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Locals pitching in to help Haitians

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BY JOSH HUMPHRIES
The Daily Reflector

Local Haiti relief efforts continue this week as more groups organize ways to pitch in.

Eleanor Workman, an American missionary who has lived in Haiti since 1974, will bring updates about the earthquake-ravaged country to Pitt County this week.

Workman is set to appear at 7 p.m. Wednesday at Victory Christian Assembly, 4748 Stantonburg Road.

Workman is the founder of Christian Haitian Outreach (CHO), an organization that supports the children, orphans and poor people of Haiti.

According to the CHO Web site, the children that live in the compound started by Workman are safe, but food is badly needed in the compound because it is serving as a shelter for the local population.

“We recently learned that everyone on the compound is sleeping under tents outside for fear that the buildings are not safe, and they have no more food or water,” Workman wrote this weekend. “We had just sent a shipment of food to Haiti a few days before the tragedy, but that supply is now finished.”

The group is trying to raise $200,000 to meet the emergency needs of the organization.

ECU to support earthquake victims

Students at East Carolina University will wear red clothing and ribbons today to show support for the victims of the earthquake in Haiti.

The university will collect donations from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Destination 360 at the Student Center, Wright Plaza and at the Brody School of Medicine on the west campus.

“The devastation that we’ve witnessed since the earthquake in Haiti just brings about a spirit of wanting to help in any way possible,” said Lathan Turner, associate dean of students.

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St. Peter collects large donation

A local Catholic church is pitching in to help fellow Catholics in Haiti.

The congregation of St. Peter Catholic Church gave $25,000 Sunday to a collection for Haiti relief, Father Justin Kerber said.

Many members indicated that donations should be sent to Father Rick Frechette, who operates a hospital in Haiti that collapsed during the earthquake. Frechette has spoken at St. Peter.

Kerber said a number of people were killed in the hospital.

“We hope to get him more direct help, but we can’t yet say how,” Kerber said Monday.

Second ‘Stop Hunger Now’ event planned

Peace Presbyterian Church and the Korean Presbyterian congregation there have planned a second “Stop Hunger Now” food packaging event for Sunday. The event follows a similar one last Sunday at which 20,000 meals were packaged and bound for shipment to Haiti. The upcoming event also calls for 20,000 meals to be packaged. Anyone interested in helping with this effort should go to the church at approximately 2:45 p.m. Sunday.

Peace Presbyterian is located on Guiness Drive off Old Tar Road in Winterville.

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ECU plans volunteer events, vigil to honor King

ECU News Services

As the nation honors the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday on Monday, a group of East Carolina University students will be putting the civil rights leader’s words into action.

About 125 students are expected to participate in the 2010 MLK Day Challenge. The seventh annual event, organized by ECU’s Volunteer and Service-Learning Center, matches students up with nonprofit organizations for a variety of projects.

“King was all about serving the community and knowing your neighbor,” Shawn Moore, ECU’s community partner coordinator, said. “He wrote, ‘Everybody can be great because everybody can serve.’”

This year’s 10 projects include putting up a fence at C.M. Eppes Middle School, assisting Spring Arbor with its seasonal cleaning, exercising shelter cats and dogs at the Humane Society of Eastern Carolina, and preparing care packages for U.S. troops overseas.

“This is a really great way to introduce students to the community and to community service,” Moore said.

Nationwide, more than 16,000 students are expected to participate in the MLK Day of Service. ECU’s events are aided by a $500 grant from N.C. Campus Compact, a coalition of colleges that aims to increase student participation in community service.

The service events will begin at 8 a.m. at the Willis Building, corner of First and Reade streets, with a volunteer breakfast and check-in. Provost Marilyn Shearer and Greenville Mayor Pat Dunn are expected to speak. Members of Alpha Phi Alpha, which was King’s fraternity, are slated to perform. Volunteers will then head to their service sites, where they will remain until about 12:30 p.m.

A candlelight vigil, march and tribute, organized by Alpha Phi Alpha, are also planned to remember King. The vigil begins 5:30 p.m. at the top of College Hill. At 6, participants will march to Hendrix Theatre, where a presentation is planned.

Dunn is the invited keynote speaker, and the ECU Gospel Choir and Black Student Union Ensemble Group are scheduled to perform.

For more about the MLK Day Challenge, visit http://www.ecu.edu/cs-studentlife/volunteer/mlk.cfm.

Rotondo to lead national trauma committee

Dr. Michael F. Rotondo has been appointed chairman of the Committee on Trauma of the American College of Surgeons. He is professor and chair of surgery at the Brody School of Medicine at East Carolina University and director of the Center of Excellence for Trauma and Surgical Critical Care at Pitt County Memorial Hospital.

Rotondo will serve as the 18th chairman of the committee, founded in 1922. His term will be from March until 2012, and he can be reappointed to another two-year term.

