Ecu Alumnus to Deliver Commencement Address

By Erica Plouffe Lazure

Thomas J. Spaulding Jr., head of the non-profit organization Up With People, and an East Carolina alum, will deliver the keynote address at ECU's spring commencement May 10.

The ECU Wind Ensemble will perform a concert at 9:30 a.m., followed by commencement exercises at 10 a.m., rain or shine, at the Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium. Almost 3,400 students have applied for spring graduation, according to the ECU registrar’s office. Approximately 2,400 are undergraduates, 910 are graduate/professional students, and 73 are medical students.

Spaulding, who graduated from ECU in 1992 with a degree in political science, received ECU’s Outstanding Alumni Award in 2006. Before becoming president and CEO of Up with People in 2005, Spaulding had been the group’s executive director and creative director.

Up With People provides its participants with opportunities to perform a musical stage show in cities and towns across the world, while also offering them leadership roles and demonstrating how to meet the needs of the communities they inhabit through service learning projects. In the past 40 years, more than 20,000 young people have participated in the global Up With People program.

Departments and Colleges will hold individual recognition events throughout the weekend. Visit http://www.ecu.edu/ commencement/college_school.cfm for the schedule.

2008 Research, Creative Award Recipients Named

By Erica Plouffe Lazure

East Carolina University named two recipients of the 2008 Research and Creative Activity Awards.

Margaret Bauer, the Rives Chair of Southern Literature in ECU’s English Department, and Ron Cortright, professor of exercise science and physiology, received the five-year awards from the Division of Research and Graduate Studies. Along with their 2007 counterparts, they delivered lectures about their research as part of ECU’s Research and Creative Activity week, March 31 through April 4.

Deidre Mageean, Vice Chancellor of Research and Graduate Studies, said she was proud of the accomplishments of these researchers.

“These faculty represent the spirit and creativity of East Carolina University,” Mageean said. “Congratulations to these faculty for their exceptional research accomplishments.”

Bauer, who came to ECU in 1996 and was named the Ralph Hardee Rives Chair of Southern Literature, is the editor of “North Carolina Literary Review,” and the author of three books of scholarship on Southern literature, including Ellen Gilchrist, William Faulkner and a forthcoming publication on the playwright Paul Green. She has also written dozens of articles and book reviews and presented many conference papers. Since 2002, she has orchestrated five annual Literary Homecoming events, bringing together writers with ties to North Carolina. She has received the Harriot College of Arts and Sciences Teacher-Scholar award as well as two departmental awards. Cortright came to ECU in 1995 to complete a post-doctorate in biochemistry and joined the faculty in 1998. He has received more than $1.3 million in grants from the National Institutes of Health to director of corporate affiliates, and prior to that, had held positions at IBM/Lotus Development. He earned his MBA from Bond University in Australia, and an MA in non-profit management from Regis University. He is a board member for the Museum of Outdoor Arts, as well as Up With People’s Leader’s Challenge and International directors boards.

Ecu Celebrates Centennial

By Jeannine Manning Hutson

The East Carolina spirit arrived at Wright Auditorium March 27 in song, speech and award. In honor of the campus’s centennial celebration, more than 100 faculty, staff, and students were recognized for their service to cam- pus and to the region it serves.

Leading the daylong festivities was Robert J. Greczyn, Jr., chair of the ECU Board of Trustees, and a 1973 alumnus, who noted that, even with the growth of campus and the development of the medi- cal school, dental school and engineering programs, that the spirit ECU remains as he remembered it when he entered the freshman class 39 years ago.

“We make such an incredible difference in the lives of people in Eastern North Carolina, across the state, and across the country,” he said. “We have been driven by the spirit of Robert Wright, and driven by the spirit of Leo Jenkins, and now we are being driven by the very real spirit of Dr. Ballard and his team.”

Paul Cyr, a chef with Aramark/ECU Catering, carefully places purple and gold iced cupcakes around an ECU birthday cake during the March 26 birthday party for ECU students, held to celebrate the university’s founding. (Photo by Joy Holster)
By Judy Currin

April 4, 2008

Evaluators in the College of Education at East Carolina University have announced a new chance for students to emerge from the classroom and into the community. The Office of University Development has announced the availability of $200,000 in seed capital to support students who are pursuing a career in a media-related field. Students who are enrolled in classes in communications, art, business, or political science are invited to propose a project that will aid them in taking their first steps toward a career in media.
Due to space constraints, I am unable to provide a detailed analysis of the entire document. However, I can provide a brief summary of some key points:

**Atkins New Vice Provost by Jeannine Manning Hutson**

Atkins named his undergraduate and masters degrees in English literature at Appalachian State University and is pursuing his doctorate in English education administration at A. C. State University. He is vice president for academic affairs, Atkins Interim Chancellor Marylin Shearer noted, “Atkins is a talented administrator and experienced professional, and we are excited that he has joined our team at ECU.” He has an excellent background and knowledge of the UNC system which will be valuable to us as we move forward.

