### **Joyner Event:**

250th Anniversary of Pitt County February 2, 2010 7:00 pm

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As you read through this e-newsletter, you might be struck, as I was, by the overarching theme of historyhistory of our university, community and region. The more than 85,000 negatives in the Daily Reflector photographic collection and the supporting website, Seeds of Change, provide an extraordinary glimpse into the life of our region in a time gone by as well as a gold mine for social and local history research. Joyner Library is home to the **University** Archives which is the repository for the history and important papers documenting East Carolina University's growth

and development. Yearbooks, photographs, reports, and college and university official records are available for the casual visitor and dedicated historian alike. We hope you will support the recently created University Archives Endowment with a generous donation. 2010 marks an important milestone in the history of Pitt County; the Special Collections and North Carolina Collections departments have mounted exciting displays commemorating this celebration, and on February 2nd, we, in conjunction with our co-hosts, the Pitt County Historical Society, invite you to

Joyner Library to help celebrate the 250th anniversary and birthday. Finally, we are excited beyond saying about the potential for research opportunities for ECU students and faculty which will be provided by The Stuart Wright Collection of books and manuscripts of 20th century southern American writers. This collection is currently only on loan to the Library, but it is available to researchers, and we hope to be able to acquire it in the very near future.

## A Must See Collection: Seeds of Change

Joyner Library has created an all-digital collection, Seeds of Change: The Daily Reflector Image Collection, showing more than 25 years of life in eastern North Carolina.

The collection contains more than 7500 images digitized from the photographic negatives of the *Daily Reflector*. The negatives and copyrights were a gift of D. Jordan Whichard, III, who was publisher of the newspaper at the time. The images in this exhibit are taken from those in the entire collection, which numbers 85,000. The majority of the photo-

Image 7871 Date: February 15, 1965 graphs date between 1949 and 1967 and document sweeping changes across eastern NC from advances in industry to upheavals in race relations and an increasing awareness of public health concerns.

On January 21st, the Library honored the David J. Whichard family who owned the *Daily Reflector* from 1882 to 1995. The reception hosted more than 75 people who viewed the physical exhibit, which included sample photographs from the collection's eight themes. The attendees also had the opportunity to search the collection online.

In addition, the collection contains supplemental resources to provide a better understanding of the images and the history behind them, such as streaming video of an interview with the newspaper's former editor and photographer, an essay of the

history of Pitt County during this period, an illustrated timeline, and convenient web browsing tools.

A public reception honoring the 250th Anniversary of Pitt County hosted by Joyner Library and the Board of **Directors of the Pitt County** Historical Society is scheduled for February 2, 2010 at **7:00pm.** The Seeds of Change exhibit is one of three in the Library celebrating the history of Pitt County. Other exhibits include: Pitt County Treasures from the North Carolina Collection and Pitt County 250th Anniversarv Exhibit: From the Vaults of Special Collections. Featured speaker Roger Kammerer will take the floor after light refreshments provided by the Pitt County Historical Society.

This event is free and open to the public. Contact (252) 328-0252 for more information.



## 5 Easy Ways to use Library Resources in Your Class

For more information, please contact Mark Sanders, Head - Reference Department, by email or at 252-328-2900.

- I. Link to articles or whole volumes of online reference works from Course Documents in Black-board. Joyner Library has online access to several thousand reference e-books from major academic publishers including <u>Cambridge</u>, <u>Elesvier</u>, <u>Oxford</u>, Sage and Wiley. The <u>Credo Reference</u> database has over 450 titles from a variety of publishers.
- II. Use materials from subscription databases in course packs. The Library has full text access to articles, reports and other scholarly publications from more than 45,000 journals, magazines and newspapers. Most allow use of materials in course packs.
- III. Request a LibGuide for your course. Librarians create course specific online web pages to support your instruction. These web pages create a one-stop portal to library resources and services appropriate for your course assignments. Click <a href="here">here</a> to see examples.
- IV. Embed a librarian via Blackboard on an ongoing basis. For example, librarians can be available to send emails to the class relating to assignments, answer questions, hold research consulations online or in person, conduct instruction session using the Virtual Classroom, participate on the *Discussion Board*, and more.
- V. Encourage students, especially graduate students, to take advantage of <u>RefWorks</u>. RefWorks is a web-based bibliography and database manager that allows users to create their own personal database of citations and notes. Citations can be imported from text files or online databases which support RefWorks (most of ECU's databases do). Users have RefWorks insert citations and format bibliographies for their papers.

