Muse, Board To Assess Plan

Chancellor William Muse has told the ECU Board of Trustees that within six months he expects to come to the board with a refined strategic vision and plan for the university over the next decade.

“I need a little time to fully internalize the culture of eastern Carolina and ECU,” Muse said. Then, he said, he will return to the board to discuss aspirations and directions.

“We need to start with a vision and a plan on which we can all agree,” Muse said during a retreat with the board on Aug. 17. Board members agreed.

The retreat was scheduled to discuss board-chancellor relations, personnel and institutional planning.

Muse and the board agreed that the board expects him to: provide adequate and accurate information to the board in a timely fashion; provide the board with recommendations on issues on which the board is expected to make a decision; provide effective management of the operations of the university and leadership in the formulation of a strategic vision and plan for the institution; and represent the university well to a variety of external constituencies.

Similarly, they agreed that the chancellor can expect the board to: assist in forming a strategic vision and plan for the institution and support efforts toward achieving that plan; formulate policies that will guide the administration’s decisions in the operations of the university; provide guidance on the information the board wants reported on a regular basis; consider information and recommendations provided by the administration in making decisions that are in the best interest of the institution; and to contact the chancellor on matters on which the board desires additional information or on which the board wants to register an opinion.

The chancellor told board members that he expects to run the day-to-day operations of the university within the framework of the policies the board has developed.

The board decided at the retreat to streamline its meeting format by scheduling committee meetings and the full board meeting on the same day. The full board meeting will begin at 3 p.m. and will hear only action items. Meetings will be scheduled on Fridays.

In the past, committees met on Thursdays and Friday mornings, followed by a full board meeting on Fridays. There has been considerable repetition between the committee meetings and the full board meeting.

Board members said they could schedule longer meetings if particularly complicated topics were on the agenda.

Enrollment Up as New Year Begins

By John Durham

On-campus enrollment rebounded smartly as the fall semester cranked up this month. Accompanied by sweltering temperatures, drenching thunderstorms and predictable traffic jams, more than 18,000 students enrolled for on-campus classes.

Interim Vice Chancellor Robert Thompson (Academic Affairs) told the Board of Trustees on Aug. 17 that the final figure, when the official tally is made on Aug. 28, will be close to 18,200.

That is up from 17,851 last year and close to the record of 18,223 set in 1999. The dip last fall reflected tightened academic standards. An additional 1,100 students are enrolled this fall in the university’s distance-learning programs.

ECU continues to prepare for a significant enrollment surge in this decade. Swelling enrollments in North Carolina high schools will begin to graduate and move to the state’s colleges in three or four years, and the university plans to have between 25,000 and 27,000 on-campus students by 2010.

Students, faculty and staff encountered changes across the campus, beginning with new Chancellor William Muse, who arrived in Greenville with his wife, Marlene, on July 31. Muse took the reins as chancellor on Aug. 1, and delivered his first official remarks at the Faculty Convocation on Aug. 13 (see Page 2).

As has been the case in recent years, construction projects greeted the new academic year. The Science and Technology Building, the university’s largest construction project financed with the bonds that voters approved last fall, is under way between Bate Building and Tenth Street. More than 1,150 of the 1,200 piles that will support the building have been finished and within the month foundation work will be visible. The facility is scheduled for completion in May 2003.

The Strength and Conditioning Center at the west end of Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium is about 70 percent complete, and officials have targeted completion for the end of October. The $12 million structure will be financed by private donations.

The newly expanded and renovated Student Health Center plans a grand reopening on Sept. 5. Costs of the project were financed by student fees. Renovation of Jones Residence Hall and conversion of its cafeteria to a galley dining spot is moving ahead and should be complete next summer.

Future bond projects that will begin this year include the renovation of the Daily Reflector building in downtown Greenville to become the new home for Information Technology and Computing Services, and the expansion of the Rivers Building. Private fund-raising is under way for a new baseball stadium.

Food choices have expanded with the addition of a Chick-fil-A unit in the Croatan on the east end of campus and a Java City coffee bar in Mendenhall Student Center. They are the first franchise eateries for the university.

