Handsprings Program Tests Smaller Technology

By George Threewitts

College professors might be wary of students bringing gifts, but what about when it’s the other way around? Students in an Introduction to Information Processing Technology class each received a box packed with a brand new, handheld computer and variety of components.

Their professor, Sheila Tucker, did the honors, handing out the boxes as the starting point for ECU’s “Handsprings to Learning” initiative. The project is designed to enhance the teaching and learning process with handheld computers that let faculty and students communicate and share academic information at any time and at any place.

David Watkins (Academic Affairs) said, “the students will use the computers as part of their course experience.”

He said the students would be on the cutting edge with the use of this technology. “They can do the same kinds of things on the handheld computers that they could do on a notebook computer.”

Each of the 17 students in the class received a Handspring Visor, a small pocket or palm size instrument. The students will use the computers throughout the semester to check the content for their course, e-mail, browse the Internet, read electronic books and journals, and maintain calendars and schedules.

The goal is to learn just how well these small devices serve as an academic tool. Periodic checks will be made during the semester. Afterwards, participating faculty will develop a list of “best practices” for use of the handheld computers in future courses.

Tucker’s class is taught through the School of Education in the Department of Business, Vocational and Technology Education. Two other courses in the School of Industry and Technology are distributing computers to their classes. About 70 students in all will receive the handheld computers this fall. Included in the package was a modem, a backup module, extra memory, software and cradles that will allow the handheld computers to be connected to larger desktop systems.

Tucker’s class was composed of students enrolled as Teaching Fellows. The students are studying to become classroom teachers. They each receive $5,000 from the state each year to pay for their college education.

Watkins describes the project that gives computers to students as unique. “I don’t know of any other campuses doing this in the way that we are doing it here,” said Watkins.

He said the project began when a small group of faculty and administrators decided that handheld computers were among the next generation of tools that need to be explored in education. To support the system, he said ECU plans to build a wireless network that would permit the handheld units to go online by simply pointing the machine’s infrared beam at a signal source.

The Handsprings to Learning project is funded by ECU. Each computer is valued from $150 to $250 depending on the number of modules that are installed. The Handspring Co. that makes the Visor provides technical support for the project.

ECU Bond Projects Span All Campus Areas

By John Durham

The higher education facilities bond issue on the Nov. 7 ballot would provide more than $190 million for East Carolina University. The two most critical projects are completing the Science and Technology Building and relocating the Schools of Nursing and Allied Health Sciences to the Health Sciences campus near the Brody School of Medicine.

Other projects would touch virtually every facet of the university. Here is a description of the various ECU projects that would be funded by the bonds and the amount of money allocated for them:

• The most pressing need on the ECU campus is for a Science and Technology Building to address academic space needs for both the present and the future, including laboratory and office space. The Flanagan Building, built in the 1930s, had its last major renovation of laboratory space in the 1960s with more recent renovation of some lecture rooms. The cost for renovating laboratories to meet current building codes is cost prohibitive and there are no comparable facilities in which to hold labs if renovation were to be attempted. $55,125,300

• Funds will permit the construction of a Nursing, Allied Health, and Developmental Evaluation Clinic Complex on the Health Sciences campus, providing adjacency among the various Health Science programs. ECU’s approach to medical education is interdisc...
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College of Arts and Sciences

我认识到，作为教师，我们最伟大的资产就是学生的思维能力。我们给学生带来的能力、自信和决心要以脚跟为依据，让学生自己做决定，而不要害怕犯错误。当学生掌握这些能力时，他们成为了独立思考的个体，他们自己的实践工具。学生需要根据自己的实践练习来进行练习。我强烈的信念之一是，学生要对自己的实践练习负责。我强烈推荐学生采用我自己的实践练习来学习。当我完成练习时，我会为学生提出建议，让他们在练习中学习。这种刺激和挑战是教学的主要动力。这种动机需要我们付出巨大的努力，因为这是学生花费的大部分时间。我享受教学中的许多事情，从一天到另一天，从课堂到课堂，从学生到学生，从学生到学生。
The new school combines three related areas of study into one unit, drawing together the Communication faculty from the School of Education’s Broadcasting Librarianship and Educational Technology Department, Computer Science faculty formerly in the Department of Mathematics, and faculty from the Department of Communication, formerly in the School of Arts and Sciences. The incorporation of these departments, according to Poteat, is “a logical step,” which “follows a nationwide trend to unite communications and information sciences and other related areas.”

