Broad To Address May Commencement

Molly Corbett Broad, president of the 16-campus University of North Carolina, will be the featured speaker at the 92nd spring commencement at East Carolina University on May 12.

More than 2,000 degree candidates are expected to attend the ceremony, scheduled for 9:30 a.m. at Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium. The public is invited.

Broad, UNC president since 1997, spearheaded the statewide campaign last fall that led to voter approval of the $3.1 billion higher education construction bond proposal by a margin of more than 2-to-1. The bonds will fund nearly $191 million in projects at ECU.

She has been a frequent visitor to the ECU campus, most recently at the university’s Founders Day celebration on March 8.

Departments, schools and other units will have convocations throughout the weekend surrounding commencement; see Page 6 for a schedule.

The formal commencement program will be preceded by a band concert beginning at 9 a.m. The procession of faculty members and degree candidates forms at 9:15 a.m. Admission is free and there are no limits on guest attendance. In the event of rain, two ceremonies will be held in Minges Coliseum.

The unfavorable weather schedule includes a first commencement that will begin with a band concert at 9 a.m., the academic procession at 9:15 a.m. and commencement at 9:30 a.m.

In the event of unfavorable weather, a second commencement will begin in Minges with a band concert at 11:30 a.m., the academic procession at 11:45 a.m. and the formal program at noon.

Any changes in the commencement schedule and announcements about moving the ceremony from outdoors to indoors will be posted on the ECU News Bureau website at www.news.ecu.edu, on the university’s News and Events Calendar. Schedule changes will also be provided to local news media.

Bush Visits ECU

President George Bush, above, flashes his “W” sign to supporters in a packed Minges Coliseum during the first visit to ECU by a president in office. (Photo by Tony Rumple)

At left, Chancellor Richard Eakin declares Bush, former majority owner of the Texas Rangers, an honorary member of the ECU Pirates baseball team. Bush got jersey No. 1. (Photo by Cliff Hollis)

Presidential Event Was a Team Effort

By John Durham

When Ricky Hill (Facilities) learned last Thursday (April 5) that he had to go to an important meeting on Friday, he was worried that some details had been overlooked for a campus visit by an accreditation team.

Hill learned the next day that indeed there would be a visit, but the guest would be President George W. Bush.

For the next five days staff members all across the university worked to ensure that the Presidential visit, organized by the Republican Party, would be a rousing success. A capacity crowd in Minges Coliseum came early on Wednesday and cheered its approval throughout a 30-minute address by the President.

The President used his speech to promote his tax and budget proposals and promised: “Tax relief is on the way.”

His visit to the campus was the first by a sitting U.S. president and he drew a record crowd of more than 8,000 to Minges. Twenty-three ticket holders were in line at 7:30 on the morning of the event, even though the gates would not open until 2:45 p.m.

Last-minute preparations had continued through Tuesday night, including the covering of advertising signs on the big-screen TVs in Minges at the request of the White House.

One of the biggest challenges facing planners was parking. A team that included Craig Curtis (Athletics), David Santa Ana and Johnnie Eastwood (Parking and Traffic), Frank Knight (Police) and Scott Alford (Transit) met Tuesday afternoon to draw up the final plan. It was a strategy that had to deal with the regular contingent of Minges student parkers plus a special Olympics event crowd that would be on campus until early afternoon.

“We need to save this plan for the Louisville basketball game next season,” Curtis said.
Honoring ECU faculty for effectively integrating research and creative activity in classroom teaching, the office of the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs sponsored the second annual Scholar-Teacher Award Symposium, “Celebrating the Synergy between Scholarship and Teaching,” March 28 at Mendenhall Student Center.

Ten faculty members were honored with the award and symposium, in which each made a brief presentation, as well as a luncheon and a stipend to be used for professional travel, support of integration of research and creative activity and teaching, student research and other legitimate professional expenditures.

Names of recipients were engraved on a plaque located in Academic Affairs.