Academically, ECU has received permission from the University of North Carolina Board of Governors to establish an undergraduate program in environmental engineering technology and a doctoral program in nursing. Both should enroll their first students next fall. Campus officials are completing work on a proposal to establish a master’s program in public health.
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News in Brief

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ECU Names to Great 100

Four ECU nurses are among the 2001 North Carolina Great 100 Nurses, a recognition given annually to the top 100 registered nurses in the state who make significant contributions to their profession. Receiving this honor are Diana Gordon and Marvene Weigand (Medicine) and Belinda Lee and Robin Webb-Corbet (Nursing). The 2001 recipients will be honored at a gala on Sept. 8 at the Four Seasons Koury Convention Center in Greensboro, N.C.

Computer Purchase Program Offers Discounts

ECU employees and retirees may now purchase computer hardware and software at significantly discounted prices, through the North Carolina Government Employee Computer Purchase Program, a partnership between the State of North Carolina and technology vendors worldwide. At no charge, users may log on to www.getapcnc.net and connect to vendors offering discounted prices and low interest loans to government employees. Vendors in the program are among the world’s leading technology manufacturers. Most accept orders online, by phone or at sales outlets. Contact Human Resources, Employee Services Unit, at 328-0117 with questions.

Training Brochure Available Online Only

The Fall Computer Training Brochure, normally sent in paper format, will be available online only this year. Visit www.ecu.edu/itc/training to view a listing of available computer training classes and seminars. A pdf format of the brochure is available on the website (select on-line brochure). Training is free to ECU faculty and staff. Register electronically on the website. The brochure is sponsored by Information Technology and Computing Services, the Health Sciences Library, the Virtual Environment for Learning, Materials Management and Human Resources.

Everhart Garners International Media Attention

Erik Everhart (Psychology) received international media attention for his neuropsychology research on how pre-pubescent girls and boys use different parts of their brain as they navigate through life. Following publication of a study co-authored by Everhart in the Journal of Neuropsychology, a press release from the American Psychologist Association initiated coverage from media outlets such as ABC News, the BBC, and sites in Brazil and Canada. In addition to local television, Everhart was interviewed by The Daily Telegraph in England, CBC Radio in Canada, and radio stations in Washington, D.C., and Los Angeles. Coverage can be viewed at http://abcsnews.go.com/sections/living/DailyNews/brain0110701.html and http://www.nationalpost.com/search/story.html?id=stories/20010709/613927.html.

National Academy of Sciences Asks for Riggs

Stanley R. Riggs (Geology) was invited to speak at the National Academy of Sciences Natural Disasters Roundtable (NDR) Forum on Sea Level Rise and Coastal Disasters, Oct. 25. The NDR is a forum for discussion on timely, urgent and important issues related to natural disasters. Roundtable meetings are held three times a year in Washington, D.C., with each meeting set up as an open forum focused on a specific topic. Riggs was asked to present a case study on the Outer Banks of North Carolina, specifically how sea level rise is impacting the coast of North Carolina and what the future may hold for the Outer Banks. Riggs was invited to speak by Dr. Rutherford H. Platt, NDR chair, who was a speaker at the 2000 Hurricane Conference held at ECU.

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New Publication Connects Campus Diversity Efforts

By Joy Holster

Have you checked your campus mailbox? The eagerly anticipated publication, Diversity Connections, was just delivered. ECU community members now have on hand a centralized diversity programming guide and Web page, representing the culmination of months of intense campus-wide effort.

The Diversity Connections programming guide features a monthly calendar beginning with August 2001 and running through May 2002. Each calendar details the diverse cultural activities scheduled for that month. Among the many events one might find listed are upcoming receptions, lectures, concerts, festivals, films, community forums, cultural celebrations, exhibitions, productions and performances.

A Wealth of Information

But the guide offers much more than just a schedule of events. A wealth of diversity information is provided in sections devoted to topics such as diversity scholarship opportunities, intercultural student organizations, and campus offices specifically designed to recognize and support a wide range of diverse groups on campus.

Resource pages list SGA officers, leaders of intercultural student organizations and members of both the ECU Diversity Committee and the ECU Diversity Cross-Cultural Communication Committee.

