

# UNC NROTC Alumni Newsletter

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## UNC NROTC ALUMNI REUNION

October 6, 2001

(Columbus Day weekend)

UNC vs ECU



### Schedule of Reunion Events

0900 AM - Board of Directors Meeting

1000 AM - General Meeting/Awards  
Presentation

11:30 AM - Pig Pickin' (*hosted by the  
midshipmen*)

1:00 PM - Football Game (*game time estimated\**)

7:00 PM - Informal Cocktail Party (*hosted by  
Laird Lewis at his suite at the Wyndam Garden  
Hotel*)

*\*Note: Game time has not been announced yet.  
We will inform alumni through email and the  
web site if the schedule changes.*

### Need a room for the weekend?

A block of rooms has been reserved for our members at the Wyndam Garden Hotel for the competitive rate of \$69.00 per night. The block is reserved for Friday and Saturday nights 5-6 October. The hotel is located at 4620 S. Miami Blvd., Durham, N.C. (exit 281 I-40).

For reservations, call Kim Murray at 919-941-6066. You can also contact her via email at [durhamsm@crownamerican.com](mailto:durhamsm@crownamerican.com) and she'll call you back. The hotel is booked up for this particular weekend so you must mention "UNC NROTC Alumni" in order to reserve a room from this block.

The rooms are first come, first serve, so reserve early.

### Football Tickets

The UNC vs ECU football game is sold out. We were unable to secure tickets for our membership this year. However, it is still possible to obtain tickets before the game from the local "resellers" in and around Kenan Stadium for a reasonable price. You could also try to obtain tickets through classified ads in the Daily Tarheel. The link to the DTH is <http://www.dailytarheel.com/>. Of course, we can also descend upon a local watering hole and watch the game together, provided the game is televised.

## PARKING FOR REUNION WEEKEND

The only reserved parking available for us this year will be available at Dogwood Parking Deck on Manning Drive, across from UNC Hospitals. The cost has doubled this year to \$6 per vehicle. You pay at the lot. This parking is a long walk from the Armory, but convenient for those attending the football game.



## BRING YOUR CAMERA

Don't forget to bring your camera! We intend to post pictures of the reunion on the web site. Feel free to contribute your own photos!

## Congratulations Class of 2001

*and last but not least.....*

### Second Lieutenant Michael Monette, USMCR

In our last newsletter, we listed the names of our newest NROTC alumni who were commissioned in May. One name, 2nd Lt. Michael Monette, was not included. At the time the newsletter was published, his name was not on the list of graduates submitted due to a medical leave of absence. He had suffered a knee injury during an NROTC football game last October. Since the injury, he had surgery to repair the damage and managed to pass all necessary physicals just prior to commissioning and graduation. Michael graduated with a BA in Journalism.

On September 1st, Michael was married to Ms. Melissa Gray of Thomasville, North Carolina who also graduated from Carolina this year. He will report to The Basic School September 20th.

We wish Michael and Melissa much happiness and success as they begin their lives together.



## *Has your email address changed?*

If you have an email address, did you receive the general announcement to all alumni sent on September 3rd? If not, we may not have your current email address. You can provide us with updates on your personal information at <http://www.uncnrotcaa.org> or you can mail inputs to our Secretary, Vicki Stephens, at 500 Bells Court Apt A; Andalusia, Pennsylvania 19020.

### ***Message from the Former President***

by Laird Lewis, Jr. '70

At the June 9 Board of Directors meeting, I reluctantly resigned as president of our association. This action was the result of my changing lifestyle, and not a reflection of any diminished enthusiasm for our organization. I suffered a heart attack in February and just do not feel I can dedicate the time necessary to serve effectively as president.

We are at a very critical point in the life of our association. In the six years (or so) that I've served on the board, we have grown from about 100 to over 300 dues-paying members. We have substantially increased our support of the university's midshipmen, including awarding our first scholarship. It is that scholarship that I wish to focus my time, efforts, and talents.

Jim Bailer was nominated and elected president. He will do an outstanding job leading us and has my total support and prayers.