Selection of award winners was based on excellence in the classroom, as evidenced by peer observation and recommendation of colleagues and students; a history of mentoring developing scholars, both students and faculty; and an outstanding record of scholarly accomplishments, as evidenced by publication in recognized disciplinary venues, presentations before scholarly organizations and other outlets appropriate to the discipline.

Recipients of the awards were selected by each school or department, with each professional school allowed to select one scholar-teaching, and the College of Arts and Sciences allowed three annual awards, one each in humanities and fine arts, natural sciences and mathematics, and social sciences.

Recipients of the 2001 Scholar-Teacher Awards were as follows:

**Paul Knepper**
Department of Criminal Justice Studies
School of Social Work and Criminal Justice Studies

An associate professor of criminal justice studies, Knepper teaches crime and criminality and applied criminology. He has been at ECU since 1996. Knepper’s research interests include race and crime statistics, court delay and delinquency prevention. He presented, “Black Criminology, Moral Philosophy, and What FBI Agents Need to Know.”

**Ronnie Smith**
Department of Computer Science
School of Computer Science and Communication

An associate professor who has been at ECU since 1992, Smith teaches intermediate and advanced programming, compilers, and artificial intelligence. His primary area of research interest is natural language dialog processing. Smith’s symposium presentation was entitled, “Bringing Artificial Intelligence Research to the Classroom.”

**Gay Wilentz**
Department of English
College of Arts and Sciences

A professor of ethnic American and postcolonial literatures, ethnic studies and women’s studies, Wilentz joined the ECU faculty in 1986. Her research interests are African, African-American and Caribbean literatures, Jewish literature; healing in literature; feminist theory; and cultural studies. At the symposium, Wilentz presented, “Activism, Teaching and Research in Multicultural Literature.”

**Brian Love**
Department of Chemistry
College of Arts and Sciences

Associate professor in the Department of Chemistry, Love teaches organic chemistry at both the undergraduate and graduate levels. He has been at ECU since 1994. Love’s primary research interests are the development of new reagents and synthetic methods, asymmetric synthesis, and synthesis of heterocycles of biological interest. His presentation was entitled, “Teaching vs. Research: The Satanic Versus.”

**Sharon Nichols**
Department of Science Education
School of Education

Associate professor in the Department of Science Education, Nichols teaches undergraduate elementary science methods courses and graduate science education. She is director of the science education graduate program. A faculty member since 1998, Nichols enjoys research in sociocultural issues in elementary science education reform, development of teacher-learning communities, feminist science education pedagogy, and narrative research. She presented, “Building Teacher-Learning Communities Through Case-Based Pedagogy.”

**Tibor Hortobagyi**
Department of Exercise and Sport Science
School of Health and Human Performance

Hortobagyi is associate professor, as well as director of the biomechanics laboratory. An ECU faculty member since 1990, Hortobagyi teaches kinesiology, biomechanics and research in exercise and sport science. His area of research interest is neuromechanisms of human muscle function in health and disease. Prepared to present, “Teaching in Research and Research in Teaching,” Hortobagyi was unable to attend the symposium.

**Louise Toppin**
Department of Vocal Studies
School of Music

A professor of applied voice, French diction, pedagogy and class piano, Toppin has been at ECU since 1990. Her research interests are the music of African-American and women composers, the music of Spain, and African-American opera singers. Her presentation was entitled, “Creatively Fostering Individuality and Intellectual Pursuits.”

**Paul Hartley**
Painting and Drawing Concentration
School of Art

A faculty member since 1975, Hartley is professor of painting and drawing and both undergraduate and graduate students. He is area coordinator for painting and drawing in the School of Art, with research and creative interests in painting and drawing. Hartley presented, “Making Paintings.”

**Karl Wuensch**
Department of Psychology
College of Arts and Sciences

Wuensch, a professor of psychology and ECU faculty member since 1982, teaches statistics and research design. His primary research interests are ethical ideology and attitudes about animals, the psychology of trial by jury, and topics involving multivariate statistics. Wuensch presented, “You can lead a student to water, but...”