He follows a long line of leaders in American surgery who have changed the face of care of the injured.

"The Committee on Trauma is one of the most well-recognized and prestigious components of the American College of Surgeons — the largest organization of surgeons in the world," said Dr. Paul Cunningham, dean of the Brody School of Medicine, trauma surgeon and committee member. "To be recognized as the 18th chair of the committee is evidence of the personal commitment, dedication and effective work and service that Dr. Rotondo has provided in support of the organized deployment of regional and national trauma and acute care surgery services."

Rotondo is a pioneer in damage-control surgery, in which surgeons stop patient bleeding, stabilize the patient, then perform additional surgeries later, rather than repairing all trauma damage in one prolonged operation. The development of the damage-control approach has been heralded as one of the most significant advances in trauma care in the last cen-
Rotondo has a bachelor’s degree in chemistry, a master’s degree in cardiovascular physiology and a medical degree from Georgetown University. He completed residency training at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital in Philadelphia and a fellowship in traumatology and surgical critical care at the University of Pennsylvania, where he eventually served on the faculty for 10 years. He was recruited to ECU and PCMH as chief of trauma in 1999 to advance the Trauma Center. He subsequently became chairman of the ECU Department of Surgery.

“The position of chair of the Committee on Trauma for the American College of Surgeons carries with it both great opportunity and daunting responsibility,” Rotondo said. “I could never have imagined being afforded this great honor.”

Rotondo is a former president of the Eastern Association for the Surgery of Trauma and has served in leadership roles in the American Association for the Surgery of Trauma.

Dr. W. Randolph Chitwood Jr., senior associate vice chancellor for health sciences and former chairman of surgery at ECU, called Rotondo a national leader and said his work to establish a trauma network in eastern North Carolina is a national model.

“His appointment recognizes him as the top trauma surgeon in this country,” Chitwood said. “Dr. Rotondo typifies the leadership that befits any excellent medical center, and we congratulate him. We are fortunate that Mike represents us and all of our constituents in North Carolina.”

Dr. Wayne Meredith, chair man of surgery at Wake Forest University and a past committee chair, said: “The position of chair of the Committee on Trauma of the American College of Surgeons is one of the most important responsibilities in the field of trauma. We are fortunate to have recruited Dr. Rotondo to this position. He exhibits enormous leadership, vision and integrity.”

Medical student banquet to be Jan. 23

The Brody School of Medicine at ECU will hold its 26th annual Andrew A. Best M.D. Senior Recognition Banquet on Jan. 23 for graduating minority medical students at the East Carolina Heart Institute at ECU.

The event speaker will be Dr. Bradley H. Collins, assistant professor of surgery and director of pancreatic and kidney transplantation at Duke University Medical Center.

Best was Greenville’s first black physician. He died in 2005. The event is organized by the Student National Medical Association chapter at ECU.

For tickets and more information about the banquet, contact Academic Support and Enrichment Services at 744-2500 or e-mail ascc@ecu.edu.

Lighting grant helps ECU consult with design pros

The ECU interior design program has received a $20,000 grant from the Nuckolls Fund for Lighting Education for the development and delivery of the course, “Color and Light in Interior Design.”

The 2009 Lesley Wheel Introductory Lighting Program grant has been used by Charles F. Gustina, assistant professor of interior design, to develop the introductory-level course and to bring examples of world-class lighting design to students over the next four years through videoconferences with interior designers and architects at the top of their field.

The first videoconference was held in the fall semester with Michael Kostow and Jane Greenwood of Kostow Greenwood Architects (KGA) of New York City, a firm at which Gustina was an associate before coming to ECU. Students viewed slides of KGA’s designs for clients as they discussed the lighting, schemes with Kostow and Greenwood.

Kostow Greenwood Architects’ work includes designing media and broadcast facilities, performing arts venues, and creative offices.

“It’s unlikely that many of us in this class could easily visit a New York City design firm,” interior design student Linda Clark from New Bern said. “So it’s really advantageous for us to videoconference like this. It’s a great opportunity.”

Gustina is negotiating with interior design firms in San Francisco and Singapore for future videoconferences. “It’s critical for our students to get a global perspective on design and on how lighting contributes to great design,” he said.

Upcoming Events:

- **Wednesday:** Crosswords with Harvey Estes, 4 p.m., Bate Building. Sponsored by the English Department’s Creative Writing Program. Free.

- **Thursday:** Polar Bear Plunge, 7 p.m., ECU Student Recreation outdoor pool. Open to ECU faculty, staff and students.

See www.ecu.edu/cs-ecu/calendar.cfm for times, places and more information on these events and other ECU upcoming activities.
Stockstill declines ECU offer

By Nathan Summers
The Daily Reflector

Monday, January 18, 2010

Middle Tennessee State head football coach Rick Stockstill has turned down East Carolina’s offer to become the next head coach of the Pirates, a source close to Stockstill told The Reflector this morning.