### ***Message from the President of the Association***

by Jim Bailer '85

First, let me thank Laird Lewis for his three years of service as President of the Board of Directors. Laird's lasting legacy will be the establishment of the Alumni Association Midshipmen Scholarship. We awarded the first \$1,000 scholarship in April, with many more to follow. Laird's vision for this scholarship program is that it will be an enabler for the unit to attract and retain the best naval officer candidates.

Now for a quick "State of the Alumni Association."

What are our strengths?

- A great web site packed with information and tools such as "Find a Classmate".
- Our annual reunion. Is there anything better than Kenan Stadium on a clear fall day?
- Our scholarship and awards programs and our midshipmen support.
- Our strong financial position, thanks in large part to 117 Life Members.

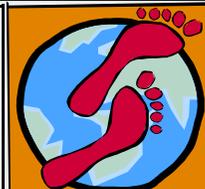
What are our challenges?

- Dues-paying Association membership has remained level of just over 300 since 1999.
- Low acquisition rates of graduating seniors into the Association.
- Finding reasonably priced professional management for our time-consuming secretary and treasurer tasks.

What can we do better as an association? I'd like to hear from you. [JCBailer@carolina.rr.com](mailto:JCBailer@carolina.rr.com)  
Go Heels! Thank you.

Visit our website for up-to-the-date reunion information at:

<http://www@uncnrotcaa.org>





## Battalion Update

by  
Captain Dennis Haines, USN  
NROTC Unit North Carolina Piedmont Region



Dear Carolina Alums,

Greetings from Tar Heel Land. A new semester is upon us, and the NROTC Heels continue to be in great shape, both academically and in spirit.

Our staff has remained the same, with the exception of the departure of YN2 Annabelle Weislocher, who entered the nursing program at UNC. She is replaced temporarily by Ens. John McGonagle, who is stashed here after his UNC graduation, awaiting the start of his flight training at Pensacola.

Also on the staff, Don Ledford has entered his final year of NROTC life, planning to retire next summer.

Our unit size will decrease somewhat this year, since we have only 12 college freshman who are on scholarship (along with 2 college program midshipmen).

Here are some details about our 4/Cs:

- 12 scholarship students
- 2 college program students
- 4 out-of-state
- 10 in state
- NROTC Orientation - August 13th through 18th in Norfolk, VA
- Avg SAT score for class: **1301**

On the fund raising side of life here, the midshipmen have realized the need for financial responsibility, agreeing that it helps their opportunities for a multitude of events during the year by doing the stadium clean up. They will do three clean ups this fall. Revenue is \$3,000 per clean up.

Summer cruise. Still one of the best deals in the naval service. UNC midshipmen were all over the world this summer. One 1/C midshipman was a foreign exchange (FOREX) player with Poland, spending 3 weeks on one of their surface ships in the Baltic. He said they never made water on his ship; he was rationed 1 liter/3 days. No showers for 3 weeks. Food handlers did not have an increased ration. He said he got sick. Wound up in Kiel, Germany and had a blast. Said he would do it again in a heart beat. Another FOREX 1/C spent time with the Greek Navy, spending 4 weeks of cruise seeing 5 ports. Tough life. Our freshman again chose in large numbers to attend CORTRAMID in San Diego, and were rewarded with sunshine, cool temps, and cool water temps. The general consensus was that the Marines put on a good show for Marine week, the subs were next and were very accommodating, and the surface/air weeks ran hot and cold. Two of our 2/C midshipmen had a cruise worked out to embark aboard USS CONSTELLATION, stationed in the Persian Gulf. They were to join an S-3 Viking squadron, but their destination was changed when the threat level was raised. They ended up in Norfolk, and through the work of one of our staff members, ended up in a Hornet squadron, flying in

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Hornets and T-34 Turbo Mentors. Lastly, Lt. Michele Day went from the Tip of the Textbook to the Tip of the Spear, spending parts of June, all of July, and parts of August in Bahrain, assisting in the movement of midshipmen. She was happy to be back at Carolina, cooling off in our 90 degree weather.

Scholarships. My staff will make a recommendation to me this fall concerning two awards - the Tom Hudson Award, and the UNC NROTC Alumni Association Scholarship Award. This forum will allow me an opportunity to express my appreciation to both Tom Hudson and the Tar Heel Alumni for your generosity. It is meaningful, and it does make a difference.

