Teaching Awards Announced

Eleven faculty members were recognized for their outstanding teaching at a campus ceremony as the spring semester drew to a close.

Bob Morrison, professor of chemistry and chair of the faculty, told the award winners and nominees, “We are inspired by your talent and your dedication. All of us aspire to be good teachers, but not as many of us rise to the level you have.”

Iona Poston of the Department of Parent Child Nursing in the School of Nursing was the winner of the Board of Governors Award for Excellence in Teaching, which carries a $7,500 cash prize.

Six faculty members received the Board of Governors Distinguished Professor for Teaching Award: Hubert Burden, Department of Anatomy and Cell Biology; Brody School of Medicine; Amy Carr-Richardson, Department of Theory, Composition and Musicology; School of Music; Cheryl Estes, Department of Recreation and Leisure Studies; School of Health and Human Performance; Carol Ferreira, Department of Community Nursing Systems, School of Nursing; Sharon Haley, Department of Curriculum and Instruction, College of Education; and Philip Pekala, Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, Brody School of Medicine. Each received a $1,000 prize.

Charles Ewen, Department of Anthropology, Harriot College of Arts and Sciences, and Christine Gustafson, Department of Instrumental Music, School of Music, won the University Award for Outstanding Teaching, and Haley won the Robert L. Jones Award for Outstanding Teaching. Those honors carry a $1,000 award.

Recipients of the Max Ray Joyner Award for faculty service through continuing education were Evelyn Farrior, Department of Nutrition and Hospitality Management, School of Human Environmental Sciences, and Diane Kester, Department of Librarianship, Educational Technology and Distance Instruction, College of Education. Both received a $500 stipend and a $1,000 professional development fund.

Winners were nominated by their departments and chosen by committees of the Faculty Senate and the Board of Governors.

Celebrations

Nursing graduate Holly Shearouse was among the nearly 2,300 degree candidates recognized at spring commencement in Minges Coliseum. Retired Gen. Hugh Shelton delivered the address (excerpts on page 2) and received an honorary degree. (Photo by Marc J. Kawanishi)

Cardiovascular Institute to Address Regional Heart Disease

East Carolina University and University Health Systems of Eastern Carolina have announced plans for a major initiative to fight cardiovascular disease, the leading killer of North Carolinians and an especially tenacious foe in eastern North Carolina. Led by ECU’s Division of Health Sciences and Pitt County Memorial Hospital, the flagship hospital of University Health Systems, the organizations plan to build a heart hospital and an adjacent center for cardiovascular education, research and outpatient care on the health sciences campus in Greenville.

These facilities, the planning for which would begin in 2004, will be called the North Carolina Cardiovascular Diseases Institute and will be headed by renowned heart surgeon W. Randolph Chitwood Jr. The institute is expected to be a statewide and a national resource because of the reputation of ECU’s existing cardiovascular program.

“Heart disease is, unfortunately, something in which our region is a national leader,” said ECU Chancellor William V. Muse. “It makes perfect sense that ECU and University Health Systems should take the lead in addressing this devastating problem for our region. Our partnership, which is unique in North Carolina, has the talent and the will to get this job done.”

Dave McRae, chief executive officer of UHS, said the new institute will knit together cardiovascular services throughout the region in a way that will serve as a model for other medical services as well as predominantly rural areas.

“This institute will be an important step in fulfilling our basic mission to improve the health of all of the residents of eastern North Carolina,” he said. “We will do that by not only creating this resource in Greenville, but by linking with and supporting the work of hospitals and physicians involved in a daily battle with this disease in our region.”

Components of the institute will include:

• A multi-story, 150-bed cardiovascular hospital, including dedicated operating rooms, cardiac intensive care and intermediate units, state-of-the-art diagnostic and treatment laboratories and support services. Total cost of the hospital, which will be built in phases on a site between PCMH and the medical school, is expected to be between $50 and $100 million. The plans are subject to approval by the N.C. Department of Facilities Services.

• An adjacent “twin” structure where doctors and other health care professionals will hold their patient appointments, conduct educational activities and clinical research, and oversee sophisticated data and communications systems that will create a virtual network among heart specialists across

An artist’s rendering shows the design for the new cardiovascular center. The center will be located between the medical school and PCMH. (continued on page 9)
Shelton Advises Grads on Encountering New World

Following are excerpts from the May 10 commencement address by Gen. Henry H. Shelton, U.S. Army (retired), the 14th chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

On the way over to today’s ceremony, my wife Carolyn and I were talking about just how much our two generations have in common. I often see harsh criticism of our young people in the media and it brings back old memories. When I attended N.C. State back in the sixties, our parents also complained about our morals, our manners, and our music. But in the end it didn’t matter, because we were eventually proven right. Rock and roll really was here to stay!

So I tend to discount much of what I hear about our young people, because every day I have had the honor of watching thousands of young men and women of your generation perform superbly in the most difficult missions around the world. From Bosnia to Haiti, and Afghanistan to Iraq, members of your generation are protecting the oppressed, providing new hope for troubled nations, and guarding the freedoms of Americans around the globe. We wouldn’t have the world’s best military and the world’s most successful democracy without their dedication and outstanding professionalism, the same selfless behavior memorialized on monuments all over Eastern North Carolina.

Although today you’ll be receiving your B.S. or M.S., and perhaps looking forward to beginning a Ph.D., I can personally attest to just how much your parents are looking forward to seeing you get a J – O – B. Because on the momentous day every parent in the audience gets a sizable monthly raise! I have mentioned your parents, because I strongly believe that all the parents and guardians here today also deserve special recognition. As caring parents, I know you provided encouragement when tasks became challenging, comfort when all seemed lost, and an ample dose of nagging when appropriate, and you undoubtedly said more than your fair share of prayers. And if my own experience is any indicator, you also have paid a heavy physical and psychological price as you listened to your children talk about changing majors one more time! So on behalf of all the new graduates I want to thank all the parents for the important role they have played in making this great day a reality. The only bit of advice I can offer to all the parents is “get even.”

Today you are on the threshold of possibilities that did not exist in my day and opportunities that you cannot afford to ignore, because you are truly encountering a new world. As you prepare to enter this new world as America’s newest college graduates, you’ll soon discover that opportunities don’t just keep showing up in your mailbox week after week like the Publishers Clearinghouse Sweepstakes. Rather your success will be determined by your ability to make your own opportunities. The better you get at turning defeats into victories, frustration into satisfaction, and visions into reality, the more you will enjoy your achievements and appreciate the effort it takes to become a responsible member of society.

As I look back on my own career, I can tell you all without any hesitation that the secret to success isn’t found in any book nor did you hear it during any lecture. You don’t have to look any further than your own drive and determination to find the opportunity you are all seeking, because the secret to success is in yourself.

But it will not be enough to merely recognize opportunity, you will also need all the courage you can muster to avoid the speed bumps that lay in your path. I’m not talking about the type of courage you see on the battlefield or the type of courage that would make you want to be the first person to drive an electric car through a car wash. I am talking about the type of courage that allows you to take chances and make mistakes. I’m talking about having the courage to believe in yourself and about having the courage to change and adapt to the world you encounter.