ECU athletic director Terry Holland reportedly interviewed Stockstill, a former ECU assistant coach, on Sunday and offered him the vacant position sometime later.

It is uncertain the reason, though a Middle Tennessee source suggests the late opening and the close proximity to the Feb. 3 national signing day might have been a factor.

Although it is unclear who might be next on Holland’s list of interviews, leading candidates based on Holland’s search parameters suggest Bowling Green head coach Dave Clawson and Liberty head man Danny Rocco as possible lead candidates now.

Last Thursday, Skip Holtz stepped down after five seasons at ECU to become the new head coach at the University of South Florida.

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Previous story:

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Massaro confirmed Stockstill was in Atlanta on a recruiting trip for the Blue Raiders Monday, and said he had spoken with the coach Monday morning.

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It was a busy day for Holtz Monday in Tampa, as he filled out his new staff with three familiar names. Holtz’s ECU staffers Rick Smith, Todd Fitch and Vernon Hargreaves are all headed to join Holtz and the Bulls, according to a USF release, though they have yet to be assigned specific roles.

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Fitch came on board as offensive coordinator for the 2007 season and became the team’s principle play-caller on offense.

Hargreaves also joined in 2007, and served the dual coaching role of defensive ends and special teams.

Still left from the Holtz staff at ECU are offensive line coach Steve Shankweiler, wide receivers coach/recruiting coordinator Donnie Kirkpatrick, running backs coach Junior Smith, tight ends coach Phil Petty and defensive tackles coach John Gutekunst, who joined the staff in October to fill in for Rock Roggeman during his cancer treatment.

While Holtz’s success might be a tough act to follow, if Stockstill is named the next ECU coach, he too will be riding the coattails of unprecedented success.

Stockstill capped his third season with Blue Raiders by upending ECU rival Southern Miss at the New Orleans Bowl Dec. 20.

It marked the end of a 10-3 season for MTSU, and that included a 7-1 finish in the Sun Belt Conference.

The Blue Raiders rode a seven-game winning streak to finish the season, and recorded non-conference victories over Memphis and Maryland.

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BY NATHAN SUMMERS
The Daily Reflector

East Carolina Athletics Director Terry Holland promised a quick but aggressive search next week to land a new head football coach.

A day removed from head coach Skip Holtz’s announcement that he was leaving the Pirants, Holland spoke about the search.

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Having Holtz around for a memorable 38 wins, four bowl games and two Conference USA championships has helped to shape Holland’s standards for finding the next coach, and that means finding someone who can not only win games, but hire a solid staff, sell season tickets and boost fundraising efforts.

“It’s a big job today. It’s a lot more than just being a football coach,” Holland said.

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There is some pressure with signing day, but that is still a ways away,” Holland said. “We’ve got 22 commitments, and most of those commitments are going to hold. And the ones we’ve lost, we might have lost anyway.”

One advantage in the timeline is that many recruits committed to ECU would not have time to find another school before signing day.

Holland said there also will be discussion of an interim coach, which could include one of Holtz’s former assistants, but he stressed an interim coach would not be a full-time coach.

Holland admitted that, like all ADs, he’s kept a list of potential candidates and that the list has been regularly edited as the men on it have found other jobs. Regular interest in Holtz from other schools helped Holland to prepare for what he faced on Thursday afternoon.

Because of that, Holland told media members the ECU job is not only a lucrative one, but one that’s already attracted a good deal of attention from potential candidates.

“We’re trying to make sure we cross all the i’s and dotted all the t’s so that we’re prepared to go out on the road next week and start looking at people and talking to people and trying to find out exactly who fits what we need,” Holland said in the Ward Sports Medicine Building on Friday afternoon.

The top choices, Holland said, will be current head coaches or coaches with experience leading a college program.

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The list likely is somewhat slim because so many coaches across the country have already signed new deals or found new jobs by this point in the annual football calendar.

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Holland did not identify names in terms of potential hires.

Possible candidates include, but are not limited to, Middle Tennessee State head coach Rick Stockstill, Bowling Green head coach Dave Clawson, Temple head coach Al Golden, Virginia Tech defensive coordinator Bud Foster, former Clemson head coach Tommy Bowden, former Boston College head coach and ECU assistant Jeff Jagodzinski, former Texas Tech defensive coordinator and ECU alumn Ruffin McNeil, Oklahoma offensive coordinator and Wilson native Kevin Wilson and Liberty head coach Danny Rocco.

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Elaine Mayo Paul

"... A devoted mother, distinguished professional and champion of many causes, Dr. Elaine Mayo Paul died at home on Friday, Jan. 15, 2010, surrounded by loved ones.