Information on ECU international travel is also provided, including the Belize Summer Abroad 2002 program, which links travel with cultural studies of a multiethnic society. A new international travel program developed by members of the ECU Diversity Cross-Cultural Communication Committee posts an invitation to join in its first annual excursion. ECU students, faculty, staff and friends are welcomed to join in the Summer 2002 destination – a 10-day close-up experience of African culture in Ghana, West Africa.

Also noted in the guide is a new celebration to recognize ECU’s African-American Firsts. An information questioner requests the ECU community’s participation in remembering African-Americans who were first in campus athletics, curriculum, jobs, honors or recognitions.

An Online Calendar

Supplementing the program guide and providing a daily update to the events calendar is the new diversity Web page, located at www.ecu.edu/lwcc/diversity. Anyone can add diversity-related events to the online calendar or update information on events already listed by contacting Ruby Whitehurst at 328-1680, or by e-mailing lwcc@mail.ecu.edu.

The Web page was designed by Jo Lynn Daughtry and Kevin M. Johnson (Information Technology and Computer Services), who are members of the committee that worked together to complete Diversity Connections.

A Campus-Wide Effort

This group, the ECU Diversity Cross-Cultural Communication Committee, has 100 members representing 40 ECU departments and 26 student organizations. Eleven subcommittees of 8 to 10 members each provide ongoing assistance in areas such as program planning, materials distribution, publishing and advertising, community outreach, and assessment/evaluation and research.

Nell Lewis, director of the Ledonia Wright Cultural Center, chairs the committee, with the assistance of Stephanie Lanier (Education). According to Lewis, committee members deserve the credit for pulling together Diversity Connections. “It was a massive job, an incredible campus-wide effort accomplished by a warm and generous spirit of community,” she said.

“I have been continually amazed,” she said, “by the eagerness of this community to serve as leaders and motivators in the difficult task of developing and promoting centralized diversity programming on the ECU campus.”

Presentations

Presentations by Julie Fay (English), on panels at the Associated Writing Programs Conference in Palm Springs, Calif., “Writing Through Disease,” and “Internet in the Creative Writing Classroom.” Fay participated in a roundtable on teaching poetry in high school at Western Carolina University.

Presentation by Mariteke Van Willigen (Sociology), “Riding Out the Storm: The Experiences of the Physically Disabled During Hurricanes Bonnie, Dennis and Floyd,” at the 26th Annual Workshop on Hazards Research and Applications, Natural Hazards Research and Applications Information Center, University of Colorado, Boulder.


Presentation by Carol A. Brown (Education), “Linear or Branching: Which to Use and When,” at the National Educational Computing Association meeting in Chicago, Ill.

Presentation by Tracey Carpenter-Avery (Social Work and Criminal Justice Studies) and Victor Avey (Health and Human Performance) with co-presenter, “Teacher Computer Attitudes and Student Outcomes,” at the 12th Annual Southeastern Regional Technology and Teaching Conference, 2001: A Technology Odyssey.

Poster presentation by Matthew Curry, Chris Mandlefield and Denise Kirk (Center for Health Services Research and Development), “Leading Cause of Premature Mortality in North Carolina and Disparities by Region, Race and Gender,” at the Academy for Health Services Research and Health Policy 2001 Annual Meeting in Atlanta.


Presentations by David Balch (Telemedicine), “Technology,” at the Symposium Telemedicine/Teledistance Conference in Ann Arbor, Mich.; “Telemedicine and its Role in Bio-terrorism Response,” at the National Environmental Health Association Chemical and Bio-terrorism Preparedness Conference in Atlanta, Ga., and “Initiatives from ECU,” at the Wireless Medical Enterprise Integrated Team in Frederick, Md.

Presentation by Gregory Lapicki (Physics), “The Status of Theoretical L-Subshell Ionization Cross Sections for Protons,” as an invited speaker at the opening of the Ninth International Conference on Particle-Induced X-ray Emission and its Analytical Applications in Geoch. Canada.


Morrison Urges Broader Definition of Scholarship

Faculty Chair Bob Morrison (Chem-istry) is urging ECU administrators and faculty members to work toward broadening the way that scholarship is defined and measured in promotion, tenure and salary decisions.