**Shelton Assumes Police Role by Erica Plouffe Lazure**

Shelton hopes to continue to build a campus police force that will be effective in place at ECU, and possibly find ways to collaborate with other groups to get funding for critical programs. In Kansas City, for example, Shelton had worked with other campus departments to receive a grant to create a site for students to meet and collaborate and improve education.

**Gill Receives Thomas Award by Erica Plouffe Lazure**

East Carolina University Assistant Director of Facilities Services John Gill was recognized as the 2008 recipient of the Laura Thomas Award in honor of his service to the campus of service-disabled veterans. The award recognizes an outstanding individual working not for the field of disability service, who has had a significant impact on a student, faculty, or staff member, or for students most affected by the situation. Only three percent of all grants. Shelton said, yielded results.

**Med Grads Headed for Primary Care Residencies by Doug Boyd**

Nearly two-thirds of the medical graduates leaving East Carolina University this spring will go into primary care residencies. These are the results of the annual Match Day celebration, which pairs third-year medical students with residency programs.

**Whichard Lectures Scheduled**

The 2008 Whichard endowed chair at East Carolina University will present their lectures this month.

For more information, please refer to the full text of the document.
Centennial Celebration Features Convocation, Awards

Those who embody the university’s spirit were also honored at the convocation.

There were 57 faculty and staff members inducted into the Servire Society—which recognizes those who have performed 100 or more hours of volunteer service. The university’s Centennial Awards for Excellence received more than 100 nominations, with winners in four categories: leadership, service, spirit and ambition.

This year’s recipients are as follows:

• **Service**
  - Dr. Kathy Kulas (Brody School of Medicine); Joanne Kollar (University Publications); Dr. Don Easley (College of Allied Health Sciences).
  - Dr. W. Kendall Clifton (Brody School of Medicine and East Carolina Heart Institute); Martin Jackson (Information Technology and Computing Services); Dr. Marjorie Gallagher (College of Human Ecology).

• **Leadership**
  - Members of Garvin’s (College of Allied Health Sciences).
  - Joanne Kollar (University Marketing), Ed Crotts (College of Natural Resources); Dr. Jim Westmoreland (College of Education); Dr. W. Randolph Proctor (Leo W. Jenkins Cancer Center and Institute); Martin Jackson (Informatics Technology and Computing Services); Dr. Margie Gallagher (College of Human Ecology).

• **Ambition**
  - Members of Gardner-Webb University’s Cancer Fund.
  - Members of Debra Crotts (University Marketing), Ed Crotts (College of Health and Human Performance), Anita Proctor (East W. Jackson Cancer Center), Carolyn Willis and Anna Dougherty (Joeryn Library).

• **Spirit**
  - Members of Ricky Hill (Facilities Services); Dr. Jim Windom (College of Business).

The convocation closed with the singing of the alma mater, led by the ECU Chorale under the direction of Jeffery Ward.

The day of celebration continued with the unveiling of the Greenville Quilters Guild’s “A Page of History” quilt, which they have donated to J.Y. Joyner Library to mark the university’s centennial.

More than two years and thousands of “woman hours” went into creating the quilt, said Barbara Murphy, president of the guild.

The 22 members of the guild involved in the project began with the idea of representing several campus buildings and then began recreating the landscape in fabric. In the end, they used a scrapbook page representation to highlight 21 buildings plus the stone entrances facing Fifth Street.

The university also held a ribbon-cutting for the reopening of the Carol G. Rich Building on Charles Boulevard, the new home for the College of Health and Human Performance. The $9 million project added 50,000 square feet of classroom, research, and service space to the building, and will help to further the college’s work in medical innovations, recreational therapy, and sports science.

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“With its research, and its service projects, this is the epitome of a college doing all it can to make a difference in eastern North Carolina,” Ballard said.

Erica Pelling Lazure contributed to this report.

Centennial activities included a ribbon-cutting for the newly renovated Belk Building, new home for the College of Health and Human Performance. Participating in the festivities are Bill Cain, assistant to the HHP dean; Joe Fridge, chair; Recreation and Leisure Studies; Pater Farrell, chair of Exercise and Sports Science; SGA President Kari Brockett, ECU Chancellor Steve Ballard; HHP Dean Glen Gilbert; N.C. representatives Marrian McClurehorn and Edith Warren; Greenville Mayor; retired faculty member Pat Dunn; Sharon Knight, associate dean; Health Education and Promotion; Susan McGuire, associate dean; Recreation and Leisure Studies; and David White, chair of Health Education and Promotion.