The Department of Computer Sciences, with interim chair Bob Bernhardt, has 10 faculty members and offers bachelor of arts, bachelor of science and master’s degrees in computer science. The department currently has 79 undergraduate and 16 graduate students enrolled.

The Department of Communication and Broadcasting is chaired by Dennis Cali, and has 13 faculty members in addition to adjunct faculty. It offers a bachelor of arts in communication with concentrations in journalism and public relations; and a bachelor of science in communication with concentrations in electronic news, media production, media production and media production. At the start of the fall semester there were 425 declared majors in communication and broadcasting.

From start to finish, development of the new school took about a year and a half, and followed the guidelines of Appendix L of the Faculty Manual. First a proposal initiating the code change – including a prototype code of operations reflecting the changes and detailed plans for affected faculty – was submitted to affected faculty members and unit administrators.

In the Summer of 1999, the first meeting was held to discuss the proposal, with faculty and Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs, Robert Ringel. Response was positive and tenured faculty voted to approve the proposal.

After notifying and receiving approval from appropriate administrators, the proposal for a new School of Computer Sciences and Communication was presented to the Educational Policies and Planning Committee (EPPC), which studied the proposal and made recommendations to the Faculty Senate. The EPPC and Faculty Senate approved the proposal in May of 2000. Approval was then granted by Chancellor Richard Eakin, and the proposal was submitted to the UNC General Administration. General Administration approval was granted in August.

With the approval process completed, the new venture begins. The new school faces immediate concerns of developing a budget, specifying faculty members to be included, electing faculty senators, and most difficult, finding the space to house the staff in one central location. The computer science faculty are now located in Austin; some of the new Department of Communication and Broadcasting faculty are in Erwin and some are in Joynier East.

A committee is being formed to oversee the implementation of the changes, and will consist of three faculty members; one appointed by the Chancellor, one appointed by the Chair of the Faculty and one appointed by the Educational Policies and Planning Committee. According to Poteat, the new school.

RDI Contrasts Northeast by West

ECU’s Regional Development Institute (RDI) this week (Sept. 18) will release a study that compares poverty and other economic indicators in northeastern North Carolina to those in the western part of the state. The results have been an eye-opener for regional planners and federal assistance agencies.

The RDI findings show that northeastern North Carolina, excluding the coastal counties, has continued to experience a high degree of economic distress. But, in the west the economic situation has improved markedly since 1965 as both sections of the state shared similar levels of poverty and economic distress.

The difference, according to RDI director Al Delia, may be because the federally funded Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) has funneled millions of dollars into the western counties since forming the agency 35 years ago.

The funding has produced better roads, new water and sewer systems, and incentives that attract more people and businesses.

“We’re not saying that the federal government should stop funding the ARC but that they should repeat it in all the areas that need help,” Delia said.

The study, commissioned by four northeastern Councils of Government, will be used to persuade Congress to create a similar commission to attract federal dollars to a three-state region in the Southeast. The area had such a commission — the Coastal Plains Regional Commission — from 1967 to 1981, when it was abolished during the Reagan administration.

In the RDI study, it was noted that North Carolina’s share of Appalachian Regional Commission funding has totaled $403 million since its inception. The funding has leveraged projects totaling over $935 million in combined federal, state and local money.

The lion’s share of the federal funding, $222 million, has gone to highway construction. The remainder has supported business and community development, environmental resources, housing, leadership programs, education, health and technical assistance.

The study stated that the northeast “needs a sustained economic shot in the arm ... one that does not just restore the region to its pre-flood state, but that assists it in ‘catching up’ with the rest of the state — including the west.”