Ask your parents if everything worked out exactly as they had planned or expected. I’m sure that when you were growing up, some of them never expected to spend a beautiful Saturday morning like today attending your college graduation. If the truth was known, there are probably a few parents in the audience who thought all their Saturdays would be spent visiting you at Alcatraz or Army boot camp. You’ve got to learn to be flexible because the course of progress is rarely a straight line. And never forget that plans are great, but the future unfolds one day, one decision at a time, and you’ll learn as much from failure as from success, often a lot more.

But having the opportunity and courage to pursue your dreams matters very little if in the long run, your efforts don’t contribute to improving the fabric of our society. I’m convinced that you cannot be a great scientist, mathematician, engineer, parent, teacher, or soldier for that matter unless you possess a strong ethical character. Or as Benjamin Franklin noted, “It is a grand mistake to think of being great without goodness.”

In order to secure your rightful place in our society, you must leave this great university with a clear understanding of what is right and what is wrong, an awareness of where we have been as Americans and where our destiny lies, and an appreciation of the role each of you must play in making this new world better. But for these values to take root, they can’t be imposed, they need to be assimilated over time into your daily habits. Character education is a life-long process that begins at home, continues through the spirit and atmosphere of our schools, and into our work places. But most of all it is accomplished through the quality of your example. So I urge you to take this to heart and “Try not to become a person of success,” as Einstein said, “but rather try to become a person of value.”

The treasure that makes East Carolina University such a center of success and excellence, its remarkable staff and faculty have passed on to you their great gifts of knowledge and experience. It is up to you to build on the foundation they have provided. Remain true to yourselves and to your families because you are our future. The generations of Americans that have preceded you fought two world wars, beat back the Depression, and pulled the Cold War out of the freezer long before you had even heard of East Carolina.

And briefly on a personal note, I mentioned in the beginning my fall last year from a ladder. I fell from only 10 feet off the ground, after having made 400 parachute jumps from up to 21,000 feet at night. Finding myself totally paralyzed from a spinal cord injury, I was told I’d never walk again or be able to use my hands. Ninety days later, having received great medical care, I walked out of Walter Reed Army Medical Center having learned, or at least having reinforced, what is really important in life—FAITH, FAMILY AND FRIENDS.

So you leave ECU and encounter this new world, make sure that even as you strive mightily for success in your chosen fields, that you don’t forget the importance of keeping your life in balance and nurturing the 5 Fs—FAITH, FAMILY AND FRIENDS.

When times are hard, they’ll stay with you, while others will quickly fade. Today you are the heirs of a new era of peace and prosperity, and America is still strong and free and still the richest nation on this Earth. Each of you is now inheriting the dreams of your parents and the wealth of our society. It falls on your shoulders to continue our progress and protect our legacy.

And at some point in the distant future many of you in the Class of 2003 will once again find yourselves at a commencement, this time for your children. I hope that you will look back to this day and remember that your commencement speaker was a proud North Carolinian and former Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, who spoke not of war, the defense budget, or the threats to national security. But rather he spoke of character, and briefly on a personal note, I mentioned in the beginning my fall last year from a ladder. I fell from only 10 feet off the ground, after having made 400 parachute jumps from up to 21,000 feet at night. Finding myself totally paralyzed from a spinal cord injury, I was told I’d never walk again or be able to use my hands. Ninety days later, having received great medical care, I walked out of Walter Reed Army Medical Center having learned, or at least having reinforced, what is really important in life—FAITH, FAMILY AND FRIENDS.

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Good luck to you all and may God bless you and your parents and may God bless the United States of America.
Budget Crisis Induces Freeze

Responding to a worsening state budget situation, Chancellor William V. Muse has ordered an immediate campus-wide hiring freeze and other stringent controls on spending.

Muse, in a memo to the campus community, said because of lower-than-expected state revenues, the university may be called upon to revert 5 percent of its state appropriations.

That would amount to $2.8 million for the Academic Affairs fund and an additional $1.1 million for the Health Sciences fund, above and beyond what has already been set aside to meet mandated requirements.

The chancellor said exceptions to the hiring freeze will require his personal approval. The freeze will be imposed on all non-instructional positions that have not been officially offered and formally accepted, where the start date is prior to July 1, 2003. Summer session appointments are exempt from the freeze, he said.

Other steps he ordered included:
- Elimination of purchases of equipment, supplies or other materials except those authorized as essential for conducting summer session programs,
- Return of purchase requisitions for non-critical items being procured in Materials Management,
- Cessation of non-essential expenditures using the ProcCard or Treasurer’s Vouchers,
- Review of travel plans and potential cancellation of non-essential travel, and
- Delay of essential travel reimbursements.

Five Join Board of Trustees

Five new members will join the ECU Board of Trustees this summer. They are David Brody, a Kinston businessman and philanthropist; Robert J. Greczyn Jr. of Durham, president and CEO of Blue Cross and Blue Shield of North Carolina; former state Rep. David Redwine of Brunswick County; William H. Bodenhamer Jr., a Florida parking company executive; and Ian Baer, the newly elected president of the Student Government Association (SGA).

The ECU board has 13 members with eight appointed by the UNC Board of Governors and four named by the governors. The SGA president is elected by the student body. All but the student member serve four-year terms, and the new members are scheduled to be sworn in at the board’s July 30 meeting. Details about the new members follow.

Brody is the managing partner of Brody Associates and co-owner of Brody Brothers Dry Goods and Eastern Carolina Coca-Cola. He serves on the board of the ECU Medical Foundation and is president of The Brody Brothers Foundation. He graduated from the University of Pennsylvania where he was a member of the Friars Senior Society. He was appointed by Gov. Mike Easley.

Greczyn was the previous president and chief executive officer of Healthsource Health Plans and founded Anson County’s community health center. Greczyn received his bachelor’s degree in psychology from ECU in 1973 and his master’s in public health from UNC-Chapel Hill in 1977. He was appointed by Easley.

ECU Considers Banner Move

By Perceival L. Murphy

Essential to the demands of ECU’s daily operations is a properly functioning computing system, one that reliably and efficiently performs accurate collection, maintenance, storage and information retrieval processes. Computing specialists on campus are constantly seeking ways to improve how ECU’s system works. One way to accomplish that goal is a new software suite, SCT Banner, currently under consideration as a potential replacement for all of ECU’s administrative software applications.

SCT Banner consists of five modules – advancement, finance, financial aid, human resources and student – each designed to streamline administrative processes across campus. With add-on products to automate processes such as document imaging and workflow, Banner does it all, from managing donor and institutional records to providing faculty, staff and students access to information.

In October 2002, ECU officials and Banner sales representatives began conducting product reviews to determine

Library Holds Successful ‘Food for Fines’ Program

Joyner Library held a “Food for Fines” campaign during the last few weeks of the spring semester, allowing for the substitution of food donations for overdue fines. For every three items of canned food or dry goods, Joyner Library officials waived $5 in overdue fines. Food donated was given to the Food Bank of North Carolina. Approximately 1600 items (about $2,000 in waived fines) was gathered during the campaign.

Opscan Services Relocate to Joyner

Opscan Services, formerly provided from the Austin Building lobby, will relocate to the Joyner Library West Wing Digital Library Center on May 19. Summer hours of operation will be Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.; and Sunday, 1 p.m. to 8 p.m. Opscan services will be unavailable from May 15 through May 17, except by special arrangement, while the equipment is being moved.

