



Honorees at this year's homecoming included Bowie Ballard, Ada businessman and the recipient of the 1984 Milam Award; Farris Willingham and Ferdie Deering, both former Distinguished Alumni, here posing with Dr. Wagner.

## Homecoming a hit

Crisp, clear weather greeted a record turnout on Sept. 29 for ECU's Diamond Jubilee Homecoming.

Alumni from as far away as North Carolina and California were on hand for the weekend of activities, including the traditional homecoming parade, the football game between our highly-ranked Tigers and Henderson State (Ark.), and the usual flurry of post-game events.

The ECU Alumni Association sponsored several special projects in conjunction with the university's 75th birthday and the organization's renewed membership effort. The association hosted a mid-day student-faculty mixer in the ballroom as well as the traditional homecoming dance. The alumni group also sponsored a float entry in the parade which featured more than two dozen former ECU homecoming queens and student senate officers.

The alumni group also paid special recognition to numerous Distinguished Alums. These special guests were treated to a noon buffet in the Oklahoma Room and later introduced at the halftime of the football game.

In conjunction with the homecoming events, the ECU Alumni Association held its semi-annual meeting on Friday evening, Sept. 28, at Ross Meadows Stakes Place. New alumni board members and officers elected by the general membership earlier in the fall were confirmed and introduced at the board meeting.

New alumni officers include: Jon



Kathleen Van Horn

Stephenson, Ada, president; Dr. Darryl Fisher, Oklahoma City, vice-president; and Patti McGuire, Ada, secretary-treasurer.

The list of former ECU homecoming queens in attendance included; Joni Wellington Truhett, Gulfport, Miss.; Kathy Bruster Wellington, Ada; Billye E. Miller McCurley, Greensboro, N.C.; Janet Payne Watkins, Ada; Marcia Harter Folsom, Tulsa; Pam Deering, Norman; Jana Buzzard VanHorn, Ada; Ikey Denman Orick, Edmond; and Patti Blevins McGuire, Ada.

The former Student Senate officers on hand included: Robert E. "Bob" Davis, Okarche; Bob Kelso, Norman;

Joe Harris, Norman; Curtiss Baker, Ada; Jack Cooper, Ada; Don Pruitt, Ada; Vance Stanley, Carrollton, Tex.; and Becky Devereaux, Ada.

The Distinguished Alumni who took part in the parade and other events were: Lonnie Abbott, Ada; Bowie Billard, Ada; Lowell Green, Marlow; Ferdie Deering, Oklahoma City; Angela Ables, Oklahoma City; Hugh Warren, Ada.

The 1984 homecoming parade, entitled "The Way We Were," drew a record number of entries. Nearly 100 bands, floats and other entrants paraded down Ada's Mains Street on the bright, beautiful autumn morning. What was estimated as the largest turnout since the '60s witnessed the Diamond Jubilee parade.

More than 300 alumni and friends of the university attended the first ever mid-day mixer in the Students Union ballroom, where former ECU students had the chance to visit with present and past East Central faculty and staff members.

Estimates at the post-game reception, held at the Holiday Inn, ran between 400 and 600 for the come-and-go affair. Turnout for the alumni/student dance, the evening's final event held at the National Guard Armory, was estimated at between 500-600.

Many suggestions have been made by alumni and board members on expanding and improving next year's homecoming festivities. The membership will be kept abreast of plans for the '85 event in the ALUMNI.

## Alumni briefs

William Lind, younger son of Dr. and Mrs. A. Linscheid, had publication in two West coast-based poetry anthologies in November.

Born in the campus president's residence in 1924, Bill advises that five of the collection of *Pow-wow Poems*, presented to guests at a reunion of faculty and friends in Knight Hall Regent's Room during the university's Diamond Jubilee, will be included in the *Hearts Afire* volume of The American Poetry Association from Santa Cruz, Calif.

*Love, I Promise You*, dedicated to Lind's friend J.P. Medina, won honorable mention in The World of Poetry summer contest and will be published in the deluxe art format collection of world famous and recently emerging poets, *Our World's Most Beloved Poems*.

Meanwhile, in addition to continuing poetry submissions, Lind is currently working on *POWers*, his 19th one-person Manhattan art show, scheduled for this spring. The show will feature 48 works and include drawing, painting, and merged media constructions that blend various forms of media and artist's techniques.