In remarks to the Faculty Convocation, Morrison noted that a subcommittee of the SACS self-study team is assessing faculty roles and rewards on campus and called for wide participation in its work.

Morrison, quoting Ernest Boyer’s book Scholarship Reconsidered, suggested that the definition of scholarship be revamped to recognize four activities: the discovery of new knowledge associated with traditional research and publication; interpretation and meaning to new knowledge; application that is associated with outreach and professional service; and teaching that brings new knowledge to the classroom.

“In promotion and tenure deci-sions,” Morrison said, “we give a lot of weight to the scholarship of discovery where publications are counted. We give little or no weight to the scholarship of application that we might be doing in our professional service or the scholarship of teaching as we seek better ways to teach.

“With a broader definition of scholarship, you as faculty members could actually get professional credit for your service and outreach to the region.”

Morrison, who also addressed the Board of Trustees last week, reported that professional organizations such as the American Chemical Society and campuses such as Iowa State and Oregon State universities are moving toward a broader definition of scholarship.

He said that Charles Glassic, co-author of Scholarship Assessed, will visit ECU in November to discuss aspects of moving to a new model for faculty roles and rewards.

“I believe we can find a broadened definition of scholarship that fits ECU—one that reflects our commitment to the region as we expand our doctoral pro-grams,” Morrison said.

“A broadened definition of scholarship would not diminish the importance of the discovery aspect, which is absolutely essential in our complicated society, but it would allow increased flexibility in what we as faculty get credit for in our work,” he said. “That increased flexibility will allow the university to adapt more quickly to changing priorities as we expand our mission.”

Multi-Million Dollar Gift Funds Joyner Endowment

By John Durham

East Carolina University has received a multi-million dollar gift from the estate of a retired school teacher—the largest gift ever for the university’s central campus.

The bequest from the estate of Verona Joyner Langford, when combined with earlier gifts from Mrs. Langford to the university, totals approximately $8 million. It will fund an endowment for the university’s Joyner Library.

Mrs. Langford, an ECU alumna, died last year. Her husband, Fred Timms Langford, also a former teacher, died in 1975.

Retired Chancellor Richard Eakins said, “The library is the soul of the university, and Verona Langford’s vision and generosity will help assure the success and discoveries not only of current students and faculty but also of future generations of teachers and learners.

“The roots and traditions of this campus are in the preparation of school teachers and this magnificent bequest is made even more special by the years that the Langfords spent teaching the children of eastern North Carolina.”

Carroll Varner, director of Joyner Library, said the Langford endowment “is a wonderful and significant contribution to ECU students and faculty.” Income from the endowment will be used for increased book purchases for the benefit of undergraduate students; to purchase each year a work of significance to the history or literature of eastern North Carolina, such as the first edition of an important historical work; and to enhance new faculty research areas, Varner said.

Verona Langford was the daughter of the late Agnes Barrett and Thomas Eli Joyner Sr. of Farmville. The eldest of three children, she graduated from East Carolina Teachers College in 1935 and went on to teach home economics in Richlands, Washington and Farmville before becoming the home demonstration agent for Pitt County and then for the eastern district of North Carolina.

After 14 years with the extension agency, she returned to the classroom to teach home economics at Benvenue School in Nash County until her retirement.

The university in March dedicated the Langford-Joyner Clock Tower outside the main library and the Verona Joyner Langford North Carolina Collection in the library in honor of the Langfords.

The Clock Tower, a new campus landmark, is part of Sonic Plaza, the multimedia sculpture created as part of the expansion and renovation of Joyner Library, dedicated two years ago. The North Carolina Collection, housed on the third floor of the library, makes available current and historical information, in a variety of formats, pertaining to the entire state.

In addition, materials reflecting the history of eastern North Carolina and its people are being acquired in an effort to build upon the North Carolina Collection’s strength as an important research facility available to the people of Eastern North Carolina.
In the Spotlight

Appointments/Elections

Rick Bamberg (Allied Health) was appointed chairman of the Department of Clinical Laboratory Science, Aug. 1.