Modified Summer Schedule Observed on East Campus

As part of ongoing attempts to reduce energy consumption and lower utility costs, the ECU east campus modified summer schedule began May 12 and will run until Aug. 22. Under the summer schedule, parking offices will open daily from 7:30 a.m. until 5 p.m., with employees taking one half hour for lunch. On Friday, these offices will close at 11:30 a.m. To best serve the needs of clinical units, the Brody School of Medicine will maintain its regular schedule.
ECU Community Holds Conversations on Diversity

By Nancy McGillicuddy

Topics discussed at the provost’s town meetings on diversity ranged from changes at the Ledonia Wright Cultural Center to health benefits for the gay partners of employees.

The three meetings, held in April by Provost William Swart, gave faculty, staff and students a chance to learn more about Chancellor Mase’s April 3 announcement of the university’s new diversity framework, which includes the establishment of the Office of Diversity and Equity.

“What exists is a name and a framework,” Swart said at one of the meetings. “Our purpose here is to get the university community at the ground level to define the office.”

The official objectives of the framework include the creation of a more conducive climate for diversity; recruiting and retaining a diverse student body and workforce; and the integration of diversity into the university’s organizational structure.

The Office of Diversity and Equity will include Disability Support, Intercultural Affairs, the Ledonia Wright Cultural Center, the Office of Equal Employment Opportunity and Affirmative Action. Taffye Benson Clayton, ECU’s EEO and Affirmative Action Officer, is the interim director of the office.

Swart stressed throughout the meetings a goal to increase the number of applicants for student, faculty and staff positions.

“Our primary strategy to increase the number of minorities on campus is an aggressive recruitment that will increase the number of applicants,” he said.

A minority undergraduate and graduate school recruiter will help in this area, Swart said.

Other questions concerning the upcoming changes included:

• The Office of Diversity and Equity’s role in creating and reviewing curriculum.

“Courses and academic matters are in the areas of faculty,” Swart said. “The office will not be directly involved in course development.”

At the student meeting, audience members asked why the university does not offer an African American studies class and a Native American studies class.

Swart said the classes would be offered if 25 or more students committed to taking the course.

“We will offer that course, but we also expect there to be enrollment,” he said.

Swart said without enrollment, the university would end up paying a professor for not teaching a course.

Two sign-up sheets circulated in the room to collect names and e-mail addresses of interested students. The names were given to Swart.

Swart was asked about the university’s role in teaching the extended ECU community about diversity matters. He said he hoped ECU’s actions would have a ripple effect in Greenville and elsewhere.

“One basic message about diversity is respect for every member of the community regardless of race, position, age,” he said. “Respect begins with everyone — students and staff and faculty.”

• Two questions were related to extending employee benefits to alternate family structures such as gay or unmarried partnerships.

• Swart was asked if the new office would help establish more multicultural groups.

“Is it our role to create groups for you,” he said. “Certainly we will be very supportive, but this is not something we can impose on you.”

• One faculty member asked about quantitative goals relating to race and sex for those employed at ECU.

“We have no specific numbers, no specific goals,” Swart said. “We want to reach far and wide.”

• Swart was asked about the role of the Ledonia S. Wright Cultural Center in the Office of Diversity. The office is now headed by Dr. Lathan Turner, former assistant vice chancellor for student life and the director of Intercultural Student Affairs. Turner replaced Neil Lewis, who took a position as Outreach Coordinator at Joyner Library.

Swart said the center will serve as another resource for diversity.

• Students questioned Swart about Lewis’ job change. Swart said he could not, because of state law, discuss personnel issues with the group.

• One student questioned a comment by Swart that the ultimate goal of the Office of Diversity and Equality is for it to be obsolete.

“If the office creates a culture of diversity then diversity will be a matter of fact and it won’t need to be centralized,” Swart said.

Tenure and Promotion Recipients Announced

The following faculty members have been selected for promotion in rank and/or conferral of permanent tenure: (* Names marked with an asterisk also were recommended for conferral of permanent tenure.)

School of Art

Robert Hickner to associate professor.

College of Arts and Sciences

Chemistry – Yu Yang to associate professor; Economics – Lester Ziegler to professor; English – Robert Siegel to associate professor; Geography – Holly Hapke to associate professor; History – Michael Gross to associate professor; Philosophy – Edmund Wall to associate professor; Psychology – Katrina Walker to associate professor; Sociology – Marieke Van Willigen to associate professor; Theatre and Dance – Patricia Clark to associate professor and Jeffery Phipps to associate professor.

College of Business

Kenneth Bass, Stanley Eakins, Mark McCarthy, and Doug Schneider all promoted to professor.

School of Computer Science and Communication

K. Gopalakrishnan to associate professor.

College of Education

Ronald Preston to associate professor; Elizabeth Doster Taft to associate professor; and Scott Williams to assistant professor.

School of Health and Human Performance

Robert Hickner to associate professor; Anthony Laker to associate professor; and Susan McGhee to associate professor.

School of Music

Kerry Carlin to associate professor; Mario Rey to assistant professor; Mark Taggart to professor; and Jonathan Wacker to associate professor.

School of Social Work and Criminal Justice Studies

Gail Sharpe to assistant professor.

Academic Library Services

Stacy Baggett to assistant professor and Maurice York to professor.

Brody School of Medicine


Promoted to professor with confer-ral of permanent tenure: Roy Martin Roop II

Promoted to professor: Charles Daeschner, John Diamond, Stephen Engelke, Christopher Mansfield, and Juan March.

Also recommended for conferral of permanent tenure were:

Health and Human Performance

Stéphanie O’Toole

Music

Gregory Hurley

Allied Health Sciences

Mark Stiebnericki

Brody School of Medicine

Michael Miller, Walter Pofahl, Kenneth Steinweg, and David Tait;

School of Nursing

Garris Conner
Flood Memorial Planning Unites Greenville, ECU

By Nancy McGillicuddy

A couple of years ago, Ann Bellis wanted visitors to the Greenville Town Commons to know how high the Tar River rose during the flood of 1999.

So Bellis, a former instructor at ECU and a Sierra Club member, sought permission from the city to paint a blue mark on a pole to indicate the river’s record crest in the flood that followed Hurricane Floyd.

What Bellis and the Sierra Club received instead was a collaborative effort between the club, the City of Greenville, the university and community members to create a permanent Flood Flood Memorial.

A Flood Memorial Committee was formed, consisting of city, university and community leaders. With a $4,000 grant from the North Carolina Arts Council, the committee commissioned the ECU School of Art to create three memorial models. Sculpture students submitted 13 models for the memorial, and three finalists were selected by a jury of local artists based on safety, cost and feasibility.

The three models were unveiled last month at the Greenville Museum of Art and residents will help select one of three to be a permanent fixture in the Greenville Town Commons.

In Model A, by Mac Metz, three bronze cast figures — two men and a child — adorn the top of a limestone base. One man is passing the child into the care of the other man. The limestone base will stand at the height of the Tar River when it crested during the flood.

In Model B, by Elizabeth Henley, offers benches and walking paths surrounding by a sand bag wall. The memorial will include a bronze plaque to narrate the facts surrounding Hurricane Floyd and the flood. Various artists would design the bags.

Model C, by Kay Livick, includes two bronze figures: a man and a girl. The man’s hand is lifted over his head, showing the child an estimated water level.

Carl Billingsley (Art), a consultant to the memorial committee, described the effort as “an excellent collaboration between town and gown.” At the unveiling, artists, Greenville leaders, students and ECU community members reflected on the challenges of the flood and cast the first ballots for the vote to determine which model will be created.