# **Special Collections:**The Stuart Wright Collection

The Special Collections Department has received on loan from Dr. Stuart Wright, a wellknown bibliographer who currently lives in England, a large collection of books and manuscripts associated with such important southern writers as Richard Eberhart, Randall Jarrell, John Crowe Ransom, Peter Taylor, Robert Penn Warren, and Eudora Welty. The manuscripts include correspondence, essays, notebooks, photographs, and poetry. Among the books are impor-

tant first editions, many with authors' inscriptions and annotations. Inventories of the books and manuscripts are being prepared and will be made available on the Special Collections Departments Web site as soon as they are completed. The collection will be available for research, but permission to publish must be requested from the owner. For more information, contact the department at (252) 328-6671.

### **University Archives Endowment**

Unfortunately, the <u>University Archives</u> does not have funding available to process and care for all the materials that contribute to the rich history of <u>ECU</u>.

## We need your help!

For more information and to make a donation, contact <u>Kacy Guill</u>, University Archivist, at (252) 328-4861.



## Upcoming Library **Events**

## 2/2/10 250th Anniversary of Pitt County

7:00pm - Exhibit Area, 2nd floor & Conference Room 2409. Featured speaker: Roger Kammerer. Refreshments provided by Pitt County Historical Society. Parking available in Joyner Library/ Mendenhall lots, behind Fed-Ex Kinko's with overflow parking across the street from McDonald's. 252-328-0252

#### 2/25/10 FaculTea

3:30 to 5:00pm - Conference Room 2409 Presenter:

#### Larry E. Tise

Wilber and Orville Wright Visiting Distinguished Professor of History

"Scholarizing the Wright Brothers: New Strategies for Investigating Familiar Tales and the Happy Recults"





Available for Classroom and Blackboard Use

Are you looking for a video to watch or use in class? Thanks to NC LIVE, more than 250 high quality documentary and educational video programs produced for the Public Broadcasting Corporation are available online. The PBS collection includes programming covering the sciences, US and world history, biography, current events, and the arts, as well as a variety of other subjects. American Experience, American Masters, Frontline, Scientific American Frontiers,

and Ken Burns' The Civil War, Baseball, and Jazz are among the series that are included.

NC LIVE has arranged for public performance rights, so the videos can be shown in the classroom. They can also be linked to through a secure portal such as Blackboard and used in online courses. Flash Player version 9 or higher is needed to view the videos. Go to the PBS Media Collection link on the Joyner Library Web site to access the video collection. For more information,

please contact Mark Sanders, Head - Reference Department by <u>email</u> or 252-328-2900.

In addition, PBS and NPR have posted taped interviews and videos and lectures by academics at a free Web site called the Forum Network. As reported by Wired Campus, the Forum Network makes thousands of lectures available, adding to the choices available on sites such as YouTube EDU and from individual universities such as MIT and Yale.

## Happy 250th Birthday **Pitt County**

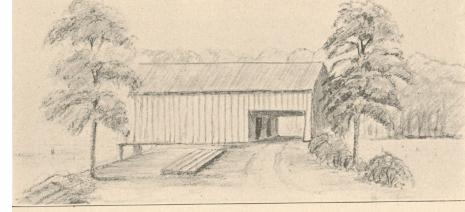
#### SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

The Special Collections Department will display an exhibit of manuscripts, photographs, maps, printed materials, and other items from its extensive collections to celebrate Pitt County's 250th birthday. Entitled Pitt County's 250th Anniversary Exhibit: From the Vaults of Special Collections, the display will open on February 2, 2010 at 7:00pm and run through July 31. Curated by **Professor Jonathon** Dembo and his student assistants, the exhibit will attempt to bring to life the peoples, scenes, and events that have occurred in Pitt County's long history.

#### NC COLLECTIONS

The exhibit in the Verona Joyner Langford North Carolina Collection highlights printed resources available in the collection for the study of Pitt County History. Materials include broadsides, maps, newspapers, memoirs, histories, and works of fiction. For more information, contact John Lawrence, Head of Service by email or at 252-328-4088.





Pencil sketch by Lieut. J. M. Barnard, Co. G.

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