**Elmer Poe**
Department of Industrial Technology
School of Industry and Technology

A professor in industrial technology since 1992, Poe is director of the industrial technology graduate program and interim assistant dean. Poe’s research interest is the communications tools used in an on-line teaching environment. His presentation was entitled “Tools for Teaching.”

News in Brief

ECU Programs Ranked Among the Best

The Brody School of Medicine’s rural medicine program was ranked 8th in the nation, out of 125 schools, according to a recent issue of the national magazine, U.S. News and World Report. The medical school ranked 17th in primary care, up from 34th in 2000. ECU’s family medicine program ranked 26th.

In the Department of Political Science, the masters program in public affairs ranked 57th, out of more than 100.

In graduate programs, ECU’s Allied Health rehabilitation counseling ranked 15th, while audiology placed 49th and speech pathology 95th. The rankings were published in the weekly magazine and on the U.S. News website at www.usnews.com.

Perspectives Lectures Scheduled for April

Medical historian Jacalyn M. Duffin will present two public lectures at ECU on April 17. In the Pitt County Memorial Hospital Auditorium, from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m., Duffin will present, “To See with a Better Eye: Laennec and the Invention of the Stethoscope.” In the Health Sciences Library Conference Room, from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m., she will present, “Poisoning of the Spindle: Serendipity and Discovery of the Anti-Tumor Properties of the Vinca Alkaloids.”

Both events are part of the Perspectives series co-sponsored by the Department of the Medical Humanities, the William E. Laupus Health Sciences Library, Brody School of Medicine, and the Biomedical Information Center, University Health Systems of Eastern Carolina. Duffin is Hannah Professor of the History of Medicine, Queens University, Kingston, Ontario. She is a hematologist and historian of medicine. For additional information, call 816-2797 or 816-2361.

East Campus to Observe Modified Summer Schedule

The ECU east campus will observe a modified work schedule for the summer of 2001, effective May 14 through August 10. The schedule will be from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., with one-half hour for lunch Monday through Thursday, and 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on Friday. This compressed 40-hour workweek will be standard for this time period unless otherwise approved. Since no more than 8 hours can be awarded for a State holiday, east campus employees will be required to offset an extra hour not worked on the July 4 holiday, by taking an hour of vacation time or working an additional hour within the same workweek.

The Brody School of Medicine will maintain its regular work schedule as it did last year. For additional information on the summer schedule, contact the Department of Human Resources at 328-6352.

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Staff Forum Reception

The ECU Staff Forum is sponsoring an Eakin farewell and thank you reception for current members, to acknowledge their appreciation for Chancellor Richard Eakin, May 10, at 3:15 p.m. in the Mendenhall Student Center Multipurpose Room. The event is being planned by the Forum’s Recognition and Rewards committee, and will include refreshments, comments from the Staff Forum Chair, and a gift of appreciation from the Forum.
New Hope for Cancer Patients

By Jeannine Manning Hutson

For many years, cancer patients were faced with limited options for treatment of their disease: surgery, chemotherapy and radiation therapy being the main three. Today, one of the newest cancer treatment options is photodynamic therapy, which is now available at the Leo W. Jenkins Cancer Center.

The Photodynamic Therapy Center at the Leo W. Jenkins Cancer Center, jointly supported by Pitt County Memorial Hospital and the Brody School of Medicine (BSOM), began treating patients Feb. 23. The center is one of only a handful in the state using the technology.

Photodynamic therapy (PDT) uses a combination of photosensitizing agents and a specific frequency laser light to kill cancerous tumors. The agents are absorbed by cells all over the body but for unknown reasons stay longer in the cancer cells. When treated cancer cells are exposed to the laser light a few days after the initial injection, the photosensitizing agent, Photofrin, absorbs the light and produces energy that destroys them.