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Founders Day Includes Dedication, Lunch on the Mall

The Greenville Quilters Guild unveiled “A Page of History” quilt, featuring scenes from East Carolina University, which they donated to Joyner Library. The 22 members of the Guild spent more than two years working on the quilt to commemorate the university’s centennial.

Some participants in the Centennial celebration on the mall gathered as keepsakes Pirate treasures including purple and gold beads and centennial “gold coins” used to decorate the table. Another table was set up to distribute pins from earlier years

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Grad Head to Primary Care

By Erica Plouffe Lazure

Dan Kane, a student in East Carolina University’s biostatistics Ph.D. program, has received recognition from the American Physiological Society’s Exercise and Environmental Physiology Section for his research that will help to prevent and treat diabetes and diseases associated with it.

Kane, of Adrian, Mich., received the pre-doctoral award for his research on how tracks that an anti-diabetic drug uses to treat diabetes may help to prevent and reduce the onset of fatty liver disease.

The researchers discovered that the isocitrate dehydrogenase gene, which is known to be over twice the normal production rate in their disease model, could be a potential target for insulin resistance and that, if the mechanism is disrupted, may help to reduce the risk of developing diabetes.

Kane said the anti-diabetic drug in question was developed by researchers at Neufert Pharmaceuticals.

Diabetes Research Recognized

By Eric Plouffe Lazure

An East Carolina University biomedical sciences professor and a Duke University cancer researcher have earned recognition for their innovative work to treat and prevent diabetes.

Brian Kane, associate professor in the Department of Exercise and Sport Science, and Carmen K. Arnold, assistant professor in the Department of Health Promotion and Human Performance, were honored last month by the American Physiological Society’s Exercise and Environmental Physiology Section for their research that helps to prevent and treat diabetes.

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Coastal Research Awarded

By Erica Plouffe Lazare

An East Carolina University coastal studies student received the 2008 Walter R. Brinson Memorial Awards and NOAA Awards for Excellence in Coastal and Ocean Management.

Heather Ward, a doctoral student in ECU’s Coastal Resource Management Program, was one of four North Carolinians who received the award Feb. 27 at the Capitol in Raleigh.

Ward, who works closely with Donald Aldeman, ECU professor of geography, to conduct the research, “Heather is breaking new ground by examining the role of language and communication in coastal management, paying close attention to how the public, scientists, and policy-makers talk about the crisis and its various challenges and opportunities,” said Aldeman, ECU co-author of the study, “Writing on the Santal: Toward an Analysis of Hurricane Katrina.”

The unique challenge in coastal areas is balancing the needs of the natural resources with the needs of the people, and these awards recognize those who are exceptional in doing so,” Jones said.

Whitcher Lectures Planned

In addition to teaching at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, Jones is the academic director of the Jesse Ball Dupont Foundation, which he founded to honor his father, the late 11-term U.S. Rep. Walter B. Jones.

He was the husband of Malene G. Irons, Widow of Fred Irons Jr.

Jennifer Bonner

Dr. Donald Hoffman’s collection of histories, “Voice,” political visions of 50 artists, and “Romeo and Juliet,” Wright, 7:30 p.m.

FRIDAY 4

Faculty Recital: K. Sakino, piano; A. Groepen, violin, and guest, A.J. Fletcher Recital Hall, 7 p.m.

SATURDAY 5

Youth Arts Festival, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Robert L. Jones Disistinguished Professor of Music, Fletcher, 8 p.m.

WEDNESDAY 8

Baynes Lecture, Byrun Pitts, Hendrick Theatre, 2 p.m.

St. Petersburg Ballet Theatre presents “Romeo and Juliet,” Wright, 7:30 p.m.

THURSDAY 10

“Stir Werking and the Elizabethan World of Thomas Kyd: A Life of Achievement: Art Award winner for 2007 was Jeffery Johnson, professor of sociology.

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In Memoriam

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Lecturer, “Queen Elizabeth in Love, in Library, 6 p.m.

FRIDAY 11

Premiere Performances, Fletcher, 8 p.m.

SATURDAY 12

Franz Pfitefest featuring street art and festival upstairs; Pig Pen Pig-out, Doodle- Flicker, April 9, and Greenwigs International Festival, Town Commons.

Patch Clark, music by Linda High. Wright Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.

Guast Artist: Placed Roger McVey, Fletcher, 7 p.m.

Saska Danne, Mendehlson Social Room, 7:30 p.m., dance, 8 – 10:30 p.m.