Yolanda Burwell (Social Work and Criminal Justice Studies) was appointed for a three-year term to the Social Work Editorial Board of the National Association of Social Workers.

Rob Hudson (Information Technology and Computing Services) was elected vice chair of the North Carolina Research and Education Network (NCREN) Advisory Committee. NCREN is a private telecommunications network connecting universities, research institutions, and medical and graduate centers in North Carolina.

Teresa Crocker (ECU Police) was reappointed to a three-year term on the North Carolina Criminal Justice Education and Training Standards Commission.

Yash Kataria (Medicine) was appointed to a 5-year term on the editorial board of International Journal of CHEST Diseases.

Charles Brown (Medicine) was appointed by the Board of Trustees of the American Medical Association, to the Residency Review Commission for Emergency Medicine.

Service, Honors and Professional Activities

David Balch (Telemedicine) participated in the Telehealth Deployment Research Testbed Advisory Council in Washington, D.C. The research testbed is designed to identify, evaluate and communicate guidelines and methods to simplify telehealth technology deployment and use.

Bert Copeland, Jolene Jernigan and Lena Lewis of Student Health Service (SHS) attended a conference in New Orleans sponsored by the American Association of Ambulatory Health Care, SHS will apply for accreditation for this agency in Spring, 2002.

Garrie Moore (Student Life) completed the Institute for Educational Management at Harvard University. The two-week program, part of the Harvard Institutes for Higher Education in the university’s Graduate School of Education, brought together 93 administrators from campuses throughout the U.S. and from several other nations.

Kathy Kolasa (Medicine) represented the Society for Nutrition Education at the National High Blood Pressure Coordinating Committee in Washington, D.C., in May.

Sherrilyn Cox (Medicine) was selected to participate in the Geriatrics Education for Specialty Residents Program. The program is a component of “Increasing Geriatrics Expertise in Surgical and Related Medical Specialties.” Also involved were Medicine faculty Kenneth Steinweg, geriatrician for the two-year $32,000 grant; Paul Cunningham as surgical director; Carl Haisch, Walter Pofahl and Walter Pories, Timothy Romack (Chemistry)

received the Ralph E. Powe Junior Faculty Enhancement Award from Oak Ridge Associated Universities. The $5,000 award will be matched by ECU to provide funding for research in finding new ways to synthesize high performance fluorene-containing materials.

ECU baseball coach Keith LeClair was named East Region Coach of the Year by the American Baseball Coaches Association. He previously won the award in 1999.

Tracy Carpenter-Aebi (Social Work and Criminal Justice Studies) was invited by the editor-in-chief to be a consulting editor of the journal, Children and Schools, published by the National Association of Social Workers.

Jim Mitchell (Center on Aging, Sociology, Family Medicine) was recently appointed chairman of the Department of Clinical Laboratory Science, Aug. 1.

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Campus Calendar

AUGUST
FRIDAY  24
Blockbuster Film: Heartbreakers, Hendrix Theatre, 7:30 p.m.
Mercury Cinema: City of Lost Children, Hendrix Theatre, 10 p.m.
SATURDAY  25
Mercury Cinema: City of Lost Children, Hendrix Theatre, 7:30 p.m.
Blockbuster Film: Heartbreakers, Hendrix Theatre, 10 p.m.
SUNDAY  26
Blockbuster Film: Heartbreakers, Hendrix Theatre, 3 p.m.
Faculty Voice Ensemble, Sharon Munden, Louise Toppin, John Kramar, with John O'Brien, piano, Fletcher Hall, 7 p.m.
Mercury Cinema: City of Lost Children, Hendrix Theatre, 7:30 p.m.

SEPTEMBER
SATURDAY  1
Pirate Football, ECU vs. Wake Forest, Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium, 7 p.m.
MONDAY  3
Labor Day Holiday, no classes

For an evening of fascinating entertainment, plan to attend The Mystical Arts of Tibet: “Sacred Music, Sacred Dance for World Healing,” Sept. 13, 8 p.m. at Wright Auditorium. Tickets are on sale at Mendenhall Student Center Central Ticket Office. (Contributed photo)

Wednesday  5
Perspectives Lecture: “Ethical Issues in Human Embryonic Stem Cell Research,” Brody 2E-100, 9 a.m. – 12.