"... Her energy and commitment were boundless. She had five children — four of them still at home — when, in 1960, she won a four-year, full adult fellowship from the Ford Foundation to pursue a college degree. The award was based on her passionate devotion to community service. Commuting more than 100 miles a day, she earned her undergraduate degree from East Carolina University in three years. From there, she went on to earn a master of arts degree in history from the University of North Carolina and a Ph.D. in history from the University of South Carolina. She later studied at the Institute for Commonwealth Studies in London and specialized in British imperialism.

"... Born in Campbells Creek, a small community five miles east of Aurora, on March 7, 1916, Dr. Paul lost her mother, Mamie Moses Mayo, a popular principal and teacher, when she was only six. Her father, Lacy Rayfield Mayo, was a successful farmer and community leader. Her brother, Kenneth, who was two years younger, was killed at sea during World War II. A son named for him died unexpectedly in 1987. During the war, she and her husband, Mack A. Paul Jr., lived in Baltimore, where she worked as an aircraft parts inspector. After the war, they returned to Campbells Creek, where her husband farmed for many years. Her husband died in 1988. After finishing her education, Dr. Paul taught at East Carolina University, Newberry College and colleges in Delaware and Georgia. She retired from teaching in 1989 and returned to Greenville, where she played an active role as a community volunteer. One of her favorite causes was teaching prison inmates. For many years, she was an active member of St. Timothy’s Episcopal Church in Greenville.

She is survived by her sons, Allen and his wife, Betsy, of Raleigh; Jon and his wife, Brenda, of Denver, and Chris and his wife, Suzanne, also of Denver; her only daughter, Mary, who was her caregiver during the last years of her life; five grandchildren, Jennifer Anne Paul of Arlington, Va.; Mack Allen Paul IV of Raleigh, Solomon Kenneth Paul, Bryan Christopher Paul and Lucas Michael Paul, all of Denver; and four great-granddaughters, Erin Bonner Daniell, Kiera Tyler Daniell, Emma Rollins Paul and Lee Evelyn Paul.

"... A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Monday at Campbells Creek United Methodist Church, officiated by the Rev. George Jones of Aurora. Burial will follow in the Mayo Family Cemetery.

"... In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be sent to Campbells Creek United Methodist Church, c/o Harvey Austin, 40 Campbells Creek Road, Aurora, NC 27806 or to Pamlico-Tar River Foundation, P.O. Box 1854, Washington, NC 27889.

"... Arrangements by Paul Funeral Home.
Storybook Theatre to perform ‘Charlotte’s Web’ on Friday, Saturday

East Carolina University’s Family Fare fans will find themselves down on the farm Friday as Storybook Theatre presents “Charlotte’s Web.”

The world’s favorite “pig tale” is the story of Wilbur, a farm animal destined for slaughter until a spider named Charlotte spins what would become the first publicity campaign on the web.

The book, by E.B. White, is in the top 100 best-selling hardbacks of all time. Since its publication in 1952, it has sold more than 45 million copies and has been translated into 23 languages.

A Newbery award winner in 1953, the book has inspired two feature films, an animated version in 1973 and a film starring Dakota Fanning in 2006.

ECU’s Storybook Theatre, directed by Patch Clark, uses performing arts to promote reading to young audiences.

The group, which travels eastern North Carolina to perform in schools and at community events, is a mainstay of the Family Fare series. Earlier this season, Storybook Theatre presented “All Aboard: South America” as part of Family Fare.

Previous performances have included “Jungle Book,” “The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe” and “James and the Giant Peach.”

A photo opportunity will follow Friday’s performance. Charlotte, Wilbur, Fern and other members of the cast will pose for pictures with members of the audience in what has become a Storybook Theatre tradition.

The performance begins at 7 p.m. Friday in Wright Auditorium. Tickets are $6 for children and $9 for adults; all tickets are $9 at the door. Call 328-4788.

The play also will be performed at 2 p.m. Saturday at Turnage Theater, 150 W. Main St., Washington, N.C. The performance will be followed by a Storybook Theater workshop. Tickets are $5 for children and $10 for adults. Call 975-1711 or visit turnagetheater.com.
Singing a passion for members of barbershop chorus

BY MARK RUTLEDGE
The Daily Reflector

If the familiar chorus of “Sweet Adeline” drifts into the quiet of Sheppard Memorial Library’s East Branch on a Monday evening, it’s because a “Brotherhood of Harmony” is singing barbershop behind the bookshelves again.

The choral group, consisting of 20-plus members, rehearses its lineup of barbershop lyrics in a small theater adjacent to the library. Enjoying steady growth over the last five years, the group has performed during numerous private and public events, including festivals, civic occasions and ball games from East Carolina University to Kinston.

Brotherhood of Harmony comprises the Greenville/Washington chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society (Carolinas District), based in Nashville, Tenn. Membership is open to “men of goodwill who love to sing.”