The study is scheduled for release at a discussion session at the Willis Building at 11 a.m. on Sept. 18. RDI staff members preparing the report included Delia, Richard Brockett and Mack Simpson.
Phased Retirement Plan Offered

Tenured faculty who are at least age 60 with five years of contributory service, or at least age 50 with 20 years of contributory service in either the Teachers’ and State Employees’ Retirement System or the Optional Retirement System, are eligible for the Phased Retirement Program.

Applications for participation in the program from eligible faculty members will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis after Sept. 1. Informational meetings will be held at 221 Mendenhall Student Center, Sept. 20 at 4:00 p.m., and in Brody 2W-40, Sept. 21, at 4:00 p.m. Additional information is available at http://www.aa.ecu.edu/news/retirement/ or in the offices of your respective dean and vice chancellor.

Friends of Joyner Library Plan Banquet

The annual Friends of Joyner Library banquet featuring guest speaker, Dorothy Spruill Redford, author of Somerset Homecoming: Recovering a Lost Heritage, is scheduled for Oct. 5, at 7:30 p.m. in the Mendenhall Student Center Great Room. The banquet is preceded by a reception at the Chancellor’s residence, 6:00 p.m – 7:15 p.m.

Chancellor and Mrs. Richard R. Eakin and the Board of Directors of the Friends of Joyner Library invite ECU faculty and staff to attend.

Cost of the event is $25 for Friends of Joyner Library members and $30 for non-members.

For additional information, contact Cari Lovins at 328-4090, or by e-mail at lovinsc@mail.ecu.edu, or Cheyenne Mackall at 328-2236, or by e-mail at mackall@mail.ecu.edu.

Sexual Assault Awareness Events Scheduled

The Division of Student Life and the ECU Police Department will sponsor Sexual Assault Awareness Week Sept. 18 – 22. Activities to increase campus and community awareness of the problem of sexual assault will kick off with a “Take Back the Night March,” Sept. 18, at 7:30 p.m. beginning at Belk Hall. On Sept. 19, a video and discussion, “Healing the Harm,” will take place at Jenkins Fine Arts Center, Speights Auditorium, Room 1220, at 7:00 p.m.

Events on Sept. 20 will feature an introductory self-defense and traveling safety program at Mendenhall Student Center Social Room, 7:00 p.m. The week’s activities will culminate in the Candlelight Vigil for survivors of sexual assault, and friends and family, at the Center for Counseling and Student Development, 316 Wright Building, at 6:00 p.m.

Human Research Education Provided

The University and Medical Center Institutional Review Board will provide inaugural education sessions on the “Protection of Human Subjects in Research,” on Sept. 26, from 2:00 p.m to 4:00 p.m. and Sept. 27, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., at the Brody School of Medicine Auditorium.

Human subject investigators and key research personnel are required to attend. Contact Denise Brigham by Sept. 20, at 816-1971, by fax at 816-2284, or by e-mail at brigham@med.ecu.edu.

Requests for Funding Due

The Campus Renovation/Alteration Committee meets in October to consider requests for funding to academic and administrative east campus departments for minor construction projects. Auxiliary departments are not eligible. Maximum project size is $25,000. Requests should be submitted to the Facilities Service Center on Form P-101 by Sept. 29. A meeting will be scheduled to evaluate each request, then an estimate will be provided. Departments should prioritize multiple requests. Previously unfunded requests should be resubmitted. For more information, contact Ricky Hill, Facilities Service Center, at 328-6776.

Childhood Obesity Experts Sought

Kathy Kolas (Medicine), Margie Gallagher (Coastal Marine Resources) and Robert Hickner (Health and Human Performance), as ECU directors of the University of North Carolina’s Institute of Nutrition, are compiling a database of ECU faculty who have interest or experience in the prevention and treatment of childhood obesity. Information was collected during the summer of 2000. Any faculty member with interest in this area who has not been contacted, should call Kolas at 816-5459, or e-mail kolasaka@mail.ecu.edu by Sept. 30.