FRIDAY  7
Blockbuster Film: Original Kings of Comedy, Hendrix Theatre, 7:30 p.m.
Mercury Cinema: Shadow of the Vampire, Hendrix Theatre, 10 p.m.
Midnight Movies: The Shining, Hendrix Theatre, midnight.
SATURDAY  8
Pirate Football, ECU vs. Tulane, New Orleans, La., 3:30 p.m.
Mercury Cinema: Shadow of the Vampire, Hendrix Theatre, 7:30 p.m.
Pirate Underground Concert Series: outside concert, Mike McCarty Band, 9:39 p.m.
Blockbuster Film: Original Kings of Comedy, Hendrix Theatre, 10 p.m.
Midnight Movies: The Shining, Hendrix Theatre, midnight.

Exhibitions
Modernism and Post-Modernism: Russian Art of the Ending Millennium, painting and mixed media work by contemporary Russian artists, Gray Gallery, Aug. 30 – Oct. 3, with opening lecture Aug. 30 by Donald Kuspit, Speight Auditorium, 5 p.m., gallery reception to follow.
A Bunch of Faces, paintings by ECU School of Art alumns Bill Demody, Mendenhall Gallery (through Aug. 31).
Closing Reception, Aug. 29, 5 – 6 p.m.
Migrations: Jewish Settlers of Eastern North Carolina, Mendenhall Gallery, (Sept. 12 – Nov. 21).
Bayard Wootten, exhibit on North Carolina’s most famous woman photographer, Joyner Library, North Carolina Collection (through October).

Dutch Luncheon
The Retired Faculty Dutch Luncheon will be held Thursday, Sept. 6, at noon at O’Brien’s.

Publications
Chapter by Alice Arnold (Art), “Elizabeth Stein: My Teacher,” in the National Art Education Association anthology, Histories of Community-Based Art Education.

Chapter by Dan L. Hutchinson (Anthropology) with co-authors, “Food and Stable Isotopes in La Florida: Diet and Nutrition Before and After Contact,” and “Enamel Hypoplasia and Stress in La Florida,” in Bioarchaeology of Spanish Florida: The Impact of Colonialism.


Chapter by Paul Shackelford (Medicine) and co-author, “The Value of Ten Lines: Vulva Melanoma and Ultraviolets Rays,” in Obstetrical and Gynecological Survey.


Spotlighted Employees
Business Services named Larry Gales as the ECU Police Department’s Spotlighted Employee for the month in July.
The department also named LaFrance Davis, lieutenant with the ECU Police, in the “Meet the Manager” spotlighted employee program for the spring quarter. Davis was recently awarded the highest professional certificate for law enforcement officers in the state, the Advanced Certificate, by the North Carolina Criminal Justice Education Standards Commission.
On Campus

Volunteers Needed

The Psychological Assessment course in the Master’s Psychology Program at ECU is in need of volunteers, ages 6-16. Students are learning to conduct interviews and administer and interpret psychological tests. The tests assess intellectual ability, basic academic skills, and personality. In accompanying interviews, parents will provide brief background information (i.e., developmental history, academic performance). Volunteers typically participate in 1 to 2 testing sessions, lasting approximately 2 to 3 hours total. Volunteers will be recruited throughout the semester. To participate, or for additional information, contact Stephanie Schmitz at 328-1376 or e-mail schmitzs@mail.ecu.edu.

Compliance Study

As the first of the Research Compliance Teleconference Series, the Office of Sponsored Programs will sponsor What Departmental Administrators Need to Know About Compliance, Sept. 6, 11:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m., in the Burghundy Auditorium, Brody School of Medicine. This moderated panel discussion will explore federal compliance requirements and provide strategies for success. No advance registration is required. Participants may bring a brown-bag lunch. Contact the Office of Sponsored Programs, 328-6452, or osp@ecu.edu.

Correction

In the July 20 issue of Pieces of Eight, Betsy Markowski was listed as a faculty member in ECU’s School of Art. She is a School of Art graduate and a faculty member in Human Environmental Sciences.