“Af-ter an absence of a few years,” member Bartow Houston of Washington, N.C., says, “Brotherhood hopes to present an annual show, perhaps later (this year) or in 2011.”

Singing barbershop harmony is clearly a passion for members of Brotherhood. Their voices drift in and out, rising and falling under the energetic direction of Michael Vetrano, who serves by day as music director at St. Peter Catholic Church in Greenville.

The group performs standards like “Sweet Adeline” and “I’ll Fly Away” and gives a rousing rendition of “North Carolina Is My Home,” penned by Charles Kuralt and

See a video of the Brotherhood of Harmony barbershop chorus rehearsing at reflector.com.

Pitt County native Loonis McGlohon.
“This is a wonderful group,” Vetrano said. “There is a lot of fellowship and camaraderie to go along with the harmony.”

Barbershop singers always memorize their songs and sing a cappella. Performances are called “sing-outs” or “shows” instead of concerts.

Brotherhood member Danny Brew says barbershop groups are likely to sing anywhere, “whether you want to hear us or not.”

Brew and three sons-in-law traveled by train as a quartet a few years ago to attend an international competition for barbershop quartets and choruses in Salt Lake City, Utah. The group gave several impromptu performances on and off the train, one of which particularly echoes in Brew’s memory.

A woman on the train had been noticeably short with the attendants and other passengers, Brew said, until the quartet sang...
The artist as mentor

One of North Carolina's most influential painters and educators will be honored with a large exhibition of works by his former students.

"The Legacy of Paul Hartley" will be divided between two Glenwood South galleries for a six-month run beginning today.

Hartley's representative, gallery owner Lee Hansley, has been putting the show together since Hartley's death on Thanksgiving. The result is nearly 200 works, mostly paintings, by 100 artists from across the country. The artists were all students of Hartley, who taught at East Carolina University in Greenville for nearly four decades.

The artworks for the show were selected by Hartley's widow, Lane, close friends and colleagues. A book of tributes from former students will be released at the opening.

Hartley made a name for himself by painting works characterized by abstract backgrounds with realistic objects floating in the foreground. The foreground objects were always painted with an oil-glazing technique used by Renaissance painters, Hansley said.

The N.C. Museum of Art recently purchased one of Hartley's paintings for its permanent collection. He also has paintings in the Weatherspoon Art Museum at UNC-Greensboro, the Greenville Museum of Art, the Cameron Museum of Art in Wilmington, the Barton College Museum in Wilson and the Southeastern Center for Contemporary Art in Winston-Salem. Several major corporations also own his works.
Scientists push planning, not pullout, to deal with rising sea level

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The data, based on fossils, core samples and tide and temperature records that go back centuries in some cases, doesn't lie.

The seas are rising at levels not seen in the last 4,000 years, with those rates likely to increase as the world's temperatures keep increasing.

Now what do we do about it?

Thursday at the N.C. Sea Level Rise Science Forum in Raleigh, more than 200 people heard there are no quick or simple answers to preparing coastal North Carolina for a soggy future.

But Stan Riggs, a coastal geologist from East Carolina University, said the rising waters don't necessarily need to sink the state's coastal economy.

"We don't have to run away from the coast," he said. "But he have to get smart about what we do at the coast."

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A survey conducted by the N.C. Division of Coastal Management found 75 percent of the nearly 1,100 respondents believed sea-level rise was occurring, and 51 percent of coastal property owners thought it would affect them.

But what to do to prepare for sea-level rise is an economic and political minefield, with few popular or easy solutions for officials who must answer to the voters every few years.

Still, Virginia Burkett said officials shouldn't think their hands are tied because the problem is global in scope or that its most significant impacts are decades off.

"There are a lot of things that can be done," said the U.S. Geological Survey's chief scientist for global change research, ticking off increased public education efforts as one of the easiest and most important.

But opening up a dialogue between science and society only goes so far, and engineering our way out of problems caused by sea-level rise will be awfully expensive.

Then there's the one question that no one really knows the answer to – just how quickly the waters will rise.

Though different scientists have different estimates, researchers agree about the underlying fact that the seas are rising.

"I believe scientists are being conservative and honest that they have uncertainties in their data," said Benjamin Horton, a researcher from the University of Pennsylvania.

That includes estimates by the United Nations' Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, whose projections were criticized by some scientists for being too conservative and not including the impact of melting ice sheets.

Gordon Hamilton, a glaciologist with the University of Maine, said many of the world's glaciers are moving and melting faster than first thought.

Some in Greenland are traveling up to half a football field a day.

That has prompted many people in his field to up their estimate of sea-level rise from 1 to 1.5 meters by 2100.

On Friday, scientists will release sea-level rise estimates for different parts of the North Carolina coast, including Wilmington.

But it's already well-known that the rising waters will have the most marked impact in the northeast part of the state, where the land is sinking as water levels rise.