And now for information on the Armory. John Shaulis and Don Ledford, along with Army and Air Force representatives, have been attending meetings over the past several weeks to discuss the University Master Plan and how it affects the ROTC Programs on campus. The Master Plan, which has been approved by the Board of Trustees, includes the construction of a new Science Building on the site presently occupied by Venable Hall and the Naval Armory. In the immediate area (just across the parking lot from the Naval Armory), new additions will be built on Sitterson Hall and Phillips Hall. Present plans are for the three ROTC Units to move into the Phillips Hall addition in 2005, then into permanent facilities in the new Science Building when it is completed in 2008/9. This means that the Naval Armory is scheduled for demolition in 2005. We're still negotiating with University officials and the architects, but things are looking positive. I'll keep you informed as the meetings progress.

A look ahead. As this letter is being written, the date for your reunion is being discussed. We look forward to assisting in the hosting of the Alumni Pig Pickin'.

When you're in Chapel Hill, please feel free to stop by and say hello.

GO HEELS.

Very respectfully,

D. A. HAINES  
Captain, U.S. Navy  
Commanding Officer

### **DAWSON LIBRARY UPDATE**

Thanks to the generous donations of our alumni, we will be purchasing five additional stacks of bookcases to house the growing collection of the CNO's and Commandant of the Marine Corps reading lists. These bookcases will be identical to the ones were purchased earlier. They are hardwood, barrister-style, lockable, and have glass fronts.

## UNIVERSITY PLANS TO DEMOLISH NROTC ARMORY

By Dick Cashwell '59

As many of you may know, the University's long range plan calls for the demolition of Venable Hall and the current Armory in order to build a bigger and better chemistry building. No one should doubt the need for a new chemistry facility. It is real. The problem is that the details of space allocation for the NROTC program are not final yet.

Earlier this year when I asked the Chancellor at a recent volunteers gathering what plans had been made for the ROTC programs, he paused and looked at the Dean of Arts and Sciences, who looked at the Provost, who looked at the planner and they all gave the alligator salute. To the Chancellor's credit, he recovered and said, "There will be a place for the ROTC programs." Well, I worked for the University long enough to know that if it ain't in the plan, it will not get done or worse, it will have an ad hoc life of being moved to the least desirable space that no one else wants.

Since this meeting, the Board of Trustees approved a plan to demolish the current NROTC Building in 2005. We understand the three ROTC programs will be temporarily moved to a new addition of Phillips Hall and remain there until permanently housed in the new Science building in 2008. However, architectural plans to meet the space allocation and special needs of the ROTC programs have not been finalized yet.

We must remember that there is an element at all universities that would like to see all ROTC programs go away. I do not have the space here to list why this would not be good for the ROTC, the military or the University, but most of you know what I am talking about. Suffice to say we must be active and vigilant to insure that the University's ROTC programs have a permanent place of adequate size to continue to function as we must.

I encourage all of us to begin a campaign to ask the Chancellor, the Provost, the Vice Chancellor for Business (the planners work for her) and others to favorably consider the space requirements as presented by the ROTC staff members. We recommend you send your opinions to the University officials listed below. If needed, there is a sample letter on our web site to get you started in forming your own opinions.

We will keep you advised as the plans continue to unfold. Semper Fi.

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**Vice Chancellor Nancy D. Suttentfield**  
Vice Chancellor for Finance and Administration  
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## Whispers & Gossip

**Jennings Jed Thompson, IV '55** visited his ancestral home in England last Nov-Dec. It was built by his family in the year 1087 in North Devon one mile from the Atlantic Ocean. His namesake was a Captain in the British Navy who retired in Virginia in 1720. Jed currently resides in Atlanta, Georgia.

**Hugh Leon McColl Jr. '57** recently retired as chairman and CEO of Bank of America. He was the recipient of the Citizen of the Carolinas Award for his role in making Charlotte a financial center and for his service to educational and civic organizations. The award was made by the Charlotte Chamber of Commerce and Duke Energy.