Libraries Add New Electronic Journals

The ECU Libraries recently acquired several new databases to add to the growing number of electronic resources for research and teaching. Among those added are Full-Text Electronic Journals including:

ACM Digital Library - Full text articles published in the Association for Computing Machinery journals, proceedings and Special Interest Groups (SIGs) from 1985 to present. (www.lib.ecu.edu/erdbs/acmdig.html)

Springer-Link - Full text of journals published by Springer in the life sciences, chemistry, geosciences, mathematics, medicine, physics and astronomy, environmental sciences, law and economics. (www.lib.ecu.edu/erdbs/slink.html)

IDEAL - Full text access to 206 Academic Press research journals from 1993 to present. Subjects include biology, business, chemistry, computer science, environmental sciences, psychology and social sciences. (www.lib.ecu.edu/erdbs/ideal.html)

Also available is Sport Discus, covering a wide range of topics such as sports medicine, exercise physiology, training techniques, biomechanics, and coaching (www.lib.ecu.edu/erdbs/sport.html); and Women Writers Online, which includes full text of works by early modern women writers, including the subset Renaisance Women Online, with introductions by known scholars in the field. Women Writers Online covers genres ranging from drama and poetry to cookbooks, translations and trial narratives (www.lib.ecu.edu/erdbs/wwowo.html).

A complete listing of Journet Library’s electronic resources is available on the Library’s home page at www.lib.ecu.edu/erdbs/menu.html. For information about the databases, contact Stefanie Dubose at 328-2598.

In Memoriam

R. Barton Hayes and Estoy B. Hayes, parents of Frances Hayes Swanson (Medicine), died March 23, 2001, and Nov. 14, 2000, respectively.

Rev. H. Charles Mulholland (formerly ECU chaplain) died July 21 in Long Island, N.Y.

Thurza Marie Whitaker Straig (formerly Mathematics) died July 21 in New Bern.

Dr. Charles Granville Rob (formerly Medicine) died July 26 in Berlin, VT.

James B. Mallory III (former ECU football and baseball coach, teacher and Dean of Men) died Aug. 6.

Charles Lawler (former captain, ECU Police) died Aug. 3 in Greenville.

Alice R. Caverly (Medicine), sister of Lynn Caverly (University Unions), died Aug. 13.

Insurance Sessions

The Department of Human Resources Benefits Section has been hosting a series of Annual Enrollment Information Sessions throughout campus during the month of August. The annual enrollment period allows employees to add or drop insurance coverage or eligible dependents.

Information sessions highlight recent changes made to the State Health Plan, explain the benefits and provide examples of pre-tax insurance plans, and provide cost comparisons of dependent coverage among health plans. Meetings begin with a 30-minute presentation, followed by one-on-one assistance with benefits counselors.

Three more sessions remain: Aug. 28, in Mendenhall 14 from 9 a.m. to noon; Aug. 29 in Brody 2E-100, from 9 a.m. to noon; and Aug. 30 in Bate 104, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Up and Running

Faculty and Staff Transport (FAST) vans have resumed service. This service is provided from 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday on regularly scheduled class days.

Feed a Friend

All faculty, staff, and students are invited to enjoy “Friends Eat Free at Lunch on Friday’s” in Todd and Mendenhall Dining Halls. Cash, Advantage Account Funds, and meal swipes will be accepted as payment for one person to eat lunch, while their friends eat free.

New Deadline

The Fall 2001 Textbook Loan Program has been extended. Staff and faculty who missed the first deadline should submit applications prior to Aug. 27, and pick up textbooks at Dowdy Student Store on Aug. 27 or 28, from 7:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Applications are available in the main office of Dowdy Student Store or in the Medical Bookstore in Brody 1S-04. Participants should also submit two copies of the official class schedule, and for spouse or dependent children, a copy of the most recent federal tax form.

Faculty and staff who have already purchased textbooks may be eligible for a refund. (Bring book and receipt to Dowdy Student Store on Aug. 27 or 28.) For additional information, visit www.ecu.edu/services/loan/criteria.htm.