The state's barrier islands are another known hot spot.

DOT engineer Ted Devens said that contrary to what some might think, his agency is planning for sea-level rise and other potential climate changes, such as more intense rainfall events, brought on by global warming.

That includes grappling with issues like whether to mitigate for endangered species based on current or future habitat conditions.

"It's a tough question," he said of incorporating consequences of sea-level rise into project planning, noting it could end up being an expensive one too. "But we want to work with the other agencies to do the right thing."

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Rising Stockstill: Coach mulls offer from ECU

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Hargreaves also joined in 2007, and served the dual coaching role of defensive ends and special teams.

Still left from the Holtz staff at ECU are offensive line coach Steve Shankweiler, wide receivers coach/recruiting coordinator Donnie Kirkpatrick, running backs coach Junior Smith, tight ends coach Phil Petty and defensive tackles coach John Gutkeunst, who joined the staff in October to fill in for Rock Roggeman during his cancer treatment.

While Holtz's success might be a tough act to follow, if Stockstill is named the next ECU coach, he too will be riding the coattails of unprecedented success.

Stockstill capped his third season with Blue Raiders by upending ECU rival Southern Miss at the New Orleans Bowl Dec. 20.
It marked the end of a 10-3 season for MTSU, and that included a 7-1 finish in the Sun Belt Conference.

The Blue Raiders rode a seven-game winning streak to finish the season, and recorded non-conference victories over Memphis and Maryland.

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Holtz sets USF staff

Skip Holtz's football staff at South Florida will include five new assistants, as well as four holdovers who worked with the Bulls under fired coach Jim Leavitt.

Mark Snyder, Todd Fitch, Vernon Hargreaves, Peter Vaas and Rick Smith were added on Monday. They join Kevin Patrick, Larry Scott, Carl Franks and Phil Mc Geoghan, who were retained from Leavitt's staff.

Specific staff titles were not announced.

Fitch, Hargreaves and Smith worked for Holtz at East Carolina. Snyder has been the head coach at Marshall, and Vaas joins USF from Miami of Ohio.

More football

Diaz takes Mississippi State job: If Middle Tennessee's Rick Stockstill becomes East Carolina's next coach, he's not likely to have Manny Diaz as his defensive coordinator.

Diaz, who was on N.C. State's staffs under Chuck Amato, left Middle Tennessee on Monday to become defensive coordinator at Mississippi State. He had served on Stockstill's Blue Raiders staffs for four seasons.

Although speculation continues to mount that Stockstill would land the Pirates' job, Stockstill was scheduled to attend a team function Monday.

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Three East Carolina assistants join Holtz at South Florida

Fitch, Hargreaves and Smith all leave

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TAMPA — University of South Florida head coach Skip Holtz added five assistants to his coaching staff on Monday, including two assistant coaches who have been a part of national championship staffs during the last decade and one with professional championships under his belt.

The new assistant coaches are Mark Snyder, Todd Fitch, Vernon Hargreaves, Peter Vaas and Rick Smith. Coach Holtz has not announced official staff titles or duties at this date.

"I'm really excited to announce the addition of these five individuals to join the University of South Florida staff," said Holtz. "They bring a wealth of experience, knowledge, relationships and recruiting background that will serve this program well. When you look at the five, there's experience as head coaches, coordinators — offense and defense and special teams; they have all those titles that represent the Big Ten, the ACC, the Southeast Conference, the Big 12, NFL Europe — just a lot of experience that I am happy to have within the USF family."

Snyder is coming off a five-year run as the head coach at his alma mater Marshall. Prior to Marshall, Snyder was on Jim Tressel's staff at Ohio State from 2001-04, including the National Championship season of 2002. Snyder was the linebackers coach for his first three seasons at Ohio State, before serving as defensive coordinator in 2004. The Buckeyes also won the 2003 and 2004 Fiesta Bowls during his tenure in scarlet and gray.

Fitch has been a member of Holtz's staff at East Carolina for the last three seasons. In his first season with the Pirates, the offensive unit broke a pair of school single-season records for most points (403) and touchdowns (52) scored that had previously stood for 28 years. Fitch and Holtz have worked together for 10-plus seasons, including stops at South Carolina and Connecticut. A veteran with over 21 years of coaching experience, Fitch has also worked under legendary head coaches Don Nehlen, Earle Bruce and Lou Holtz during his career which spans back to 1986 and included stops at alma mater Ohio Wesleyan, Bowling Green, West Virginia and Colorado State.

"Todd Fitch and I have a long-lasting relationship," said Holtz. "Todd has a great football mind. Todd and I have been together for five years at Connecticut, five years in Columbia and three years in Greenville. There's a lot of familiarity and comfort level with Coach Fitch and myself."