**Ed Butchart '58** retired after 20 years in the Marines. In 1978, he founded Friends of Disabled Adults and Children as a mission ministry of Mount Carmel Christian Church to serve those disabled people in need of products and services. More than 20,000 people have been helped in the 14 years since Ed started FODAC in his home in Stone Mountain, Georgia. Some call him "Santa Claus," including Tom Brokaw of NBC Nightly News, who referred to Ed as "the real thing," (December 23, 1992). Check out the FODAC website at <http://www.fodac.org> to read more and see a picture of Ed.

**Leo Wardrup '58** has represented the city of Virginia Beach in the House of Delegates of the Assembly since 1992. He is the Chairman of the House Republican Caucus and second ranking member to the Speaker of the House.

**Jim Bailer '85** was recently promoted to Senior Vice President at Bank of America where he is a Senior Project Manager in Consumer Real Estate. Jim and his wife Caroline live in Matthews and have three children. He joined the inactive reserve in 1997 after six years on active duty and six in the reserves. Email: [JCBailer@carolina.rr.com](mailto:JCBailer@carolina.rr.com)

**Jim Barge '85** is currently employed at GE working in the Six Sigma Quality Program in Cincinnati, Ohio. Recently selected for promotion to commander in the Naval Reserves. For the past 2 years, assigned as the Admin Officer at Mobile Inshore Undersea Warfare Unit 201 in Toledo, Ohio. Email: [smokey@goodnews.net](mailto:smokey@goodnews.net)

**Cmdr. Charles Gibson '85** and his wife, Angel, had their first child, Megan Ann, on April 23rd. Following Naval War College, he will head back to Whidbey Island for his XO/CO tour with an EA6B squadron. Email: [skilgibson@aol.com](mailto:skilgibson@aol.com)

**Maj. Chris Houser '85** was recently selected for command of Assault Amphibian School in 29 Palms, California.

**William Harding Latham '85** and Julie Davis Latham celebrated the birth of their daughter, Maegan Harding Latham, born Feb 11, 2001. Email: [whl@nmrs.com](mailto:whl@nmrs.com)

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**Whispers & Gossip (cont.)**

**Andrew Stoecker '85** and family (Diane, Evan, and Dylan) thoroughly enjoyed a three week vacation in Italy during December 2000 and January 2001. So many sights to see, so much food to eat, so much incredible sculpture! This fantastic trip included the cities of Rome, Florence, Siena, Pisa, Milan, Venice, Assisi, and Naples, as well as a number of small towns in the countryside. They think the best day was a visit to a small northern Italy mountain town called Cunevo, wherein they found and visited five of Diane's relatives - most of whom were in their late eighties to early nineties and very healthy! If you ever have plans to travel in Italy, then give Andy a call (760-943-7681) or email him ([wwsteck@netscape.net](mailto:wwsteck@netscape.net)).

**Eric Schneider '86** was selected for a 132 day presidential recall to active duty to provide force protection for refueling ships in the Arabian Gulf. This was in direct response to the USS COLE bombing. He returned home in July. Eric was also selected for promotion to commander. He and his wife, Kim, are building a new house which they hope to move into in early November. Email: [eschneid@med.unc.edu](mailto:eschneid@med.unc.edu)

**Maj. George W. Smith, Jr. '85** was recently selected for command of 1st Recruit Training Battalion, Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, California.

**Jesse Tillman '86** was selected for the rank of commander. He is an Associate attorney practicing in the law firm of Cranfill, Sumner & Hartzog, LLP in Raleigh, North Carolina in civil litigation concentrating in construction and land use law. Email: [jmt2@cshlaw.com](mailto:jmt2@cshlaw.com)

**Lynn Miller** was selected for the rank of commander.

**Lt. Cmdr. Eric Anderson '87** was relieved as commanding officer of USS GRASP on March 30th and assumed command of the Navy and Marine Corps Reserve Center in Springfield, Missouri on June 9th. He and Andrea had their 4th child, Grace Mary Anderson, who was born August 3rd. Mom and baby are doing great. Email: [ebanders@iol18.com](mailto:ebanders@iol18.com)

