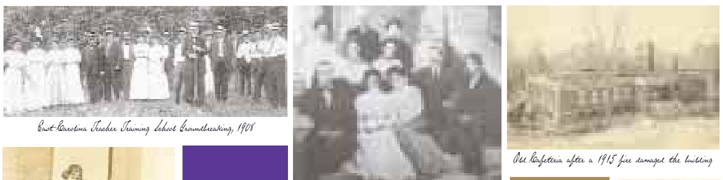
History of ECU in Photographs

Robert Wright, ca. 1901
He would go on to serve as President of East Carolina from 1909 until 1934.



East Carolina Teacher Training School Groundbreaking, 1908

East Carolina Teacher Training School Faculty 1909

Old Cafeteria after a 1915 fire damaged the building

Training School Students gardening in 1916

Leon Meadows in 1917

Faculty Members in the Rose Garden, 1918

“Standing here as I do upon the threshold of a new institution, established by our State to meet a growing need of our civilization, it is not strange if I see visions and dream dreams. And yet it is not a vision or a dream to which I would call your attention.”

– taken from Robert Wright's 1909 inaugural address

Teachers College Students, ca. 1920-21

1922 Tennis Team

East Carolina Teachers College Cheerleaders 1929

The TECO ECHO

MRS. ROOSEVELT TO APPEAR HERE MONDAY

Excitement builds when Eleanor visits East Carolina in 1941.

Students 1929

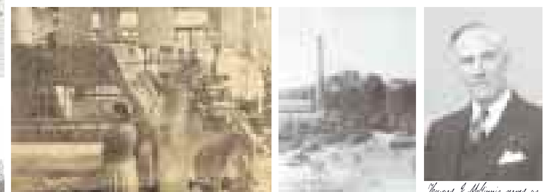
An aerial view of East Carolina, 1920-1929

1930 Basketball Team

Leon R. Meadows served as our 2nd President from 1934-1944.

Old Austin Building, viewed from 5th Street, 1940

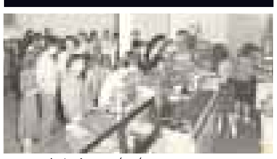
Old Austin and its famous cupola, from the west, in the 1940s



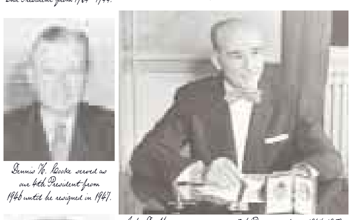
East Carolina's laundry facility in the 1940s

Power Plant 1944

Howard J. McGinnis served as interim president until 1946.



The Old Cafeteria Soda Shop during the mid 1940s



Dennis H. Cooke served as our 4th President from 1946 until he resigned in 1947.

John D. Messick served as our 5th President from 1948-1959.

J.Y. Joyner and Messick

Aerial shot of 1948 East Carolina campus

1949 Commencement procession winding around the Fountain

1955 Commencement procession leaving Flanagan Building

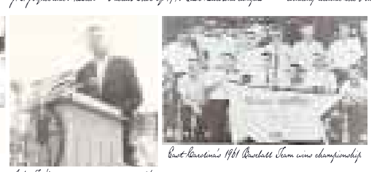
Joyner Library and its famous columns, 1955

Whichard Building on the Circle

A Great Dane became "Rue" the college mascot in 1958.

Leo W. Jenkins became our 6th President in 1960 and would retire as Chancellor in 1977.

The School of Nursing admitted its first students in 1960.



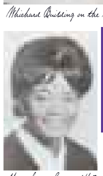
John F. Kennedy visits campus in 1960

East Carolina's 1961 Baseball Team wins championship

Couple by the Fountain, 1961

In 1962 East Carolina adopted a new seal to reflect the college status it was granted in 1951.

Aerial shot of 1965 East Carolina campus, looking west

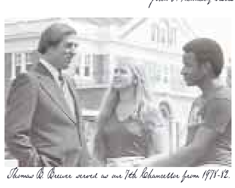


Marie Leary, Class of '65, first black graduate

After a hard political fight, East Carolina received university status in 1967 and in 1972 became a constituent institution of the Univ. of North Carolina.