BSOM physicians say they are excited about offering this new treatment to their patients because it causes minimal damage to the surrounding healthy tissue and does not interfere with any other treatments the patient may receive.

“Photodynamic therapy is an excellent weapon to use in conjunction with chemotherapy, surgery and radiation. Photodynamic therapy can control local cancerous disease with little or no side effects, which profoundly improves patient pain, ability to perform activities of daily life and overall comfort,” said Dr. Gordon Downie, a pulmonologist at BSOM and medical director for the Photodynamic Therapy Center.

One of the first patients receiving photodynamic therapy at Jenkins Center described the sensation of the laser light on her chest as “tingling and itchy, but no pain.” Dr. Flora “Ronny” VanSant (ECU faculty member and director of N.C. Teaching Fellows) was treated for recurring chest wall tumors.

VanSant isn’t a new PDT patient: she traveled three times to Roswell Park Cancer Institute in Buffalo, N.Y., to receive the therapy from Dr. Ron Allison, now clinical director of the BSOM Department of Radiation Oncology. “PDT is just a miracle that it causes so little discomfort,” she said. Needless to say, she’s also pleased that instead of a plane flight she only had to drive across town for her treatment.

The therapy employs a diode laser, which emits the specific frequency of red light needed to kill the tumor but produces no heat to damage the healthy tissue.

The photodynamic therapy program will first focus on patients with airway and esophageal tumors, chest wall tumors, breast cancer tumors, skin cancers such as melanoma and tumors needing surgery to access the treatment site. In the near future, patients with cancer in the ear-nose-throat region or gastrointestinal tract also will be able to have the therapy.

Ron Allison, director of the Photodynamic Therapy Center, displays the diode laser used in the cancer treatment. Allison is also the new clinical director for the Department of Radiation Oncology. (Photo by Cliff Hollis)

The major side effect that patients encounter is sensitivity to sunlight for weeks after treatment. Because the photosensitizing agents can take up to three months to leave the body, patients must wear long sleeves, broad-brimmed hats and gloves to protect against second-degree burns from the sun.

Downie and Phyllis DeAntonio, administrator of the Jenkins Cancer Center, foresee the photodynamic therapy center serving all of eastern North Carolina. Downie noted that the PCMH-ECU center will allow basic science researchers to work with clinicians to improve the science of photodynamic therapy. “The idea of the center is to use all applications of photodynamic therapy and basic research together,” he said.

He added that photodynamic therapy isn’t a cure for cancer but a way to kill tumors. “If your problematic symptoms are associated with the tumor itself, such as a tumor in the esophagus which is keeping you from swallowing, then PDT will help you. It’s a palliative treatment, which means it helps the patient feel better. It has not been proven to extend life, but I’m hoping that is one of the questions that our clinical research will be able to answer,” he said.

Allison agrees that photodynamic therapy is another promising option for cancer patients. “It’s a revolutionary therapy because you’re treating cancer with light. PDT has a lower morbidity rate than other cancer treatments,” Allison said. “It has a dramatic potential which hasn’t been realized yet.”

For more information, contact nurse specialist Jan Cannon at 816-2900.

Jeaninne Hutson is an Information and Communication Specialist with the Medical Center News and Information Office.

ECU Research Options Expand with MineSet Software

SGI is giving East Carolina University MineSet software, a unique easy-to-use data mining software package that will be aggressively utilized in finance and economics research. Using MineSet, faculty and staff will be able to compile and analyze huge volumes of financial data much more quickly and efficiently.

The MineSet software will be housed on ECU’s SGI Origin 2000 server, a powerful computer capable of handling high performance computation, data management, networking, and visualization applications. SGI will also provide MineSet technical support and training.

SGI was founded in 1982 and is headquartered in Mountain View, California, with offices across the United States and around the world. The renowned company, whose revenues exceeded $2.5 billion last year, provides a broad range of high performance computing and advanced graphics solutions that enable consumers to understand and conquer their toughest computing problems.