Reynolds Grant to Fund ‘Coffee in the Kitchen’

By John Durham

East Carolina University will use a $70,000 grant from the Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation to create a “Coffee in the Kitchen” initiative designed to facilitate discussions on the challenging issues of race.

The 11-month project will involve faculty, staff, students, administration and community members. It is a continuation of the Chancellor’s Initiative on Race and is sponsored by the Office of Equal Employment Opportunity, the Ledonia Wright Cultural Center, the Department of Intercultural Affairs and the Minority Student Center.

Thomas W. Lambeth, executive director of the Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation, said, “For much of the foundation’s history, we have been concerned about the race relations in North Carolina, and we believe this grant to East Carolina University will make a difference in how people of different races interact with one another in eastern North Carolina.” The grant is part of a $1 million initiative by the foundation.


Marshall To Address Criminal Justice Convocation

By John Durham

John W. Marshall, director of the U.S. Marshals Service, will deliver the keynote address at the convocation for the graduate program in criminal justice at East Carolina University on Sept. 19.

His address will begin at 4 p.m. in Hendrix Theatre at Mendenhall Student Center. The public is invited to the convocation and to the following reception.

Marshall, son of the late Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall, was appointed to head the Marshals Service, the oldest federal law-enforcement agency, on Nov. 16, 1999. He is the first African American and the first former U.S. Marshal to direct the service.

The School of Social Work and Criminal Justice Studies admitted the first students in its master’s program in criminal justice this semester.

Marshall began his law-enforcement career in 1980 as a trooper with the Virginia State Police. He joined the Marshals Service in 1994 in the eastern district of Virginia.

He will be introduced at the convocation by Mark Reid Tucker, U.S. Marshal for the eastern district of North Carolina.

Also on the program will be Mike McShane, vice chair of the ECU Board of Visitors and son of former Chief Marshal James J.P. McShane.

John W. Marshall
Project HEART Gets Things Done for Kids

By Joy Holster

“Getting Things Done” is the motto for Project Heart, an AmeriCorps program at ECU to provide positive intervention for at-risk children in eastern North Carolina.

Betty Beacham (School of Education) is ECU’s Director of Project HEART (High Expectations for At-Risk Teens), a collaborative effort with schools, community service agencies and the juvenile justice system, to provide tutoring and mentoring for students in grades 4 – 8 who are not achieving state reading standards or who risk involvement in the juvenile justice system.

This year, Project HEART will train and send to the schools 48 students recruited from ECU, Edgecombe Community College, Nash Community College, and North Carolina Wesleyan College. Each volunteer will be assigned 10 at-risk students and will spend 15 minutes a day with each child, using a phonics and basic reading training program to improve reading skills, while mentoring through role modeling, positive reinforcement, and improving self-esteem. The one-on-one time with the at-risk student may involve work in the classroom or a media center, after-school assistance with homework, or a monthly “Saturday Academy” program.

In preparation for this experience, volunteers and site coordinators participated in a two-day orientation and training session held at ECU followed by a kickoff luncheon at the Ramada Inn. The luncheon featured keynote speaker Linda Povlich, deputy chief of staff for Gov. Jim Hunt, with remarks by Board of Trustees Chair Phil Dixon, School of Education Dean Marilyn Sheerer, N.C. AmeriCorps Program Officer Alicia Hartsfield, Project Chance Director Linwood Williams and First Citizens Bank Regional Vice President Chuck Burns. Attendees included volunteers, school principals and superintendents, Chief Court Council members, and corporate sponsors.

The project is the result of a request from the governor’s office, as part of an initiative to give back to an area that was so badly damaged after Hurricane Floyd. It is this concept of giving back to one’s community, Beacham says, that will have the most impact on the volunteers.

Volunteers will earn recognition, a living stipend, and an educational voucher. In addition, Beacham said, “they will enjoy a tremendous experience, helping children to improve their reading scores and avoid the cycle of the juvenile justice system, while taking away from the program an internalized concept of giving back to the community.”