SUNDAY 13

EUC Symphony Orchestra, Wright Auditorium, 3 p.m.

MONDAY 21

Exhibitions

Four Seasons Chamber Music Festival, Fletcher, (through April 26, performances nightly at 8 p.m. except Sunday matinee at 2 p.m.)

FRIDAY 18

Guest Artist: Violinist Vivian Pacheco, Fletcher, 8 p.m.

Danzield Alma A. Hill, (of Medical Humanities Perspectives Lectures, Fletcher, 8 p.m.

TUESDAY 15

School of Music Combined Bands, Wright, 8 p.m.

WEDNESDAY 16

Billy Taylor Jazz Festival, Performances nightly through April 26, Greenville Hilton (through April 25).

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Calendar

Youth Arts Festival Set for April 5

ECU will host the fourth annual Youth Arts Festival April 5, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the mall area in front of the center of campus. More than 100 visual and performing artists from the community and region will share their creative talents through music, arts, and crafts. Family-friendly activities such as building children’s watercolor painting, weaving, leather working, pottery, and other arts will be offered. There will also be an opportunity to have their own arts and crafts ready to help both of ECU students and professional artists. Featured performers and artists will include: the African-American Dance Ensemble, Ariana King-Comer Bald Artistic Director, Sharon Parker Fiber Artist, Steve Myditz, Puppeteer and mask maker, and Randy Hodges, Blacksmith.

This activity coincides with the Youth Arts Month, the North Carolina Arts Education Association and follows celebration of Founders’ Week celebration of the arts and open to the public. In case of rain, it will be held indoors in the new Fine Arts Building on Fifth Street.

(Contributed photo)
PirateFest Set for April 12

The annual PirateFest will take place April 12, featuring events from the Pirates Pigskin Pig-Out to the International Festival on the Greenville town commons. A street fair and arts festival will take place uptown, with live musical performances beginning at 11 a.m. Registration is underway for the East Carolina Alumni Association Pirate Alumni 5K Road Race and mile Fun Run. Proceeds from the race benefit East Carolina Alumni Association scholarships. Entry fees are $25. On-site registration available at Reade Circle. Contact 328-5557 or Liz.Ellerbe@PirateAlumni.com.

ECU Exhibit Features Political Illustrations

By Erica Plouffe Lazure

The political visions of fifty artists will be on display at ECU’s Mendenhall Student Gallery through April 25. The exhibition, “Another Voice,” features more than 150 political illustrations that challenge and celebrate politics and political difference.

Curated by Patrick Flynn, former art director for “The Progressive” magazine, the exhibition arrives at a time when political interest is at an all-time high, said Sarah Searcy, president of the ECU Painting Guild.

“This exhibition provides an important opportunity for School of Art students and the greater university community to be exposed to and learn about political illustration and role of political illustrators as social informers, commentators, and galvanizers,” Searcy said.

Two exhibit artists, Sue Coe and David McLimans held a panel discussion with Flynn April 3 at Hendrix Theatre. Coe, an activist, painter, author and comic book illustrator whose work has been exhibited at New York’s Museum of Modern Art will also give an artist talk at 1 p.m. April 4 in the Speight Auditorium at the ECU School of Art and Design, Jenkins Fine Arts Center. The artists will also visit with art students and faculty.

McLimans, an award-winning mixed-media illustrator, is a winner of the 2007 Caldecott Honor Award for his book, “Gone Wild.” Coe has appeared on the cover of “Art News” and been the subject of a retrospective exhibition at the Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden in Washington, D.C.

“One goal of the event is to activate the students’ participation in politics and to encourage careful consideration of the choices they make that will determine the country’s future, domestically and on the international stage,” said Lisa Beth Robinson, event coordinator.

The event is sponsored by: ECU’s Painting and Design Associates guilds, the Fine Arts Funding Board, Gray Gallery, School of Communication, ECU Honors Program, the Carol Grotnes Belk Distinguished Chair, School of Art and Design and the Student Union.

For information, contact Lisa Beth Robinson at 328-5480 or Kate LaMere at 328-5180, or visit www.anothervoice.org.

ECU Fitness Study Seeks Participants

ECU’s Human Performance Laboratory is looking for participants for a fitness study. Participants must be a state employee enrolled in the State Health Plan; must be at least 18 years of age; be inactive for at least six months; and free of any medical condition that would limit participation in moderate physical activity program. Participants will receive a free four-month membership to an area fitness facility.

Call 737-4681 or 737-4685 and indicate interest in study 808-0042, along with name and phone number.

Or register at the Research Subject Contact Database at: http://performance.hpl.ecu.edu/research.