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In December, a loyal alumni, Kay Bright Bollinger, donated three wonderful paintings to adorn our walls in the office area. She came to our office and offered our choice of paintings and it was difficult to choose! Although I have the pictures below of the three paintings donated, please come by the office and look at the originals. I am sure you will be as enthralled with her work as we are. Here is her site if you are interested at looking at others: www.pearlakay.etsy.com



The Department was very fortunate this past academic year to have one of its alumni teach OCCT 6500 Managing Occupational Therapy Services! Wanda Bennett, administrator of outpatient rehabilitation services at Pitt County Memorial Hospital taught the 3-credit course this fall. The graduate students were overwhelming positive about the course and proclaimed that Wanda did an outstanding job presenting real life management and leadership issues to them. Their recommendation is to retain Wanda as a permanent adjunct to the program! Wanda has been a employee of PCMH for many years and recently completed surveyor training and mentorship with the Commission on Accreditation for Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF). We are proud to say that Wanda is an ECU occupational therapy alumni, a solid supporter of our occupational therapy program, and now an adjunct instructor.



In October, Dr. Anne Dickerson attended the North Carolina Division of Motor Vehicles Driver Training School in Greensboro. It was a two-week training course that included in-class lectures and behind-the-wheel training. As a result of the training, Anne would be able to do driving evaluations at and licensed commercial driving school. The intention of the training was to forward the goals of ROADI through collaboration with Pitt County Memorial Hospital's InRoads program.

Pictured above: Anne Dickerson with Wavy Williams, the BTW driver trainer.

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Ribbon Cutting Event

On September 22, 2006, our new building was dedicated! It was a well attended event by the media, members of congress, members from the University of North Carolina system, Pitt County Memorial Hospital representatives, alumni, and many members of East Carolina University. Go Pirates! Below are photos of the event!



Deborah Dunn from the first class of ECU's Occupational Therapy Department is here with Scott Worley, one of the first faculty members! They were touring our simulated apartment when this picture was taken.



The representatives of the University and the School of Allied Health cut the ribbon in front of the School of Allied Health Sciences.



Anne Dickerson and Deborah Dunn chatted and enjoyed the event.

Donation from Furniture Fair

“Itchy” Popkin of Furniture Fair donated the furniture and household items for the simulated apartment in the Department of Occupational Therapy in the new Health Sciences Building. The donation was very generous and will allow students to sue the apartment for learning how to evaluate and treat clients more effectively in their home. Faculty will also be using the apartment for research. Below are some pictures of the apartment and its new furnishings! Thank you Itchy!

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Occupational Therapy Picnic

The new entering occupational therapy graduate students and the current second year class met together after the first day of class

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for a picnic in Jane Painter's lovely back yard. It is a yearly event sponsored by faculty members for the students in an effort to help students get to know each other and the faculty in a more informal setting. It was a lovely evening and everyone seemed to enjoy the event.



Dr. Velde attends National Conference on Rural Health Care

On September 7-10, 2006, 40 leaders from across the United States involved in rural, interdisciplinary training of health professional students gathered at the Leadership in Rural Health Inter-professional Education: A Working Conference for Leaders in Rural Health Care in Denver, Colorado to discuss the strengths and challenges of working with rural communities. Dr. Beth Velde was one of the invited participants representing the occupational therapy profession and the Department of Occupational Therapy at East Carolina University.

(In picture above: Participants met in small groups to discuss issues.)

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