"Brandy" the Poodle was college mascot in 1969.

East Carolina graduates leap with joy following 1976 Commencement



Thomas B. Brewer served as our 7th Chancellor from 1978-82.

"Millie", a German Shepherd, was college mascot in 1978 and joined the ever-popular frisbee crowd.

Howell smiles as wife Gladys makes a few loving adjustments prior to his 1983 installation

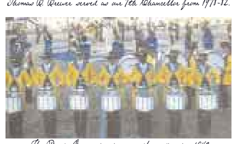
Leo Jenkins, a true "Pirate" supporter even after his retirement, in 1978 with dignitaries Robert Morgan, Terry Sanford, Jesse Helms and Jim Hunt

The Brody Medical Sciences Building was dedicated in 1982.

Old Austin's cupola, sketched into history, would go on to become a time honored symbol of the university.

John M. Howell, our 8th Chancellor from 1982-88

Our 75th Anniversary featured a cake



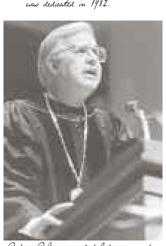
The Pirate Band livening up the action in 1982

Former Chancellor Leo Jenkins greets John Howell in 1983 as Howell prepares to be officially installed as Chancellor of East Carolina.

“East Carolina is a child of this century; it grew directly out of the people's demand for fulfillment of Aycock's dream that every child in North Carolina would have the opportunity to burgeon out all that was in him. The people of North Carolina have never deserted this dream.”

– taken from Leo Jenkin's 1967 remarks to the joint Committee on Higher Education during the debate about whether East Carolina should be granted University status.

Visit the Archives' web site: http://www.lib.ecu.edu/SpclColl/Archives/archives.html

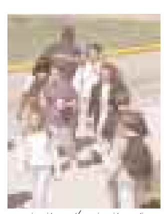


Richard R. Eakin, our 9th Chancellor, shown delivering his installation speech in 1988. He would serve until his 2001 retirement.

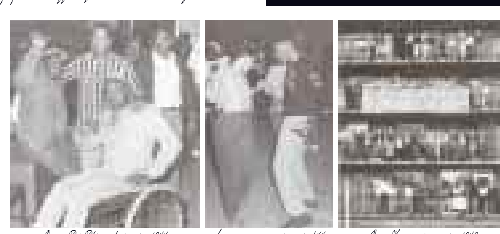
East Carolina University's student population continued to gain in both numbers and . . .

“This institution has always represented both a destination and a direction. East Carolina has always been in our name and in our hearts. And East is the direction in which we want people to look. East is the direction one has to face to see the rising sun – to see tomorrow.”

– taken from Chancellor Muse's 2002 inaugural address



. . . diversity as the university continued its search for academic excellence.



Omega Psi Phi gathering in 1988

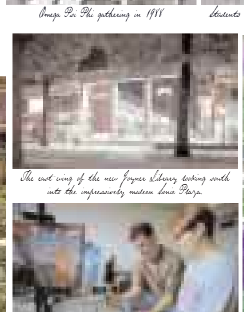
Students relax a little in '88

Belk Hall residents in 1989

Two new landmarks were added to celebrate our university's heritage. The cupola returns as a permanent fixture on the mall, and a Pirate now stands guard near our athletic complex.

Chancellor Eakin proudly presented Pirate memorabilia to President Bush during his 2001 visit to ECU.

Faculty joined in the 2001 Founders Day procession as we bid Chancellor Eakin farewell.



The east wing of the new Joyner Library looking south into the impressively modern Sonic Plaza.

The School of Art continues to grow as former students are welcomed back to join on as instructors and faculty.

William V. "Bill" Muse was chosen as our 10th Chancellor in 2001 and inaugurated March 8, 2002.

Our football program continues to bring national attention to ECU, as do ECU's cheerleaders, shown at right during competition.

J. Y. Joyner Library • East Carolina University

To donate materials to the archives, call 252-328-0272.

www.lib.ecu.edu/SpclColl/Archives/archives.html

Designed and printed by University Printing and Graphics. Printed with nonstate funds. ©2002 East Carolina University, Greenville, NC