Participation in the program, Beacham said, will have a tremendous impact on the children. According to Beacham, research conducted by Kenneth Campbell, head of Great Leaps at the University of Florida, “clearly showed that 15 minutes a day, every day, in a one-on-one relationship with at-risk kids, had a major impact” on reading scores.

In its first year, Project HEART has a goal of 80 percent of participants gaining a full year’s reading level on end-of-grade state reading tests. It is a three-year program, and goals for future years include expanding recruitment efforts to include Pitt Community College, Barton College and Wilson Technical College.

By the third year, Beacham hopes to double the number of volunteers, thereby doubling to 960 the number of students who benefit from the intervention.

In the Spotlight

NewsMakers

John Olsson (Medicine) on WITN-TV News’ Medical Watch, Sept. 6, on “What is Rickets and How it can be Prevented?”

Tim Reeder (Medicine) on WITN-TV “Medical Watch,” on the importance of knowing stroke’s warning signs, Aug. 21.

Richard Reinhart and Anthony Bartholomew (Medicine) on WNCT-TV and WITN-TV News, on Medical Records employee concerns on work time records, Sept. 8.

Kathryn Verbanac (Medicine) on N.C. News Network, heard on more than 90 radio stations, on her research studying new method of detecting cancer in lymph nodes, Sept. 8.

Appointment and Elections

K. Gopakalakrishnan (Computer Science and Mathematics) to the Program Committee of INDOCRYPT 2000, the First International Conference on Cryptology in India to be held Dec. 2000 at Indian Statistical Institute, Calcutta, India. Also, to the Organizing Committee of the Fourteenth Mid-Western Conference on Combinatorics, Cryptography and Computing to be held Oct. 2000 at Wichita State University.

Veronica Pantelidis (Broadcasting, Librarianship, and Educational Technology) to Program Committee, Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers Virtual Reality 2001 Conference, to be held in Yokohama, Japan, March 2001.

Professional Activities

Festus Eribo (Communication and Broadcasting) was panelist on Press Freedom in Latin America and Africa at the Annual Convention of the Association of Education in Journalism and Mass Communication. Eribo served as chair of a session on Top Three Papers in International Communication at the convention.

Hans Vogelson (Recreation and Leisure Studies) with ECU graduate students, is conducting a preliminary survey sampling visitors and vehicles to the Cape Hatteras National Seashore. The survey is sponsored by the National Park Service to determine usage and expectations of recreational users at the seashore. The information will help the Park Service properly manage and preserve park resources.

SPA Employees Scholarship Awarded

The recipient of the $1,000 Children of SPA Employees Scholarship award for 2000 - 2001 is Ian C. Hawkins, son of Wayne Hawkins (Internal Auditing) and Mary Hawkins (Health Services Research and Development).

Ian is a senior and plans to graduate in the Spring of 2001 with a double major in chemistry and biochemistry. Pictured, left to right are Mary Hawkins, Wayne Hawkins and Ian Hawkins. (photo by Tony Rumple)
Presentations and Productions

Presentations by faculty and graduate students at the meeting of the American Fisheries Society, St. Louis, MO, in August: “The Economic Value of Fish and Wildlife Resources in the Southeast U.S.,” by Timothy Haab and John Whitehead (Economics) with Kenneth McConnell; “CV and Rum Es- timates of the Recreational Value of King Mackerel,” by Whitehead; “Listening to Fish: Using Passive Acoustics to Map Habitat Use and Survey Estuarine Fish Communities,” by Joseph Lucekovich (Biology) and Mark Sprague (Physics); “Intrapopulation Variability of Striped Bass, Morone Saxatilis, in the Roanoke River, N.C.,” by Roger Rulifson (Biology), ECMR, Edmund Stellwag (Biology) and graduate student Paula May; and “Variability of Striped Bass Egg Character- istics in Populations along the Eastern Seal- land,” by Rulifson and graduate student Lauren Berger, by Parmalee.