While Hargreaves is a native and graduate of Big East-member Connecticut, his ties to Miami stand out on an impressive resume. Prior to spending three seasons with Holtz at ECU, Hargreaves was on the Miami Hurricanes staff for eight seasons (1998-2005). Hargreaves was the linebackers coach under Larry Coker when UM defeated Nebraska, 37-14, to capture the 2001 national title.

"Vernon Hargreaves brings a wealth of excitement, energy, enthusiasm to the program as well as an awful lot of experience as a linebacker coach, a defensive line coach and a special teams coordinator," said Holtz.
Vaas is leaving his post as offensive coordinator at Miami (Ohio) to join the Bulls staff. Vaas will have the opportunity redshirt-freshman quarterback B.J. Daniels into an elite level quarterback, much like he did with Brady Quinn during the 2005 and 2006 seasons at Notre Dame.

For Smith, it is an opportunity to return home to Florida. Smith graduated from Florida State in 1971 and has extensive recruiting ties in the state.

He just completed his fifth season on the ECU staff with Holtz, where the defensive unit increased their interceptions from 15 in 2005, to 16 in 2006, 17 in 2007 and 22 in 2008. The nationally-respected defensive mind has worked in NFL Europe and at Georgia Tech, Kentucky, Louisiana Tech, Cincinnati and Baylor.

“Rick, who has been a defensive coordinator for a number of years in his career, brings knowledge, stability in the back end, which is so important on defense, and is one of the best secondary coaches I have ever been around,” said Holtz.
Allies? Heels and Wolfpack?

They will remain bitter rivals on basketball courts and ball fields, but in labs, classrooms, business offices - and now boardrooms - N.C. State University and UNC-Chapel Hill are becoming stronger allies.

In a watershed moment for the growing alliance, the trustees of the two largest state universities will hold a joint meeting tonight for the first time in recent memory.

NCSU trustees chairman Lawrence Davenport said that two days after being appointed last summer he called his counterpart at UNC-CH, Bob Winston, to broach the idea. It seemed obvious, he said, given the growing ties between faculty, staff and students.

"I didn't even know the people on their board, and they didn't know us," Davenport said. "There is a lot of collaboration already going on, and we need to lead it and encourage folks to look for even more ways to work together and do away with duplication."

The state sharply cut the UNC system's budget last year, so working together has become even more important, Winston said.

"If you look at the landscape that's out there today, and the demands on both of these institutions about how to spend money and how to move forward, this is the right thing to do," he said.

There won't be a formal program tonight beyond, perhaps, some opening remarks, Davenport said. The meeting is just to signal that lines of communication are open and for trustees to get to know one another.

The ties between the schools are already substantial. NCSU faculty publish much more work with their counterparts at UNC-CH than with faculty of any other university. And the two schools have worked together on a host of programs and research projects, including a joint Department of Biomedical Engineering started in 2003 and built around N.C. State's engineering college and UNC-CH's medical school.

Other examples include a push by both, with Duke and the nonprofit company RTI International, to land a federal energy innovation center. The two schools have a center with cutting-edge equipment for nanotechnology research, and they cooperate on social science work such as a study of the hazards facing young construction workers. Last year, researchers at NCSU's veterinary school and the UNC Lineberger Comprehensive Cancer Center began working together to study a type of cancer that kills both humans and dogs.

Where the real savings are

One of the best examples, Winston said, is an effort to standardize the computer systems for finance and human resources.
It's too early in the project to be precise, but savings could reach $1 million to $3 million a year at UNC-CH, said Larry Conrad, the vice chancellor for information technology and chief information officer. His counterpart at NCSU, Marc Hoit, said a conservative estimate of potential savings for his university was $1 million.

Winston also cited a study that UNC-CH commissioned last year of its administration and finances with an eye to streamlining. He said the school immediately began sharing the findings with NCSU leaders.

In keeping with the theme of fiscal responsibility, the trustees are paying for tonight's meeting from their own pockets. If it goes well and both boards agree, such gatherings may become a regular thing, Davenport said.

Despite all the amiable talk of common goals, it's hard to ignore that the ACC's bruising conference basketball schedule is just hitting its stride, and it's exactly a week before the Wolfpack men host Carolina. That storied sports rivalry won't be changing, Davenport said.

"When they're on the football field or the basketball court, I love red and I dislike blue," he said. "But this is about green, about doing the best we can with the taxpayers' money."

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Pay Rises for Leaders of Colleges, Survey Says

By JACQUES STEINBERG

Many of the nation's public universities eliminated courses and raised tuition last year, but the salaries and benefits of their presidents continued to rise, though at a slower rate than in years past, a new study has found.

In its ninth annual examination of the pay of 185 public university leaders, The Chronicle of Higher Education reported Monday that the median rose to $436,111 in 2008-9, an increase of 2.3 percent when compared with the year before. (When adjusted for inflation, The Chronicle said, the median increase was 1.1 percent.)