“It’s a time for remembering,” said the Rev. Sydney Locke of Cornerstone Baptist Church. “Today we reach back to those moments when city workers and houses of faith did what ever it took to make sure their neighbors were not hungry.”

Fundraising for the final sculpture will begin this summer and should be completed by fall of 2006. ECU participants in the project include Marlene Muse, Michael Dorsey (Art); Billingsley (Art); Alice Arnold (Art); Joyce Newman (English) and Mary Kathryn Thornton (English).

Faculty, Staff Share Ideas on Teaching with Technology

By Jennifer Farris

Faculty and staff from across ECU traveled to a statewide conference in Greensboro to share ideas on teaching and learning with technology in the classroom. The conference, held March 27-29, brought together more than 400 educators and instructional technologists throughout the UNC system. At the 2003 UNC Teaching and Learning with Technology (TLT) Conference held March 27-29, more than 25 ECU faculty and staff led presentations, workshops, panels, and poster sessions on subjects like secure digital mobile classrooms, interactive instructional animations, the Access Grid collaborative videoconferencing environment, 3-D modeling and design, and research in teaching and learning with technology.

The annual TLT conference provides professional development for teaching and learning center administrators, instructional technology consultants, librarians, faculty, and staff at the 16 UNC campuses who are interested in the effective use of technology for teaching and learning.

Many of the conference sessions featured examples of technology-supported instruction and address issues such as implementation, learning outcomes, and student perspectives. Other sessions address technological, pedagogical, and administrative support issues associated with TLT.

Plans are underway to showcase these presentations at a Teaching and Learning with Technology Symposium on campus. ECU faculty and staff who submitted proposals this year, along with ECU Department and name of the proposals, include:

- Stacy Bowers, Stefanie DuBose, and Jessica Fischer (Joyner Library), “How Do We Get There From Here? Campus Collaboration to Achieve Information Literacy”;
- Doug Barnum (Health Sciences Communication) and Thomas Irons, Jr. (ITCS), “High Tech - Making it Adaptable for Rural Delivery”;
- Cynthia Bickley-Green (Art), “Visual Art and Distance Education”;
- David Bjorkman and Irene Gerow (Chemistry), Ken Fluchuck (Physics and Center for Interdisciplinary Instructional Technology Research), and Roger Jones (Center for Interdisciplinary Instructional Technology Research), “Seeing Atoms and Molecules in Three-Dimensional Space”;
- Alan Branigan (Health Sciences Communication), “Effectiveness of Computer Assisted Instruction of Pediatric Heart Sounds”;
- Wendy Creasey (ITCS, Academic Computing), Sandra Huskamp (Center for Interdisciplinary Instructional Technology Research) and Jennifer Farris (ITCS, Strategic Initiatives), “Research on Teaching and Learning with Technology,” and “Access Grid: Reaching the World”;
- Todd Finley (English), Harold Stone (Planning) and student J. Theus, “Four Dimensional Analysis of Low-Income Parent Values”;
- Ken Fluchuck and Xin-Hua Hu (Physics), “VolumeView of Tomography Images within a RAW Environment”;
- Annette Greer, Maria Clay, Doyle Cummings, and Kristen Springer-Dreyfus (Medicine), “Use of the Internet Environment to Standardize Curriculum Implementation and Evaluation for Community Based Health Sciences Students”;
- Gregg Hecimovich (English), “Teaching Literature in the Technology Classroom,” and “Technology in the Literature Classroom: The Case of William Blake”;
- Mary S. Jackson (Social Work and Criminal Justice) and Nathan Stevens (Center for Wireless and Mobile Technology), “Secure Digital Mobile Classroom”; Sally Lawrence (English), “Editing and Revision: Creating Interactive Instructional Animations”;
- Patricia Lindsay (Apparel Merchandising and Interior Design), “Visualization across the Curriculum”;
- Ron Nowaczewy (Psychology), “Developing an Online Master’s Program”;
- Chris Weaver and Ginny Zeeman (Distributed Education and Academic Information Technology), “Moving from Instructor Led to Instructor Mediated: Considerations for a Completely Asynchronous Program” and “Blackboard Interest Group”;
- Biwu Yang, (Industrial Technology), “Online Lab for Network Security Courses Delivered via Distance Learning”.

Additional information about the TLT Conference is available at www.unctl.org/special/conference2003/about/overview.cfm. For more information about the UNC Teaching and Learning with Technology Collaborative (ITLC), contact Sandra Huskamp, ECU’s representative to the UNC TLTC Board of Directors and Board Co-chair, at huskamps@mail.ecu.edu.

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Kenyon Aims to Enhance Adoption with Task Force

By Christine Bates

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ums and totals are a pressing
demand these days for Gail Kenyon,
visiting instructor at ECU’s Carolyn
Freeze Baynes School of Social Work
and Criminal Justice Studies. She’s not
computing tax returns or figuring complex
algebraic equations, instead she’s trying
to reduce one specific number – 3,011.
That’s the number of children in North
Carolina’s foster care programs who are
waiting to be adopted. (N.C. Department
of Social Services).

Kenyon hopes to see those numbers
improve through the efforts of the
Adoption Enhancement Project, a
community-based task force developed to
examine creative and innovative ways to
enhance adoption services in Pitt County.
As Director of the project, Kenyon just
received a $25,000 grant from Pitt County
Department of Social Services.

“Public adoption is an issue for
everyone, said Kenyon. “Therefore the
Task Force members will be drawn from
a number of different groups in the
community who care about adoption in Pitt
County. Members will include social
workers, ECU faculty and staff, therapists,
foster and adoptive parents, volunteers
from area churches, and members of
grouped together, including the Pitt
County Foster Parent Association (Strong
Able Youth Speaking Out), an association of
foster children ages 14-24.

The group will work to devise a
plan to identify ways of enhancing adoption
and foster care services in the county.

Preparing this plan will take a great
deal of effort, implementing the plan will
take even more effort. Work began last
December, and the Task Force expects to
have the plan ready by June. The plan has	hREE specific goals. First, the Task Force
intends to increase community awareness
about adoption.

“Many people just don’t think about
adoption,” Kenyon said. While everyone
might not be able to adopt a child, she
said, there are many other ways of
supporting the adoption process. Individu-
als concerned about this issue can offer
donations of money or time. They can
sponsor a child, a foster family or an
adoptive family through their church.
And, they can talk more openly about
adoption and foster care to understand and
improve the perception of the process.

Some misconceptions the Task
Force hopes to inform the public about
include the following:

• Adoption is expensive: In fact,
there is no cost to adopt a child who is
in foster care in North Carolina.

• Only young, married couples can
adopt: Adopting families can be older or
younger, wealthy or of modest income,
two-parent or single-parent. The primary
requirement is that you provide a healthy,
loving and nurturing home for a child.

Olszewksa said mediation is a balance between the in loco parentis
operation of universities in the 1950s —
where the university served an
academic role as well as the
disciplinary role of a
parent — and the
hands-off
philosophy of the
‘80s and
‘90s.

“Now
we’re not
completely
hands off, but we are not the
parent either,” she said. “We are looking
at students as adults, but as a university
we still have a responsibility to students.

“We want to teach students how to
resolve conflicts so they know how to do
it in the future. Conflict is everywhere —
at work, at home. The key is how to
approach it.”