**David L. Jackson '87** has taken a new position within Bank of America's investment banking subsidiary, Bank of America Securities, LLC. He was promoted to Vice President and Product Specialist in the Commercial Mortgaged Backed Securities (CMBS) group where he originates and underwrites large (\$100+ million) commercial real estate transactions for securitization in the secondary market. He also received his Series 7 and Series 63 license. Email: [david.l.jackson@bankofamerica.com](mailto:david.l.jackson@bankofamerica.com)

**Todd Ervin '92** completed his MBA in March 2001 from the University of Florida. Completed tour as FRS Instructor at VP30 in Jacksonville, Florida and separated on 1 June 2001. Now employed as a Marketing Specialist for Corning's Cable Systems subsidiary in Hickory, North Carolina. Wife, Lara, and 2 yr old son, Houston live in Newton, NC. Email: [tervin1@aol.com](mailto:tervin1@aol.com)

**Amy Kingston '92** is currently working as an Executive Support Officer for the Secretary of Defense. She began this Pentagon assignment in February of this year. She was also awarded the POLMIL subspecialty based on her Masters of Arts Degree in International Relations from the University of San Diego. Email: [amykingston@earthlink.net](mailto:amykingston@earthlink.net)

## ***BUY YOUR NEXT GIFT FROM SMITHFIELD HAMS***

### **AND SUPPORT THE NROTC ALUMNI ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

Basse's Choice is a mail order company operating from Smithfield, Virginia and is majority owned by Monette Information Systems, which is owned by Alan V. Monette, UNC NROTC '65. His son, 2nd LT. Michael V. Monette, USMCR was commissioned through the UNC NROTC unit in May.

The company sells many specialty food products and is gift-oriented. It specializes in the sale of Smithfield Hams from the world-famous producers of these hams, Gwaltney of Smithfield, Ltd. and Smithfield Packing Company.

The Monettes would like to make a special offer available to the UNC NROTC Alumni and to the NROTC Midshipmen and staff. During the period of 1 September - 31 December, 2001, the company will offer **all NROTC participants an extra 10% discount** on any purchases made during this period and will accumulate such sales and **contribute 5%** of the total purchases for the total four-month period to the **UNC NROTC Scholarship Program**.

So, if you would like to purchase a holiday ham, send gifts to friends or family, or wish to use these products for corporate giving, please click on the promotion banner ad found on the the UNC NROTC website, [www.uncnrotcaa.org](http://www.uncnrotcaa.org). You may also call 800-292-2773 and request a catalog. To receive these offers **you must refer to Key Code 21WGNC00 when ordering!** If ordering by Internet, type in Key Code in the special instructions section of the shopping cart. All products are sold "satisfaction guaranteed".

A sales report will be provided the UNC ALUMNI ASSOCIATION during January along with a check to the association for its earnings. Basse's Choice is also paying for the advertising that helps defray the expense of our newsletter and web site.

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# 2001 UNC NROTC REUNION REGISTRATION FORM

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ UNC Class \_\_\_\_\_ or Staff \_\_\_\_\_

## PIG-PICKIN' TICKETS

@ \$13.00 (Adult) ages 13 and up            x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

@ \$ 5.00 (Child) ages 12 and under        x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*(Note: The caterer charges by the plate. If you have a very small child who will be eating from the parent's plate, a ticket for the child is not necessary.)*

**I DESIRE PARKING** (*circle answer*)

**YES / NO**

*(Pay at the lot.)*

If you desire to be notified if game time/schedule is changed, please fill out the best method to contact you:

Work Phone Number            \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone Number            \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address                    \_\_\_\_\_

Checks should be made out to the **“Quarterdeck Society.”** Profits made from the sale of the pig-pickin' tickets will go toward support of the midshipmen. Please mail your registration forms to:

**LCDR Shaulis  
Officer in Charge  
NROTC Unit  
University of North Carolina  
Chapel Hill, NC 27599-3325**

*Note: Deadline for receipt of registration forms is 01 October. If you have any questions, contact LCDR Shaulis at 919-843-9279 or [tarchin@email.unc.edu](mailto:tarchin@email.unc.edu).*