Presentation by Richard C. Kearney (Political Science), “Patterns of Organizational Decline and Public Employee Unions: Ecological and Institu- tional Perspectives,” at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Aug. 31– Sept. 3, Washington, D.C. Kearney also chaired a panel entitled “Intergovernmental Relations and State Politics” and served as discussant.

Production by Robert Caprio (Theater and Dance), the classic musical Gypsy. The ECU Playhouse production runs Oct. 5 through Oct. 10.

Presentation, by Nancy Stevenson (Nursing), “A Comparison of the Effect of Two Complementary and Alternative Therapies on the Pain and Anxiety Among Women with Metastatic Breast Cancer,” at the Oncology Nursing Society/Na- tional Cancer Institute Research Short Course, May 10, in San Antonio, Texas. Stephenson was one of ten nurses selected to participate in the one- day course promoting cancer nursing research.


Shelly Myers and Susan Mead (Student Life) will be featured in a new website called CampusActuivities, for their presentation, “Hidden Agendas and Team Leadership” made at the ACPA meeting in Washington, D.C., in April.

LaTonya Robinson, Jim Sturm, Gretchen Van Dyke, and Merrill Moore (Student Life) imple- mented “Students Achieving through Involve- ment and Learning” and the first year experience program “Start Out Successfully” in August at ECU. Workshop presentations were made by Su- san Mead and Jim Westmoreland (Career Ser- vices), on “Money Madness and Finding Jobs on Campus,” by Robinson on “What’s my Motiva- tion?”, by Janet Johnson and Bob Morphet, on “Living Far Away from Home/Fitting in/Make- ing Friends,” by Ty Frazier on “Leadership and Getting Involved,” and by Sturm and Lynn Roeder entitled “A Class Act.”

EUCBond Projects

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cipily in nature and adjacency is critical to accomplish the instructional objectives in these programs. Moving these programs to the Health Sciences campus also permits the reassignment of vacated space on the core campus to address a portion of the projected enrollment growth. $46,882,500

• Enrollment growth is driving the need for academic space. The bonds will address renovations and conversion of current facilities for academic use to meet enrollment growth needs – these buildings include Flanagan Hall, Loughlin Hall, and Belk. Once these buildings are vacated, space is available for programs in need of academic and operational space.

$35,898,100 (Flanagan, $13,421,300; Rivers, $14,685,500; Belk, $7,791,300)

• Among key projects are class- room improvements to accommodate technology upgrades for web-based and other computer-assisted modes of instruction in Spight, Brewster, Rivers, General Classroom Building, Rawl and Austin. ECU is a leader in technology-based instruction and must stay ahead of the curve. $3,649,000

• Additional space for teaching laboratories for virtually all curricula areas is needed. Funds will provide an additional 15,400 square feet to meet academic space needs. $5,250,000

• Additional library and study space at Brody School of Medicine is needed to meet the demands of current

and future enrollment growth. This expansion will also serve in the School’s outreach mission by addressing the needs of Pitt Community College, Pitt County Memorial Hospital and private physicians in the region. $12,600,000

The Old Cafeteria Office Building renovation will address enrollment growth needs by consolidating student service functions – providing “one stop shopping.” $4,442,100

• Repairs and expansion to the campus infrastructure are critical in equipping the campus to meet enrollment growth and increase operational efficiency. $16,291,000

• Technology infrastructure expansion is critical in providing students, faculty, and staff with the necessary tools to meet the demands of a global economy. Funds will provide for the renovation of the campus computing center to allow for centralized information technology. $2,592,600 (Technology infrastructure/$807,600; Campus Computing Center/$1,783,000)

• East Carolina University is a land-locked, urban campus. Projected enrollment growth requires expansion of the core academic campus. Funds from the referendum provide for acquisition of additional property from willing sellers for construction of new facilities to accommodate academic and residential needs resulting from increased enrollment. $7,879,400.

In Memoriam


Samuel Clark Beavans, father of Anna B. Doughtery (Joyner Library), died Aug. 21 in Enfield.

Doris Turner Lammon died Aug. 30 in Greenville. She was administrative assistant to Leo Jenkins during his administration as Chancellor.