Seventeen mediators volunteer with
the center, including faculty, staff and
students. All cases are confidential and
include a chance for clients to offer
feedback.

While the center can help mediate
diverse areas of conflict, mediators must
refer or report to other agencies several
topics, including cases involving felony-
level criminal behavior, child or elder
abuse, sexual harassment and assault.

Contact Olszewksa at 328-6824 (e-
mail olszewskam@mail.ecu.edu) for more
information or to make a referral.

Mediation Center Works for Peaceful Resolutions

By Nancy McGillicuddy

The fight was initially between two
roommates — two women fighting over
who was being ill-mannered. But in the
hands of a trained mediator, the dispute
became a discussion of how to get along
in one another’s company.

“I think we’ll keep that in mind
when we see you tomorrow,” the mediator
reported to those in the conference room
at the Greenville Convention Center May
3. While Jocelyn is Hunter’s biological
daughter, he has helped foster four
children in the past.
Statewide Campaign Teaches ‘Bullies Don’t Belong’

By Nancy McGillicuddy

When Randy Alston’s teacher asked him to illustrate the theme “Bullies Don’t Belong,” the fifth grader at South Greenville Elementary School drew two figures: A tough-looking fellow with a cigarette and a boy with a text bubble near his mouth.

“No,” it says. Alton is one of hundreds of students participating in N.C. Attorney General Roy Cooper’s anti-bully campaign called Bullies Don’t Belong. Part of the campaign will be based at East Carolina University.

A collaboration between Cooper’s office, ECU and the Center for the Prevention of School Violence, the statewide initiative aims to teach students, parents and teachers how to protect themselves and others against school violence, including bullying and drug use.

The program includes a student artwork project, where students in kindergarten through 12th grade are asked to submit a drawing on the topic of bullying. As of May 5 there have been 1,300 entries.

About a dozen pieces — which include paintings, drawings, collages, prints, mixed media, computer generated art and photography — will be chosen to illustrate a publication on how to effectively curb bullying and aggressive behavior in school.

The publication and an instructional web site displaying all submitted art will be designed at ECU.

“The main goal is to raise awareness both with the public at large and all school children,” said Cynthia Bickley-Green, assistant professor in the School of Art, who along with Lou Everett of the School of Nursing is helping to coordinate the campaign. “As a group of adults we often do not think about this issue.”

Cooper’s office chose ECU as springboard for the art and website portion of the project thanks to the efforts of Bickley-Green and Everett. The two professors have years of experience in using art for conflict resolution. They first teamed up five years ago for a program at the Pitt County Boys and Girls Club during which children with divorced parents were asked to use art to express emotions.

“I've found through the years that children aren't taught how to communicate, especially when the information is considered unpleasant,” said Everett, also a licensed marriage and family therapist.

When Randy Alston's teacher asked

Bullies Don’t Belong

Becomes

Cynthia Bickley-Green (left) of the School of Art, and Lou Everett, professor and associate dean for Undergraduate Programs, School of Nursing, are helping to coordinate a campaign against school violence. (Photo by Marc J. Kawanishi)

Baker Leads By Example for Student Volunteers

By Judy Currin

As part of a Pieces of Eight series honoring exceptional ECU volunteers, the Recognition and Rewards Committee of the ECU Chancellor’s Staff Senate recognizes Judy Baker.

Judy Baker grew up in Greenville. Her grandfather’s house once stood on the present site of Minges Coliseum.

“Odd how I found success in my own back yard,” she reflected.

Born into a large family, she is one of seven; her penchant for instruction and assistance to others began at an early age.

“My mother had 20 brothers and sisters so I grew up with a multitude of cousins — someone always needed help with something,” Baker said.

A lecturer in the Department of Health Education and Promotion and founder and director of ECU’s Student Volunteer Program, Baker’s ties to the university and the Greenville community are far reaching. She attended ECU as an undergraduate, receiving her Bachelor’s degree in Health and Physical Education in 1963. She was the departmental winner of the Most Outstanding Senior Award. Her first teaching job was at Greene Central High School in Snow Hill.

In 1978 she returned to ECU, obtained her MAEd, and became a lecturer in the department in 1982.

“I became a teacher because I wanted to give something back,” Baker said. Her own high school teachers were instrumental in helping her find scholarship money so that she could attend college. “So many people have contributed to my success,” she said.

Baker’s days are divided between her responsibilities in the Department of Health Education and the Student Volunteer Program (SVP). Initiated in 1989 as a pilot program, the SVP has evolved, due largely to Baker’s efforts, into a program that directly impacts the university, community, government, state and nation.

The program promotes volunteering among college students and provides them with opportunities to render valuable time and service in responding to the many needs of our community,” said Baker. She reminds her students that whenever they are out in the community involved in volunteer activities, they are representing ECU.

Baker raises the bar for her students by example. She volunteers with the American Red Cross, the Ronald McDonald House, Wata-Woates School, the Greenville Community Shelter, Sheppard Memorial Library, Pitt Alliance for Youth, Power of One Board of Directors, and the Pitt Volunteer Action Center Advisory Board.

Her volunteer works, memberships and awards include:

• Founder and Director, ECU Volunteer Center 1989-2003
• Founder, Power of One Mentoring Program 1996
• ODK Leadership Society, Keating Award 2002
• ODK Leadership Society, President’s Award 2000
• Ronald McDonald House, Outstanding Service Award 1991, 2001
• Academic Advisor
• Member of Honors Faculty
• Graduate Student Mentor
• Outstanding Advisor Award 1994, 1996
• Chancellor’s Synergy Award 2001
• Member, ECU Outreach Network 1999-2003
• Points of Light Award
• Governor’s Outstanding Service Award 1992
• Red Cross Charter Member Award 2003
• HHP Outstanding Service Award 1999-2000
• Eta Sigma Gamma, Outstanding Service Award 1991–92, 1996-97
• NCAVA Certified Volunteer Administrator 1998—present
• Faculty Advisor for Epsilon Sigma Alpha 1997-2003

Jason Denius, SVC assistant director, works closely with Baker on a daily basis.

“When I first met Judy,” he said, “I was absolutely captivated. She possessed all the personal and professional characteristics I hoped to have one day. ‘She has the unique ability to motivate students to serve the community, and she inspires her volunteers to new heights,’ he said. ‘It is all her young staff at the Center can do to keep up with her ferocious work ethic.’”

Baker and her husband, Gene, educator and administrator with Pitt County Schools for 30 years, will celebrate their 42nd wedding anniversary May 20. Both their children attended ECU.

Daughter Shanna, 32, practices equine medicine in Midlothian, VA. Son Kevin, 34, is a test driver for Grady White Boats. He has an 11-year-old daughter, Coral.
Following are names, departments and years of service for ECU employees who retired in 2002. Retirees are listed by their number of years of service, beginning with Donald Sexauer (Art), who retired after 41 years.