Notably, advanced SGI technologies support the Weather Channel’s forecasting system and travelocity.com, one of the most popular one-stop travel sites on the Internet.

According to Department of Finance professors Dr. Stanley Stansell and Dr. Scott Below, the value of the donated software and training totals $119,500. Stansell and Below are principal investigators for the ECU-SGI MineSet project, and are enthusiastic that the new partnership will significantly strengthen both institutions’ programs by facilitating a lively exchange of creative ideas, knowledge, and newfound data.

Wendy Creasey of Information Technology and Computing Services’ (ITCS) Strategic Initiatives, worked closely with both professors in procuring the MineSet software, technical support, and training.

ECU students in graduate MBA courses will use the MineSet software primarily to analyze stock return trends. Additional projects will focus on integrating data mining into international finance, commercial banking, and portfolio management.

“The most exciting feature of MineSet is that it allows the user to see relationships in large, complex data sets that perhaps aren’t intuitively obvious. Often times we miss seeing relationships in data because we don’t know of their a priori existence and because we therefore aren’t particularly looking for them. MineSet is specifically designed to minimize these kinds of errors of omission in data analysis,” Below said.

Below’s research centers on real estate investment, trend analysis of shareholder reaction, and the examination of economic market structure. He also studies initial public offerings, or IPOs, a type of primary offering that occurs whenever a company sells new stock. Stansell explores the application of neural networks, a type of artificial intelligence program, in finance and economics research.

Stansell said, “We are very pleased to have access to this software. It should be extremely useful in research applications and perhaps in teaching advanced courses.”

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Fulbright Award Enables Research in the Ukraine

By Joy Holster

H arold Stone, assistant professor in the Department of Planning, School of Industry and Technology, has received a Fulbright Scholar award for research in the Ukraine. Stone will travel this summer to the Tavrichsky National University, Simferopol, Crimea, Ukraine to conduct research exploring normative values held by individuals who will be impacted by the development of a national park in the Crimean Mountains. The Fulbright award allows Stone to continue research he began last year with funds provided by the ECU School of Education. Last summer, Stone traveled to the Ukraine to research environmental and cultural capital issues associated with development of the park. “At issue in the park’s development,” Stone says, “is helping the diverse population, accustomed to a collective form of government, to effectively achieve a more democratic concept of sustainable economic development, while preserving the local culture and environment.”

While at Tavrichsky National University, Stone will also teach a graduate level course on environmental planning.

An ECU faculty member since 1999, Stone is graduate curriculum coordinator and assistant professor in environmental and coastal planning. He is Chairman of the Environmental Advisory Commission for the City of Greenville, and a member of both the United States Agency for Ecology Economics and the American Planning Association, North Carolina Chapter. In Nov., 2000, Stone was inducted as a member of the Crimean Academy of Science for his efforts toward the protection, preservation, and sustainable development of the biodiverse Crimean Mountains.

While at ECU, Stone has developed a CD-based textbook, Emergency Management Planning: Introduction, comprised of video lectures, animated graphics, PowerPoint presentations, audio files and media tools for the instruction of emergency management online. He has created an online curriculum and webpages for four planning courses, developed three new courses in planning, and restructured several others. He was elected as one of 15 UNC system-wide Subject Matter Experts for training in CISCO Systems Internet Course Development Tools, which will lead to developing more online courses.

He participated in the 2000 ECU Conference, “The Aftermath of Hurricane Floyd: Recovery in the Coastal Plain,” and is a member of the Hurricane and Natural Disasters Conference for 2001. Stone served as a commuter student support volunteer as part of the Hurricane Floyd Relief Effort.

He has served as moderator and facilitator for both the Ocracoke Island and Hyde County Strategic Planning Sessions, and provides ongoing assistance in the development of sustainable strategic plans in these coastal regions. Students in Stone’s coastal planning classes take annual Spring Break trips to the Outer Banks to study the dynamics associated with values, protection of the environment and a sustainable habitat in the coastal environment.