Frank H. Longino (Medicine) died Aug. 31 in Greenville.

David Craddock, husband of Elsie Craddock (Medicine) died Sept. 3 in Greenville, N.C.
SUNDAY 24
Mercury Cinema: High Fidelity, Hendrix, 7:30 p.m.
Blockbuster Film: Gone in 60 Seconds, Hendrix, 3:00 p.m.
ECU Symphony Orchestra Concert, Douglas Morrison, conductor, Wright Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.

MONDAY 25
Fall 2000 Perspectives Lecture, Ronald Perkin, Chair, Department of Pediatrics, Brody School of Medicine on “Agony of Agonal Respiration: Is the Last Gasp Necessary?” Brody 2W-50, 12:30 – 1:30 p.m.
Symphonic Band and Concert Band, Chris Knighten, conductor, Wright Auditorium, 8 p.m.

WEDNESDAY 27
Faculty recital, Henry Doskey, piano, A.J. Fletcher Recital Hall, 8:00 p.m.
“Election 2000: How Will YOU Decide,” featuring “The Seven Habits of Highly Effective Voters” by author Rick Shenkman, Hendrix Theatre, 8:00 p.m.

THURSDAY 28
Mercury Cinema: Titus, Hendrix, 10:00 p.m.
Blockbuster Film: Big Mama’s House, Hendrix, 7:30 p.m. (through Sept. 30)
Percussion Players, Jonathan Wacker, director, A.J. Fletcher, 8:00 p.m.

FRIDAY 29
Solo and Chamber Recital featuring Vincent DiMartino, trumpet, the Robert L. Jones Distinguished Professor of Music for 2000-2001; A.J. Fletcher Recital Hall, 8:00 p.m.
Mercury Cinema: Titus, Hendrix, 7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY 30
Family Fare Series, Ramona Quimby, by TheatreWorks/USA, Wright Auditorium, 2 p.m.
Four Seasons Music Festival Concert, Ara Gregorian, Artistic Director, A.J. Fletcher Recital Hall, 8:00 p.m.

October
SUNDAY 1
Mercury Cinema: Titus, Hendrix, 7:30 p.m.
Blockbuster Film: Big Mama’s House, Hendrix, 7:30 p.m.

Exhibitions
The Fort Fisher Hermit, North Carolina Musuem of Natural History.
The Black Watch Pipes, Drums and Highland Dancers and The Band/Choir of the Prince of Wales’s Division will usher in the performing arts series.

Disaster Relief Team Seeks Help
As the first anniversary of Hurricane Floyd and the subsequent flooding approaches, many Pitt County residents have not fully recovered. GIFT, the Greenville Interfaith Fellowship Team, is a disaster relief organization formed to try to meet the unmet needs of flood survivors. Volunteers are needed to do case work, office work and site assessments. Training will be provided. For further information please contact Marcia Romary at 355-1082, or by e-mail at ginterfaith@yahoo.com, or contact Nancy Mayberry by e-mail at mayberrya@mail.ecu.edu.

Volunteers to Help Children Needed
The Volunteer Guardian ad Litem Program is seeking volunteers to act as advocates for abused and neglected children. The Guardian ad Litem (GAL) is a trained volunteer who is appointed by the court to conduct an independent investigation on behalf of a child, representing the child in juvenile court hearings. The next training series is scheduled to begin in mid-October. For more information, contact Eva Rogers, Volunteer Coordinator, at 355-5565.

Vital Records
MARRIED: Jay Surles of Greenville, son of Julie Dodson (Medicine), to Kristy Lumm of Washington, great-niece of both Faye Fulford (Student Stores) and Helen McCoy (Joyner Library), Aug. 19.
BORN: To Amy Dixon (Academic Affairs) and husband Chris, a son, Connor Michael, Aug. 16.
On Campus

Adventure Begins

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has a tremendous potential for growth, with the increasing popularity and excellent job markets in both computer science and communication disciplines. ECU has awarded 638 undergraduate degrees in communication within a 5-year span, accounting for 4.8 percent of all undergraduate degrees. Universities throughout North Carolina have shown a surge of interest in the field. Appalachian State University has enrolled 848 communication students, North Carolina State University has 875, UNC-Wilmington, 390, and Elon College, with a total enrollment of 3,800, has 685 communication majors. The number of undergraduate degrees awarded in Computer Science has been smaller, approximately 105 over the past five years, but the potential for growth is also very great.