### Twenty Through Twenty-four

- Brenda Dickerson, Athletics, 24 Years
- Doris Hunt, Industry and Technology, 24 Years
- Ellen Stroop, Surgery – Admin. Clinics, 23 Years
- Paul Fendt, Continuing Studies, 22 Years
- Wayne Hatcher, IT Software Development, 22 Years
- Roy Moore, Business Affairs – Health Sciences, 21 Years
- Lawrence Watson, ECU Police, 21 Years

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### Sixteen through Twenty

- Diana Henshaw, Continuing Studies, 19 Years
- Thurman Ramsey, Central Receiving and Stores, 19 Years
- Thomas Scherer, IT Software Development, 19 Years
- Willie Evans, Housekeeping – Medicine, 18 Years
- Dixie Koldjeski, Community Nursing Systems, 18 Years
- Lem Wallace, Grounds – Main Campus, 18 Years
- Larry King, Surgery – Cardiac Clinical, 17 Years
- Patricia Ayers, Patient Access Services, 17 Years
- Dolly Richards, Curriculum and Instruction, 17 Years
- Alice Jackson, Office of Vice Chancellor – Academic Affairs, 16 Years
- Tony Rumple, News and Communication Services, 16 Years

### Ten through Fifteen

- David Hills, Industrial Technology, 15 Years
- Shirley Rouse, Housekeeping – Main Campus, 15 Years
- Larry Hagler, Accounting, 14 Years
- Ernest Williams, Mason Shop – Main Campus, 13 Years
- Charles Carney, Health Sciences, 12 Years
- Theodore Kummer, Health Sciences Communication, 12 Years
- Margaret Boschetti, Apparel, Merchandising, Interior Design, 10 Years
- Jo Holmes, Institutional Advancement, 10 Years

### Two through Nine

- Allan Rosenberg, Peds – Gastroenterology, 9 Years
- Carlos Murray, Finance, 5 Years
- Joyce Myers, Adult Health Nursing, 2 Years

The 2002 retirees list includes employees with official retirement dates from Jan. 1, 2002, through Dec. 31, 2002, as provided by Human Resources and ITCS. Employees who retired Jan. 1, 2003, and after will be reported in next year’s listing.

Years of service accounts listed do not include time earned through accumulated sick or annual leave. Every effort has been made to insure that information on this list is complete, however, if an employee’s name was omitted in error, please notify the Pieces of Eight editor by e-mail at holsterj@mail.ecu.edu.
In the Spotlight

Appointments/Elections

Brian McMillen (Medicine) was elected to the board of directors of the (N.C.) Governor’s Institute on Alcohol and Substance Abuse in Research Triangle Park. The board includes counselors, physicians, and educators with expertise in substance abuse.

Charles J. Kovač (Medicine) was appointed to a three-year term on the advisory/review committee for the National Center for Research Resources at the National Institute of Health (NIH). Kovač has a history of service to the NIH and the National Cancer Institute, serving on emphasis panels, study sections and site review committees ranging from radiation research and oncology to biotherapy.

Sandra Huskamp (Education) was elected co-chair of the UNC – Teaching and Learning with Technology Collaborative for 2002–2003. She will also serve as deputy finance chair for the South Carolina 2003 Conference.

Marilyn Sheerer (Education) was appointed to the board of directors for the Hill Center in Durham.

Kermit Buckner (Education) was selected to serve on the NCATE Board of Examiners’ accreditation team.

Anne E. Dickerson (Allied Health) was re-elected for a three-year term as chair of the Professional Program Director Education Council (PRODEC). She will represent PRODEC on the American Occupational Therapy Association’s Commission on Education.

Service, Honors and Professional Activities

Allied Health faculty and students participating in the Carolinas Clinical Connection (CCC) Spring Conference in Greenville, S.C., included Rich Bamberg, who was awarded the Professional Certificate of Appreciation for his efforts benefiting the N.C. Society for Clinical Laboratory Science. Karen Sullivan and Kathleen Schulman were awarded Keys to the Future for awards for significant contributions and future commitments to the organization. They will head the committee planning the Spring 2004 CCC conference in Wilmington.

John Palmer joined ECU–Dowdy Student Stores as merchandising manager. A graduate of Atlantic Christian College, Palmer holds a bachelor’s degree in business administration.

Louis Toppin (Music) was presented the key to the city in Erie, Penn., for her dedication to performing the music of Erie native Harry T. Burleigh.

Kathy Kolasa (Medicine), Margie Gallagher and Evelina Farrow (Nutrition and Hospitality Management) participated in Global Nutrition 2003, during which they offered a distance education course to participants from Africa, Asia, and South America. Participants were in Uppsala, Sweden while the ECU faculty remained in Greenville.

Craig Malmore (Art) received two Silver ADDY Awards from the American Advertising Federation’s Third District Competition. He competed with artists from major design firms and ad agencies in Virginia, North and South Carolina. Hannah Jabran (Art) was named Distinguished Alumnae by the University of Wisconsin in Milwaukee.

Carl Billingsley (Art) won a third place award at the First Gulin Yuzi Paradise Sculpture competition in Yuzi, China. Approximately 500 sculptors from 45 countries submitted artwork to the competition; only 71 works were selected.

Housekeepers Awards for Excellence, first quarter winners are Ronnie J. Shields, Paul D. Lynch, Doris Louise Whitchard, and Amanda Anderson.

Facilities Services Awards for Excellence, first quarter, are Sydney Whitehurst and George Howard.

University Publications earned a gold medal for individual advertising from the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE). The advertisement, created by University Publication’s Timothy Gormley and David Etchison, was selected from among 18 entries. Only one gold medal was awarded. Winning entries will be posted on the CASE web site (www.case.org/awards) in June.

ECU head golf coach Kevin Williams was named Conference USA Women’s Golf Coach of the Year. Williams led the Pirate women to a 132-21-2 finish this season, including three wins over top-25 teams.

Bob McClay (Center for Applied Technology) was named Fellow of the American Society of Safety Engineers, the highest honor accorded to safety professionals by the national society. He was one of four persons named this year. The award will be presented at the society’s annual conference in Denver this June.

Jack Schmidt (Education) received the Ruth C. McSwain Award from the North Carolina School Counselor Association (NCSCA). The award is the highest honor bestowed by the NCSCA for professional leadership in school counseling.

Annalies Corbin (Maritime Studies) received the John Cotter Award for excellence in National Park Service Archeology. Corbin shared the award with Dr. William H. Funston Jr., a park service archeologist, for their work on the Marshall/Firehole Hotel underwater project in Yellowstone National Park.

The Department of Sociology named Caroline Schacht, Martin Schultz, Linda Mooney, and Marieke Van Willigen as recipients of its 2003 Teaching Excellence Awards. Van Willigen was also named recipient of the Department’s 2003-2004 Reassignment Award for Scholarship.

Three-Time Winner

Leanne Elizabeth Smith was selected for the third year in a row to receive the $1,000 Children of SPA Employees Scholarship (for children of ECU’s SPA employees) and for the first time to receive the $1,600 ECU Retired Faculty Association Undergraduate Scholarship (for children of active or retired ECU EPA faculty or non-teaching faculty).

Her father, Ralph R. Smith, is an SPA employee in the Brody School of Medicine Department of Microbiology and Immunology, and her mother, Elizabeth H. Smith, is a faculty member in Academic Library Services.

Cardiovascular Institute to Address Heart Disease

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eastern North Carolina. The estimated cost of the facility is $50 million.

• An addition to the medical school’s Edward N. Warren Life Sciences Building dedicated to basic research on cardiovascular disease, with an estimated cost of $10 million.

UIHS expects to fund the construction of the heart hospital with bond debt. ECU hopes to receive support from the North Carolina General Assembly in funding its portion of the institute.