Stone was instrumental in obtaining a Cuban Assets Control Regulations License for ECU (with graduate student Kerry Pate), to enable environmental and social science research on coastal planning in Cuba (anticipating future rapid growth and development expected if Cuban – U.S. trade resumes in the near future).

Stone holds a bachelor of science degree in marine sciences from Texas A&M University, an MPA from Columbia University, and a PhD from Texas A&M. Active internationally, Stone has worked in Panama, Belize, Campeche, and Mexico in areas of planning as diverse as marine surveying and archeology and national park development. He has worked as a consultant in the private sector with the Bechtel Corporation and Browning Ferris Industries as well as with the National Geographic Society and the Smithsonian Institute.

As a Fulbright Scholar, Stone will join the ranks of distinguished scholars and professionals worldwide who share a common goal of increasing understanding, communications and long-term cooperative relationships among their colleagues in participating countries. Approximately 800 U.S. faculty and professionals will lecture or conduct research in 140 countries this year, funded by the highly competitive Fullbright grants. A similar number of foreign visiting scholars will travel to the United States. Stone is among approximately 72,000 U.S. and foreign scholars who have participated in the program since its inception in 1946.

Fulbright Scholar Harold Stone, Laura Blackstone (Stone's interpreter), Ivanova Muska (Stone's interpreter), and a Cuban-ECU (with graduate student Laura Blackstone) Cuban Assets Control Regulations License for ECU (with graduate student Kerry Pate), to enable environmental and social science research on coastal planning in Cuba (anticipating future rapid growth and development expected if Cuban – U.S. trade resumes in the near future).
ECU Glassblower Joe Walas treats the Cornerstone Baptist Church Scout Troop to a demonstration of glass blowing techniques. Walas is showing scout Aaron Clark how to blow a bubble with glass. (Photo by Tony Rumpel)

Commencement Weekend Unit Ceremonies Scheduled

Schools and departments will hold graduate recognition ceremonies prior to the main commencement on Saturday, May 12. The following is the schedule for the unit recognition ceremonies:

Monday, May 7
- Honors Program, Jenkins Fine Arts Center, 6:30 p.m.

Friday, May 11
- School of Allied Health Sciences, Williams Arena (Minges), 7 p.m.
- Anthropology in the Phelps Archaeology Lab, Old Cafeteria Building, 4 p.m.
- School of Art, Spaight Auditorium, 3 p.m. (Guest tickets required)
- Biology, Auditorium of the Brody SOM Building, 4 p.m.
- School of Business (undergraduate), Wright Auditorium, 4 p.m. (Guest tickets required)
- School of Business (graduate), McGinnis Theatre, 7 p.m. (Guest tickets required)
- Chemistry, Mendenhall Student Center Rm. 244 and Social Room, 3 p.m.
- Economics, Willis (Regional Development) Building, 10 a.m.
- Foreign Languages, Bate (General Classroom Building) Room 1028, 4:30 p.m.
- School of Education, Williams Arena (Minges Coliseum), noon.
- English, Hendrix Theatre (Mendenhall), 2 p.m. (Guest tickets required)
- Geography, Brewster B-10, 7:30 p.m.
- School of Health and Human Performance, Williams Arena (Minges), 4 p.m.
- History, Christinne’s at the Hilton Inn, 4 p.m.
- School of Human Environmental Sciences, Williams Arena (Minges), 9 a.m.
- School of Medicine, Wright Auditorium, 10 a.m.
- School of Music, A. J. Fletcher Recital Hall, 4 p.m. (Guest tickets required)
- School of Nursing, Wright Auditorium, 1 p.m.
- Political Science, Willis (Regional Development) Building, 5 p.m.
- Physics, East 213 of the Physics Building, 3 p.m.
- Psychology, Hendrix Theatre, 6 p.m.
- School of Social Work and Criminal Justice Studies, Wright Auditorium, 8 p.m.
- Sociology, Willis (Regional Development) Building, 8 p.m.
- Theatre and Dance, McGinnis Theatre, 1 p.m.