By contrast, in the previous four years, The Chronicle said, public university leaders' salaries and benefits rose, on average, by at least 7.5 percent each year, and, in 2005, by 19 percent.

Jeffrey J. Selingo, editor of The Chronicle, said in a statement that while the increases of past years had "riiled parents, students and politicians," it was most likely "the bad economy and the fiscal crisis facing many states" that "finally put a halt to these large pay increases."

The Chronicle said that "for the first time in recent history," the base salaries of the leaders of more than one-third of the institutions surveyed "stopped growing" last year, and that 10 percent of the presidents received less compensation over all than they did a year earlier.

Still, the largest compensation packages are unlikely to provide much comfort to students and families that have seen tuition rise or financial aid fall, or to professors who may have received pay cuts or even lost their jobs.

As in 2008, E. Gordon Gee, president of Ohio State University, topped the Chronicle's ranking for 2009, with an annual compensation package valued at nearly $1.6 million.

He was followed by Mark A. Emmert of the University of Washington ($905,000); Patrick T. Harker of the University of Delaware ($810,600); John T. Casteen III of the University of Virginia ($797,050); and Francisco G. Cigarroa of the University of Texas ($787,260).

The Chronicle also calculated the pay of the leaders of 64 community colleges, and identified the three who were paid the most last year: Eduardo J. Padrón of Miami Dade College ($548,460); Michael B. McCall of the Kentucky Community College and Technical College system ($532,910); and Orlando J. George Jr. of Delaware Technical and Community College ($450,070).

In November, The Chronicle listed the top-earning presidents of private colleges and universities for 2007-8, and found that 23 earned over $1 million. (The highest-paid private college president, Shirley Ann
Jackson of Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, N.Y., received about $1.6 million.

At that time, Senator Charles E. Grassley, Republican of Iowa, criticized private colleges and their leaders for being out of step "with the reality for most parents and students who are trying to pay for college in the midst of high unemployment and after savings for education were either wiped out or greatly diminished."

The salary survey did say that "a growing number of presidents" have given money back to their institutions and cited Mr. Gee of Ohio State among them.

"Last year," The Chronicle reported, Mr. Gee "donated $320,850 from a university bonus to help endow a scholarship fund. This year, he paid the costs for a student majoring in music."

Other leaders who have rejected performance bonuses or other proposed increases in recent months, The Chronicle said, include Sally K. Mason of the University of Iowa and Gregory L. Geoffroy of Iowa State and Mary Sue Coleman of the University of Michigan.
The Washington Post

Top public universities faulted on financial aid

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Many of the nation's top public universities are giving millions of dollars in financial aid to students from relatively wealthy families instead of to those who urgently need it, resulting in campuses that are often less diverse than those at elite private schools, a new report says.

From 2003 to 2007, public research universities increased the amount of aid to students whose parents make at least $115,000 a year by 28 percent, to $361.4 million, said the Education Trust, a nonprofit advocacy group.

Those schools routinely award as much in financial aid to students whose parents make more than $80,000 a year as to those whose parents make less than $54,000 a year, according to the report, "Opportunity Adrift."

The report suggests that the universities have neglected their mission to educate their states' diverse populations in favor of recruiting high-achieving students from relatively wealthy families who can help the schools climb in national rankings.

"It's almost as if some of America's best public colleges have forgotten that they are, in fact, public," Kati Haycock, president of the Education Trust, said in a statement.

Thirty years ago, a federal Pell Grant covered most of the cost of attending a four-year college; today it covers about a third, making it more difficult for low-income students to attend their states' flagship schools. The typical low-income student is stuck with a bill totaling about 70 percent of the family's annual income, the report says.

"These institutions continue today to enroll students who are far richer and far whiter" than would be expected when considering overall demographics, Haycock said.

An evaluation of top public universities in the 2007-08 school year found that the University of Virginia had one of the best graduation rates for minority students. But the school ranked near the bottom when it came to enrolling low-income students in numbers that reflect the state's demographics, and it ranked in the middle for enrollment of minority students.

The University of Maryland at College Park ranked in the middle for all three categories, but it was commended for participating in the Access to Success Initiative, which aims to narrow the attendance and graduation gaps between minority and low-income students and their peers.

Peter McPherson, president of the Association of Public and Land-grant Universities, speaking in the state schools' defense, said that they had "massively shifted" their financial priorities toward low-income
students but that a significant number of scholarships and other forms of financial aid have restrictions on how they are awarded.

McPherson said that although many states have pumped additional funding into community colleges to help low-income and minority students, many have not done the same for four-year institutions. Still, minority enrollment increased from 24.5 percent in 2000 to 28.5 percent in 2007, he said.

Haycock said public universities have great control over how they distribute most of their financial aid and can choose to favor the neediest students over those who would be able to attend college without it.

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