Chitwood, who will become director of the center July 1 pending final action by the ECU Board of Trustees, is best known for his pioneering work with valvular and robotic heart surgery, which has brought international acclaim to ECU and PCMH.

Chitwood’s vision for the institute, mapped out in a detailed strategic plan last year, concentrates all the specialists involved in the care of heart and vascular patients – university and private practice cardiologists, cardiothoracic and vascular surgeons, radiologists, pediatric heart specialists, nurses and therapists—into a single operating entity focused on heart and blood vessel disease and congenital heart disease.

This approach identifies patients earlier, when their conditions are usually more treatable, and avoids the delays, disconnects and redundant testing that occur when medical providers work in relative isolation from each other.

The population of individuals with cardiovascular disease and those who are at-risk are extremely important in the overall health care equation,” said Chitwood. “In the past, they were medically underserved. Now we need to make sure that they are properly served in order to gain the advantage over this disease. But this is an extremely complex task that requires a great deal of coordination.

Eastern North Carolina consistently leads the rest of the state in mortality from heart and vascular disease, which is responsible for nearly one in three deaths in the region. The number of cases of heart disease is expected to grow substantially over the next decade purely as a result of the aging of the baby boom generation. Measures must be taken now to respond to this increase, said Chitwood.

The other hallmark of the cardiovascular institute will be an idea that has been linked with Chitwood throughout his career: innovation. He is among the world’s leading figures in the development of minimally invasive methods of surgery, culminating most recently in his work with the da Vinci robot. He and his surgical team were the first in North America to use the robot to repair cardiac valves and they later led the Food and Drug Administration clinical trial of the da Vinci robot for mitral valve operations.

Under his leadership, the institute will become a focal point for clinical research on the devices and techniques that will continue to push back the frontiers of cardiovascular medicine and surgery, resulting in earlier detection, minimal management of the disease, shorter hospitalizations, quicker recovery times and less pain for patients.
Business Workshop Assists Hispanic/Latino Population

By Dana Jackson Gauland

The North Carolina Small Business and Technology Development Center (SBTDC) at ECU and the Greenville Self-Help Credit Union held a Hispanic/Latino business workshop on campus April 14.

Free to Hispanic/Latino business entrepreneurs, the training event featured workshops offered by three SBTDC graduate school interns—Adelcito Lugo, originally from Venezuela; Francis Vergara, a native of Panama; and Vanessa Zanolotti, a native of Honduras. The three MBA students, with co-presenters from the Self-Help Credit Union, presented a two-hour workshop entitled “Increase Your Business Profits.” In both English and Spanish, the interns introduced the SBTDC and its services, discussed business plan development, financing, financial planning, and marketing/advertising.

Carolyn Wilburn, assistant director of ECU SBTDC, spearheaded and coordinated the workshop, which she termed “the perfect opportunity to reach out to the fastest growing minority population in eastern North Carolina.”

The SBTDC falls under the Division of Research, Economic Development and Community Engagement, she said, and this outreach project incorporated SBTDC services along with the expertise of international MBA student interns from ECU’s College of Business.

Workshop participants deemed the event a success. Participants Luis and Angela Liberatos, who work in a family business in the town of Washington, felt confident they would apply information learned in the workshop to their existing business. It was the first business workshop Luis Liberatos had attended while living in the United States and he called it “a magnificent seminar.” It was especially helpful, he said, having the information presented in Spanish.

The SBTDC provides management counseling and educational services to help North Carolina businesses meet challenges, manage change, and plan for the future. It is a business development service of the UNC system operated in partnership with the U.S. Small Business Administration. The ECU office was established in 1985 and is one of 17 offices within the statewide UNC system.

The Self-Help Credit Union of Greenville reaches people who are underserved by conventional lenders, particularly minorities, women, rural residents and low-weight families.

For additional information about Hispanic/Latino business workshops, contact Carolyn Wilburn at 328-6186 (wilburnc@mail.ecu.edu). Additional information on SBTDC is available at www.ecu.edu/sbtdc. Spanish speaking clients are asked to help arrange interpreters for SBTDC appointments.

Gauland is an information and communications specialist in the ECU Regional Development Institute.

Dynamic Duo

Dr. Phil Phillips is outgoing president of the North Carolina Art Education Association. Dr. Cynthia Bickley-Green is the current president.

The two professors in the School of Art attended the National Art Education Association in Minneapolis, MN, April 4–8 where they represented the art teachers of North Carolina as members of the NAEA Delegate’s Assembly.

Phillips served as the chairperson of the Professional Standards Committee and Dr. Bickley-Green served as chairperson of the Professional Development Committee.

These committees requested a national statement on standards for alternative licensure of art teachers and the development of a nationwide mentoring program for art teachers respectively. The National Art Education Association has a membership of 22,000 art educators.

Phillips and Bickley-Green also made a research presentation about the North Carolina Regional Resiliency Program developed over the past four years by the School of Art and the School of Nursing: “How Can Art Education Teach Resilience?” an art program to deter youth from taking illegal substances.

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Sigma Xi Elects Officers

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Two other committees were also elected: A scholarship committee, chaired by Professor Mary Farwell of Biology, requested a national state philanthropic group to give scholarships to undergraduates.

Outgoing chapter president Charles Boklage called Culver’s presentation “a significant step in understanding how Earth works and how it got that way.” “He made it far more interesting than many might have expected from the title,” Boklage said.

Professors Joe Kalinowski, Michael Rastatter and Andy Stuart of Communication Sciences and Disorders finished the evening with their presentation, “Say it with me and I won’t stutter.” The inhibition paradigm.” It was “a straightforwardly absorbing account of the solid scientific research and discovery,” that led to the patented Speech-Easy device, said Boklage, as well as a “very moving example of science in service of human needs.”

In just a couple of years since development of their stutter-easing device, already several thousand of the roughly three million stutterers in the country have been given a very user-friendly means of fluent speech for the first time in their lives.

The ECU Chapter of Sigma Xi is “very proud of these world-class fellow ECU researchers,” said Boklage.

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FRIDAY
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Salsa Dancing: lesson, 7:30 p.m. Dance 8 p.m. Willis Bldg.

WEDNESDAY
21
ECU Concert Series, Jeff Bair and Jonathan Wacker, WTEB, 8 p.m.

SATURDAY
17
Music Festival, Alan Jackson, Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium. Gates open at noon.

TUESDAY
20
Summer Session I classes begin

MONDAY
26
Holiday – no classes

WEDNESDAY
28
ECU Concert Series, John Kramar and Sharon Mundin, WTEB, 8 p.m.

JUNE

WEDNESDAY
4
ECU Concert Series, Christine Gustafson, Mary Burroughs, John O’Brien, and Ailsa Gilliam, WTEB, 8 p.m.

SATURDAY
7
Cancer Survivorship Day with Olympic gold medal winner and cancer survivor Frank, Catherine Hanna, WTEB, 8 p.m.

THURSDAY
19
Rodgers and Hart ECU/Loessin Summer Theatre, McGinnis Theatre, through June 22. Performances at 8 p.m. except Sunday performances at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAY
26
Summer Guitar Festival, Joffrey Ensemble Dancers, ECU/Loessin Summer Theatre, McGinnis Theatre, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m.

FRIDAY
13
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WEDNESDAY
25
ECU Concert Series, Orchestra concerts, WTEB, 8 p.m.