Shuttle bus service will be available. The shuttle will run to the campus from the Gold Lot north of Dowdy-Ficken Stadium.

Saturday, May 12
- Aerospace Studies, Room 308, Wright Annex at 2 p.m.
- Communication and Broadcasting, Wright Auditorium, 3 p.m.
- Computer Science, Jenkins Fine Arts Center, 12:30 p.m. (9:30 a.m. in unfavorable weather)
- School of Industry and Technology, Wright Auditorium, noon.
- Mathematics, Howell Science Complex - Biology North, 12:30 p.m.
ECU Police Support the Special Olympics

Buy a hat with this logo and support the North Carolina Special Olympics. As part of participation in the North Carolina Law Enforcement Torch Run 2001, the ECU Police Department is selling t-shirts and hats ($13 each). For additional information, contact Christy Smith at smichch @mail.ecu.edu or call 328-1971.

FRIDAY
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Opening Reception, School of Art Graduate Thesis Exhibition, Gray Gallery, 5 p.m.
Baseball, ECU vs. George Mason, Harrington Field, 7 p.m.
Jazz Ensemble A, Carroll Dash ill Jr., conductor, Wright Auditorium, 8 p.m.
SATURDAY
28
Visiting High School Jazz Band Day Performers, Fletcher, 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.
Baseball, ECU vs. George Mason Harrington Field, 7 p.m.
Spring 2001 Jazz Festival, Guest Artist Concert, Wright Auditorium, 8 p.m.
SUNDAY
29
Baseball, ECU vs. George Mason, Harrington Field, 1 p.m.

In the Spotlight

Appointment/Elections
Doug McMillan (English) to the Board of Directors of the Anglican Academy of the Episcopal Diocese of East Carolina.

Angel Hines-Savage (English) to executive director of Youth Today; a non-profit organization providing services to youth in rural communities.

Knats Sparrow (Arts and Sciences) appointed by Gov. James Hunt, to the Bath Historical Commission, which is planning Bath’s 300th anniversary.

Elizabeth Layman (Allied Health) was named Fellow of the American Health Information Management Association (AHIMA). She is one of the first two individuals in the nation to be awarded the fellow designation by AHIMA. The program, established in Oct., 1999, awards members who make significant and sustained contributions to the profession of health information management.

Gerhard Kalmus (Biology) was elected president of the North Carolina Academy of Science. He has been an active member of the organization since 1978, serving in numerous capacities including section chair, CANCAS Journal editor and advisor, and director of the Student Academy in District VII. For twenty years, Kalmus has served as the Academy’s Secretary.

Charles F. Wilson (Medicine), was appointed by House Speaker Jim Black to the Health and Wellness Trust Fund Commission, a panel that will distribute $1.15 billion from the state’s share of the national tobacco settlement to address public health programs. Wilson is president-elect of the N.C. Pediatric Society.

Service, Honors and Professional Activities
Reginald Watson (English) helped to facilitate Multicultural Activity Day at the Leodina Wright Cultural Center with Center director Neil Lewis, and conducted five sessions as Coffe in the Kitchen co-facilitator with Carol Woodruff (Student Life) for discussions on race and diversity at ECU. Multicultural Activity Day and Coffee in the Kitchen events will continue throughout the spring semester. Watson also helped to organize the English Department’s annual African American Reading Day on March 2 and served as judge for the annual Optimist Club Speech Contest, March 25 at Cypress Glen Retirement Home.

In February, Raymond Vickers (Medicine) was honored for 10 years of membership in the American Academy of Family Physicians.

Britton Thanner (Music) and Distinguished Visiting Professor of Music Vincent DeMarino, along with the ECU Trumpet Ensemble were featured players at a clinic at the National Trumpet Competition in Fairfax, Va., in March.

