Center. “We try to provide a supportive environment for students,” Lewis said, “by working with them not only on academics but assisting with social and personal issues as well.”

Lewis also presents programs on diversity training, related to the curriculum or an organization’s agenda, to classes on campus and local businesses and agencies.

More and more, the ECU community and the community at large are calling upon the Cultural Center. It has become the hub of cultural interaction on campus and in the community, providing assistance for discussions on heritage, cultural resources, cultural competence, and diversity guidance. “The community is turning to us,” Lewis said, “and it will remain a challenge to constantly upgrade what we offer here so that we can continue to meet that increasing demand.”

As needs increase, the Center is positioning itself to become a regional hub, serving all of eastern North Carolina by providing leadership in diversity issues that arise from a growing trend toward a global society. “Intercultural interaction and sensitivity is our business, and there is not another organization in this area doing what we are doing,” Lewis said.

While the scope of the Center expands, she hopes to keep pace with constituents’ needs with expansion of physical facilities, including larger meeting rooms, more cultural education and library resources and expanded space for the art gallery.

As the Center embarks on its remarkable journey, Lewis invites everyone in the ECU community to come aboard — to drop in for a visit, make plans to utilize the facilities and join in the numerous programs offered to promote cultural literacy on campus and in the community.

Upcoming Events


February 15: History Trivia Contest and Book Fair, Mendenhall Great Room 3, 7 p.m., featuring Art Display, Jacqueline Joyner.

February 20: FACTS! FUN! FITNESS! Student Recreation Center, Time TBA

February 21: Step Africa! (Dance Group), fraternity/sorority concept of stepping, Hendrix Theater, 7 p.m.

February 27: 1001 Black Inventions, drama, music & humor, Wright Auditorium, 7 p.m., Free Admission