Exhibitions

2003 Master’s Thesis Exhibition through May 24, Gray Gallery

African Household and Ceremonial Objects, African Art Gallery, through summer.

Bullies Don’t Belong, Mendenhall, through June 15.

Presentations

By Nancy House (Art), “Drawing on the PDA,” at the SITE 2003 Conference in Albuquerque, N.M.


By Anthony Hayden (Chemistry), “An Alternative Aromatic Anellation and Cyclopan-tannulation Strategies Based on the Dotz Reaction,” at the Dept. of Chemistry and Biochemistry, Old Dominon University, Norfolk, Va.

By Angelo Restivo (English) at the MLA Convention in New York, N.Y., “The Confessor and the Ephebe,” and “The Taiwanese New Wave and the Event of Modernization.”

By Resa Crabbe Bizzaro (English), “Folkloric Elements of Native American Story and Poetry,” at the annual American Folklore Society meeting in Rochester, N.Y.


By Henry Duskey (Music), workshop on the music of William Gillock for the Charlotte Piano Teachers Forum.


By Cheryl McFadden (Education), “Distance Education: A Myth or Reality for Preparing Leaders for the 21st Century,” at the N.C. Association for Research in Education Conference in Holly Springs; and, with doctoral candidate J. Ellis, “Developing Educational Programs for Incarcerated Women,” at the Southeastern Association of Educational Studies Conference, UNC Chapel Hill.

By Susan Colaric (Education), “Professional Development: What It Can Look Like,” at the Southeastern Regional Technology and Teaching Conference in Greenville; and a series of workshops online teaching and learning as part of a grant for technology training for the Wayne Community College faculty in Goldsboro and the Martin Community College faculty in Williamston.


By Sylvia Escott-Stump (Nutrition and Hospitality Management), to dietitians at annual state meetings in Madison, Wisc., and in Richmond, Va. Merits of professional membership and negotiation skills were covered topics.

By Carmen Russo Joniello, Matthew Mahar and David Rowe (Health and Human Performance) with co-authors, “The Effectiveness of Photopherthography in Measuring Heart Rate Variability,” at the Annual Meeting of the Association of Applied Psychophysiology and Biofeedback in Jacksonville, Fla.


By Lloyd Goodwin (Allied Health) on his “Baton Theory,” model of clinical counseling at the annual American Counseling Association (ACA) conference in Anaheim, Calif. Tapes of his session were available to the 55,000 ACA counselors.

By Jan K. Teller (Medicine), opening plenary lecture, “The Enemy Within – Amyloid Beta in Down’s Syndrome Brain,” at the 29th Annual International Meeting of the Neuropathologic Society in Vienna, Austria.

By Rhonda Brown (International Affairs) as chair of the FE-1 Beginners Workshop part of the NAFSA: Association of International Educators’ Spring 2003 Professional Practice Workshop Series, in Pittsburgh, Penn.


By Ralph Scott (Academic Library Services) performance as moderator of a panel discussion on military history at the North Carolina Association of Historians Annual Conference in Asheville.
A Place in the Sun

Absorbed in their studies, ECU juniors Karen Lee (right) and Radha Prabhakar soak up more than the sun’s rays as they relax on the ECU campus. Taking advantage of warm April temperatures, the exchange students from England basked in the sun while preparing for end-of-semester examinations. (Photo by Jason Frizzelle)

On Campus

Five Members Join Board of Trustees

- Redwine, narrowly defeated in his re-election bid last year, had served in the House since 1985 and was co-chairman of the Appropriations Committee. He is an insurance broker and a 1972 graduate of ECU. He was appointed by the Board of Governors on May 9.
- Bodenhamer, founder, president and chief executive officer of USA Parking Systems Inc. in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., attended ECU from 1970 to 1974 and was president of the student body. He was appointed by the Board of Governors.
- Baer, a junior from Wilmington, is majoring in political science. He was elected last month.
- Redwine replaces former Sen. Ed Warren, who died last month after being named to the ECU Board in March. Chancellor William V. Muse praised Warren as “one of the most beloved and revered members of the ECU family” and noted that the senator was “instrumental in helping secure programs, funding, and recognition for East Carolina University. He had a particular passion for improved health care in eastern North Carolina and was the force behind numerous programs and initiatives on behalf of the people of the region and state.”
- The Board of Governors also reappointed to the ECU Board Stephen D. Showfety of Greensboro and Michael Kelly of Nags Head.
- Showfety, president of the Koury Corp., a real estate development firm, is secretary of the board. Kelly, a restaurateur, is chairman of the board’s Finance and Facilities Committee.
- Members who will leave the board are Chairman Charles Franklin Jr. of Elizabeth City, director of the Albemarle Mental Health Center; Mayor Tom Bayliss of New Bern; D. Jordan Whichard III of Greenville, publisher of The Daily Reflector; Betty Speir of Bethel, a retired educator; and Justin Mullarkey, outgoing student government president.

Bullies Campaign

ECU Art Department given their reputation and Dr. Bickle-Brown’s personal interest in this topic,” he said. “We're looking forward to our work with East Carolina University and feel this will be a real opportunity to highlight an important public policy issue.”

The artwork portion of the campaign is a way students can express ideas. It can also serve as catalyst for discussion, Bickle-Brown said. “Sometimes it’s easier for children to make drawings because they don’t understand the subtleties of the situation,” she said. “To talk about it is more difficult.”

In addition to the publication and website, the campaign includes an art exhibit May 15 – June 15 at Mendenhall Student Center and a workshop in Washington, D.C., for the International ChildArt Festival in September.

Vehicle Registration

Vehicle registration for the ECU community opened April 28, with a completely online registration form available with the ECU OneStop system. Faculty and staff members who would like to have a new permit sent by campus mail should register by June 1.

The new parking system will begin on July 1, and will feature parking in a number of specified zones, with permit costs based upon convenience and accessibility to campus locations. Maps detailing these zones, along with fee schedules and other details of the new program, are posted at http://www.ecu.edu/parking.

ECU Teams Consider Banner Move

whether Banner is a good fit for ECU. More than 150 staff and faculty members from across campus have participated in the numerous presentations and deliberations that accompanied the initial analysis.

Two teams were formed to oversee the review process – the executive steering committee, chaired by chief information officer Jeffery Huskamp, and the project management team, headed by Banner project director Don Sweet, director of IT Software Development and associate chief information officer.

In May, Sweet will present the project management team’s written recommendation to the executive steering committee for review. Huskamp will then present Banner for a final vote by Chancellor William V. Muse and his cabinet.

If the project is approved, funding must then be acquired for new hardware, the Banner software suite itself and training. Implementation is anticipated to begin with the financial module first, followed by human resources, student, financial aid, and advancement.

ECU may soon join the ranks of more than 1,300 educational institutions worldwide, 13 of which are in the UNC system, that have been impacted by Banner. If the project is approved, no person at ECU will remain untouched by the transition to the Banner system.

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Chancellor William V. Muse will be easy to spot on the highway these days with his newly-minted ECU specialized license plates. The N.C. Division of Motor Vehicles Commissioner Carol Howard presented Muse with the plates April 29. (Contributed photo)

ECU may soon join the ranks of more than 1,300 educational institutions worldwide, 13 of which are in the UNC system, that have been impacted by Banner. If the project is approved, no person at ECU will remain untouched by the transition to the Banner system.