Vivian West (Center for Health Sciences Communication) attended the N.C. Governor’s Hurricane Conference in March at Sunset Beach.

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Vital Records
ADOPTED: Kayla Jennifer Anderson, age 8, by Patricia Anderson (Education). Kayla has been a family member for eleven months, and was legally adopted March 14.

MARRIED: Michael Aceto and Maura Pizarro (English), March 17 in Puerto Rico.

BORN: to Gregory Miller (Human Resources) and Waz Miller (University Housing), a daughter, Marissa Hope, Feb. 23.

BORN: to Jan Rowe (Medicine) and husband Mike, a son, William Harris, March 18.

Applied Technology Offers Training
The Center for Applied Technology is offering two training courses in April. A forklift training seminar will be conducted April 17, 1 - 5 p.m. in the Willis Building. Seminar facilitator is Bill Dobber, a heavy equipment instructor and forklift operator trainer for Gregory Poole. A cost of $95 includes course materials.

The event includes a General Construction 10-hour certification course and Industry 10-hour certification course and non-road meals; transportation, leaders, and non-road climbing and camping equipment, transportation and leaders; New River Gorge Raft, April 20 - 22, $120 includes all rafting fees and equipment, camping equipment, transportation, leaders, and non-road meals; New River Gorge Raft, April 20 - 22, $120 includes all rafting fees and equipment, camping equipment, transportation, leaders, and non-road meals; ARISE: Adapted Kayak Training, April 19 & 20 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the SRC, $150 for nonmembers; and ARISE: Wheelchair Basketball Tournament, April 16. For registration deadlines and additional information call 328-6387.

Rec Services
ECU Recreation Services is offering the following events in April: Cape Lookout Sea Kayak, April 27 – 29, $50 includes all non-road meals, equipment, transportation and leaders; Linville Gorge Climb, April 27 – 29, $65 includes all climbing and camping equipment, transportation, leaders, and non-road meals; New River Gorge Raft, April 20 - 22, $120 includes all rafting fees and equipment, camping equipment, transportation, leaders, and non-road meals; ARISE: Annual Camping Trip: Brices Creek Landing, April 20 – 22, $45 and equipment rental for members and $50 for nonmembers; ARISE: Adapted Kayak Training, April 19 & 20 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the SRC, $150 for nonmembers; and ARISE: Wheelchair Basketball Tournament, April 16. For registration deadlines and additional information call 328-6387.

Fear of Heights?
Chancellor Richard Eakin even up the odds for Pitt County Superintendent Michael Priddy, as they prepare to perform the opening tip-off during the Med-Law Classic held at Mingus, April 5. Standing on a chair, Priddy, at 5 ft. 11 inches, had the height advantage over Eakin, at 6 ft., 5 inches. Pitt County doctors (the Medicators) celebrated a 58-35 victory over local lawyers (the Litigators) at the charity basketball game. (Photo by Cliff Hollis)

Support Group
Parents of exceptional children are invited to join DEEP (Down East Exceptional Parents), a new support group for parents of special needs children in the Eastern Carolina area. DEEP meetings April 19, 6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. at ECU Recreation Services with Leslie Ridings Pagliari at 328-2113.

Research Options
Stanssel stated that they will examine the benefits of utilizing MineSet to provide more information, better models, and unknown trends. They will create a data set containing approximately 50 independent variables on more than 7,000 stocks spanning a 20-year time period.

After examining the data set and stock returns over multiple years, they will be able to establish whether there is a persistent relationship over time. Stanssel excitedly explained that this could enable them to forecast stock returns in the future.

Stanssel and Below will be assisted in their research by an ECU student who will pursue an internship with the MineSet Product Group for the summer of 2001.

In Memoriam
Retired Lt. Col. Tilton Wilcox (professor emeritus, School of Business) died April 4.

Anne Eason Bunch, mother of Sheila Bunch (Social Work and Criminal Justice Studies) died March 12 in Greenville.