FAST Rides Available on Campus

The Faculty And Staff Transport (FAST) vans are running on scheduled class days, Monday through Friday, from 7:20 a.m. until 6:00 p.m., allowing staff and faculty to park at the Gold lot north of Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium or at Minges Coliseum, and ride to various points on campus.

There are no longer two separate routes, but one more circular route of the main campus. For more information, visit http://www.ecu.edu/parking/fast.htm. Shuttles run a complete route approximately every ten minutes.

Housekeeping staff members have been participating in a series of four weekly training seminars to learn basic computer skills, including computer hardware, Windows operating systems, the Internet, Microsoft Word, computer viruses, and the ECU e-mail system. Two groups completed the seminars in July. Completing all four sessions were James Artis, Joyce Jones, Mary Peele, Linda Phillips and James Staton. Another group will begin in September.

The program is a cooperative effort between Housekeeping and Information Technology and Computer Services. Sessions will continue until all interested housekeeping staff members have completed the course.

Career Day Planned

The School of Business and Career Services will host their annual Business Career Day on Sept. 20 from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., on the first and third floor hallways of the General Classroom Building.

More than 100 recruiters from over 70 companies representing banking, manufacturing, retail and insurance industries will be available to answer student questions and discuss career opportunities.

SRC Offers Skill Building Workshops

The Student Recreation Center is offering workshops of interest to faculty and staff. A stroke mechanic workshop for adult swimmers will run on Tuesday and Thursdays, Sept. 26 to Oct. 19, 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. An instructor will critique and correct strokes, suggest improvements and develop a swimming workout for participants. Registration is Sept. 1 through Sept. 21.

Tennis instruction for adult beginners begins Oct. 2 and runs through Oct. 7 at the Greenville Tennis Center. Registration runs through Sept. 29, at the SRC Main Office. Classes are free to SRC members.

Call 328-6387 for information.

SRC Offers Skill Building Workshops

The Student Recreation Center is offering workshops of interest to faculty and staff. A stroke mechanic workshop for adult swimmers will run on Tuesday and Thursdays, Sept. 26 to Oct. 19, 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. An instructor will critique and correct strokes, suggest improvements and develop a swimming workout for participants. Registration is Sept. 1 through Sept. 21.

Tennis instruction for adult beginners begins Oct. 2 and runs through Oct. 7 at the Greenville Tennis Center. Registration runs through Sept. 29, at the SRC Main Office. Classes are free to SRC members.

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Websites of Interest

Information Technology and Computing Services (ITCS) has a newsletter online at http://www.ecu.edu/itcs. Select ITCS News. The newsletter is published on the 15th of each month and back issues are available.

For information on the Ninth Annual Instructional Technology Exposition to be held Oct. 18, go to http://www.ecu.edu/its/expo. A call for proposals, registration forms, and related materials are located at this site.

Information on the UNC Phased Retirement Program is available at http://www.aa.ecu.edu/news/retirement/.

Communication Sciences and Disorders has a newsletter at www.ecu.edu/csd/csd.html. Click on Communicator for a pdf file.

Basic Computing Skills Taught

Housekeeping staff members have been participating in a series of four weekly training seminars to learn basic computer skills, including computer hardware, Windows operating systems, the Internet, Microsoft Word, computer viruses, and the ECU e-mail system. Two groups completed the seminars in July. Completing all four sessions were James Artis, Joyce Jones, Mary Peele, Linda Phillips and James Staton. Another group will begin in September.

The program is a cooperative effort between Housekeeping and Information Technology and Computer Services. Sessions will continue until all interested housekeeping staff members have completed the course.